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He sendeth His word



and healeth them.

# LEAVES OF HEALING

I am the Lord that healeth thee.

And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

A WEEKLY PAPER FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

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ST. MARTIN'S TOWN HALL, CHARING CROSS, LONDON, ENGLAND.

It is here the General Overseer conducts week-day meetings, afternoon and evening, Saturday excepted, from October 10 to 31, 1900.

# ZION IN LONDON, ENGLAND.

THE whole great Metropolis of the earth, with its six millions of people, is stirred from center to circumference by the appearance in that city of the General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

For months pulpit and press of that city had manifested their apprehension of his coming by attempting to create prejudice against him before his arrival by blackening his record and character.

He had no sooner entered the city and begun arrangements for his mission there, to be begun a month later, than the press broke forth furiously, filling column after column with the most sensational and shameful lies about this man of God.

Almost daily these lying articles appeared. They were copied by hundreds of other papers throughout the world. Besides these, many cablegrams were sent from London to the American newspapers containing the same ridiculous lies.

But all this time Zion, as always, was Going Forward and preparing to begin the actual battle of which what had gone before was but the skirmishing.

A Zion Publishing House was opened at 33 Rosebery Avenue, and was taken in charge by Mr. David F. Robertson, the General Overseer's private financial secretary.

The engraving on this page shows how neat and attractive a depot for literature Zion in London has.

Meeting places were also provided for, the most important St. Martin's Town Hall, Charing Cross, an engraving of which appears on the first page of this paper. Here the daily afternoon and evening meetings are being held.

For the Lord's Day services, Holborn Town Hall, Gray's Inn Road, was engaged.

On Lord's Day, October 7, 1900, the Mission was opened with three services, morning, afternoon and evening.

At the morning meeting the General Overseer spoke from the Word of God in the first chapter of Mark. His talk was plain, fearless and practical, calling all who heard to Repent.

The majority of his audience was with him, and at the end nearly all arose and repeated the Prayer of Consecration.

Several clergy and Church dignitaries were present.

In the afternoon the General Overseer opened the meeting by reading some of the hymns from denominational hymnals which give Divine Healing teaching, and pointed out that those who sang these hymns and still fought Divine Healing and Zion lied when they sang.

The audience had to admit that he was right. Some reporters made a slight disturbance, but when they had gone the meeting was orderly and the speaker was given respectful attention as he spoke of the fulfilment of Scripture in these days.

At the close nearly all arose and joined in the Prayer of Consecration. At the evening service there was the largest audience of the day, many of those who had attended the other services being present. The General Overseer spoke on Teaching, Preaching, Healing.

One man made a slight disturbance, but the audience was with the General Overseer and the man himself arose with all the others when the Messenger of God called for Repentance, Confession and Consecration.

These meetings were wickedly lied about in the London press, and false and distorted accounts of them were cabled all over the world.

On Wednesday, October 10, 1900, the daily meetings in St. Martin's Town Hall were opened.

A very lively interest is being taken in these meetings and highly sensational reports of them are cabled twice daily to the newspapers of America.

According to these reports, the doctors, newspapers, apostate ministers, and others against whose sins the General Overseer witnesses, are becoming very angry and have threatened much in the way of legislation.

Medical students, reporters and other ruffians are said to have interrupted the meetings and created violent disorder. Some of them were arrested, according to the newspapers, and fined for their conduct.

While no dependence can be had upon these cablegrams, it is very evident that John

Alexander Dowie is waking up London as no preacher has done for many years, perhaps never before.

The greatest battle of the age is on, and is very fierce.

The world is looking on, waiting to see who will win.

Although the world knows it not, its destiny is at stake.

Zion knows who will win, for she knows on which side God is fighting.

All Zion is praying, and God is giving His servant great boldness, and power and wisdom in declaring His Everlasting Gospel.

Let all Zion continue daily and hourly in prayer for this most important mission.

Full reports of the first Lord's Day's services in Holborn Town Hall will be published in next week's issue of LEAVES OF HEALING.



ZION PUBLISHING HOUSE, 33 ROSEBERY AVENUE, E. C., LONDON, ENGLAND.



#### An Unfailing Remedy for Weakness.

How many persons are suffering from weakness! How many are not performing life's duties because they have not the necessary strength!

Our Heavenly Father, who has promised to supply all the needs of His people, says:

He giveth power to the faint; and to him that hath no might He increaseth strength.—Isaiah 40:29.

Human strength will fail.

Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint.—Isaiah 40:30, 31.

The margin gives the word "change" for "renew," showing that man can change his human strength, which fails so often, for God's strength, which is able to supply all his needs for spirit, soul and body.

The Devil seeks in every possible way to weaken mankind.

Christ came that we might not only have life, but have it abundantly.

Zion Literature goes forth as a warning voice against the use of drugs, tobacco, swine's flesh and whatever weakens the body. It warns people against Spiritualism and her daughter, Christian Science; against electric, mental and magnetic healing, etc.; against impure literature, Secret Societies and unscriptural religious teaching, because these weaken the souls and spirits of men. It points them to Christ, who came into the world to pardon, cleanse and heal mankind. Multitudes who once were weak and sick are rejoicing in strength because they heard and accepted Zion's Message.

The Devil is enraged against a teaching which takes man's entire being out of his control. He has opened his mouth and sent out floods of lies to sweep away this beautiful Zion which God has founded in these latter days as a refuge for all nations.

#### Zion in Egypt.

The letter which follows is from the pen of Mrs. A. H. Harris, a missionary in Alexandria, Egypt, who writes:

Today we have opened a case of Zion Literature. Truly we are glad to see on our table a fine battery against the Devil, as he has been very busy against us.

I was attacked by a dreadful boil of huge size, under my arm. The inflammation went down to the elbow. It was most painful, and I could keep my arm in but one position.

I also got a bad attack of quinsy. For a whole day I could swallow with the greatest pain but a teaspoonful at a time.

We determined at all cost not to send for a doctor, so telegraphed to Cairo to two members of Zion to pray. All day I had no relief, but seemed to get much worse, suffering dreadfully. Only these words were life to me: "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us, and He will deliver."

At about 8 P. M. I suddenly got relief from both my troubles and took a cupful of milk. Next day, though very weak, I got better, and today I am perfectly well.

Praise the Lord! This is the fourth time in the eight months I have been in Zion that I have proved it good to believe God's Word; and each time I got more rooted and grounded in the teaching of Zion.

How I wish the missionaries would not fight Zion, for it will kill them; they cannot kill it. No, not with the *Ram's Horn*, so crooked and empty of all that is truth.

We have just received papers about the workers in London. We are not surprised at the *British Weekly* being full of venom, for it thrives upon advertisements of patent medicines. I find what people are so enraged at is that Dr. Dowie calls himself "The Messenger of the Covenant." I am not, for God has given him his credentials and his acts prove him to be so.

#### Mansfield a Marvel to Greece.

The following extracts are from a letter written by Mr. Alexander Vozakas, living in Nauplia, the second metropolis of Greece. Mr. Vozakas writes:

I cannot thank you enough for sending me LEAVES OF HEALING. There is scarcely a Christian paper which I value so much. My wife also admires them. I read them through and through with much delight. Then I pass them to some young men living in Athens.

I am so glad to get them every week. All over the world people read LEAVES OF HEALING.

Mansfield has indeed disgraced itself before the whole world. We think the way the people and the authorities have acted there is most disgraceful.

It shows that America is not a free country, after all; and a great part of those in authority seem to be given up to do the Devil's bidding.

Of course, the American Constitution affords freedom, I understand; but how is it that such anarchy can exist in spite of such good laws, in a country which is supposed to be the most enlightened and the most Christian-like on earth?

If Mansfield continues to have its own way, it will prove to the world that America is not a Christian country. It has the name that "it liveth, but is dead."

I am glad to hear of the General Overseer's going to Jerusalem, and that he expects to be there next New Year's Day. My wife and I talk much of going to Jerusalem about that time, and we will be delighted to see the General Overseer there.

#### How We Came to be in Zion.

Mrs. J. H. Bellinger, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, writes:

I had been in poor health many years, and three years confined to my bed.

I wrote to Dr. Dowie, now our beloved General Overseer, and his dear wife replied and set a time for prayer. She was very emphatic in her command for me to look for immediate help, and, praise God, I received it.

She said, "We will pray, and you also ask God and believe He will answer." That is the first time in my life that I ever heard, as it were, the Voice of God speaking to me from paper and pen.

Then we obeyed the command, "Come and see," and we found what every honest heart finds, that Zion Home is a heaven on earth.

It is the place for spiritual growth and Gospel teaching for Salvation, Healing and Holy Living.

In less than two weeks I was preparing to take a trip of 187 miles, which I took and gained in strength every day.

We came out of the Methodist Church, and praise God for Zion and for the Messenger of the Covenant and his beloved wife, Mrs. Dowie.

#### Zion Literature Sent Out From a Free Distribution Fund Provided by Zion's Guests and the Friends of Zion. Report for the Week Ending October 13, 1900.

1701 Rolls to .....	Hotels of the World.
1251 Rolls to .....	England and Denmark.
1213 Rolls to .....	Various States in the Union.
239 Rolls to .....	Africa.
197 Rolls to .....	Various Foreign Countries.
Number of Rolls for the week .....	4,601
Number of Rolls reported to October 13, 1900 .....	729,998



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Baby Blessedly Healed When Dying of Cholera-Infantum.

MARCUS, IOWA, October 9, 1900.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER. Dear Overseer:—We do thank you so much for praying for our little baby Roscoe.

HOW Zion rejoices after reading, for a week, the spiteful lies and distortions of truth concerning Zion in London in the daily press...

During the week ending Saturday, October 20, 1900, the lies had been particularly wicked, hence the following cablegram was received with great joy by the 2500 people assembled in Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day, October 21, 1900:

LONDON, October 21, 1900.

ZION, Michigan Avenue, Chicago. Read twenty-second Matthew, fifteen to twenty-two. Pray. Mark fourteen and thirty-eight. Zion victorious London. Praise God. Mizpah.

DOWIE, General Overseer.

The passages referred to in the cablegram were read from the platform as follows:

Matthew 22:15-22:

Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might ensnare Him in His talk. And they send to Him their disciples, with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that Thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth...

Mark 14:38:

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

BEGINNING OF VOLUME VIII.

WITH praise and thanksgiving to God, we open this Eighth Volume of LEAVES OF HEALING.

This Number marks not only the opening of the Eighth Volume of this paper, but the beginning of the Seventh Year of its existence in its present form.

We could not begin to tell how God has blessed this Little White Dove during the six years of its existence. That story is being told every week in these pages, yet a tithe of it never comes to light.

And the blessing has been accumulative, each volume as it goes forth over all the world seeming to accomplish more for God than those before it.

Hence we confidently pray and expect that God will make the seventh year of LEAVES OF HEALING more glorious, blessed and effective than all that have gone before.

Although the Volume is begun during the absence of the General Overseer, and without his work, directly, upon it, we believe that God is guiding in its publication and look forward with great joy to the fact that ere the Volume closes he will again be in Zion Headquarters and will again take active editorial charge of the paper.

Meanwhile, we ask all in Zion to pray very earnestly that the wisdom which is from above and the Holy Spirit's guidance may be increasingly with those upon whom the publishing of LEAVES OF HEALING has been laid.

A. W. N.

A MAP OF GENERAL DESIGN for Zion City will soon appear in THE COMING CITY. Subscriptions, fifty cents for balance of the issue. Subscribe now.



## ZION WINNING IN MANSFIELD.

**Elders and Deacons Enter the City Again and Again and Succeed in Holding Meetings. Lawlessness of Mob and Officials Arouses Indignation.**

### Mansfield, Ohio.

Rev. Cyrus B. Fockler, Elder-in-Charge.

ANOTHER week of faithful, fearless, persistent effort has brought Zion nearer to final victory in Mansfield, Ohio. Chagrined and desperate, denounced and ridiculed by fair-minded people throughout the country, the Mansfield official mob is growing reckless and ugly, but in spite of it all Zion is winning.

Taking up the narrative where it was closed in our last week's issue, we find Deacon Homer Kessler in the Richland County Jail, the prisoner of Judge R. M. Campbell on a writ of *habeas corpus*, with Evangelist Loblaw, Elder Williams and Deacon Lee coming into the city at least once each day.

On Friday, October 19th, the hearing on the *habeas corpus* proceedings came up before Judge Campbell. Using his discretionary powers, this Judge continued the case until Tuesday, October 23d, remanding Deacon Kessler to the County Jail, with jail privileges.

Writing concerning his experiences in Mansfield on Monday, October 15th, and the succeeding day, Deacon A. F. Lee, says:

CRESTLINE, OHIO, October 16, 1900.

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—You may be a little interested to know some of the facts connected with my deportation last evening.

It was somewhere between three and four o'clock when I called at the home of Mrs. Bauer, 104 East Third Street.

I found her confined to her bed by illness, with her open Bible in hand. She and her sister, who was also present, expressed themselves as glad to see me when I made myself known.

I proceeded to read her some encouraging passages of Scripture, but had not gone far when an officer was ushered in by the mother, who, I am told, owns the house and lives with them, but is bitterly opposed to Zion.

The officer laid hold of me in no gentle manner and ordered me to go with him. As I saw that Mrs. Bauer was being much excited, I proceeded to go.

Mrs. Bauer and her sister then pleaded that I pray with them before going, which I asked the officer permission to do.

I was refused, and pulled out of the house. The officer kept his grip upon me and pulled me all the way to the jail as if I had been a criminal.

On reaching the jail he hunted up the Sheriff and left me in his charge, although I was given to understand that I was the city's, and not the county's, prisoner.

I then telephoned Attorney Douglass, telling him what had happened so that my associates might be informed without making their presence at the Brunswick known.

The Mayor and his attorney came, and in the presence of the Sheriff, several police officers and a reporter for the *News*, I was asked a few questions as to when and how I came and what my plans were, etc.; also where I had been stopping, to all of which I used discretion in answering.

It was settled that I was to be deported on the Pennsylvania and Fort Wayne 7:50 train to Crestline.

After supper the Mayor called on me, and I had the great joy of delivering Zion's wonderful Message to him and a very talkative police officer.

God gave me unusual liberty of speech and quickness of thought, so that I could not but mark the fulfilment of our Lord's promise that when we are brought before magistrates, the Holy Spirit should tell us what to say.

In fact, that has been the joy that has been my strength on so many occasions during three days of terrific nervous strain. God has helped me to preach the Gospel to so many individuals in such power that in many instances not only have the mouths of our enemies been closed, but they have acknowledged they were in the wrong.

I was taken to the depot in a carriage, in company of the Mayor and the Sheriff, who, the Mayor insisted, must go; also two police officers.

Crowds lined the streets and sharp outlook was kept by my escort all the way.

When we reached the depot, there was a large and noisy crowd waiting for us; also several more police.

I was driven as close to the entrance as possible, taken from the carriage surrounded by police and hustled into the depot to wait for the train, which was a few minutes late.

The Mayor bought and handed me a ticket and in company with Mike Weil—who wore a large Bryan badge—led the police escort which put me on the train.

The last named party had the audacity to come on the train, grasp my hand and address me as "old friend" and introduce himself as the "protector" of Elders Basinger and Moot.

As I shook his hand I said, "I hope you have repented of your treatment of them," upon which he pretended to be astounded, and then grew sarcastic and insulting in the extreme, and warned me that if I came back I was liable to get my head smashed. In this, one of the police joined him.

In fact, several of these officers have been very insulting to us. One who escorted me to the train yesterday said we called ourselves Christians, but we were worse than the lowest saloon bums.

I was only in Mansfield about one and one-half hours today, Tuesday, October 16th, and was on my way to Mrs. Brent's when I was captured and rushed by several officers down an alley to the Baltimore and Ohio train and sent to Shelby Junction, where I took a Big Four train to Crestline.

We are all rejoicing that we have been counted worthy to endure such hardships for Him who resisted unto blood, and that we may in some measure enter into fellowship with those who have suffered similar hardships for His sake.

May God bless you and all Zion everywhere.

Yours in Christ,

A. F. LEE.

On Thursday, October 18th, Deacon Lee went into Mansfield by team and met with the usual lawless treatment. He says in a telegram:

CRESTLINE, OHIO, October 18, 1900.

W. H. PIPER.

Reached destination by team five-fifteen this morning.

Driven from Calver's by threatening mob.

Reentered town.

Made several calls unmolested.

Learned as was taking train of Kessler's imprisonment.

A. F. LEE.

That same night, one of the most wicked and disgraceful acts of the entire terrible list of Mansfield's official crimes was enacted.

It reads more like an excerpt from a history of the early centuries in Rome, or an account of outrages in China, than a description of action under the very eyes of the police in a nation which boasts that it is the most enlightened of all the ages.

The crime has set public indignation to boiling again, but the ebullition seems to take the form of harmless resolutions with left-handed slaps at the innocent victims of the mobs.

Forming under the very eyes of the police officers, hence with their full permission and consent, two bands of ruffians went out late at night, aroused peaceful, law-abiding citizens and members of the Christian Catholic Church from their beds and demanded admission to their homes in order that they might search them for "Dowie Elders."

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It would seem that official cowardice and intolerance could get but little lower.

And yet Governor Nash, cowed by Masonic threats, snivels under the wretched excuse that "the Dowieites are seeking for cheap notoriety."

How would "His Excellency" like to pay the price?

Concerning these housebreaking mobs Overseer Piper received the following telegram:

MANSFIELD, OHIO, October 19, 1900.

WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

Two turbulent official mobs patrolled streets last night.  
Searched half dozen houses for Elders.  
Found none.

One of the members of the Church also wrote the following letter concerning that and other experiences:

MANSFIELD, OHIO, October 19, 1900.

CYRUS B. FOCKLER.

*Dear Brother in Christ.*—The mob is getting quite lively again. Deacon Kessler arrived at the home of a member Wednesday morning before daylight.

He stayed until 4 o'clock in the afternoon; then he went up town. We heard he was stoned and used quite roughly. We had a meeting at Sister ———'s yesterday. There were about a dozen of us. Evangelist Loblaw was there.

It was good to hear a sermon once again. Last night the mobs were out in full force. At half-past 10 we were called out of bed. The mob wanted to search the house for Zion Elders. We let four of them go through. Just in one hour we were called out again by another mob and two of them went through the house. They said they had been to several other members' houses. I asked them where the police were. They said they had served a writ on them so they could not do anything.

Your Sister in Christ,

This craven-hearted excuse of the mob and of the police, that the writ of *habeas corpus* had tied the officials' hands, so that they could not protect Zion people or prevent lawlessness, is a lie as diabolical as the hearts from whence it came.

The writ of *habeas corpus*, in one case only, prevented the officials from deporting a Zion officer, which they never had any legal right to do.

Their duty is to arrest lawbreakers and bring them to punishment and to protect the innocent, law-abiding Christian ministers, and they have never done their duty in this matter.

Every one of them is guilty of malfeasance in office, aiding and abetting a mob, illegal arrest and abduction.

Concerning their actions, the *Mansfield Shield*, a Democratic newspaper, publishes the following communication.

It should be remembered that the Mansfield city administration is Republican:

A GOOD REPUBLICAN WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHO IS IN CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THIS CITY.

TO THE EDITOR:—I am a Republican, but I would like to know who is in control of the government of the City of Mansfield. Is it Mayor Brown and his police, or is it a mob of lawbreakers, who go forth at night and enter people's houses?

It is just about time something should be done in our town to protect the taxpayers in their rights.

Last night a mob formed in the park, under the very eyes of the police, and started out to "hunt Dowie Elders," as they called it; they went to the homes of six or eight of the good people of this city, and demanded entrance, and when refused, they tried to break in, or burn the house.

The writer saw the people forming on the street, and saw some of the police standing around. It occurs to me that under the proclamation of his honor it would have been the duty of the police to break up these crowds, but they did not do it; on the other hand, they said they would not interfere with any action the mob would take. Now this is a nice state of affairs. What do we good people pay our taxes for? Are we to be disgraced by the action of a few public officials, who are playing for the votes of a few people rather than to follow their sworn duty and protect the rights of the citizens who want to uphold the law? Shame on any official who closes his eyes and refuses to follow the law he has sworn to support.

Mayor Brown can offer no excuse for allowing such actions to continue; he cannot say his police force is not strong enough, for he has the right to swear in extra officers, and if he cannot get them, he should call on the militia; but when he refuses to do this, he countenances mob law.

Whether or not these Dowie Elders be right or wrong in their religious belief, they have the rights of American citizens, and so long as they have not violated any law, they should be permitted to walk our streets as free citizens.

Is our city going to be menaced every night by a hungry mob? Are our citizens going to be aroused from their beds at any hour and allow a few people to go through their houses?

Let his honor, who is the conservator of the peace, answer these questions.

To good, law-abiding citizens these scenes are disgraceful, and we wait to see if the present administration is going to foster and encourage mob law, or be the preservers of law and order

GOOD ORDER

Writing from the Richland County Jail, Deacon Kessler says regarding this matter:

Attorney Douglass was threatened by the mob last night. They were scouring the city, looking for "Elders."

The stoning of the Deputy Sheriffs and myself seems to have awakened the people, somewhat, to a realization of their danger. The mob last night also stirred up public sentiment.

I should not be surprised if the mob should finally hang itself, according to the old saying with reference to the Devil hanging himself if given enough rope.

The Ministers' Resolutions have only just been given to the public, "having been withheld until another outbreak should occur."

The Wednesday night occurrence seems to have been sufficient to bring the wonderful pronouncement to the light.

The resolutions to which Deacon Kessler refers are like all the utterances of the Mansfield ministers since the trouble began, merely high-sounding but inefficient words, used as a convenient vehicle for wicked lies about Zion.

If these brave "resolvers" really deplore mob violence and lawlessness, as they say they do, let them show it by doing something to put an end to it.

The following are the resolutions as published in the *Mansfield Shield*:

RESOLUTIONS OF MINISTERS—MANSFIELD CLERGYMEN CONDEMN LAWLESSNESS.

The Ministerial Association of this city has come to the front with resolutions regarding the Dowie outbreaks which were given out for publication this morning. It was decided at a meeting of the Association held a short time ago to keep the resolutions which were passed at that time quiet until another outbreak, when they would be given out. An outbreak occurred Wednesday evening and the resolutions were given this morning for publication as follows:

"WHEREAS, An impression has gone abroad that the clergymen of Mansfield are tacitly in sympathy with the uprising of the people and its treatment of the Dowie Elders, and

"WHEREAS, This impression does not reflect the real sentiment of the ministry of our city and may tend to encourage lawlessness and the uprising of the people; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That, while we deplore and condemn the abusive and slanderous utterances of Elder Fockler and Dowie in his issue of the LEAVES OF HEALING of July 28th, as well as the senseless and persistently defiant acts that have provoked the uprising of the people, we nevertheless declare the right of every person to conduct religious services without molestation, and that we protest against the interference with the liberty and property of any and all persons who may come to our city and who may be engaged in business not incompatible with sound morals; and further, that we emphatically condemn the spirit of lawlessness which prompts such interference. Signed:

"PASTOR ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.

"PASTOR PARK AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH.

"SECRETARY OF Y. M. C. A.

"CHAPLAIN OHIO STATE REFORMATORY AND PRESIDENT OF MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION.

"PASTOR FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

"RECTOR OF GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

"PASTOR ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SECRETARY OF MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION.

"PASTOR OF FIRST METHODIST CHURCH.

"PASTOR FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH.

"PASTOR OF MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

"PASTOR OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

"PASTOR OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH."

It may be stated that W. S. Capellar, editor of the *Mansfield News*, made the statement that the Mansfield pastors were tacitly in sympathy with the mob in his notorious interview in the Columbus (Ohio) *State Journal*.

On Friday, October 19, 1900, Evangelist Loblaw sent the following telegram to Overseer Piper, reporting his work up to that time:

MANSFIELD, OHIO, October 19, 1900.  
 REV. W. HAMNER PIPER,  
 Chicago, Illinois.  
 Have seen most of members.  
 Had meeting outskirts undisturbed.  
 Wire instructions to Douglass.  
 Love to all.

MARK H. LOBLAW.

The following letter from Evangelist Loblaw, written on Friday, October 19th, contains some interesting information:

MANSFIELD, OHIO, October 19, 1900.  
 DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—I have visited over one-half of members and held several small meetings.

We had meeting yesterday afternoon at Mrs. —'s. We were undisturbed, although two policemen drove past the house and then turned around and drove back to town.

I have not been arrested yet, although I have boldly walked the streets and made my calls.

We cannot stop any more at the Brunswick. It is a trap for us. I was there three days undiscovered.

The mob came out to —'s Wednesday night for me, but I was not there.

I went out on Tuesday upon the square, but I was left unmolested.

The other men have been again and again arrested and sent out.

I know now where most of the people live.

They know I am around, but the authorities cannot locate me.

I find many fine people here of Zion.

I am in the fight to stay and win.

God sustains me.

Let us keep at it.

I want to win.

Love to you, Overseer, and Zion.

MARK H. LOBLAW.

On Friday, October 19th, Elder Edward Williams, of Benton Harbor, Michigan, who had ridden into Mansfield on a bicycle on several occasions, made another trip and was successful in holding a meeting, but was afterward mobbed and stoned at a small town five miles from Mansfield. He wired Overseer Piper as follows:

CRESTLINE, OHIO, October 20, 1900.  
 REV. W. H. PIPER,  
 Had meeting at —'s yesterday.  
 Mobbed and stoned at Lucas.  
 Now at Crestline, going to Mansfield.

E. WILLIAMS.

On Lord's Day, October 21, 1900, Deacon Lee went to Mansfield by team and Elder Williams again on his wheel.

How they fared is told by the following telegrams:

CRESTLINE, OHIO, October 21, 1900.  
 W. H. PIPER,  
 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
 Back safe, after a day of fruitless effort.

A. F. LEE.

CRESTLINE, OHIO, October 21, 1900.  
 REV. W. H. PIPER,  
 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago.  
 Started for Mansfield this A. M. on wheel.  
 Was intercepted.  
 Crowd in buggies came to meet me.  
 Lee went with livery.

E. WILLIAMS.

Considering the long, trying battle which these brethren had so bravely fought, Overseer Piper sent him the following telegram:

CHICAGO, October 22, 1900.  
 REV. EDWARD WILLIAMS,  
 Continental Hotel, Crestline, Ohio.  
 Go home.  
 Let Lee and Loblaw come Chicago.

WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

The following statement in a recent issue of the *Mansfield Shield* is significant:

It is suspected that the police do not get hold of more than half of the

Dowie ministers who reach this city, and that services are being held regularly in secret after the manner of the early Christians in Rome.

This fight has now resolved itself into an almost open conflict between the organized force of the Devil in Secret Lodges and the organized force of God in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

Hence the fight is long and bitter, but God will win.

His people in Zion are loyal and determined and will fight to victory if it takes every cent of property and every life.

The following letters are samples of hundreds which are received at Headquarters:

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, CANADA, October 9, 1900.  
 REV. W. HAMNER PIPER,  
 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

*Dear Brother in Christ:*—In the absence of the General Overseer, I address this to you and enclose express order for \$— to be applied to the defense and assistance of those brethren who are fighting the battle of the Lord in Mansfield (much more appropriately named Devilsfield).

They have my hearty cooperation and prayers.

I can see that the miserable action of all Zion's opponents, there as well as elsewhere, is going to tell in the end for truth and righteousness.

Even the dead apostate churches can see that there must be something real in Zion when her friends can stand such treatment as they are getting. It is because they (the apostates) have no backbone that they have not been treated in the same fashion.

"They that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" is being experienced, and is bound to tell for God in the end.

May Almighty God bless and increase your zeal more and more, and make you all realize that "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High, shall abide in the shadow of the Almighty."

Your Brother in Christ,

CHARLES LUNN.

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, CANADA, October 8, 1900.  
 REV. W. H. PIPER,  
 Overseer at Large, Christian Catholic Church in Zion,  
 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

*Dear Sir:*—Please to accept the enclosed on account of expenses in fighting the Devil and his army at Mansfield, Ohio.

We are watching proceedings, and although the enemy is more than usually strong and persistent in this case, he will have to give in.

The harder the fight, the greater the victory.

We pray daily that the good brethren will remain steadfast in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, when the result cannot be doubted.

Faithfully yours and faith in God,

W. AND M. E. SMITH.

P. S.—Draw upon me for another \$—, if necessary, in this cause.

W. S.

ROCK CREEK, OHIO, October 9, 1900.  
 REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER, Chicago, Illinois.  
*Dear Brother:*—For weeks I have noticed the shameful treatment heaped upon your Elders and Evangelists.

If I were a preacher in Mansfield, I would cry aloud against such lawlessness, if they took my scalp.

Hold on to Mansfield.

Send your preachers right on.

Dowie and Zion will win.

May God give you the victory.

I am a wellwisher to your work in the Lord.

Fraternally,

R. M. MARSHALL.

The hand of Secretism in this matter is no idle fancy. Governor Nash, of Ohio, was rushed into the Masonic order very soon after this trouble began.

The *Christian Cynosure*, of Chicago, says:

In Mansfield, Ohio, ministers were stripped naked and painted blue by the mob, which had the tacit sanction of the Masonic Mayor and city officials. And the chief offense of these ministers, who were so shamefully abused, seems to have been their opposition to Mah-hah-bone, the Masonic diety of these city officers. A political society like the Masons, which pretends not to be political, is to be more dreaded and condemned by a free people than the "red shirts" that boast their object.

It is the old fight of God against Baal.

The final victory has always perched upon the glorious banners of the armies of the King of Heaven.

This case will be no exception.

SUBSCRIBE for THE COMING CITY, in which may be found all the news concerning the progress of founding Zion City.





"And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel: . . . . .  
 "The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with rigour have ye ruled over them" — Ezekiel, 34: 1, 2, 4  
 "I am the Lord that healeth thee." — Exodus, 15: 26  
 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, yea and forever." — Heb. 13: 8  
 Gifts to the Church  
 "To another faith in the same Spirit and to another gifts of Healings, in the one Spirit." — 1 Corinthians 12: 9  
 "For the gifts and the calling of God are without repentance." — Romans, 1: 29

WHY THE MEDICAL MISSIONARY HATES ZION.



# A VOICE TO ZION AND GOD'S PEOPLE IN EVERY LAND.

O thou that tellest Good Tidings to Zion, Get thee up into the High Mountains, lift up thy voice with strength: Life it up, be not afraid: Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Isaiah, XL: 9.

## THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL DECLARED.

*Report of Meeting held in Divine Healing Home No. 1, August 17, 1894.  
Subject: "Teaching Concerning the Disciples' Prayer."*

*Report of Meeting held in Divine Healing Home No. 1, August 18, 1894.  
Subject: "God Our Provider."*

VERY valuable teaching concerning many of the petitions in that Prayer which our Lord taught His disciples is given in the first of the reports of "Morning Talks" which we publish this week. The truth of the teaching of God's Messenger to Zion is proven, not only by its perfect accord with the Word of God, but by its wide and practical application.

Spoken more than six years ago, the words reproduced in print were eminently adapted to the conditions of the time. Yet they are timely today, and strike telling blows at evils which are now prevalent.

In the second of these "talks," published herewith, the man of God deals with topics called up by several passages in the sixth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew. But the general trend of his discourse is upon the promises of God to provide and the folly and sin of anxiety about food and raiment.

These reports have not been revised by the General Overseer.

### TEACHING CONCERNING THE DISCIPLES' PRAYER.

*Divine Healing Home No. 1, August 17, 1894.*

Thy will be done, as in Heaven, so on earth.

To know God's will, to be in harmony with God's will, really lies at the bottom of everything. To understand this prayer, in connection with this ministry especially, is of intense importance to you who are gathered together here. It has been commonly said that in praying we ought always to say, "Thy will be done." We have been taught that we are wise in so praying, because the will of God is unknown and, as we cannot know God's will positively, it is best for us with humble resignation to pray as our Lord taught us and say, "Father, Thy will be done."

That teaching is entirely false.

### The Will of God is Not Unknown.

God has taken the utmost pains to make His will known. I cannot imagine how God could have taken more precise and constant methods of making His will known to men in all its fundamental principles than He has.

He has given us a Revelation which extends over 4000 years of human history.

He has given, in the instruction of prophets, of apostles and of evangelists and teachers, the most precise information regarding His will.

He has made it known in all its glorious fulness, not only in the words and work, but in the life of His own Eternal Son.

He has shown us that as He was, so are we in this world; that we are to be like Him, partakers of His Divine nature; that we are to escape the corruption which is in the world through lust, and that we are to be incorporated in His life so closely that His Spirit is to dominate our being. Our body itself is the Temple of the Spirit Himself who dwells in us. The Spirit of the Eternal Father Himself dwells in us; for Christ said:

If a man love Me, he will keep My Word: and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make Our abode with him.

It is not true that He has taught us to say "Thy will be done," and stop there. He has taught us to pray, not a prayer of blind resignation to the will of God, but a prayer for Divine intervention that God will come into us and do something, that He will do something for us in precisely the same way that He has done elsewhere.

The prayer is, "Thy will be done, as in Heaven, so on earth." It is a prayer, definite and distinct, that God's will be done on earth today in just the same way as it is done in heaven today. That is not a prayer of blind resignation. That is asking God to come down and do something for us of His own will and do something for us just exactly as it is done in heaven.

### What We Know About Heaven.

We know, from the Revelation of God, certain things concerning heaven. There are a great many things we do not know.

Many people are fond of quoting certain parts of the Bible incompletely. They quote:

Things which eye saw not, and ear heard not,  
And which entered not into the heart of man,  
Whatsoever things God prepared for them that love Him.



They stop there. They do not quote what follows:

But unto us God revealed them through the Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

The very gates of heaven themselves have been thrown open wide and we have seen something of the Heavenly City and of its glory in the beautiful Apocalypse. You have the actual size of the city—twelve thousand furlongs, fifteen hundred miles, every way. You have every detail of the city, its beauty and its glory. These things are real. When I see a lovely emerald or any beautiful stone, it seems to me as if it were a chip off the foundations of heaven. You know that all these foundations are precious stones.

What is said here is meant. God never taught by His own Son a prayer He did not mean. "Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth."

The first thing is to find out just what that will is in heaven.

#### How God's Will is Done in Heaven.

Suppose that in imagination, this morning, we were to leave this earth and above these lower skies were to be in spirit taken at once to one of the Twelve Gates of the Heavenly City.

We behold the great archangel. We look into his face and say, "Oh Archangel, is this the City of God? is the Throne of God here?"

As we look at those jasper walls and glorious foundations and see that city rise fifteen hundred miles high in the air, away beyond our power to see its glory, it seems impossible for us to enter those mansions towering up in their resplendent beauty.

"Is this heaven?" we ask.

"Yes."

"Archangel, tell us, is there any sin here?"

The archangel by the side of the gate answers, "No, there is no sin here. Sin cannot be in heaven where God is."

We say, "Why?"

"Because the will of God is done here."

"Is there no sin where the will of God is done?"

"None."

We go back to earth and pray the Disciples' Prayer with a new meaning. "Father, do unto me Thy will as it is done in heaven. May the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world take away the sin from me."

Will God do it? He must do it. Christ has said we must pray for a clean heart.

The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. Christ told us to pray for that. Christ never told us to pray for an impossibility; He never put in us a hope which He intended to dash to pieces. The will of God may be done on earth, just as it is in heaven, and there may be no conscious transgression in us.

I arose this morning without any consciousness of transgression. I was not conscious of any sin yesterday. I may have sinned yesterday, but I was not conscious of a single act which was at variance with God's will.

I know that God cleanses from sin; I know that God keeps clean; I know that the Blood of Jesus Christ purifies from sin. I arose this morning praying to God, "Vouchsafe to keep me this day without sin." I did not pray in faith if I did not believe that He would do it. I should go down immediately if I trusted in myself.

#### No Sickness in Heaven.

Now we will go up again to the Gate.

"Tell us, blessed Archangel, is there any disease here?"

He would answer, "No."

"Why is there no disease here?"

"Because the will of the Father is done here."

"Is there no disease where the will of the Father is done?"

"No. Disease cannot enter here. Nothing that defileth can enter here."

We go back to earth and pray with a new meaning:

"O Father in heaven, for the sake of Jesus who died to save us, who bore my infirmities and who bore my sickness, I beseech Thee to take disease out of me, to grant that Thy will may be done on earth as it is in heaven."

I know it would be done. I know that I will wear out, but it does not follow that I shall have disease. I believe that if we lived up to the height of the Lord's privilege there would not be a pang of disease in us. That is the will of God.

When men tell you the will of God is not known, you tell them it is known. Throughout that City of God the inhabitant is never sick.

It is our privilege to pray that God's will shall be done on earth just exactly the same way as it is done in heaven.

#### God Has Promised to Feed His Children.

We not only ask God to keep us without sin and without disease, but as our Lord has taught us, we pray for daily bread. Having received forgiveness and healing, we must receive continuous supplies of heavenly power to cleanse us and to keep us holy in spirit, soul and body. The food of yesterday having been assimilated by my psychical and physical nature, and having given me in a measure the possibilities of strength for yesterday's service, the food of yesterday will not last me today. I must get a fresh supply. Day by day we need this daily bread.

But we can do much more easily without food than we can without the bread of life. We can do easily without food for a time. We can stand doing without food for one, two, three, twenty or forty days, perhaps, but we cannot do without God's Spirit for a moment.

We want the Word.

It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing.

These are the words of Jesus Christ.

The imparting of Divine power comes through the Word.

He sendeth His Word and healeth them.

The Word of God liveth and abideth forever.

The Word of God never dies.

Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

It would be possible for men to live for days, almost, with scarcely any food. I know one who lived for eighteen years who lay in trances for days. They scarcely have any life then. The spirit will live sometimes in bodies with very little vitality.

But we cannot do without Christ. We cannot do at all without God. We need the daily bread. We need a great deal of it, too. We need it every moment of the day. We must have it and assimilate it.

We must have communion with God. We must have the Breath of His Spirit. We must have the Fire of his Spirit. We must have the Water Divine. We must have the Holy Oil. These four symbols of the Spirit have great realities behind them, Air, Fire, Oil and Water. Without them we would be without any power at all.

#### The Necessity of Repentance Before Forgiveness.

Forgive us our debts as we have also forgiven our debtors.

Oh beloved friends, there must not be one spark of unforgiving nature within us. I do not say that you can forgive the impenitent. I do not see how it is possible for me to forgive any one who is not sorry for sin. In the first place, I am not asked to do it, because if they are not sorry they do not repent and do not ask forgiveness.

In the second place, it would be wrong to expect forgiveness without Repentance. You ask God to forgive your sins as you forgive others, and you forgive others as God forgives you. How does He forgive you? Will God forgive you, will God forgive me, unless we repent and ask Him to forgive us? If God should come and say, "I know you have been very wicked, but I forgive you whether you are sorry or not," that would be to do me the greatest injury. If it were possible for God to forgive me, whether I were sorry or not, that would mean simply that God gave me a permit to continue in my sin.

#### Terrible Mistake of Many in Training Up Children.

That is one of the ways in which children are often so badly trained. Their mothers and their fathers do not insist upon Repentance, but extend forgiveness to them and overlook transgressions without being asked to. The children begin thinking that their wrongdoing is right. It is weakness in the parent to do it.

Take the rod and beat the child until it repents of its sin. If there is no other way to make the child sorry than by taking the rod, then take the rod and lay it on hard. God makes us sorry for sin, but He never forgives us until we are sorry. He never will forgive the impenitent. I thank Him that He never does. If you wish to train up disobedient, wilful, wicked children who will break your hearts, then allow them to commit transgressions with impunity; never insist on Repentance; extend to them indulgence and forgiveness, no matter what they do. Then you are training up devils. They will be a curse to the earth.

God never forgives us unless we are sorry. God does everything He can to bring us to Repentance. He shows us the wickedness of sin, and we ought to show children the wickedness of sin. If they will not be shown, make them repent, if you can manage it. If the only way to make them repent is through their skins, then appeal to them through their skins. I believe there is a great deal of false teaching in this matter.

God is willing, like the father in the parable of the prodigal son, to receive that son who is dead and alive again, or was lost and is found. He is ready to take his rags off, give him fine clothing, set before him the richest food and give him all the privileges of a son if he will say, "Father, I have repented."

There is joy among the angels over one sinner that repenteth, but there is no joy over the sinner who is impenitent.

#### **Be Ever Ready to Extend Forgiveness.**

Always be like God in this matter. Ask God to make you always like Him.

The moment transgression is confessed, forgive.

Bring us not into temptation.

Probably, as Dr. Robert Young says, the verb ought to be read in a permissive sense: "Suffer us not to be led into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

God has placed us in a world of temptation. He has placed us in a world where there is ever temptation. But He never placed temptation here. Satan brought that in.

Blessed is he who is tried and endureth temptation, who overcomes evil with good, who can go into conflict with the tempter and come out unscathed. Foolish is the man who gets in the way of the tempter. It is very foolish to go into the paths of temptation and expect God to keep you.

A nobleman had a coachman for many years, an excellent and careful man. Then the coachman died and the gentleman sought for his successor. He was known to be a good master and gave good pay. A great many coachmen in England were anxious to take the place with this Christian nobleman as coachman.

The nobleman thought it very important that the coachman he selected should be competent. He therefore took some pains in the selection. He saw the large numbers of applicants himself. They waited in the anteroom day after day. He asked them for their references, looked at them, looked at the men, and then asked them one question. In every case the answer to that question caused him to shake his head and say, "You will not do, sir; good morning."

Scores and scores went out and wondered why this kind, good master did not want them.

This was the question he asked: "How near could you drive to the edge of a precipice and not go over?"

One of them said he could go within six inches, and another said he could go within an inch; he had become very skilful in driving and had gone that close just to see how skilful he was in driving carriages.

#### **Not How Close to the Precipice, but How Far From It.**

They were comparing notes outside and a very good coachman who was listening to them got it into his head that he knew why that question was asked. He wanted a situation, very badly. He went in his turn. The gentleman said, "You have excellent testimonials. I know you and know about you. How close could you drive to a precipice without going over?"

"Sure, your honor," replied the applicant, "I would just try to go as far away from the precipice as I could."

"You will do, sir," said the nobleman. He had been waiting for a man who would not drive up to the edge of things.

God needs men who do not get into temptation. There are large numbers of people who are overcome by temptation because they go into temptation. They go perilously near the precipice, and they go over sometimes. They think they would like to go down town and see this kind of thing and that kind of thing, and before they know where they are, they are into it and have gone over.

When you know where the Devil is to be found, give the Devil a wide berth. Do not go there. I know there are plenty of lions to be found in various places. Doubtless there is one in Lincoln Park just now. I do not mind looking at a lion now and then, but I like to be quite sure that the bars are strong and the lion is inside the cage. Suppose I went inside of the cage and said, "Now, Mr. Lion, I have come in to investigate, and would like to look at your teeth." The lion would not

know that I had come to study natural history. He would give one stroke of his paw and put his teeth into me. Would I have any right to complain of the lion?

There is the boa constrictor in a glass cage. A live rabbit is put into that cage. The boa constrictor, having crushed him to a pulp, covers him with saliva and is busy swallowing him. You had better keep outside. If you went inside there and the boa constrictor got you and began to crush every bone in you, and cover you with slime and swallow you, you would have no right to complain. You would not be where you ought to be.

Do not go into temptation. "Evil company doth corrupt good manners. Awake up righteously, and sin not."

#### **Seek to be Separate From the World and to Keep Away From Sin.**

Do not go where there is temptation. You will find plenty of it in your pathway as it is. It will take all your grace and strength to overcome that.

Pray to be delivered from the evil one, for he is the tempter. The evil one has learned to tempt with great skill. Those who are inspired by him have the outward show of independence, but are weak and vile to their very hearts' core. They are willing to be so.

I believe the good in this age are getting better and the wicked are getting worse.

There never was a time when there was more iniquity and downright devilry than there is now. Wicked men are determined to defile themselves. They smoke and chew defiling tobacco. They defile themselves until they have sown cancer. A man whose body is in the power of the Devil is not a Christian. "If any man destroyeth the Temple of God, him will God destroy."

#### **A Christian Does Not Wilfully Destroy His Body.**

I say to every man who deliberately defiles his body, "Sir, you are not a Christian; you have not the mark of a Christian. A Christian keeps himself free from sin."

Do not tell me you are a clean man when you do not wash your face.

Do not tell me you are a Christian when you deliberately defile yourself.

Do not tell me you are a Christian when you drink that liquid fire and distilled damnation.

You may be a Christian in somebody's estimation, but I do not believe you are. I do not believe a man is a Christian who wilfully and deliberately poisons himself with that cursed poison; that which "biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."

A man is a Christian who keeps his body under and brings it into subjection.

God the Holy Spirit will not dwell inside of a beer-bottle or a whisky-bottle or a tobacco-shop. You cannot find Him there. You will not find God the Holy Spirit dwelling inside a man who takes these things, because the Devil gets in with them and the good goes out. We are to keep ourselves from these things. Then we will be vessels which will be sanctified and prepared unto every good work.

God will not use dirty vessels for the Water of Life. My wife would not allow our clean food to be put into dirty vessels. We have clean food in clean vessels. God demands clean vessels, and He will have them.

You had better ask to be kept from the wicked one and all his schemes.

But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Keep that spirit of forgiveness always ready. The moment that sin is repented of, extend forgiveness. Blot out the debt if it is within the possibility of your power. If you have anything against your fellowman which he cannot pay, whether it be money or anything else, act as God acts to us who are indebted to Him—blot it out.

Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance.

#### **Fasting is Not Piety.**

There is a great deal of undesirable fasting. If there is a fast, let it be a private fast.

If people are gluttons, it is a good thing for them to live a fasting life.

The great majority of people do not need to fast. Most people cannot assimilate enough. A great many Christian people think they get great spiritual power by fasting, as

if by punishing and emaciating their bodies and ruining their digestion they could make the spirit so much purer. That is false teaching.

The most feeble and easily-imposed-upon of people are people reduced by fasting. Their bodily natures are reduced; the psychological nature follows; the blood is depleted and diminishes in quantity and richness. The spiritual nature then becomes an easy prey to demoniac instructions. Evil spirits come and impress themselves as the Spirit of Life, or cause fanciful imaginations.

#### **An Illustration of the Evils of Fasting.**

A very excellent lady in Australia came to attend our teaching. I was a kind of spiritual grandfather to her, and she came and was very much blessed. Having gotten the teaching, and hoping to be more effectual, she began to fast.

In the state of her constitution, it soon began to be quite apparent to her friends that her fasting would cause her to be an easy victim to disease. She took cold and tuberculosis attacked her left lung.

She sent for me. I would not go and would not pray for her until she gave up fasting. She was very much astonished to think I would not pray.

I went out to her home at Hawthorne, near Melbourne. Her father said, "You must see her. She is confident that if you lay hands upon her she will be healed."

I said, "I have sent my message to her. If she will absolutely give up fasting, I will pray. I consider her disease entirely due to her fasting. She had strength to do all her work if she had not begun to fast."

She declined to give up her fasting. I went to her bedside. She welcomed me in a very friendly manner. I had been useful to her in some little matter before. She said, "Oh Doctor, if you pray with me I shall be healed at once."

I said, "I will not pray with you unless you give me the distinct promise that you will not fast."

"Why should you take away my liberty?" she asked.

I said, "I am in God's service, am I not?"

"Yes."

"My message from God is that you will give up your fasting absolutely. It is contrary to common sense."

"Doctor," she said, "if I promise not to fast for a time, will you tell me when you will give me permission?"

"I do not know," I replied. "I cannot tell you."

"I will not give up my liberty," she protested.

"Then die," I said. "Goodby. The Lord be with you. You will go to heaven soon, about twenty years before your time."

I went away.

"Is he gone?" she cried. She did not believe I would leave her.

"Call after him," she said. "I will do it."

I was at the railroad station when her father came up panting. "She will give it up, Doctor," he said.

I went back. I felt sure in my heart that I was right. I prayed with her and she was healed.

#### **Instantly Healed When Fasting Was Given Up.**

The disease shot out of her lung like the air. She was healed instantly.

When I was about to leave Australia she came to me in a most coaxing way and said, "You are going away to America. I gave up my liberty to you. Give it back to me now. When will you give it back to me?"

"Never," I said, "until I come back from America or Europe."

"Why," she said, "I may never see you again."

I said, "You eat three square meals a day and be a good, strong woman."

She eats three meals a day and she is strong and healthy. I think a great majority know just how much to eat. If you are a glutton, put a knife to thy throat, as Solomon said.

God wants you to eat the only medicine in this house: that is, good food.

#### **"Lay Not Up for Yourselves Treasures Upon Earth."**

Beloved friends, there is no doubt whatever that we have no right to lay up treasures on earth. The hoarding of money is sinful. The hoarding of any treasure is sinful. There are a great many other treasures besides money.

I have known men who hoarded up treasures of knowledge until their whole persons, as it were, had become moth-eaten and were never any use at all. They were splendid men; magnificent men. Why was their knowledge not valuable? They never used it. All they did was to live in their libraries from week to week, from month to month and from year to year, hoarding up their knowledge. One tithe of their knowledge, had it been used, would have been very useful to men.

At last they became exceedingly ignorant through excess of knowledge. You can hoard up knowledge until you have no capacity to impart it. Not being able to impart it, the machinery is all clogged and you have no use for it.

A man who has great theological and intellectual gifts can do good with them scarce better than a Salvation Army captain who has no knowledge, unless he has practical knowledge. There was a time when I piled up knowledge myself. I had to get away, and I did get away.

I said, "Lord, I will never do anything until I impart."

True knowledge is gained by imparting. Treasures are of no use unless imparted. The men of the most advantage in knowledge are the men who impart. Abraham Lincoln did not have much knowledge, but he knew the Bible. He knew the Bible better, perhaps, than any other book.

One of the things which Lincoln used to say in his campaign speeches helped to place him in the presidential chair. That was, "The people must come very clearly to see that a house divided against itself cannot stand. This Nation cannot stand divided against itself, one-half slave and one-half free."

The people saw that it was a Divine truth. It went to the very heart of the matter. He learned that wisdom from the Word of God and knew how to impart it

#### **Wealth is of No Use Unless It is Imparted.**

I believe absolutely that what we have to do with money and talent of every kind is to employ it at once for God. Put it into something you can use for God. Whatever truth you have or whatever money you have immediately say, "How can I use that for God?" Use it; do not hoard it. If you wish to increase it, use it."

The man who had five talents made them ten.

If you have treasure only here on earth, it will be found that you have done no good with it and it will be left behind. When you get to heaven, thousands of things will be recorded against you because you have not done them.

I have ever been glad to spend my last nickel for God. I would do it again.

You will very plainly show where your treasure is, when that treasure is destroyed or threatened.

There comes to me now an incident which will illustrate this. Plutarch in his Lives tells us about Pericles, the great Athenian. When the plague came to Athens and destroyed multitudes of people, he went about his duties as head of the State and never shed a tear.

The plague entered the circle of his immediate friends; he never shed a tear.

The plague entered into his family and swept away those very close and dear to him, and yet he never shed a tear.

The plague at last laid its horrid hand upon his only son, Paralus, and he lay dead.

Pericles looked at that corpse of his only son, and never shed a tear. Some said, "Pericles has no heart."

But when, as was the custom of the Greeks, Pericles had to take the funeral garland and place it upon the brow of his dead son ere that body was committed to the fire, and his hand felt the icy-cold chill of death, it went to his heart. Then Pericles realized that his treasure upon which he had centered all his heart was dead and cold and gone forever. With a heathen's hopeless despair he burst into lamentations and tears and fell fainting beside the corpse of his son.

He was Pericles' treasure, and when that treasure was dead, Pericles' heart was touched.

#### **The Trifling Nature of Earthly Losses When One Has Treasure In Heaven.**

I hear men say, "I have lost everything. I have nothing more left to live for. I have lost houses and lands and this and that."

Lost everything? You have lost a few possessions, and you have lost everything? Have you lost God? Have you lost heaven? Have you lost the power of working? If not, you have lost nothing except surplusage.

Where is your treasure? If your treasure is in heaven, you will feel that you have everything.

I have friends very dear to me who said to me when I gave up business at twenty-one years of age, "You have prospered in business and made a great deal of money. You can go on now and, instead of being a beggar, you can be the richest man on earth."

I said, "Possibly; any fool can be rich. But it takes a great deal more grace and wisdom to shut the door and spend what I have. I have been looking into the future. Twenty years hence, if I live twenty years, and am the means of salvation and blessing to thousands, I will have treasures in heaven."

Looking back over my life, the only thing I have had any pleasure in thinking about is that every day my store is growing there. I desire to lay up something every day.

You can do it. You can lay up treasures which will ever keep. If you are a Christian, you will. You will say, not how little can I do, but how much can I do?

For whosoever would save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life for My sake and the Gospel's shall save it.

### GOD OUR PROVIDER.

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The lamp of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is the darkness!

There is a Light which shines within the heart. There is a Light which shines within the spirit, soul and body of every one in whom the Light dwells.

When our Lord was transfigured on the mount, it was the Shekinah Light which dwelt within Him which showed forth.

#### Light Does Not Give Life; Life Gives Light.

Out of life, light proceeds. There is a light real and sometimes recognizable in Christians, which comes from God. It is not the light which shines on the sea or land, but that Light, greater than either, which is God Himself. There is a real sense in which it has its physical manifestation.

Again and again in this ministry, it has been my precious privilege to hear people say, "Oh what a sense of light there was passing through my whole being, just as if a lightning flash had come and in that flash all disease passed away."

Our God in Christ and by the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Light as well as of Life. We therefore expect that the whole body shall be full of Light. It is not a figurative expression. It is a spiritual reality and has its physical manifestation. It, of course, has its spiritual signification. The eye single to God's glory must say from the heart:

I do not care for earthly store,  
Beyond the day's supply,  
But only covet more and more  
The clear and single eye;  
To see my duty face to face,  
And trust the Lord for daily grace.

Not to be at all concerned about what we shall eat or what we shall drink or wherewith we shall be clothed, but to have God within full view at all times, and then to go about earth without being cumbered with anything, is to have the eye single.

I prayed God in planning these two Divine Healing Homes that I should not be cumbered. I therefore asked Him that He would speedily take away every bit of encumbrance in connection with the furnishing of them. It is only three months since these Homes were opened, and there is not a single cent of indebtedness on them. I did not bother myself about the clothing, I did not bother myself about the food; but I did concern myself about doing my duty, and I feel that all the way along I am not concerned about large resources except for His glory.

#### Do God's Will. He Will Supply All Your Need.

When you are conscious you are right with God in a path very plain, go right on and do not be concerned about the commissary department. Your Commander-in-Chief has sent you into the battlefield and it is His business to look ahead for the food.

Suppose you were under General Grant and he said, "I want you to take a corps of the army and sweep the Rebels out of the way." Suppose you stopped and wanted to know about

your food and supplies. You might die there. Your business is to go and do the work.

Trust in the Lord, and do good;  
So shalt thou dwell in the land, and feed securely.

This is not for the lazy man, but if you will do your duty and earn your food, the Lord God Almighty will see that you get it. If the Lord gives you other things to enable you to do more good, use them simply for His glory.

A lady writes to me and says, "I have no money, but I have some jewelry. Must I sell it and do something for the Lord?" I would not advise her to do anything of the kind, but I would not care to wear an expensive article of jewelry when God needs money.

#### As to Jewels and Personal Adornment.

I think there is a great deal of folly, however, in people saying a Christian has no right to wear jewelry. They refer to that passage in the Epistle of Peter which says:

Whose adorning let it not be the outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing jewels of gold, or of putting on apparel.

If you adhere strictly to that exhortation as some interpret it, you are not to plait your hair or to wear any clothes. If you go about with your hair in a tangle all thrown out in the wind, I do not think you will glorify God particularly.

It is a good thing for a woman to be modestly apparelled.

This nonsense about not wearing any gold on account of this passage, is ridiculous. Sometimes the cheapest thing you can get is gold. It lasts longer. The first pair of gold cuff-links I ever wore were given to me by two children who were the first on whom I ever laid hands. They had been perfectly healed. I suppose I wore those links for fifteen years continuously.

I would not think for a moment of wearing any expensive article of jewelry. The idea of having thousands of dollars lying in your jewel case of no use, for the vanity of looking at it! You are not to lay up treasures for yourself. You are to endeavor to lay up treasures for God and use things for God and have treasures in heaven.

I should like very much to see the Lord give into the hands of His people millions and millions of dollars. I should like to see every acre on earth used for God. I should like to see all the gold come into the hands of God's men; for "the silver is mine and the gold is mine, saith Jehovah of hosts."

Some people speak of poverty as piety, and go about wearing black. They would like to go through the gardens and paint the flowers with a tar brush.

I love God, and God's beautiful things. "I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

#### God Clothed This Earth With Beauty and Loves Beautiful Things.

The God who clothed this earth with beauty desires that His people should be dressed with becoming taste and care. Moderate, careful dressing is a pleasure to the eye and in every sense healthful. I am sure our Lord Jesus Christ was clean and neat, and His seamless robe well kept. Let the Light be in you which puts all these lesser things beneath your feet.

A word or two regarding this "Take no thought." In the Revised Version the translation is "Be not anxious." It certainly does not mean "Take no thought." If you do not take thought, you cannot sow and plow and reap. The birds of the air do not reap and sow and gather into barns, yet God does not mean by that that we are to be as ignorant as the animals or the birds. He has told us to be industrious, but the thought is that we are not to be anxious. It is wrong to be anxious about things.

Let us do our whole duty. Let us work earnestly. Let us take care that every day is filled with labor. Let us be "in diligence not slothful; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord."

There is no place on earth, and there is no place in heaven for a lazy person. Of course there is a time for resting and a time for working. Some of you are here for getting rest and strength. While you rest, rest absolutely.

Do not be anxious about things. Cast every care on the Lord. When you go to work, do not be anxious about results. Do the best you can. Expect the best results. If you fall short, do better the next time.

Learn by your failures. Do not by any means worry yourselves because you are not doing what somebody else is doing. You are each doing your work the best you know how.



**The Highest Encomium Pronounced by Jesus Was, "She Hath Done What She Could."**

Do not live in continuous worry about what you eat and drink and wherewith you shall be clothed.

Do not go on laying up for many years many goods for the sake of having a big pile and a big store. Often and often will you find that riches take to themselves wings and fly away. Banks fail, and perhaps everything goes. You thought everything was perfectly secure, and in a moment you are turned from wealth into poverty.

You cannot be sure about anything human. Therefore, do not be anxious. You can be sure of everything you put into the hands of the Lord.

Except the Lord build the house,  
They labor in vain that build it:  
Except the Lord keep the city,  
The watchman waketh but in vain.  
It is vain for you that ye rise up early, and so late take rest,  
And eat the bread of toil:  
For so He giveth unto His beloved sleep.

Christ does not mean that you shall take His words in the sense of a command to be utterly careless. There is a great difference between working with no anxiety and toiling away full of anxiety.

If a person is full of anxiety, he is liable to make a mistake. An engineer at the throttle who is anxious is very liable to blunder. But if he stands there with a full conception of what he can do and what the engine beneath his feet can do, then his head is clear; he watches for the signals, he goes full speed where there is a white light, cautiously where there is a green light and stops where there is red.

It is not conducive to prosperity in spirit, soul or body to be anxious.

Some people are anxious as to whether God has healed them. The only concern is that you fulfil God's conditions. Then God is bound to hear you.

Make His service your delight,  
And He will make your heart His care.

**God, Your Father, is Our Provider.**

Do not forget that God is always the Father and that our Lord and Saviour is a Brother, and that the Holy Spirit brings to us the life of a God of Infinite Compassion.

Do not forget that God always knows what you need, and that He is not too busy to hear you. His Omnipotent Power is omniscient. It is exhaustless in grace and adequate to the necessities of all His creatures. There is nothing unknown to Him in your hearts and minds.

Your beloved Father knows you are in need of these things. Do not be anxious about them. He knows exactly what you need. His promise is given:

And my God shall fulfil every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Jesus Christ.

The first thing is to seek God's Kingdom and God's righteousness. You are a child of the Kingdom. Your wants are His. You are His care. You are to do the right thing in His sight. If you are not anxious, He will see you through.

It may be that God will permit you to suffer. That is a part of the expectation of a Christian. I have always expected to suffer persecution, misrepresentation, cursing, calumny, boycotting, everything that the Devil could devise. I have expected it and I have gotten it. I deserve it, because I have fought the Devil, have fought sin, have fought disease, have fought hell. I have fought the powers of evil.

The great servants of the Devil of this world are in conflict with me. If they are in conflict with one, one cannot move without the Devil firing his arrows. He hits some. He has a great eye for a loose joint. He knows how to hit you when you lay down your shield.

**I Sleep on My Christian Armor and Do Not Loosen It Much.**

I go to bed with it on, and I rise with it on. I wear the Helmet of Salvation and the Breastplate of Righteousness and my loins are girt with Truth; my feet are shod with the Preparation of the Gospel of Peace. At my side is the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

Never go unarmed. With the strength of God you can do something. Do not be afraid. I have undertaken this work for many years without any guarantee from anybody in the world. For sixteen years I have been without any guaranteed salary of any kind. I have preached the Gospel with-

out money and without price. I have been able to spend all the way from ten to forty thousand dollars a year on that work, just trusting in the Lord for resources. Trust the Lord and He will care for you. But be anxious and be troubled and be perplexed and be cumbered by your serving and you will get into the Martha spirit; you will try to regulate God Almighty Himself. You will say:

Lord, dost Thou not care that my sister did leave me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.

Do not think that you lose time by sitting at Jesus' feet. A person who thinks that he loses time by private prayer knows nothing about time. The work which you do is ten-fold more value when you have been in prayer. You must go into God's presence with that peace which was in the heart of Christ.

**God's Ministers Must Not Sell Their Services for a Salary.**

He told His disciples to go forth without purse and without script. I have always done that, since I gave up my position as pastor of the Congregational Church in Australia. There I had a large salary and a house and all the pleasant associations of Camden College in Sydney, and the pleasant association with men and women of culture and power and beauty. But I felt that I ought not to be in that position where I sold my services to men for so many hundreds or thousands of guineas. I might preach to them, and if I did not satisfy them, everything might stop.

I never could love my fellowmen properly until I told them that I did not care two pins what they thought about me. My duty was to scold when they needed it, and to use the rod when they needed it, and to use the Balm of Gilead when they needed it. I had to do it without any fear or favor.

My brethren in the ministry, when I laid down my charge and took a large theater which cost us in your money nearly a hundred dollars a week, said that was tremendous, that I could not keep it up. I said, "Before I am through with this ministry I will spend a hundred dollars a day." They thought the money could not be gotten. I went right on, and exhausted my resources. But I always found that God's resources were exhaustless.

If God desires me to have a hundred thousand dollars, I will use it for Him. If He does not want me to have it, very well. I would not care to have any more than I could adequately use for God's glory. It is a great mistake to be burdened with a great many things which you cannot use.

A great many people who call themselves Christians sin against God by being troubled. I feel in much doubt as to whether they are Christians; for our Lord Jesus Christ commanded us not to be troubled and anxious. I think we certainly sin if we are troubled and anxious.

"But I am troubled about my home," says one. Your home can get along without you. If you were to die today Chicago would somehow or other wag along without you.

**Do Not Think That You Are Essential.**

There is no man alive on all the earth who is essential to the earth. God can carry on His work without us. He can raise others, if not to take our places, to take their own places and carry on this work.

If any man in a large establishment does a service in it which he thinks is essential, he is the servant to discharge. If there is anybody in this Divine Healing Home who thinks he is essential, I desire to get him out.

If I thought that I was essential to God's Kingdom and that God could not do without me, I should at once be set aside. It is true the Lord has need of me. It is true the Lord has need of you, but when you think the Lord cannot do without you, that is another thing.

Some of you dear ladies would find that your husbands would get a new wife in a year if you were to die. They might find better wives, some of them, too.

It is a mistake for any of you husbands to think that you are essential.

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. If you believe in God, the Eternal Father, and Christ, the Eternal Son, what are you troubled about? Go right on patiently and do the thing you are intending to.

Some persons become impatient. They stay here about a week when they have been ill for twenty-five years. They do not get the healing. They would better not have left home. The

thing to do is to keep patiently at it until you get what you came for. I would fight the thing out whether it took two days or two years.

I went out from home in Australia for the purpose of carrying this Gospel of Divine Healing around the world. I did not ask any man to give me a single cent to do it with. I intend to do it, and if God Almighty spares my life, and gives me grace and strength, I will circle the Globe a number of times.

The treasures of all this earth belong to my God. Cast your cares upon Him.

Hast thou within a care so deep,  
It chases from thine eyelids sleep,  
To thy Redeemer take that care  
And change anxiety to prayer.

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A. W. N.

## THE TERRIBLE WICKEDNESS OF MAN BEFORE THE FLOOD.

I desire to pass on in the historical consideration of the subject of Prayer.

Events are narrated in the sixth and succeeding chapters of the Book of Genesis in which the wickedness of man and the patience, mercy, justice and judgment of God are set forth.

### Man's Terrible Transgression and God's Boundless Mercy.

There is no doubt that the first verse of this sixth chapter presents very serious difficulties in understanding. One may well pause before attempting to expound it. Yet unless we really consider it, it would be a cowardly evasion of that which I think ought to be fully considered. If we are to consider this subject of Prayer as I have been considering it, in order to learn why we have to pray, we must understand the terrible

consequences of sin, and the manner in which sin entered, not only into the spirit, but into the psychical and physical and material conditions of man.

We are now arriving at a point where it seems to me that before we can understand the kindness in God's justice, we must understand something of the depths of human transgression.

The narrative in this chapter says:

And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the ground, and daughters were born unto them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all that they chose. And the Lord said, My spirit shall not strive with man for ever, for that he also is flesh: yet shall his days be an hundred and twenty years. The Nephilim were in the earth in those days, and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them: the same were the mighty men which were of old, the men of renown. And the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him at His heart. And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the ground; both man, and beast, and creeping thing, and fowl of the air; for it repenteth Me that I have made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

A teacher must, as a rule, never attempt to teach anything which has in it the element of doubt or uncertainty. He ceases to be a teacher and becomes a mere speculator, if he does. Speculation in connection with teaching, such as it is incumbent upon me to impart at this time, would be sin. I will therefore deal with this matter only so far as I have attained, and give you what seems to me to be positive truth.

I can give what is not speculation, but rather the result of investigation. The expression of these results seems to me to be justified by the necessities of our present condition.

I will venture here upon some personal statements regarding myself and modes of getting things from God.

### How Truth is Obtained From God.

I am accustomed to do a great deal of lonely thinking. I have been, for a great many years. If I cannot get an hour alone during the day, I always make it a point to be alone during the night.

I could not get along with my life in this work, unless I were in communion with God for at least one solitary hour out of every twenty-four.

Perhaps I have been working all night with my pen and brain, and go to bed even as late as six o'clock in the morning. But when I go to my room, then I take my hour. I have the faculty of keeping awake as long as I like, and then going to sleep.

Much of what I know regarding Prayer is, as I have told you at the beginning, what I can never impart. I shall endeavor to impart it, so far as words can express it; but if you do not think closely, and if you do not think deeply, and if you do not go with me into the region of an inner life with God, you will never understand these Lectures; they will be of no use to you.

I am strongly of the opinion that this record in Genesis has to be interpreted. I do not hold that it is symbolical and allegorical. I do not hold that it does not mean what it says, but it is not always easy for us to understand what it means.

It has pleased God, and He is infinitely wise, to veil the wickedness of the world before the Flood. The wickedness of the world since the Flood and the wickedness of the



world today is bad enough. The knowledge of the depravity of the human heart, which we perforce are compelled to acquire by the most painful experience in Zion, is distressing. We find it not alone in the outside world, sunk in the depths of sin, but in that essential leaven of the Pharisees which is hypocrisy, or as I pointed out in the introductory Lectures, the accursed art of excusing oneself.

The wickedness of the world, as I see it today, is sin most terrible in the lives of hypocrites who have pretended to be Christians, or were at one time Christians, but departed from the faith, "giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils."

I have read many of the exhaustive commentaries upon this book. They are exhaustive in more ways than one. They exhaust one's patience. They exhaust and exasperate one as writer after writer follows in a beaten track of so-called orthodox exposition, some, perhaps, going off into a region of wild speculation.

I confess to you that I was a commentary maniac at one time. I had a perfect mania for commentaries. I got something, but it was not what I expected. I was hopelessly disappointed, not that there is not a wealth of knowledge in these commentaries, but the trouble with the commentator is that he thinks by taking up fossils and examining Egyptian monuments and considering the speculations of investigators he will get at the truth.

#### **The Certainty of Diabolical Possession.**

The real nature of that which we have already touched upon and that with which we began, the fall of angels and the possibility of embodiment, enters into this problem. There was not only possibility, but certainty of diabolical embodiment.

That was the trouble with Eve. The Devil got into the beast and talked through the articulate organs of a beast.

If we really understand that the earth had become wicked through the abounding wickedness of the race of Cain, who was of that wicked one, as I have shown you, a devil incarnate, then we will begin to understand what is meant here by the Nephilim. The way to approach this subject is not by digging down into the sands of the Arabian Desert, but by understanding the truth of things which we can know, if we study humanity now.

I affirm that the sons of God, here mentioned, were the spiritually regenerated children of the third son of Adam, Seth.

What is the meaning of that name?

Voices—"Compensation."

President Dowie—Abel, the second son, was dead. There is no trace of any offspring. Cain, although punished, had not reformed. There is no trace of his being fully reformed. Yet, as I pointed out to you, there are serious evidences of contrition and conviction of sin. Conviction of sin and contrition are not the evidences of conversion.

A great many people are convicted and have a great deal of contrition, but there is no conversion. Their hearts are not changed. They are sinners and go back to the same old sin. They tell the same mean lie and do the same mean thing. They are like the swine which return to their wallowing. They go back to their dirt and their muck.

Cain, when he cried out, "My punishment is harder than I can bear," undoubtedly felt the sorrow for his sin and the fear of its consequences. Men everywhere could kill him, knowing him to be the murderer of his own brother; but he went about with a mark on him and God did not kill him. God told man not to kill him.

I hold that a man may not kill another man, even judicially. No nation which kills men is anything but a sinful nation.

**"Thou Shalt Not Kill" is a Divine Law. It Forbids Capital Punishment.**

Christ has no place for murder, judicial or unjudicial. No man, under any pretense, has the right to take another man's life. Hanging is always murder. God may overrule the hanging and the shedding of blood.

There is no doubt in my mind that the regenerating power of God, the Holy Spirit, did its work in those very early ages, and that the sons of Seth were generations of godly people. The daughters of men were the strong and beautiful offspring of this diabolical, wretched Cain. Today there are children of God, sons and daughters of God, and sons and daughters of the Devil.

There is no difference in nature between the sons of God of this day and the sons of God of that day; the daughters of the Devil of this day and the daughters of the Devil of that day, except that none of the actual physical race of Cain is on the earth today. I am thankful for that difference. But in the essential spiritual nature they are just the same.

The mixture of the godly seed of Seth with the ungodly seed of Cain brought about the wickedness which caused God first to give the intimation that there would be an end of His Spirit striving with man by means of which his days should be shortened.

You can see by the genealogies of the fifth chapter of Genesis how the descendants of Seth were very long-lived.

The trouble today is not with the miscegenation of race, for there is only one race on this earth.

The Chinese are sons of Adam. The Japanese are sons of Adam.

There is only one race. It is wickedness to talk about it being evil and wrong for races to intermarry. I hold it to be a right thing.

The whole earth will never get back to its primitive oneness until the cursed pride of race is utterly extinguished. But there is a line which no child of God may cross and marry without the most disastrous consequence; that is the line between the children of the Devil and the children of God.

#### **The Intermarriage of Races is Right in God's Sight.**

It is right for children of God to marry of any color or any race, if God so guide. I do not know more noble and beautiful specimens of humanity, spiritually and physically, than the children of Christian Maori on the islands of New Zealand, and of Christian women who married these Maori chiefs.

I admire the intellectual and moral and spiritual capacity of the offspring of the ancient Maori. When they are godly, there is a wonderful power in them.

One morning our steamer cast anchor off a city of the New Zealand coast. It was very early, just at dawn. A very beautiful canoe came out to our ship, and several persons came on board.

They were welcomed by the Captain and did what they were accustomed to do. None of the passengers were yet out of bed. I was not, and I was a pretty early riser at sea. Suddenly I heard a sweet prelude on the keys of the piano and then I heard a voice—I never heard one sweeter—singing in tones which went to all our hearts. It was one of the sweet melodies of the Fisk Jubilee Singers. It seemed to me that a Divine Messenger had come on board that steamer. I wondered where that rich voice had been born. That she was born of God, I knew.

Then presently I heard the voices of three others joining in upon the chorus. Then we all arose and went out.

We saw a young lady, the daughter of a great Maori chief, and her young husband, an English gentleman; a thorough Christian gentleman, too. With them were her sister and an unmarried young man who was paying her attentions.

These young ladies were both daughters of a great Maori chief. As I looked at them, I thought I had never seen more perfect specimens of Christianity so far as the physical was concerned. I did not wonder that these young men loved them. They were all children of God.

If I lost every student and every friend in Zion today, the voice which speaks to you now would insist that there is only one line to be drawn, and that is the line between the children of the Devil and the children of God.

#### **Children of God and Children of the Devil Must Not Intermarry.**

They must not mingle.

If ever you become an officer in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, you must never marry a Christian to an unbeliever. As far as the authority of the Church is concerned, I will expel anybody from this Church who marries in defiance of the Word of God:

Be not unequally yoked with unbelievers.

I will expel the man or woman who marries into the world. They are not in Zion. They are not in Christ. They have crossed the line and taken one of the children of the Devil, and they have no right to hold that they are children of God.

That seems to me to be the trouble with the whole ministry.

I believe that the race of Cain would have died, out of its own iniquity, but for the fact that the race of Seth mingled with it and kept it alive.

In my judgment, not only can physical and psychical characteristics be reproduced by marriage, but also a devilish nature, which proceeds not from the physical and not from the psychical condition of those who marry, but from the Devil who controls the one or the other, or both.

The Nephilim (giants) of those days before the Flood were the wicked offspring of this detestable admixture. The powers of the Devil were manifested in their creation so that the Devil would have, in these giants, the nephilim power to crush out the sons of God. These giants were murderers.

The most wicked people that can be born in this world are those who are born under such circumstances.

I have great apprehension for evil both to the Church and to the world from the offspring of a Christian woman who is married to an ungodly devil, or of a Christian man married to a wicked woman.

We must remember, of course, that the power of God is omnipotent and can regenerate. The Holy Spirit; I believe, can regenerate in spirit, can purify and raise in soul and body. There are no limits to the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### **How Protestant "Nephilim" Were Produced.**

What a wonderful story is the story of John Wesley's father and mother! She was a noble woman and he a wonderfully noble man. They had twenty-four children. John Wesley was, I think, the fifteenth child. There was physical and spiritual vigor in the production of a splendid family. John and Charles Wesley were its beautiful expression.

I do not know what England would have done, humanly speaking, but for the Wesleys.

But all of Charles Wesley's sons went to the Devil. John Wesley had none.

The first Methodists and the first converts in the first generation of Methodism were a real generation of the sons of God. If I had lived in those days, I would have been a Methodist.

What do we see today?

The sons of God in the Methodist Church have married the daughters of men. The rule against such marriages is not maintained in the Methodist Church.

What is the result?

Only three generations have passed, and today the greatest foe of Christianity, in my judgment, is the Masonic-Methodist Episcopal Church.

I do not mean to say that there are none godly in it, because there are. But the degeneration is so rapid that it is in great danger of becoming presently complete.

The trick of the Methodists has been to restore the giants. They have produced men who are today giants in commerce, in mining, in agriculture, in invention, in politics, in all things which have made the Anglo-Saxon people rich. These men have in them a heritage from godly parents, but it is mixed with a heritage of devils. They have gone to the Devil through Masonry; through sin in one form or another.

You cannot possibly realize this as I do. Perhaps there are very few who can. It is given to me in a degree, perhaps, which it has not been given to many men in this generation to see, the inside of thousands of homes. A very large proportion of my private correspondence is taken up with confessions of persons seeking counsel and direction in consequence of transgressions of Divine Law.

Beloved, when you can understand this in its modern application, you will understand why the world got into that condition.

A good man, if once he goes to the Devil, will go to deeper depths than if he had never known God.

Judas Iscariot did know God, and he went to such deep depths that he became the tool of designing men.

#### **The Terrible Wickedness of the World Before the Flood.**

Within a very short period after these two races mingled, there came out a race of giants who were great in many ways, but wicked to such an extent that none of the fairy stories exaggerate their wickedness. Stories of the race of Nephilim, the giants of those days, have been preserved.

That these Nephilim grew, there is no question. The fourth verse makes it plain that it was when the sons of God married the daughters of men that they bore to them these mighty men of renown, but renowned for their wickedness.

They came to such a condition that every imagination of their hearts was only evil continually.

I do not know that we have such men on the earth now. I hope there are none, but I think sometimes I have seen some almost in that condition, at least temporarily. There have been periods of some men's lives when their hearts were only evil, and that continually.

It makes one shrink to think of the verse which follows:

And it repented the Lord that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him at His heart.

I am not disposed to modify that.

You say God could not grieve. I tell you that God can grieve. "Jesus wept." I think when you see Christ grieved at His heart, you see the Father grieved at His heart.

I do not believe anybody repents deeply, truly, until the Spirit of Repentance, which is the Holy Spirit, moves in his heart, until he can enter into the sorrows of God.

Have we ever thought of how God must have sorrowed over a world which had altogether gone to the Devil? What a contrast there was between the beautiful man who had lived so fair and clean in the innocence of Eden and the defiled man!

What a contrast, when the earth was a hell! The devilry which only the Devil himself could have inspired had made the whole world a scene of murder and rapine and vice and filthiness unspeakable only to be expressed by the words: "Evil continually."

Have you ever thought how a father must feel when he sees his children go far into sin?

It is the pure who feel as the impure never can, the exceeding sinfulness of sin. The heart breaks with sympathy for the sinner.

**The Grief of the Holy Spirit Over the Sins of Humanity.**

I do not know much, but I have enough of God in me to know somewhat of how the Holy Spirit grieves over humanity. When I look abroad upon man in all his sin, I can weep. If I could not wipe away my tears and get where I could talk without weeping, I could never preach a sermon.

I know how the Holy Spirit has grieved over me when I have sinned; how the Holy Dove has mourned. I have heard the Voice of God weeping over my transgression. I have wept over others.

God repents, but He does not repent as man repents. Man repents for sins which he himself has committed; but God repents for the sins which man has committed.

It is the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit of Repentance. I close with a practical thought: Shall there be any of you of whom we shall ever repent educating in Zion? Shall it grieve us at our heart that we have made you students in Zion College, or ministers in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, so far as man can make you such?

Let me tell you, it were better for you that a millstone were hanged about your neck and that you were cast into the depths of the sea than that you should be an apostate in Zion.

Be faithful. Do not live so that either we or God shall ever grieve over you.

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# ZION CITY BANK.

BY DEACON W. S. PECKHAM.

**I**T IS always a great mistake to consider a single verse in God's Word apart from the passage from which it is taken. Most of the false teaching of the centuries can be traced to this unfair way of handling the Word of God.

In reading the Word, the reader should always keep in mind the thought of the inspired writer and the particular truth which he is setting forth in the passage read.

Never separate a verse from its context and draw conclusions from it alone.

The Christian world has again and again been torn by controversies, resulting from taking a single verse and building up some theory or theories which were never in the mind of the writer.

**MUCH**, if not all, of the bitter strife between sects and Church members can be traced to this source.

Sects are always founded upon sections of truth.

Men will throw aside passage after passage of direct and plain teaching, and stubbornly hold to a single verse to uphold some theory of their own.

**WE KNOW** of no case in which this has been so persistently done as in that of riches.

Many people conscientiously believe that riches will keep a man out of heaven, and that it is positively wicked to accumulate money or property.

Such people quote the passage:

Lay not up for yourself treasures upon the earth, . . . for where thy treasure is, there will thy heart be also.—Matthew 6:19-21.

The thought of the Master is that we are not to make treasures of riches or set our hearts upon them. There is no condemnation of riches; only a warning that we must not seek worldly riches and neglect the greater spiritual riches.

The Authorized Version makes Jesus say:

Take no thought for your life what ye shall eat or what you shall drink; nor yet for your body what you shall put on.

But Jesus really said (see Revised Version): "Take no anxious thought."

In the same passage He says we shall have these things if they are not our first concern:

But seek ye first His Kingdom, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.—Matthew 6:33.

Jesus could not have spoken against a wise provision for the future, for in many other passages we are taught to do so, and to increase the money God gives us.

Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the bankers, and at my coming I should have received back my own with interest.—Matthew 25:27.

He said therefore, a certain nobleman went into a far country, to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. And he called ten servants of his, and gave them ten pounds, and said unto them, Trade ye herewith till I come.—Luke 19:12, 13.

Then wherefore gavest thou not my money into the bank, and I at my coming should have required it with interest?—Luke 19:23.

**THE APOSTLE PAUL** said it was the duty of parents to lay up for their children:

Behold this is the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be a burden to you: for I seek not yours, but you: for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.—2 Corinthians 12:14.

**WHEN THE** rich young ruler came to Jesus and would not give up his riches for Eternal Life, Jesus turned and said unto His disciples:

How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the Kingdom of God!—Mark 10:23.

But in the following verses Jesus plainly says it was because he trusted in his riches:

And the disciples were amazed at His words.

But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the Kingdom of God!—Mark 10:24.

In the same chapter Jesus says if we are faithful and obedient we shall have riches:

Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or mother, or father, or children, or lands, for My sake, and for the Gospel's sake, but he shall receive a hundred-fold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come Eternal Life.—Mark 10:29, 30.

According to this promise, Zion will become very rich.

Jesus would not promise riches and condemn them at the same time.

We are taught in God's Word not to seek after riches, but to use the talents God gives, and if riches increase, to hold them as God's stewards.

**RICHES** in the hands of a godly man are always a source of power and great blessing.

Some men give their whole thought to making money, and love it as an idol. This is what is condemned in the Scriptures:

But they that desire to be rich fall into a temptation and a snare and many foolish and hurtful lusts, such as drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil: which some reaching after have been led astray from the faith, and have pierced themselves through with many sorrows.—1 Timothy 6:9, 10.

Many fail to distinguish between being rich and setting the heart upon riches.

Paul in the eighth chapter of 2 Corinthians, in speaking about poverty, riches and liberality, says Jesus became poor that we might be rich.

For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might become rich.

**THERE IS** a great deal of sentimental nonsense taught about riches and laying up money, and also providing for the future. It is a sin to hoard up money as a miser does, and all money must be used for God.

Shall we be bigger fools than the squirrels who in the fall store nuts for the coming winter?

Where would man get his coal and wood, silver and gold, metals, etc., if God had not stored them up for his future need?

God will supply all our needs when we have done our part. We are never to worry, but must use all diligence.

He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.—Proverbs 10:4.

There is no virtue in being poor, nor sin in being rich. A poor man may be a great sinner, and a rich man a saint.

The man who boasts of his poverty is as bad as the man who boasts of his wealth, and pride dwells in each of their hearts.

**THERE IS** a class of sanctimonious people who uphold poverty and look upon riches as something to be shunned. How will they get along in the New Jerusalem, whose streets are paved with pure gold, whose gates are pearls, whose walls are jasper, and within whose walls are riches and glories untold?

Thank God, there are no almshouses or hovels in heaven. There should be none on earth. God helping us, there shall be none in Zion.

All cannot be equally rich, but none must suffer or know grinding poverty.

There are spiritual riches and there are worldly riches, and these must not be confounded in the reading of God's Word. Spiritual riches are above all, but worldly riches must not be despised. Blessed is the man who has both.

A BANKRUPT MAN or Church or nation can never do as great things for God or humanity as if each were rich.

Without vast sums of money, Zion City cannot be built, Tabernacles cannot be opened and maintained, missionaries cannot be sent forth, and the worldwide work of God's Kingdom cannot be pushed.

DO NOT be afraid of any one who loves God so supremely as our beloved General Overseer does getting too much money. He will use every dollar for God in the future, as you know he has always done in the past.

Vast sums of money are needed to carry on this great work. The world does not love Zion, and the world will not help Zion. Every member of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion must faithfully pay to God the tithes and offerings, and then put every dollar not needed for immediate use into Zion City Bank.

All properties should be realized on at once and the proceeds invested in Zion stocks. You have no right to let your money remain in worldly institutions. Put it into Zion, where it will earn you a good interest and enable Zion to "Go Forward."

It is important that all act quickly.

Whether you have one dollar or thousands of dollars, it is your duty to help.

God will never greatly bless you until you put all into Zion.

God will hold all responsible for the manner in which they use His money.

God is building up Zion, but His people must be loyal and true

ZION is preparing the way for the coming of Christ's Kingdom. What a glorious age in which to live!

Yes, if we do our part; but if we bury or withhold our money, and do not let it be used for God, what a condemnation will be ours!

LET US turn to the Old Testament and consider a few of the men whom God made rich.

**ABRAHAM:**

And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.—Genesis 13:2.

And Abram said to the King of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the Lord, God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth, that I will not take a thread nor a shoelatchet nor ought that is thine, lest thou shouldst say, I have made Abram rich.—Genesis 14:22, 23.

**DAVID:**

Wherefore David blessed the Lord before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be Thou, O Lord, the God of Israel our Father, forever and ever. Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is Thine; Thine is the Kingdom, O Lord, and Thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come of Thee, and Thou rulest over all; and in Thine hand is power and might; and in Thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.—1 Chronicles 29:10-12.

And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honor.—1 Chronicles 29:28.

**SOLOMON:**

And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches and honor, so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee, all thy days.—1 Kings 3:13.

So King Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth in riches and in wisdom.—1 Kings 10:23.

**HEZEKIAH:**

And Hezekiah had exceeding much riches and honor: and he provided him treasures for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all manner of goodly vessels.—2 Chronicles 32:27

Moreover he provided himself cities, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance: for God had given him very much substance.—2 Chronicles 32:29.

THESE MEN were all leaders of God's people, and it is expressly said of them that they were very rich, and also that God made them rich. But God led Israel as a people and dealt with them as a Nation. Not until they turned away from God, and refused to obey God, did He cease to so lead them. Had they remained faithful, God would have blessed them and they would have continued a rich and mighty people.

Israel is now returning to the rule of God, and Zion is leading them back to national life.

The same glory and riches and honor shall be given to Zion that ancient Israel had.

God is now showing what he can do with a consecrated leader and a faithful and obedient people.

JOHN THE BAPTIST, the herald of Jesus before His first coming, came in a manner corresponding to Christ's humiliation.

John Alexander Dowie, the herald of Jesus before His second coming, has come in a manner corresponding with Christ's kingly reign.

A herald must fitly represent the court whose king he proclaims.

We have heard our beloved General Overseer exclaim, with deep emotion, "Woe is me, that God has made me a man of strife to the whole earth."

He has a great loving heart for all humanity. But he can no more help sitting as a purifier of the ministry, sitting in judgment upon the churches, or being a swift witness against evildoers, than the sun can help shining.

He is absolutely compelled to do the work of the Messenger of the Covenant. Part of that work is also to build cities, prepare a people and usher in the glorious Kingdom of God. Hence he cannot help being rich and powerful and establishing Zion in matchless splendor.

God will ever increasingly give Zion riches, and "the wealth of the Gentiles shall come unto thee."

Hail to the brightness of Zion's glad morning,

Long by the prophets of Israel foretold.

Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for it is time to have pity upon her, yea, the set time is come.—Psalm 102:13.

Arise, shine; for thy Light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.—Isaiah 60:1.

#### God Delivers From Poisoning.

Writing to Overseer Piper from Lexington, Illinois, under date of October 4, 1900, D. C. Owen Opperman sent the following request for prayer:

You may be interested to know that the man we prayed for on Monday morning, October 1st, has been entirely delivered from the tobacco habit. Monday morning about the time we prayed he absent-mindedly took a chew and it made him sick. He then gave his plug away and has had no desire for it since.

I explained the matter to my school, and asked them to join with me in prayer to God. It was a new thing to them, but most of them joined with me.

I was out in the timber last Tuesday and have, perhaps, taken poison. My face is much broken out with it and burns severely. I am trusting God for relief. Will you join with me in prayer? I am very desirous to have you do so immediately on receipt of this letter. It hinders me very much in my work.

On October 10th he wrote the following thanksgiving and testimony to healing:

Yours of the 8th inst. received today.

I am happy to tell you that the poison, which was rapidly spreading over my body, has almost entirely left me.

I took no remedy whatever, but trusted wholly in God for deliverance.

We give Him the praise and thank you for your prayers.

# CHEERING WORDS FROM ZION'S GUESTS

NOTES FROM ZION HOME

THE regular Praise and Testimony Meeting held in Zion Home, Saturday evening, October 13, 1900, was conducted by Overseer Mason.

After the usual opening exercises, the States represented were enumerated and found to be ten in number, as follows:

Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

The following foreign countries were represented:

China, Denmark and England.

The meeting was then thrown open for testimony.

OVERSEER MASON, Zion Home, said: The other day a rather fine-looking man walked along the streets of Mansfield and was taken for a Zion Elder. When he was questioned he said he was a drummer. But the mob did not believe him and threatened to arrest him. Then he turned around and said, "I will show you I am not a Zion Elder." He stepped into a cigar store, bought a cigar and lit it.

That was the Devil's testimony. Everybody could see he was not a Zion man.

Another time a Mr. S—, a member of the Christian Catholic Church, a tall, well-built man, was surrounded by the mob in Mansfield. They asked him whether he were not a Zion officer. He said, "No, I am not an officer in Zion, but I am what you call a Dowieite. I get a salary of \$2,000 a year and give a tenth of it to Zion."

They did not touch him. That was God's testimony.

C. D. IRVINE, Grand Island, Nebraska, said: "I do praise the Lord for what he has done for me and my wife. While we were staying here in Zion Home He answered prayers in our behalf in many instances. I give Him all the glory. I am trusting Him for all things. I said to the Lord: 'I am ready to go where You want me to go, and ready to be what You want me to be.'

"I praise Him for what I have learned through Zion teaching. I want to be honest and faithful and follow Him all my life."

MRS. EMILY KNAPP, Menomonie, Wisconsin, said: "I praise God that I arrived here safely after a journey of 300 miles. My people at home told me I would never get here. I think I would be in my grave now if I had stayed at home. I suffered untold agonies from a complication of diseases. All the doctors told me I could not be cured. I was a little fatigued when I arrived, but I am better now.

"There is one Zion family in my native town. They advised me to come, and prayed for me. As soon as I had made up my mind to come, I began to improve. Yesterday an Elder prayed for me. This morning I was astonished at myself, there was such a change. I felt the disease working off as fast as it could.

"My folks were almost crazy when I wanted to come here. I am sure if they could see me now, they would not dare doubt Zion and Zion teaching. It is the best place on earth. I found life here. I tell you this is God's Way. I know now that Jesus is our Saviour and our true Healer.

"I have been using medicine for four years. I began with a small bottle, but the quantity I had to take was increasing all the time.

"When I came here it was almost impossible for me to get up from my chair. Tonight I got up and walked down here all alone. Praise be to His Holy Name."

REV. E. J. WITTE, Sioux City, Iowa, said: "I feel like a new baby in Zion. I have only been here for a few days, and have shortly come out of the Presbyterian Church. My brothers in the Church were very much grieved at my leaving. I can assure you, my faith has been growing stronger since I left them and since I have been here in Zion Home.

"My heart goes out to God in gratitude for all the blessings which have come to me and my family since we have been in Zion. I feel like praising Him more all the time. I am looking forward to the coming of the King, who has redeemed us from all iniquity.

"It might be said that the Zion people are a peculiar people, but God has said His people are a peculiar people. They are a good people, and they do good."

MRS. H. C. CARR, Chicago, Illinois, said: "Praise God, I came out of the Presbyterian Church and into Zion."

MRS. AUGUSTA MCCOY, Greensburg, Indiana, said: "I am glad I am in Zion. I praise God for Zion. I love Zion and Zion people. I think this is the best place on earth.

"I have been a reader of LEAVES OF HEALING for five years. When the first copy of LEAVES was placed in my hands, I was spiritually hungry, starving to death in the Presbyterian Church. I said, 'These LEAVES are just what I have been looking for. I believe every word in them. I want to know more about it.'

"Ever since I have been reading the LEAVES I have been blessed physically and spiritually. I was a physical wreck, but Jesus found me and revealed Himself to me not only as the Saviour, but also as the Healer of His people."

MRS. S. S. BENHAM, Crescent, Florida, said: "To the glory of God I wish to say that I visited Zion six years ago. I was brought here a confirmed invalid. The Lord greatly blessed me while here and I returned home a wonder to my friends, in strength. I feel that my complete recovery was retarded through my not accepting Zion fully as I should have done. After the Church was formed I did not come in. I feared to come in. Prejudices and doubts came in my way, so that I was hindered in receiving a great blessing. The Lord allowed me to get sick again.

"Six weeks ago I saw the necessity for coming back again, and I am thankful to say that I have at last withdrawn from the Presbyterian Church and have come into the Christian Catholic Church. I am very much better and have had a wonderful uplift spiritually as well as physically."

MRS. NANCY HOUGHTON, Crestline, Ohio, said: "I praise God that I am here tonight. For a long time I have had the desire to be in such a meeting. I was here four years ago, but did not take the privilege of testifying.

"The Lord has done very much for me. I had many precious blessings and He has healed me of many diseases, through the General Overseer's and my own prayers. I know He is going to continue to bless me as long as I serve Him with an undivided will.

"I had heart disease. I was so bad that they did not expect me to live from one minute to another. After reading LEAVES OF HEALING I wrote to Dr. Dowie for prayer. I was healed instantly when he received the request and prayed.

"The Lord is gracious to me. He always hears me when I ask Him to take away the pain, whenever I have any. He is a wonderful God, all powerful. I expect to trust Him all my



days, even should I have to stand alone for Him and His cause.

"Please pray for me that I may stand firm and be able to do more for Him in scattering Zion Literature.

"When in Pittsburg last summer, I offered the LEAVES to a lady. She said she did not read much. I said, 'If I give it to you, will you read it?' She said, 'Yes, but I am a Roman Catholic.' I said, 'The reading of LEAVES OF HEALING does not hurt the Roman Catholics by any means.' Afterward this lady told my daughter, who lives in Pittsburg, that she was glad at heart that I had given her that paper."

DEACONESS H. E. ROBBINS, Zion Home, said: "I have been in a little town in the central part of this State. I visited different churches, the Roman Catholic, the Presbyterian, the Methodist, the United Brethren and the Christian. I went in to see what was going on in the churches. The Methodist preacher said they were going to have an Evangelist come. They must get some people saved or the power would be taken away and given to another. I never in my life saw anything so dead in church work as there.

"I took great delight in distributing LEAVES OF HEALING. I would like to do that kind of work all the time. There were not many who refused to take the literature I offered. I am sure if we had a Zion Elder there we would soon have a large Gathering of the Christian Catholic Church."

AUGUST ERHARDT, Zion Home, said: "I thank God for the many blessings which I have received through Zion and for the many ways in which help has come to me. I have been delivered from the bondage of tobacco, and I thank God for it."

MRS. ANNIE ROPP, Pekin, Illinois, said: "I am thankful to God that I am in Zion. Ever since I joined Zion, I have found that Jesus is the Healer of His people. In the churches I learned that God made the people sick. I am sure prayers are answered in Zion.

"When I was here last time I saw that I must do something for the Lord. I was too bashful to begin. I asked an Elder to pray for me that I might be encouraged, and God has heard the prayer. When I went home that time, I began to distribute the LEAVES, and I sell now as many as twenty a week. Pray for me that I may do more"

ELDER P. W. ROPP, Pekin, Illinois, said: "I thank God that I am in Zion. It took me some time to decide, but I think it is never too late to do right and to get right with God. I hope we will all Go Forward and stand for His Word. He will never forsake us, if we trust Him.

"The Lord has protected and blessed our family, spiritually and physically. For the last four years I have not had a drop of medicine in my house and we have all been kept well.

"There must be no fear in Zion. I am ready and willing, and I believe we all are, to give the last dollar and our lives for God's work in Zion. Let the fearful ones step out. A sifting can only do good. Zion can do without them, but we cannot do without God's Word. Thank the Lord for all His mercy."

W. C. REAY, Antigo, Wisconsin, said: "I desire to testify for God, who blessed and healed me last Sunday.

"A week ago last Friday afternoon I took a cold in my head. It settled in my eyes and the next morning I could hardly open them. I did not sleep well that night and awoke with terrible pain. I prayed and went to work. During the afternoon I became nearly blind from a swelling on my eye. I had a sleepless night again and on Sunday morning could not open my eyes. I prayed and asked God to heal my eyes. Overseer Speicher prayed for me at Zion Tabernacle, and during the afternoon I forgot all about my eyes. That night the swelling broke and the next morning I awoke perfectly well.

"I thank God for all His mercy."

JEREMIAH MACK, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I wish to thank God tonight for the many blessings I have received in Zion. About a week ago I was feeling tired and worn out and had a pain in my back. Overseer Mason prayed with me and I have been feeling better ever since. I praise God for it.

"I thank God that Zion is a refuge for the afflicted of His people. I have been blessed and delivered from habitual drinking and smoking, as I was an all-round stinkpot, and from Roman Catholicism. I am so thankful to God that He brought me to the Light and made me free and aided me to do right and to resist temptation."

E. D. BERGMANN, Greensburg, Ohio, said: "I thank God for sending me into Zion, and for the many blessings I have received. I was here in 1896, and on November 9th of that year I was converted. After that I had a wonderful healing of stomach trouble. I had tried patent medicines and several doctors, who did me no good. All that summer I could hardly eat anything.

"A young lady gave me LEAVES OF HEALING, but at first I could not understand it at all. I said I never heard of such a thing. But the lady kept talking to me, and when I came to Zion that fall and Dr. Dowie prayed for me, I received my healing. I also received great spiritual blessing."

MRS. SARAH DELASCHMIT, Bethany, Illinois, said: "This is my first visit to this room, though not my first visit to Zion. I have received a wonderful blessing since I came to Zion.

"There are a good many people in my town who would join Zion if they were told the truth about it. They are true believers and experience Divine Healing in their homes. Many of them have repeatedly been threatened because they would not have any doctors. I am praying that an Elder may be sent to us."

MRS. C. D. IRVINE, Grand Island, Nebraska, said: "I thank God for all the blessings I have received since I came to Chicago. I passed through quite a severe test physically and mentally. Since two weeks ago I have gained wonderfully in bodily health. My spiritual blessing is so great that I do not think much about the blessings in the body. I wish I could stay here longer and enjoy the great privilege of listening to all this wonderful teaching and preaching.

"My sister in Wisconsin was very much worried when she heard I had come into Zion. She was against Dr. Dowie. She asked her pastor about it, and he spoke strongly against Dr. Dowie. But we sent her some tracts, one of them 'How I Came to Speak for Jesus.' That took her prejudice away"

MISS E. DAUBNEY, Zion Home, said: "Ten days ago I took cold in my joints. I had a great deal of pain, also, in my head. I prayed, as I have the Lord's Word that: He will take our pains away. It was already late in the evening, so I did not want to call an Elder. However, I could not find rest. When I did call for one and he prayed for me, I was relieved at once. I got up in two days. That was remarkable, as I was always very susceptible to colds and at times had to stay in bed for four or five weeks. I praise God for what He has done for me."

#### Little Girl Healed.

CEDAR FALLS, IOWA, October 11, 1905.

MY DEAR OVERSEER:—Our little girl is free from fever and as lively as a cricket.

Our hearts go up in heartfelt gratitude to God for answer to prayer made by you in our behalf.

We thank you.

Faithfully Yours,

J. S. LEAVITT.

#### Delivered From the Tobacco Habit.

DARLINGTON, WISCONSIN, October 8, 1905.

REV. JOHN G. SPEICHER.

Dear Brother in Christ:—I write today to inform you that with God's help I have been able to overcome the tobacco habit.

I thank you for commanding me to abstain from its use.

Yours in His Service,

SAMUEL H. BATES, JR.

# NOTES OF THANKSGIVING TO ZION'S GOD

THY SONS shall come from far.—Isaiah 60:4.

**H**OW gloriously God is fulfilling this promise to Zion in these latter days!

Everywhere, over all the lands, the Little White Dove is carrying the Message of the Everlasting Gospel. Those who hear it are finding Salvation, Healing and Cleansing through it, and are "coming with singing into Zion."

Men, also, have "come from far," from every corner of the Globe, to the great cosmopolitan City of Chicago.

Here Zion sends out her Seventies, carrying that same Message.

It has the same blessed results.

Zion Tabernacles now stand with open doors in every section of the city, and within them that same Everlasting Gospel is proclaimed.

Thus are the nations of the earth reached through the ministry of Zion.

With thanksgiving to God, we publish the following extracts from the General Overseer's and the Overseers' correspondence, telling, from many parts, the story of blessing out of Zion.

The first is the written testimony of a young man, a student in Zion College, whose native land is historic Greece.

## Brought Out of the Greek Apostasy. Healed of Many Diseases.

ZION HOME, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, August 25, 1900.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER,

Overseer-at-Large in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

*Dear Brother in Christ.*—It is nearly three years since God saved me, through the noble ministry of the General Overseer. Since then He has healed me many times through the General Overseer's and some of the Elders' prayers.

I was born in a small village, southeast of Arcadia, Paleochorion, Greece.

I was brought up in the so-called "Holy" Greek "Catholic" Church. My parents were keeping quite close to the rules of the Church, and compelled us children to go to the church. We used to go to almost every meeting, but the spirit was not in us. We used to go for curiosity rather than to get any of the teachings.

Repentance and regeneration are not taught there. The Gospel is neither taught nor advised to be read by the members at their homes.

The priests teach and preach from some of the so-called modern saints rather than from the Word of God.

As for myself, I was totally blind about these facts until I came to Zion.

It was September, 1897, after I had come to America and Chicago, when I first started to come and hear the General Overseer preach. In hearing him for about six months, it was his eloquence which I loved, and nothing more. But, thanks be to God, He in His Infinite Mercy had compassion on me as one of His children and saved me from sin, sickness and death.

In the beginning, it was a very hard thing for me to give up that apostate Greek Church. We were taught that Christ Himself founded the Church, when on this earth. But at last I learned better than that.

After I was converted and found salvation and help in Zion, I decided to go and study the Bible at some one of the Theological Colleges of Chicago, abandoning all my previous plans to study medicine in the Northwestern University.

I was encouraged by some to go to the Moody Bible Institute of this city, because it was quite economical; but I thank God that I did not go then, but waited until Zion College was born, and went to it the first term.

In May, 1898, while playing with some other young men, I sprained my neck. I had to keep my head in one position for a few months. I suffered intense pains, and at last I was delivered through the prayers of some of the Elders.

In December, 1898, I was taken with the grip, at the time when many thousands died in Chicago and other cities of Illinois. In a few days' time I was well again. This time the General Overseer prayed for me.

In April, 1899, I caught a severe cold, from which I suffered greatly, especially in my eyes. Overseer Speicher (then an Elder) prayed for me, and in a week or so I could use them very well in reading

Although my eyes got better, yet the cold was getting worse every day One Monday afternoon the General Overseer was praying with the sick in Zion Home. I went in and asked him to pray for me.

He asked what was the matter with me, and after I told him about it, he prayed with me. He asked me to breathe while invoking the usual prayer: "In the Name of the Lord Jesus, in the Power of the Holy Spirit, and in accordance with the Will of God our Heavenly Father."

I breathed deeply and felt better right there and then. In a few days I was completely delivered.

In June, 1899, I was broken down, owing to my college and other work. I realized that I had done more than I ought to.

For a week I was not able to digest even one meal a day.

I determined to keep up my studies, for there was only one more week of college.

During those few days I suffered terribly. I had lost all strength and ambition.

As I never feel like staying in bed while sick, I kept up on my feet. Thus I grew weaker, until I was healed through the prayers of Elder Graves and others. I lost fourteen pounds.

But the Great Physician raised me up once more, and in three months' time I not only gained what I had lost, but more in strength as well as in flesh.

I praise God for such deliverance afforded for the children of men.

In February, 1900, as I was walking to Central Zion Tabernacle to attend the Zion Seventies' meeting, the sidewalks were frozen and slippery. Through carelessness, I fell and hurt my right leg, which went out of joint. For a week or so I had great pains, and was quite lame.

Overseer Speicher prayed to God to heal me. Immediately I could take a full step and the leg went into its place right away. Now it is as well as ever.

For all these and other things which are not mentioned, I give God the glory, who had mercy to deliver me of so many troubles.

He has taken me from among so many Greeks, who now number about 50,000 in the United States, and brought me amongst true Christian people.

I also thank the General Overseer, who is used mightily for the conversion and healing of thousands of sinners and sick ones, as well as myself. I also thank him for his assistance to me in going to college these last two years, and other help which he has offered to me.

I ask your prayers for myself, that God may keep me humble and prepare me to help in carrying the wonderful Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to the idolatrous and degraded Hellenes, who now are under the Hellenic apostasy, the sister of the Roman.

I faithfully remain,

Your Brother in Christ Jesus,

P. N. NICHOLS.

## "At Eventime It Shall be Light."

VIROQUA, WISCONSIN, October 7, 1900.

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

*Dear General Overseer.*—It is now one and one-half years since I sent you my first request for prayer for healing.

I was sick in spirit, soul and body.

I was troubled when very young with catarrh of the head. I suffered a great deal, and in later years my throat and lungs were badly affected.

My digestive organs had become deranged.

I suffered a great deal with constipation and rheumatism.

I took a great deal of medicine, but was never cured.

Sometimes I would feel better for a little while, but nothing helped me permanently.

I finally thought I would have to give up, I was so weak.

My stomach and bowels were so deranged that I had to take pills every day.

I became very much discouraged and thought I must die soon.

A lady, a stranger to me, came to our house and brought LEAVES OF HEALING. She told us of Dr. Dowie and his work in Zion.

I had never heard of it before, and I listened to her earnestly.

I read the papers, but did not think much about them.

I finally took them in hand and read them again.

I became interested.

I thought, "If that is true, why can I not be healed?"

The lady came again and brought more papers.

I conversed with her on the subject and became more interested.

I read and re-read the LEAVES.

I looked up the references in the Bible. It was all there; it was true.

I wondered why our ministers and teachers had not taught Divine Healing, that which is so essential to our religious life. Why had they not taught us the Full Gospel of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living?

I had been a Christian and a member of the Church for a good many years, but I never had fully understood my Bible before.

From that time I read my Bible more earnestly. It was more interesting.

I believed.

I put away medicine.

I took my case to my Lord, my true Physician.

I was healed of constipation, but my throat, lungs and rheumatism were no better.

I concluded then to send in a request for Dr. Dowie to pray for my healing.

I was not healed instantly, but gradually.

In a few weeks after, I was taken with croup.

I nearly strangled. My son insisted upon my taking medicine.

I finally complied and took some, but soon refused to take any more.

I have not taken any since, although I have been very sick two or three times.

I have sent in requests for prayer and been healed every time.

Two weeks ago I had a severe cold. I took it to the Lord and was sick only one day and night.

I praise God for His Gospel of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living, and that He has raised up such a man as you to preach the Full Gospel, to teach us how to pray and to live.

I discarded all unclean food and medicine.

I am an old lady, eighty-two years old. It is difficult for me to go out very much.

I am the only one in my son's family who believes in Zion or Divine Healing.

The little Zion Gathering here has met every Lord's Day since last spring.

I praise God my Heavenly Father for His goodness to me.

I thank you for your prayers.

I pray daily that God will bless and keep you and give you power to go on until your work is done, and that you will come off conqueror and more than conqueror through our Lord Jesus Christ.

I have written this testimony, hoping and praying that it will be the means of bringing some suffering one to look to our Heavenly Father for Salvation, Healing and Holy Living.

May God bless Zion's Elders who have suffered persecution and give them fearless hearts and strong wills to go forward.

May the enemies of Zion be cast down and be humbled.

Your Sister in Christ (MRS.) EMELINE O. BARNEY.

#### Wonderfully Delivered From Terrible Effects of Injuries.

THOMSON, ILLINOIS, September 27, 1900.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—As I have not testified before, I feel it my duty as well as a privilege to tell of the great goodness of God to me.

Twenty-two years ago I was thrown from a carriage and severely injured internally. My spine was very nearly broken in two places, which developed into curvature and lumps, or knuckles.

A portion of my spine and back was discolored, and one disease after another followed on until from the crown of my head to my toes I was diseased.

For four years I was not able to sit up to have my bed made. A touch of the bed or the slightest jar from one walking in the room greatly increased the unspeakable agony.

My head dropped forward at times, and I had no power to raise it.

My lower limbs were drawn up three months at a time, and I was obliged to lie on one side and in one position.

Doctors, drugs, patent medicine and about ten weeks in a hospital, all alike failed to cure or even relieve the suffering.

In time I became discouraged, suffering so much from the effects of the medicine and different treatments.

I gave them all up.

I was weak and seemingly near death.

Soon after that I heard of Dr. Dowie.

A request for prayer was sent and in answer to that prayer my appetite and strength came fast.

After some months the command came to arise. As I made the attempt, a hand seemed to be put under my shoulder and one under my hip, although I was alone at the time.

As I arose, oh such strength was thrown around me. But when the command came to walk, the Devil suggested that I be prudent. I went back to bed and lost my healing.

I have been healed of other diseases since, for which I thank God.

Once when helpless, at Dr. Dowie's command to arise, in the Name of Jesus, I arose and walked, praise the Lord.

On November 6, 1899, I sent a prayer request to the General Overseer. The next day, just before 4 o'clock, I received a great blessing. The tension which drew so tight in my neck and shoulder to the top of my head loosened. The pain left and the muscles of my neck softened and lessened in size.

I rested well that night.

The next morning at 9:30 o'clock was the time set for prayer.

God answered.

I arose, combed and did up my hair, a thing impossible for several days before.

I was healed of that trouble and my neck very quickly went down to its natural size. I have had no return of the trouble since, praise the Lord.

I also sent a request for prayer in February, 1900, and was healed of stomach trouble and bloating.

I fell asleep for a few moments just after the time set for prayer. On waking I found the lump had gone out of my stomach. It had troubled me for nearly two years, until I had no room for food.

I found also that I was over four inches less around the waist. I then gradually decreased until I was over eight inches less around.

A short time ago I was assisting in sealing up some fruit and dipped my thumb into hot sealing wax.

I took it to the Lord in prayer. It never blistered and was perfectly well in less than three hours.

I have had healings which make it impossible for me to doubt for one moment God's power and willingness to heal. What He has done for me, one of the least of His children, I am sure He will do for all, if they are obedient to His commands and trust Him fully.

I was baptized by Triune Immersion in Central Zion Tabernacle by the General Overseer, September 27, 1899.

I thank God for the teaching I have received through LEAVES OF HEALING. When read, I send it away to others.

I have not taken any medicine for five years, and with God's help I never shall, knowingly, take any more.

I have given up swine's flesh and some other things.

I thank God and give Him the glory for what He has done for me. I praise God for His keeping power.

I thank God for Zion and that Dr. Dowie ever came to Chicago.

I thank you for your prayers, and give God all the glory.

I pray daily for God's richest blessings on you and yours, and that He may grant you a safe return to Zion in Chicago.

With Christian love, (MRS.) MARTHA S. APPLEBEE.

#### Many Physicians Failed. God Healed.

5429 MARSHFIELD AVENUE,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, October 11, 1900.

OVERSEER J. G. SPEICHER.

Dear Brother in Christ:—In October, 1894, I heard of Dr. Dowie's work on Stony Island Avenue. The services were then conducted in the "Little Wooden Hut."

I was suffering at that time with what the doctors called female trouble.

I underwent an operation which left me so weak that I was not able to attend to my household duties.

At the same time I had lung trouble, dyspepsia, and catarrh of the head and throat. I was continually tortured with water running from the mouth.

I had consulted Professor Leigman, in the Schiller Building; Dr. Parsons, on Halsted and Forty-seventh Streets; Dr. Reilly, on Halsted near Thirty-ninth Street, and others whose names and addresses I do not remember.

After spending time and money, I was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse.

The first time I heard Dr. Dowie I believed every word of the teaching, and obeyed in everything as it was shown me.

Today I am a well woman, able to attend to my household duties and children.

Two years ago I had an attack of the grip and got healing for that without leaving any effects of the disease.

The following summer I was learning to ride a bicycle, from which I fell and seriously injured my spine, causing extreme pain, chills and fever, from all of which I was delivered when the Elder prayed with me.

At the time I heard Dr. Dowie at first, along with the other troubles, I had suffered for years with constipation. I got perfect healing for that.

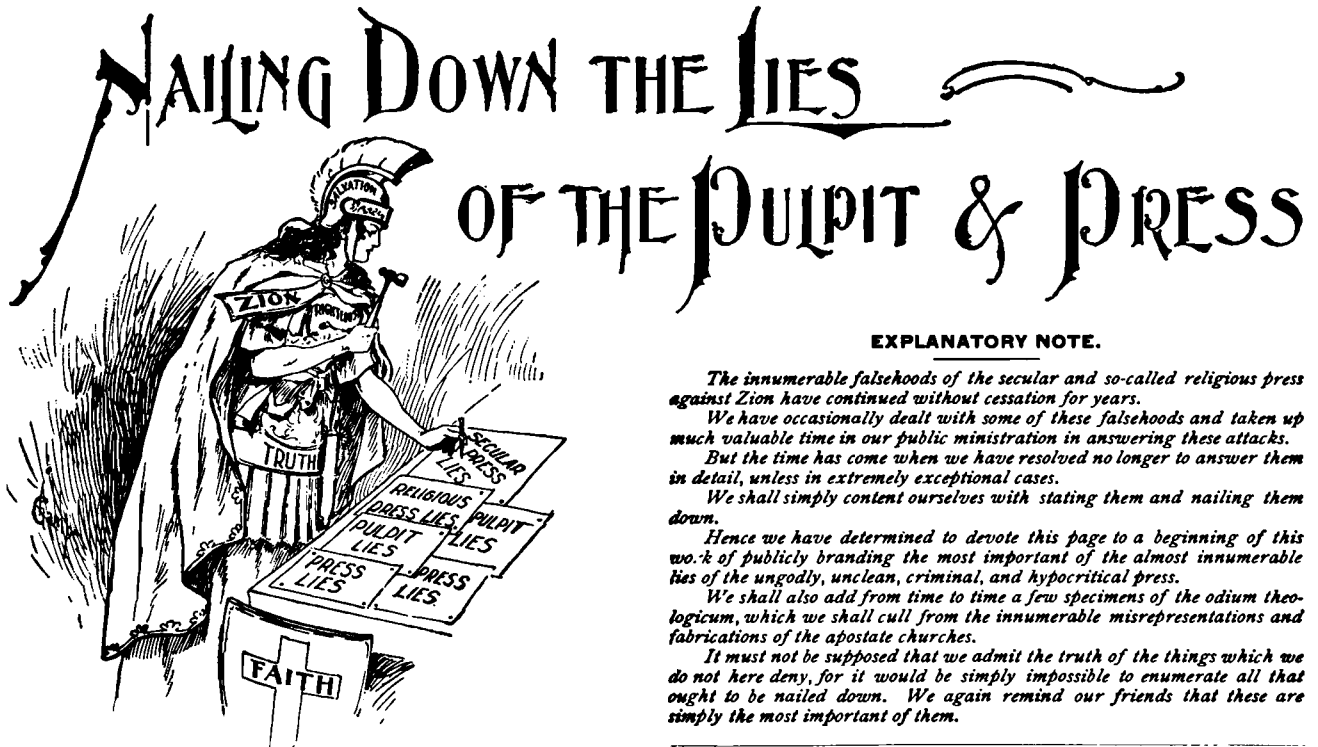
Now when any trouble occurs in our family, we pray, and if the answer is delayed, we follow the instructions given in James 5:14, to call for an Elder. I thank God that we are a united house.

I feel that words cannot express my gratitude to God that He sent Dr. Dowie to teach us the truth, for we were blindly led astray in the Methodist and Lutheran churches, my husband being Methodist and I Lutheran.

Now we are all united in Zion.

We thank Dr. Dowie for his kindness and courage in fighting all enemies of the truth till Zion is established.

Yours in Jesus' Name, (MRS.) ROSE WILLIAMS



#### Lies of the Secular Press Nailed Down.

The following papers published wicked, false statements concerning the General Overseer and party in Europe:

Fairmont (Minnesota) *Independent*, October 4, 1900.  
 Winnebago City (Minnesota) *News*, October 6, 1900.  
 Hebron Lake (Minnesota) *Times*, October 6, 1900.

The following papers published false statements concerning the illness of a child of one Mr. Myers, Rusonia, Ohio; also false statements alleging that Mr. Meyers is a member of the Christian Catholic Church. According to our knowledge he has never been a member:

Toledo (Ohio) *Bee*, October 6, 1900.  
 Toledo (Ohio) *Blade*, October 6, 1900.  
 Columbus (Ohio) *Post*, October 6, 1900.  
 Toledo (Ohio) *Times*, October 7, 1900.  
 Cincinnati (Ohio) *Times-Star*, October 7, 1900.  
 Cleveland (Ohio) *Press*, October 7, 1900.  
 Columbus (Ohio) *Journal*, October 12, 1900.

The following papers published distorted accounts of the visit of Deacons Lee and Kessler to Mansfield, Ohio, on Lord's Day, October 7, 1900:

Delphos (Ohio) *Courant*, October 6, 1900.  
 Mansfield (Ohio) *Shield*, October 8, 1900.  
 Mansfield (Ohio) *News*, October 8, 1900.  
 Waukegan (Illinois) *Sun*, October 8, 1900.  
 Logansport (Indiana) *Reporter*, October 8 and 9, 1900.  
 Columbus (Ohio) *Dispatch*, October 8, 1900.  
 Columbus (Ohio) *Journal*, October 8, 1900.  
 Indianapolis (Indiana) *Press*, October 10, 1900.  
 Waukegan (Illinois) *Sun*, October 13, 1900.

The following papers contained false statements, alleging that one Rev. C. E. Davis, who, according to our knowledge, is not a member of the Christian Catholic Church, and several other Zion Elders will hold meetings in Southern Ohio:

Columbus (Ohio) *Post*, October 8, 1900.  
 Columbus (Ohio) *Journal*, October 8, 1900.  
 Mansfield (Ohio) *News*, October 8, 1900.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE.

The innumerable falsehoods of the secular and so-called religious press against Zion have continued without cessation for years.

We have occasionally dealt with some of these falsehoods and taken up much valuable time in our public ministrations in answering these attacks.

But the time has come when we have resolved no longer to answer them in detail, unless in extremely exceptional cases.

We shall simply content ourselves with stating them and nailing them down.

Hence we have determined to devote this page to a beginning of this work of publicly branding the most important of the almost innumerable lies of the ungodly, unclean, criminal, and hypocritical press.

We shall also add from time to time a few specimens of the odium theological, which we shall cull from the innumerable misrepresentations and fabrications of the apostate churches.

It must not be supposed that we admit the truth of the things which we do not here deny, for it would be simply impossible to enumerate all that ought to be nailed down. We again remind our friends that these are simply the most important of them.

The following papers published false statements concerning the General Overseer's Mission in London, England:

London (England) *Weekly Dispatch*, September 16, 1900.  
 London (England) *Daily Mail*, September 17, 1900.  
 Washington (D. C.) *Post*, October 8, 1900.  
 Waukegan (Illinois) *Sun*, October 8, 1900.  
 Mansfield (Ohio) *News*, October 8, 1900.  
 Mansfield (Ohio) *Shield*, October 8, 1900.  
 Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) *Item*, October 8, 1900.  
 Pittsburg (Pennsylvania) *News*, October 8, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *American*, October 8, 9 and 17, 1900.  
 Kansas City (Missouri) *World*, October 9, 1900.  
 Columbus (Ohio) *Citizen*, October 9, 1900.  
 Des Moines (Iowa) *Register*, October 9, 1900.  
 Mansfield (Ohio) *News*, October 9, 11 and 12, 1900.  
 Waukegan (Illinois) *Sun*, October 10, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Record*, October 11, 16 and 17, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Tribune*, October 11, 16 and 17, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Inter Ocean*, October 11 and 17, 1900.  
 Mansfield (Ohio) *Shield*, October 11, 1900.  
 Toledo (Ohio) *News*, October 11, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Post*, October 13, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Record*, October 13, 1900.  
 Indianapolis (Indiana) *Press*, October 13, 1900.  
 Minneapolis (Minnesota) *Journal*, October 13, 1900.  
 Cleveland (Ohio) *Plain Dealer*, October 13, 1900.  
 St. Paul (Minnesota) *Dispatch*, October 13, 1900.  
 New York (New York) *Journal*, October 13, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Times-Herald*, October 14, 1900.  
 Waukegan (Illinois) *Sun*, October 14, 1900.  
 Pittsburg (Pennsylvania) *Commercial-Gazette*, October 15, 1900.  
 Buffalo (New York) *Courier*, October 15, 1900.  
 Minneapolis (Minnesota) *Times*, October 15, 1900.  
 Waukegan (Illinois) *Sun*, October 16, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Journal*, October 16, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Times-Herald*, October 16, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Chronicle*, October 17, 1900.

The following papers published false statements concerning the illness of Mrs. Mary Schwartz, Fremont, Ohio:

Toledo (Ohio) *Blade*, October 9, 1900.

Columbus (Ohio) *Press*, October 10, 1900.

The following papers published distorted accounts of the visit of Elder Williams, Evangelist Loblaw, and Deacons Lee and Kessler to Mansfield, Ohio, on Lord's Day, October 14, 1900:

Logansport (Indiana) *Journal*, October 14, 1900.

Logansport (Indiana) *Reporter*, October 15, 1900.

Chicago (Illinois) *Record*, October 15, 1900.

Chicago (Illinois) *News*, October 15, 1900.

Chicago (Illinois) *American*, October 15, 1900.

Chicago (Illinois) *Inter Ocean*, October 15, 1900.

Chicago (Illinois) *Times-Herald*, October 15, 1900.

Mansfield (Ohio) *Shield*, October 15 and 16, 1900.

Mansfield (Ohio) *News*, October 15 and 16, 1900.

Waukegan (Illinois) *Sun*, October 16, 1900.

Chicago (Illinois) *Inter Ocean*, October 16, 17 and 18, 1900.

Chicago (Illinois) *Tribune*, October 17, 1900.

Chicago (Illinois) *Chronicle*, October 17, 1900.

Chicago (Illinois) *Times-Herald*, October 18, 1900.

The following papers published distorted reports of a few remarks by the General Overseer concerning his relations to Great Britain and America; also other distorted accounts of the General Overseer's Mission in London:

Chicago (Illinois) *Chronicle*, October 15, 1900.

Chicago (Illinois) *American*, October 15, 1900.

Chicago (Illinois) *Record*, October 15, 1900.

Indianapolis (Indiana) *Press*, October 15, 1900.

Merrill (Wisconsin) *News and Herald*, September 17, 1900—Distorted account of the visit of Elders Moot and Basinger to Mansfield, Ohio; also false statements concerning the illness of Mary Stenhoffer, Toledo, Ohio.

Londonderry (Ireland) *Sentinel*, September 22, 1900—Wickedly false statements, alleging that the General Overseer's visit to Europe is for the purpose of obtaining converts with money.

Scranton (Pennsylvania) *Scrantonian*, September 30, 1900—An utterly groundless and horribly foul and indecent false statement, alleging that a Zion Elder baptised candidates who were nude. When informed of the falsity of this statement the *Scrantonian* published a few lines of retraction in an obscure portion of the paper.

Lima (Ohio) *Times-Democrat*, October 1, 1900—Distorted account of the visit of Zion Elders to Mansfield, Ohio, on Lord's Day, September 30, 1900.

Memphis (Tennessee) *Commercial Appeal*, October 2, 1900—An editorial article containing false statements concerning the General Overseer and the recent Mansfield troubles.

Pittsburg (Pennsylvania) *Banner*, October 4, 1900—An editorial article containing wickedly false statements concerning the General Overseer and the recent trouble in Mansfield, Ohio.

Greensburg (Indiana) *Review*, October 4, 1900—Maliciously false statement purported to have been made by one "Schrader," alleging that the General Overseer makes charges for his ministry.

Upper Sandusky (Ohio) *Union*, October 4, 1900—False statements, alleging that Zion has received a great reverse in Lima, Ohio, through Mrs. Bert McClintock denouncing the faith. According to our knowledge, she never was a member of the Christian Catholic Church.

Sedalia (Missouri) *Democrat*, October 4, 1900—False statement (copied from the *Chicago Chronicle*), alleging that Mrs. Mary Nelson, who refused the services of a physician when dying, was a member of the Christian Catholic Church. According to our knowledge she has never been a member.

Bowling Green (Ohio) *Sentinel*, October 5, 1900—Editorial article containing wickedly false statements, alleging that Elder Fockler reflected upon the chastity of Mansfield women.

Victoria (British Columbia) *In Black and White*, October 6, 1900—Vile and vulgar false statements concerning the street meetings held by Elder Brooks in Victoria.

London (England) *Sunday Companion*, October 6, 1900—An illustrated article, purporting to be a description of the work in Zion. The article, while in the main true and fair, contains many false statements concerning the General Overseer.

Mansfield (Ohio) *News*, October 6, 1900—An editorial article, signed by W. S. Capellar, the editor, falsely alleging that Overseer Piper's letter to the *Ohio State Journal* (of which he also received a copy), defending Zion in Mansfield, Ohio, was not fit to be published. Overseer Piper was simply compelled to use certain terms in his letter to the *Ohio State Journal* which had already been used in that paper, and were given to the *Journal* by Mr. Capellar in an interview published in that paper.

San Francisco (California) *Call*, October 7, 1900—A long editorial article concerning the Mansfield affair, in the main fair, but containing ridiculously false statements, alleging that the General Overseer is "a pious fraud" and may be doing harm to "weak-minded" people.

St. Louis (Missouri) *Post-Dispatch*, October 7, 1900—A long sensational article, full of maliciously false statements concerning the ministry of Zion Elders in Mansfield, Ohio. The article contains a deliberate lie, alleging that Elder Basinger (who never spoke in Mansfield) reflected on the chastity of Mansfield women. Also false statements, alleging that Elders Moot and Basinger promised never to return to Mansfield, Ohio.

Springfield (Ohio) *Sun*, October 8, 1900—An editorial article falsely alleging that Zion is to blame for the recent trouble in Mansfield, Ohio.

Mansfield (Ohio) *News*, October 8, 1900—An editorial "squibb," full of maliciously false statements concerning the General Overseer's Mission in London, England.

Chicago (Illinois) *Journal*, October 8, 1900—An editorial article, falsely alleging that the General Overseer's Mission in London, England, is for the purpose of making money.

London (England) *Express*, October 8, 1900—False statements, alleging that the General Overseer intends to ride into Jerusalem on a donkey; also false statements concerning the General Overseer's Mission in London, England.

Mansfield (Ohio) *News*, October 9, 1900—Ridiculously false statements, alleging that Zion Elders were sent to Mansfield, Ohio, to seek cheap notoriety.

Altoona (Pennsylvania) *Tribune*, October 11, 1900—False statements, alleging that Zion members are "cranks and their faith a delusion and a snare."

Chicago (Illinois) *News*, October 11, 1900—Untrue account of the visit of prominent citizens of Mansfield, Ohio, to Overseers Piper, Speicher and Mason.

Vineland (New Jersey) *News*, October 12, 1900—Wicked and maliciously false statements, containing many illogical conclusions concerning the General Overseer, the teachings of the Christian Catholic Church and Zion's Seventies.

Waukegan (Illinois) *Sun*, October 13, 1900—False statements concerning Zion Lace Industries.

Mansfield (Ohio) *News*, October 15, 1900—A long article, purporting to be a sermon delivered by Rev. C. Conkling, of Mansfield, Ohio, on Lord's Day, October 14, 1900. The article is full of maliciously false statements concerning the General Overseer and the teachings of the Christian Cath-

olic Church in Zion, and was written for the avowed purpose of inducing members of the Christian Catholic Church in Mansfield to renounce the General Overseer.

#### Lies of the Religious Press Nailed Down.

- The Michigan Christian Advocate*, Detroit, Michigan, August 11, 1900—False statements, alleging that the General Overseer has not won the confidence of any sober-minded citizens.
- Ungdomens Tidning* (Swedish), Burlington, Iowa, September 15, 1900—False statements concerning the General Overseer's movements in London, England.
- The Elworth Herald*, Chicago, Illinois, September 15, 1900—An editorial article containing ridiculously false statements concerning the General Overseer's teachings.
- The Gospel Messenger*, Elgin, Illinois, September 29, 1900—False statement, alleging that "the followers of Dowie" are not conducting themselves in some respects as Christian people should, and that they are mainly to blame for much of the persecution in Mansfield, Ohio.
- Hemlandet* (Swedish), Chicago, Illinois, October 3, 1900—False statement, alleging that the General Overseer is a false prophet.
- Western Christian Advocate*, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 3, 1900—False statements, alleging that the leaders in the Christian Catholic Church are ignorant, vulgar, blatant, coarse, vituperative, defamatory.
- The Christian Apologete* (German), Cincinnati, Ohio, October 4, 1900—A long list of the most villainous lies concerning the General Overseer and the work in Zion.
- The Methodist Christian Advocate*, Nashville, Tennessee, October 4, 1900—Malicious and wickedly false statements, alleging that there is nothing good to be said of "Dowieism" and that his followers are either cunning knaves or silly fools.
- Christian Standard*, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 6, 1900—False statement, alleging that Zion Elders who were mobbed at Mansfield, Ohio, were "dupes of a quack healer and reformer."

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### DEACON DANIEL SLOAN'S OCTOBER ITINERARY.

VISITATION will be confined to points in Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa. He will visit Branches and Gatherings of Zion, holding conferences and interviews and giving the Stereopticon Panorama of Zion and Exhibit of Zion City, to which the members and friends of Zion residing within a radius of twenty-five miles are urgently invited to join heartily and receive the inspiration which these meetings will impart.

The dates and places of visitation will be as follows:

October 27th and 28th, Forest City, Iowa.

October 29th and 30th, Waterloo, Iowa.

October 31st and November 1st, Davenport, Iowa.

Unless called to join the General Overseer the 1st of November, visitations during November and December will be continued to other points in Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri, closing the itinerary and visitation the last of December.

Beginning with April, missions to Zion will again possibly be taken up, visiting points in Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Ontario, Minnesota and Iowa, and possibly in the East, including Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, etc.

### ITINERARY OF DEACON DANIEL SLOAN.

The following are the proposed places of visitation of Deacon Daniel Sloan to the Branches and Gatherings of Zion, with such additional places en route as may apply and be arranged for, where hearty coöperation is assured and plans perfected for a profitable mission:

Forest City, Iowa.	Menominee, Michigan.	Sterling, Kansas.
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Warton, Ontario.	Lawrence, Kansas.	Cambridge, Ohio.
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.	Eskridge, Kansas.	Mt. Sterling, Ohio.
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FOR TOPOGRAPHIC MAP of Zion City Site, see THE COMING CITY of August 22d. Price, ten cents, by mail, postpaid.





REV. F. A. GRAVES, SUPERINTENDENT.

AND I WILL take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion.—Jeremiah 3:14.

ZION is a word very dear to the hearts of the members of the Christian Catholic Church. You notice the hymn for this week, "Zion Stands With Hills Surrounded."

Zion, although distinctly an Old Testament word, is used seven or eight times in the New Testament, and the last time it is used is by John in Revelations 14:1, in speaking of Jesus the Lamb on Mount Zion. It is found in the Old Testament about one hundred and fifty times. It means fortress, or refuge.

In thinking of Zion, remember that it has two meanings, namely: The City of God, and the Kingdom of God.

Today we use the word Zion in a broad and a narrow sense. In a broad sense when we say that all who serve and obey God are in Zion; in a narrow sense when we refer to the present organization known as Zion. It is a company of people whom God has called together to do a specific work.

That work is to preach the Full Gospel of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living, for spirit, soul and body, that the people may be prepared for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

I want all of the Juniors to love the name of Zion, for it stands for safety and purity and prosperity.

Zion was the name of a city built upon hills and surrounded by hills. Its common name was Jerusalem. The southern hill upon which Jerusalem was built was called Mount Zion. Another name was City of David.

While David was not born there, he lived there as King, and was buried there.

The Jews, who were God's peculiar people, loved Jerusalem, or Zion, very much. It was their great city in which to assem-

ble. They came in large numbers from the surrounding country to celebrate the various feasts during the year.

Notice some of the language used to describe their love and estimation of Zion:

Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth,  
Is Mount Zion, on the sides of the north,  
The city of the great King.—Psalm 48:2.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God hath shined forth.—Psalm 50:2.

Notice what God thinks of Zion:

The Lord hath chosen Zion.—Psalm 132:13.

The Lord hath founded  
Zion.—Isaiah 14:32.

The Lord hath built up  
Zion.—Psalm 102:16.

The Lord hath comforted  
Zion.—Isaiah 51:3.

The Lord loveth the gates  
of Zion.—Psalm 87:2.

The Lord dwelleth in  
Zion.—Joel 3:21.

The Lord whose fire is in  
Zion.—Isaiah 31:9.

The Lord shall fight for  
Zion.—Isaiah 31:4.

Now God is calling out a people to build another Zion City. It is located half way between Chicago and Milwaukee, near Waukegan.

It contains over six thousand acres of land.

This is the earthly Zion that many are looking forward to; a City in which God shall dwell.

A City in which no unnecessary work shall be done on the Lord's Day.

A City in which there shall be no swine's flesh.

A City in which there shall be no drugs nor medicines.

A City in which no tobacco or liquor of any kind can be bought.

A City in which coöperation shall be the business watchword; God's people coöperating for the upbuilding of God's Kingdom.

A City where the sick may come from all parts of the earth to learn of God as the Healer of His people.

Jeremiah writes, "Because of swearing the land mourneth."

There must be no profane talking in Zion City.

### ZION STANDS WITH HILLS SURROUNDED.

DR. THOS. HASTINGS



1 Zion stands with hills surrounded,  
Zion kept by power Divine;  
All her foes shall be confounded,  
Though the world in arms combine:  
Happy Zion,—  
What a favour'd lot is thine!

2 Every human tie may perish;  
Friend to friend unfaithful prove;  
Mothers cease their own to cherish;  
Heaven and earth at last remove;  
But no changes  
Can attend Jehovah's love.

3 In the furnace God may prove thee,  
Thence to bring thee forth more bright,  
But can never cease to love thee;  
Thou art precious in His sight:  
God is with thee,—  
God, thine Everlasting Light.

# ZION'S BIBLE CLASS.

CONDUCTED BY DEACON DANIEL SLOAN.

## SUGGESTIVE NOTES FOR THE USE OF ZION'S BIBLE CLASS OUTLINES

Reply at once if you are using Zion's Bible Class Studies in a regular Zion Gathering anywhere and are trying through their use to help others to "A HOLIER LIFE FOR GOD." Write Deacon Sloan how long and where you have been doing this work, that be may by prayer, special helps and counsel come closer to you in your own life and comprehension of the Truth, and be, perhaps, of inspiration and assistance, possibly by an occasional personal letter to all who, as Bible Workers in Zion, are striving for the faith once delivered. Add your name to the list.

Elders, Evangelists, Deacons and Deaconesses, as well as Conductors of Zion Gatherings, should, together with every member and friend of Zion, use Zion's Bible Class studies in their personal study of the Holy Scriptures, and also in the family gathering as well as in Seventy work and cottage meetings. The scope of these lessons is covering the teachings of God's Word concerning every relation of life, as well as blessed fellowship in spirit, soul and body with a Triune God. To neglect this is to despise opportunities. To push it aside is to count something else more important. Not to meditate on God's Word day and night, as well as to read it, grasping the sense and cultivating an understanding heart, means you do not wish God's richest blessing upon you and the greatest success to come from your labors.

Study Zion's Bible Class Lesson Daily. At family prayers let each member read a division of a lesson, the leader afterward asking the questions noted, receiving the answer in Scripture language with the particular verses used. An unfinished lesson can be continued at the next prayer season. Arrange in your home regularly some evening or Sunday afternoon a meeting, inviting in a few neighbors and friends, and with them study the lesson according to the plan above suggested, and recount to them the work God is doing in Zion. Above all, read carefully when all alone the Scripture cited in each lesson, marking a line around the same in your Bible, praying ever that God may bless the Word read to your own heart and life and enable you to speak it faithfully to others to their own good or admonition. Ever obey God and His Word will come with increasing light.

The Seed is the Word of God and the Field is the World. Therefore go ye and preach the Gospel to every creature; which means that people must be touched at home centers. Divide your town into two or more divisions, your city into smaller sections by streets, your township into districts by roads, and then begin and systematically follow up a house-to-house visitation with short calls. Give a small Zion tract or a copy of LEAVES OF HEALING or A VOICE FROM ZION.

Do not argue or controvert with people, but in cheerfulness of spirit and glow of countenance extend the literature with supplication in spirit and a "God bless you." Where your peace is returned, note all such places, together with the names of the parties.

Continue then in thus so doing, and you will not have gone over a very large or compact area by such thorough and systematic work until you have found material enough near at hand for an occasional Cottage Prayer Meeting in some home which may open to you.

Then you will follow this up in due time with a Zion Bible Class Gathering in a home centrally located. This Gathering will be continued regularly each week with great blessing and profit to all who attend. If it is persevered in, it will ultimately grow into a strong Zion Assembly, and eventually become a Branch Church, with an Elder-in-Charge.

Every member, however, must set aside a time for doing this preliminary work. Where there are only a few members in a place, the division of the territory must be planned in conference with the Conductor of the Gathering or the Elder-in-Charge, or whoever else may be appointed by the General Overseer at Headquarters as the representative to thus have charge of Zion's affairs. An understanding will then enable every one to set about this work in an orderly way, reaching every home as speedily as possible, without two or more persons working in conflict or covering the same territory.

This is Christ's method of evangelization as outlined in the Gospels, and will win victory for God every time, in every place and by every person who is deeply consecrated to Him in discipleship.

The day has come when this must be done. Those who refuse to do it are cursed with a curse, for God says: "Woe unto those who are at ease in Zion."

### How a Zion Bible Class Lesson is Prepared May Interest You.

Aside from years of close study of the Bible and special capacity and gift from God for teaching, comes first the choosing of subjects within the scope of Scripture truth. Then comes their development and logical arrangement in outline, with the Scripture bearing upon the same which appears in the unfolding of a subject.

All the Scripture thus suggested is arranged in order by clipping and pasting, so that all verses pertaining to a given lesson fall under the eye at once.

It is then carefully weighed and the emphasis given it is considered. Thoughtfully the questions are prepared, bringing out and enforcing the phases or special truth of the subject, which, when done, complete the manuscript.

After this the lesson's outline is dictated and typewritten. The copy is then gone over carefully, modified or strengthened for greater force or clearness. It is then handed to the printer.

After being put in type, it is again considered carefully for final form or correction. All of this for a single week's outlines requires hours of time under prayer, preparation and Divine guidance. It is done that the thousands who each week read, and who believe increasingly study these lessons, may receive the greatest possible blessing from God through the power of His Word and thus extend the Kingdom of God in these days of the Restoration of His Church to its primitive power and usefulness. God is raising up a people and has commanded that the Truth be known, for He says: "Say unto Zion, thou art My people."

### A True Use of Sabbath Day Hours.

They should be improved well by every member and friend of Zion. The Bible Class Lesson outline should, with the Bible in hand, be gone over carefully and prayerfully, and the sermon by the General Overseer should also be attentively read. Assemble, sometime during the day, your own family. Invite in, if possible, those who want to know God in power, or desire from Him some blessing for spirit, soul or body. Where this is not possible, go where the sick and sinful, poor and neglected are, who have tasted only of the bitterness of life, and open up to them the Gospel which Jesus commanded should be preached to the poor. Where there are two or more members of Zion near you, do not fail to regularly come together sometime during the Lord's Day. Pray and speak with one another, and study together the Bible Class Lesson and talk over the marvelous doings of God in Zion. DO NOT OFFEND GOD BY GOING TO SOME CHURCH SERVICE WHERE GOD IS EVER DISHONORED AS THE HEALER, CLEANSER, KEEPER AND PROSPERER OF HIS PEOPLE. Do not go to hear His truth perverted by the cry of Peace, Peace, when sudden destruction is so near because of the prevalent wickedness of the world, which, with a worldly Church, is becoming more and more corrupt. Do not go where scoffing is everywhere heard from so-called Christians at the imminent coming of "the great God and Saviour Jesus Christ." He will receive unto Himself only those who look for Him; even Zion, whom He is now calling into Purity and Holy Living, who daily, in obedience to Her Lord, whatever the cost may be, is thus making herself ready to soon become the BRIDE OF CHRIST AT HIS APPEARING.

## MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS LESSON, NOVEMBER 7th or 8th.

### Why Failure Comes.

1. *Through not obeying God in all things.*—Deuteronomy 28:15-25.  
Does not to obey God mean life?  
Will to disobey Him bring curses?  
What is the result of disobeying commands?
2. *Through defying God by godless practices.*—Isaiah 1:5-9.  
Do godless practices in eating injure one?  
Do godless practices in dressing help one?  
Do godless practices in marriage relations curse one?
3. *Through backsliding and apostate relations.*—Amos 4:4-13.  
Can one be very religious and be very sinful secretly?  
Can one seem to be very liberal and be very selfish?  
Can one pay tithes and refrain from pork and yet be sinful?
4. *Through depending upon worldly means, and not God, for aid.*—Hosea 7:11-16.  
Is a Christian to pattern after the ungodly?  
What is it to turn the back on God?  
True prayer comes from where?
5. *Through withholding from God and His House His due.*—Malachi 1:6-14.  
What does God require from us?  
Can He bless the body if the spirit is wrong?  
Must what we do be from the heart to be acceptable?
6. *Through association and compacts with ungodly men.*—Jeremiah 5:25-31.  
How does sin defeat one?  
Can a Church be blessed with wicked men in it?  
How deceitful can social and marriage relations become?
7. *Through unconfessed sins and wicked practices.*—2 Chronicles 6:22-31.  
Does God hear those who love sin?  
What besides death does sin bring?  
Does a righteous life mean plenty?
8. *Through dishonoring God's House and living for self and vain pleasures.*—Haggai 1:7-11.  
Can you find fault with your way of living?  
Do you live more for self than for God?  
Do you build better houses for yourself than God has?  
*The Lord Our God is a Blessing-Withholding God*

## SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS LESSON, NOVEMBER 11th.

### Business Failures Can be Impossible.

1. *God's Covenant cannot be broken.*—Hosea 2:18-23.  
Whom did God make man to have dominion over?  
Why did God create man at all?  
How does true prayer open heaven?
2. *God's blessings cannot be defeated.*—Deuteronomy 28:1-10.  
How is a man to live to get blessing?  
Count up the blessings you may enjoy?  
What does Holy Living count with God?
3. *God's mercy is in inexhaustible fulness.*—Psalm 118:1-9.  
Because God is good, what does He do?  
Because God is love, what may we enjoy?  
Because God is merciful, what may we have?
4. *God's power is unquestionably great.*—Amos 4:6-12.  
Can God withhold as well as give?  
Can God bless one man and not bless another near him?  
Can God make rain fall on one field and not another?
5. *God's Word is rich in unshaken promises.*—Mark 10:28-31.  
Is to give up for God to get from Him?  
Is it Christianlike to become bankrupt?  
Why do many not want to get increase in God's way?
6. *God's Son is now here in all power.*—Romans 8:28-39.  
What is it to love God truly?  
What does God give with Christ?  
When God's blessing is on a man, what will he get?
7. *God's Spirit will make Him known in wondrous grace.*—2 Peter 1:2-10.  
Does not God want one to be rich in faith?  
Does not God want us to know Him better?  
Then what will His Divine power give?  
*God's Holy People are a God-Blessed People.*

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Baptized in Wisconsin by Elder Kennedy	8	97 193
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The following-named twenty-one believers were baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle, Wednesday evening, October 17, 1900, by Deacon S. P. Fogwill:

Davis, Miss Florence	18 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois
Eichholz, Maria Lena	737 Ogden Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Hays, Veda	Bradley, Illinois
Hinds, Mrs. Carrie A.	Morristown, Indiana
Howard, Charles	2442 State Street, Chicago, Illinois
Jensen, Miss Caroline	1635 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Jessen, Mrs. Lavinda	825 Sheffield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Keller, Henry	529 North Ridgeway Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Keller, Mrs. Carrie	529 North Ridgeway Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Keller, Master Eddie	529 North Ridgeway Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Keller, Master Henry	529 North Ridgeway Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Keller, Miss Laura	529 North Ridgeway Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Keller, Master Louis	529 North Ridgeway Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Leach, Miss Maud	Kankakee, Illinois
Miller, H. Pomeroy	5560 Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois
Ortwig, Mrs. Martha L.	6042 Justine Street, Chicago, Illinois
Smith, Mrs. Sarah	Morristown, Indiana
Stutenroth, Master Lloyd L.	2310 Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Stutenroth, Master Raymond	2310 Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Stutenroth, Robert T.	2310 Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Tilman, Mrs. Swedie	3024 Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois

The following-named five believers were baptized at Bay City, Michigan, Wednesday, October 10, 1900, by Elder S. H. Stokes:

Allen, Mrs. Elizabeth	306 Thirty-ninth Street, South Bay City, Michigan
Allen, Master George D.	306 Thirty-ninth Street, South Bay City, Michigan
Allen, Master William J.	306 Thirty-ninth Street, South Bay City, Michigan
Deming, William	411 Ingraham Street, South Bay City, Michigan
Plato, Mrs. Annie	306 Thirty-ninth Street, South Bay City, Michigan

The following-named five believers were baptized at Waupaca, Wisconsin, Lord's Day, October 14, 1900, by Elder E. B. Kennedy:

Christianson, Mrs. Lena A.	Marshfield, Wisconsin
Faulks, Miss Flora	Waupaca, Wisconsin
Peterson, Miss Lettie Amelia	Waupaca, Wisconsin
Rasmussen, Miss Lucy	Ogdensburg, Wisconsin
Wilson, Mrs. Christina	Waupaca, Wisconsin

The following-named ten believers were baptized at East Towas, Michigan, Friday, October 12, 1900, by Elder S. H. Stokes:

Erns, John	Silome, Michigan
Norris, Master Chester	Mclvor, Michigan
Norris, Edward	Mclvor, Michigan
Norris, Miss Esther	Mclvor, Michigan
Norris, Joseph	Mclvor, Michigan
Norris, Thomas	Mclvor, Michigan
Norris, William	Mclvor, Michigan
Pierson, Charles H.	East Towas, Michigan
Steffler, Fred A.	East Towas, Michigan
Steffler, Mrs. Nettie	East Towas, Michigan

The following-named four believers were baptized in Kalamazoo River, Augusta, Michigan, Monday, October 15, 1900, by Deacon W. B. Kindle:

Gutches, Addison	Kalamazoo, Michigan
Harrison, Francis	Kalamazoo, Michigan
Kindle, Frederick Loba	Kalamazoo, Michigan
Kindle, Marion Bowman	Kalamazoo, Michigan

The following-named three believers were baptized at Ogdensburg, Wisconsin, Tuesday, October 16, 1900, by Elder E. B. Kennedy:

Darrow, Miss Frances A.	Ogdensburg, Wisconsin
Darrow, Miss Rosa M.	Ogdensburg, Wisconsin
Darrow, Mrs. Sophia M.	Ogdensburg, Wisconsin

The following-named two believers were baptized at Sheldon Schoolhouse, near Dodge City, Kansas, Saturday, September 29, 1900, by Elder D. A. Keed:

Dickerson, Mrs. Sarah E.	Fort Dodge, Kansas
Metcalf, Mrs. Virginia Lee	Dodge City, Kansas

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FAMILY DELIVERED FROM FALSE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE AND HEALED.

AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE.

The truth as taught in Zion made this family free from error, sin and disease.

Like many others, they had believed that Jesus was the Healer of His people. They had learned that truth from their Bible.

They saw that physicians and drugs could not heal disease.

The churches taught them the lie that God made people sick and that the doctors made them well.

They knew it was a lie.

They looked for a place where the truth about Jesus as the Healer was taught.

The Devil had his counterfeit prepared to trap them.

It was Christian Science, falsely so-called.

This system pretends to be founded upon the Scriptures and to preach Christ as Saviour and Healer.

But it is in reality Unchristian, Antichristian, Self-contradictory, Illogical, Absurd, Mercenary and Immoral.

It is Unchristian, because it teaches that Jesus was not the Christ; that Christ is not a person, but a Divine principle.

In other words, it teaches a difference of identity between

Jesus and the Christ. It is Antichristian, because its teachings are opposed to the teachings of Jesus Christ.

He taught the inspiration of the Old Testament.

Christian Science teaches that the Old Testament is but a human writing; hence unreliable. He taught the existence of

Sin, Disease, Death and Hell, and the personality of Satan.

Christian Science teaches the non-existence of all these, including Satan.

Christ taught the personality of God the Father and God the Holy Spirit.

Christian Science teaches that they are but Principles.

Christ taught the Trinity of God.

Christian Science pretends to worship a dual god, a so-called "Father and Mother God."

Christian Science is self-contradictory, illogical and absurd, because, for instance, it teaches, in the same breath, that Adam is error, red sandstone, nothingness. Red sandstone is something, hence cannot be nothingness.

It teaches that its "mother," Mrs. Eddy, can heal a cancer, and at the same time teaches the non-existence of disease.

It is mercenary, because it is only taught, and its so-called "treatment" is only given for pay. The "mother" of the



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system, Mrs. Mary Baker Glover Eddy, states that she makes a charge of \$300 for a course of three weeks' "lessons."

It is immoral, because it teaches the non-existence of sin; an inversion of relations between man and woman, woman being made the head of the man.

Divorce on other than Scriptural grounds is countenanced and practiced by its leaders.

Although teaching and practicing these lies, Christian Science has gained some followers who are true, upright, conscientious Christian people.

They are led into it, as were these Witnesses, by a sincere belief in Jesus as Healer and a desire for more teaching.

Hence God, in His mercy, overlooks their ignorance and blindness, and because their hearts are right in His sight, heals them.

There have been a number of such healings among Christian Scientists.

It is God and not Christian Science who heals.

The healings indicate the presence of true children of God *among*, but not of, these teachers of diabolical lies.

That system is decaying and falling to the ground through its own absurdities.

God is bringing His true children out of her, as He is out of every false system, into His true Zion.

The truth about God is taught in Zion.

That truth makes them free.

It was thus that God brought out these Witnesses.

The father was defiling his body with nicotine and swine's flesh, and was wasting precious time and money on foolish and hurtful games.

The mother was rapidly going down to the grave with internal disease.

The little daughter was weak and almost a cripple, so that she could scarcely walk.

Christian Science utterly failed.

Then the Little White Dove came, bearing the wonderful Message of Truth.

Instantly they believed.

They saw the falsity of that lying system.

As soon as possible they came to Zion Home.

The father was delivered from his evil habits.

The mother was quickly healed and became the strong, healthy woman she is today.

The little daughter received almost instantaneous healing and strengthening.

The son has been healed of many childish ailments, all in the Name of Jesus, in the Power of the Holy Spirit, and in accordance with the Will of God the Heavenly Father, and in answer to the prayer of God's Messenger to Zion.

This was one of the first Zion families to make their home on Zion City Site, the father being an efficient member of Zion's Field Engineering Corps.

May God grant that their simple, straightforward, truthful testimony may be greatly used, by the Power of His Spirit, in the bringing of the light of truth to many in the darkness of error. When they know the truth, the truth *shall* make them free.

A. W. N.

#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF ABRAHAM DUCLO.

ZION CITY, ILLINOIS, September 17, 1900.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I praise God for His goodness to us, and send my testimony that it may be a blessing to others.

We first heard of Zion about two years ago. We were living in Colorado Springs at the time.

A friend handed us LEAVES OF HEALING.

When I read the first copy I said to my wife, "That is the way to teach the Bible."

We had been believers in Divine Healing for a number of years, but had failed to find any man who would preach the truth as Jesus taught His disciples.

We joined the Congregational Church, but we did not find God there. We withdrew and joined the Baptist Church; but that was no better.

Then we went into Christian Science.

When we received the true teaching on Divine Healing from Dr. Dowie, we quickly came out of Christian Science.

Our little girl Myrtle was very weak. She could walk only about a half block, then she would drop on the ground.

My father asked me to take her to a doctor to have a steel harness put on her.

I refused to have it done.

I knew that God did not intend His children to wear steel harnesses.

I determined to take her to Dr. Dowie. I knew that Dr. Dowie was a man of God or he could not preach the way he did.

On the 19th of October, 1898, we arrived at Zion Home.

The General Overseer prayed with Myrtle that morning, and that evening we went to Central Zion Tabernacle in a carriage.

On the evening of the 20th, Myrtle walked to the Tabernacle and back, which is over half a mile. She has been well ever since.

I was healed of inflammatory rheumatism, for which I praise God and bless His Holy Name.

Our little boy Arthur has also been healed many times in answer to our own prayers.

I was a vile sinner.

I was a pool-player, a card-player, a stinkpot and a swine's flesh-pot, but, thanks be to God, He has delivered me from all that through Dr. Dowie's teaching.

Now we are living on Zion City Site and intend to stay in Zion until Jesus comes.

We thank the General Overseer and Mrs. Dowie for their teaching.

Yours in Jesus' Name,

ABRAHAM DUCLO.

#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF MRS. MARY E. DUCLO.

ZION CITY, September 17, 1900.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I wish to add my testimony to what my husband has said.

What he has written is all true.

Before we went into Christian Science my husband had read the Bible a great deal.

He would tell me that it was of no use to have a doctor, but I could not see it that way. I told him that it must be that he wanted me to die.

O, how blind I was; we are so much better without a doctor, thank God.

When we joined Christian Science, God knew that we were seeking Divine Healing, because we were faithful and doing all we thought was right.

God had mercy on us, for I know that Christian Science is false teaching.

I do thank God for the General Overseer and his wonderful teaching which led us into the true Light for which we were seeking.

When we received the first copy of LEAVES OF HEALING I had been failing very fast for about two months. That was in the spring of 1898, and we could not go to Zion Home until fall.

I kept growing worse all summer.

I could get no help from Christian Science.

When we went to Zion Home in October, I was almost a walking skeleton.

I could not name the sickness I had because I had no doctor; but it was female disease of some kind.

We stayed in Zion Home one week.

It was the best week of my life.

Everything was so beautiful, and every face so sweet, it seemed as if it were heaven.

The teaching filled our hungry hearts with great joy and gladness.

We found what we had been seeking for.

I began to get better as soon as we got there.

The General Overseer and Mrs. Dowie and the Elders prayed with me.

I gained rapidly and have been improving ever since.

Zion teaching has taught us to understand the Bible better than ever before.

May God bless the General Overseer and his family and all in Zion.

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) MARY C. DUCLO.

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Faithfully thy friend and God's servant,

JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

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# GENERAL LETTER FROM THE GENERAL OVERSEER

The General Overseer Writes to Officers, Members and Friends of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion,  
Giving Divinely Guided Advice and Direction to Voters to Cast Their Ballots for  
William McKinley, and His Reasons Therefor.



HOTEL RUSSELL,  
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October 20, 1900.

TO THE OVERSEERS, ELDERS, OTHER OFFICERS, AND MEMBERS OF THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ZION THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO ALL FRIENDS OF ZION THEREIN:

"Grace, Mercy, and Peace from God the Father, and Christ Jesus our Lord, be unto you," in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

I write this special letter to you, my brethren and friends, in consequence of my promise to give you advice and direction in connection with the important duty of casting your votes at the forthcoming presidential election.

Ever since I left the United States on August 11th, there has not been a day in which the responsibility of this promise has not been most deeply felt. Indeed, I have often been tempted to wish that I had not undertaken such responsibility.

But the Christian Catholic Church in Zion is a part of the Universal Theocracy, the Kingdom of God, no matter under what form of government its members live.

God must rule in the Person of Christ our Lord as King over every land and nation.

I believe that I am, as General Overseer, divinely guided in my writing this letter of advice and direction.

Small and unimportant though it may seem, this action is one of the harbingers of the Coming of the King who will rule the Earth without ballots or bullets, and appoint rulers as He will.

Among the last words of David, King of Israel, are these:

The Spirit of the Lord spake by me,  
And His Word is upon my tongue.  
The God of Israel said,  
The Rock of Israel spake to me:  
HE THAT RULETH OVER MEN MUST BE JUST,  
RULING IN THE FEAR OF GOD.

These words set forth the true conception of a righteous Ruler for a great Nation, and especially a Nation which, although it does not recognize God in its Constitution, aspires to be considered a Christian Nation.

It cannot be doubted that God in His Infinite Mercy has given to the United States of America many presidents who have aimed to rule in this spirit for the most part from the foundation of the Republic, although men of contrary spirit have, beyond all doubt, often sat in the presidential chair

To continue the last words of David describing the Just Ruler, who rules in the fear of God, he said:

And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun rises,  
A morning without clouds;  
When the tender grass springeth out of the earth,  
Through clear shining after rain.

This beautiful description can, of course, only apply to a man who is truly a son of God, and therefore the final words of David in his dying song are these:

But the sons of Belial shall be all of them as thorns to be thrust away,  
For they cannot be taken with the hands;  
But the man that touches them  
Must be armed with iron and the staff of a spear;  
And they shall be utterly burned with fire in their place.

This terrible doom for all who worship Baal is righteous and will take place in its fulness when He shall come whose right it is to reign, Jesus our Lord and King, whose coming draweth nearer, and whom we serve, and for whose Kingdom we contend.

But meanwhile Zion must do her duty, and select from among the candidates for the presidency that man whose policy, if not whose person, will be for the best interests of the people, and therefore for the best interests of Zion.

If the vote of the members of the Christian Catholic Church throughout America were to be for the best man, and not the best policy, I could not give you the advice and direction which I now feel it my duty to give.

So far as I have been able to form a judgment as to candidates who are as yet untried, I would be more inclined to tell you to cast your votes for either the Prohibition or the Democratic candidate for the presidency.

But, inasmuch as it is not merely a question of men, but of righteous principles of government that is at stake, I am compelled by conscience and by God to say that it is, in my judgment, my duty, as General Overseer, to advise and, so far as I have the spiritual power, to direct you to vote for the Republican candidate, William McKinley.

I do this, despite the fact that he is a Freemason and a feeble ruler in many respects, and that he has been before all the country and the world most shamefully lacking in the fulfilment of the obligations imposed upon him by his oath to maintain some of the essential principles of the Constitution, especially those principles which require him to protect every citizen in the exercise of his civil and religious rights.

The shameful spectacle of the President of the United States and the Governor of the State of Ohio looking on calmly at the outrages in Mansfield, Ohio, by cruel mobs, under the leadership of the municipal and police authorities of that town, has branded both the President and

Governor as cowards who are afraid of mobs, especially when they are led by powerful political supporters.

When I reflect upon the shameful treatment of Zion's Elders, Evangelists and other officers, who simply went to Mansfield to minister to the members of the Christian Catholic Church there, and were guilty of no violation of municipal, State or national law; when I remember that they were cruelly beaten, stripped naked, in broad daylight, and paraded through the streets, and then received calmly by the Mayor of that town, who dared to speak of these mobs as "good citizens," I am utterly ashamed that this treatment could continue, and that the national and State Executives stand by, calmly saying, "We can do nothing."

This was not the conduct of a Washington, a Lincoln, or a Grant, and it was not the conduct of Grover Cleveland, who interfered when Chicago was in the grasp of anarchistic mobs.

I am in duty bound to say that the conduct of Mayor Huntington Brown, of Mansfield, and his Chief of Police, is in strong contrast to that of Mayor Carter Harrison and Chief of Police of Chicago, who afforded us the protection of the law and maintained order last year when riotous mobs attacked the West Side Zion Tabernacle, composed of thousands of medical students and other evil elements of society.

In fact, it is with extreme shame that I place the conduct of Republican rulers, both in national and municipal affairs, in contrast with that of Democratic rulers.

Hence in giving the friends of Zion my advice, and the members my direction, to vote for William McKinley, I cannot be charged with sacrificing the Nation's interest to my feelings of indignation against the President's failure to protect the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, which must eventually win, no matter what administration holds power, in the contest which now goes on in Mansfield.

God and the law are on our side, and we are content patiently to continue to bear persecutions until those whose duty it is to set the law in motion and to punish offenders, and give righteous protection, have acted as their oaths of office demand, or until they have been removed because of their failure to fulfil their duties in Mansfield.

With such an indictment against the Republican Administration, it may seem strange, at first sight, that I should give advice and direction to vote for the Republican candidate for the presidency, but I do so on these grounds:

*First.* The impossibility of electing a Prohibition candidate and the fact that every vote cast for such a candidate would be utterly lost.

*Second.* Because the declarations in the Chicago platform of the Democratic party in 1896, which have been reaffirmed by the Kansas City platform of 1900, contain principles that are dangerous in the extreme to the prosperity and good government of the United States.

*Third.* Because the Republican platform of both these years, 1896 and 1900, advocates the maintenance of laws and principles which are essential to the prosperity and good government of the country.

It would require a volume to give all the facts and reasonings in proof of these assertions.

I will, however, state several facts which in my judgment are of great importance.

Mr. Secretary Gage has shown beyond all question that Mr. Bryan would be able by an act of Executive power, were he elected President, to destroy the gold standard, inasmuch as it is within the power of the President to make treasury payments, etc., in silver, and thus, beyond all question, destroy the gold standard and wreck the financial and business interests of the United States.

There can be no reasonable doubt that Mr. Bryan would do this, inasmuch as he said at Knoxville, Tennessee, on September 16, 1896

"If there is *any one who believes the gold standard is a good thing*, or that it must be maintained, I warn him not to cast his vote for me, because *I promise him it will not be maintained in this country longer than I am able to get rid of it.*"

And these words, spoken four years ago, were confirmed recently at Topeka when he accepted the Populist nomination and said:

"If the fusion forces win a victory this fall, *we shall see the reform accomplished*"—he was speaking of monetary reform—"before the next presidential election, and with its accomplishment the people will find it easier to secure any remedial legislation which they may desire."

Whatever faults Mr. Bryan may have, I do not for a moment charge him with wilful dishonesty, and there are, undoubtedly, many things about him which would make him a splendid chief executive.

But if he were to carry out this programme, it would mean national dishonor, public robbery and business ruin, with its consequent misery to the working classes.

It would stop the wheels of industry in thousands of manufactories, and put an end, for the time, and for a long time, to the advanced position which the United States now occupies among the nations of the world.

The declaration of the Democratic platforms that all "public and private debts" may be discharged by payments made in a debased silver currency would simply mean shameful robbery: for the silver dollar is only accepted as a dollar because the United States practically guarantees that it shall be worth one hundred cents in gold.

The silver dollar is now intrinsically worth less than fifty cents, and the paper dollar is intrinsically not worth five cents, but both the silver and the paper dollar are worth one hundred cents as "tokens" of a gold standard.

Every dollar that has been invested in American securities by European investors would be immediately sought for in the event of Mr. Bryan's election to the presidency.

Between his election in November, 1900, and his installation in March, 1901, there can be no doubt that the most terrible financial panic which has ever visited the world would take place in the United States of America.

This must be prevented.

Again, the dangerous principles of the Chicago and Kansas City platforms would destroy, if carried out, the independence of one of the three great arms of national authority, namely: The Supreme Court of the United States.

The possibility of the presence of such men as ex-Judge Altgeld and others of his way of thinking, on the Bench of the United States, would be nothing short of a national calamity, and the lowering of that Court would be a blow at the life of the Nation.

The Constitution now provides for three arms of national authority, namely: Legislative, Executive, and Judicial; but if the Legislative and Executive destroy the independence of the Judicial, then there are no limits to the possibilities of national disintegration in the United States.

Again, the laws which give protection to American industry would be abolished by Democratic control, and the same evil consequences would follow as in 1892.

The terrible years of misery and disaster which followed the election of President Grover Cleveland in 1892, and the control of legislation by the Democratic party, will never be forgotten by those who passed through them.

These considerations are of such great moment that I do not hesitate to say it is, in my judgment, the duty of every member in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion to cast his vote for the Republican candidate for the presidency; and yet, as must be quite apparent, I give this counsel with extreme reluctance.

There seems to me to be no alternative, unless it be that of abstaining from voting altogether.

But that course I do not advise.

It seems to me to be cowardly and wrong for Christians to abstain from exercising their rights and duties as citizens, even when the candidate for whom they vote does not fully represent them.

That will be, in my judgment, an impossibility until voting is no more, and that will take place when Christ our King shall come.

He will select rulers, and that will be infinitely better than when men elect them.

The Rule of God will be infallibly right.

Meanwhile Zion while in the world, though not of it, must do its part to maintain good government, and help to prevent disastrous legislation.

I hope that the time will soon come when the fiscal and financial questions will have been settled in a permanently right way, and when all the Christian and best forces of the United States will co-operate in the election of a President and Legislature which will curb the powers of evil in every direction, and especially the filthy traffic

in intoxicating liquors, tobacco and other evil things.

But this day will never come until the Church is united in working only for the establishment of Zion, that is to say, the Kingdom of God.

Meanwhile you must each and all do your best as citizens.

I freely admit that I give this advice and direction with especial reference to the establishment of Zion City, and the earthly as well as the heavenly interests of all in Zion.

Poverty is a curse from which God, by their obedience to the Voice of Wisdom, will set His people free.

It would be wrong for Zion to withhold its vote and risk a repetition of the terrible scenes of 1893 and 1894, when idleness consequent upon the shutting down of manufactories in every part of the country, and the consequent financial disaster, brought about the conditions of hunger, poverty, misery and crime which were appalling to all who passed through these dark days.

I regret, my brethren, the impossibility of my further writing to you on this subject because of want of time.

Now, if any in Zion should think otherwise than I have herein advised and directed, I think they would err.

But they are, of course, within their rights as citizens if they think and act otherwise.

May God ever guide us, and enable the Christian Catholic Church in Zion at all times to march forward in her divinely directed path of duty.

Commending you, my brethren, and your dear wives and families, in all parts of this Nation, and commending the Nation itself, with all its diversities of thought and interests, to the care and protection of our Almighty God and Father in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, and earnestly praying that the Spirit of Peace and Wisdom may rest upon you at this time, I am

Faithfully your Friend and Fellow-servant in Jesus,



General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

**God Answers Before Prayer is Made.**

TINGLEY, IOWA, October 11, 1900.

REV. W. HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Brother in Christ:*—How we do thank the Lord that our little boy was healed before you received our letter!

How good it is to know that the Lord is answering while we are asking. Praise His Holy Name.

We thank you for your prayers.

May God guide and keep you.

Your Brother and Sister in Christ,

EDWARD AND SADIE HAMPSON.

**God Sends Rain in Answer to Prayer.**

DIVIDE, COLORADO, September 30, 1900.

DEAR OVERSEER SPEICHER:—Some time ago I wrote to you for prayer for rain. We had a good rain.

I regret very much that I did not write sooner.

We are very thankful for the rain, even though late.

I long for the day to come when I can live in Zion City.

May God bless you and all of Zion.

Your Sister in Christ,

Original (Mrs.) JULIA GILSTROP.



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Zion Babies.

LET ALL Zion mothers send in directly to me photographs of all babies born in Zion during the last five years. Write name, address and age plainly on back of photograph.

JOHN G. SPEICHER,

Overseer of Christian Catholic Church in Chicago.

**Be Alive to Your Opportunities for God.** Through a Diligent Study and use of Zion's Bible Class Lessons and the fitness they will give toward a greater familiarity with the Holy Scriptures and a clearer insight into God's truth, you will be prepared and furnished into every good work.

They will equip you for teaching those who will know God in power and blessing; for reproving those who trifle with God's mercies and despise His grace; for correcting those who have ignorant and false views of God and His relations to His people; and for instructing in righteousness those who are teachable and who would escape the corruption in the world through lust, who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus, and be blessed with all spiritual blessing in the world that now is as well as that which is to come.

This will include long life, happy heartedness and clearer insight into the purpose of life in all its relations, contributing to prosperity and financial success, as well as soul-saving usefulness.

VICTORY FOR ZION IN LONDON.

Zion's Enemies Utterly Routed. Scores Saved and Baptized; Some Healed, Many Quickened.

THE following glorious cablegram from the General Overseer was read in Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day afternoon, October 28, 1900, and was received with great rejoicing, praise and thanksgiving to God:

LONDON, October 28, 1900.

ZION, Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

Read forty-third Isaiah  
 Zion absolutely victorious London.  
 Press, physicians, pills, pigs, utterly routed.  
 Baptized sixty-nine last night.  
 Baptize again Thursday.  
 Many saved, some healed, many quickened.

Pray fourth Acts twenty-fourth to thirty-one; imitate verses thirty-two to thirty-seven; avoid Acts fifth, one to ten.

Mizpah!

DOWIE.

The forty-third chapter of Isaiah is too long for reprinting here.

Let every one who reads these lines, read that glorious prophecy concerning Zion in the latter days.

"Pray fourth Acts, twenty-fourth to thirty-one":

And they, when they heard it, lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, O Lord, Thou that didst make the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that in them is: who by the Holy Ghost, by the mouth of our father David Thy servant, didst say,

Why did the Gentiles rage,  
 And the peoples imagine vain things?  
 The kings of the earth set themselves in array,  
 And the rulers were gathered together,  
 Against the Lord, and against His Anointed:

for of a truth in this city against Thy holy Servant Jesus, whom Thou didst anoint, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, were gathered together, to do whatsoever Thy hand and Thy counsel foreordained to come to pass. And now, Lord, look upon their threatenings; and grant unto Thy servants to speak Thy word with all boldness, while Thou stretchest forth Thy hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done through the Name of Thy holy Servant Jesus. And when they had prayed, the place was shaken wherein they were gathered together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the Word of God with boldness.

"Imitate verses thirty-two to thirty-seven":

And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and soul: and not one of them said that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave the apostles their witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. For neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto each, according as any one had need.

And Joseph, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas (which is, being interpreted, Son of exhortation), a Levite, a man of Cyprus by race, having a field, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

"Avoid Acts fifth, one to ten":

But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, and kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thy heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, did it not remain thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thy power? How is it that thou hast conceived this thing in thy heart? thou has not lied unto men, but unto God, and Ananias hearing these words fell down and gave up the ghost: and great fear came upon all that heard it. And the young men arose and wrapped him round, and they carried him out and buried him.

And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in. And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much. And she said, Yea, for so much. But Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and they shall carry thee out. And she fell down immediately at his feet, and gave up the ghost: and the young men came in and found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her by her husband.







# A VOICE TO ZION AND GOD'S PEOPLE IN EVERY LAND.

O thou that tellest Good Tidings to Zion, Get thee up into the High Mountains lift up thy Voice with strength: Lift it up, be not afraid: Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

Isaiah, XL: 9.

## ZION IN LONDON.

*Report of Meetings held in Holborn Town Hall, Gray's Inn Road, London, England, Lord's Day, October 7, 1900. Morning Service—Sermon: "The Beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ." Afternoon Service—Sermon: "The Scripture Fulfilled." Evening Service—Sermon: "Teaching, Preaching, Healing."*

REPORTED BY E. W. AND O. L. S.

### LONDON!

What a meaning that word has to the student of English history! For ages this city has been a marvel, and today the stranger within her gates is filled with awe as he begins to comprehend the size of the city, after a few weeks' residence here.

Here is immense wealth and abject poverty, great intelligence and crass ignorance, deep piety and awful wickedness.

The *Christian stranger*, reflecting upon the mixed scene before him, asks himself the question, "What will bring about a better condition of affairs? Who shall bring forth something which shall make matters what they ought to be?"

To him there is but one answer: "A Messenger from God must bring God's Message to the people and demand obedience to that Message. This Messenger must have Authority from God and must declare His Everlasting Covenant."

The Christian in Zion believes that in Zion is to be found that Messenger and that Message.

Lord's Day, October 7, 1900, found the Messenger of the Covenant in the great City of London, preaching the Everlasting Gospel of the Kingdom of God.

The day dawned and remained beautiful throughout.

The church bells in cathedral and chapel rang out, calling the people to "morning prayers."

As was their custom, the masses who went to any place of worship wended their way to the places where their fathers before them had worshiped. They were content with the

usual order of things, and did not care for what they termed "innovations."

But on this morn many scores throughout the great city rejoiced and thanked God that this day they were to have the privilege of seeing and hearing our General Overseer, who, they believe, is preparing the way before the coming of the King, Jesus the Christ.

With joyful hearts they went to Holborn Town Hall and listened to the Message from the servant of God, and sang with him the songs of Zion.

"Repent! REPENT!! REPENT!!!" was the beginning of the Message this Messenger brought to London. Ever since

Adam and Eve disobeyed God in Eden, the condition of the human heart in all ages has made it necessary that this same command should come from God's servants.

Like the Prophets of God in the days of old, like John the Baptist, like the Christ Himself, and like all true apostles since, the Messenger of the Covenant commanded the people to "Repent."

To the sinners first came his command that they should "Repent; bring forth fruits meet for Repentance," and surrender themselves to God unreservedly.

He called upon the children of God to repent of their lack of confidence and trust in God, and demanded that they reconsecrate themselves to Him and serve Him more fully in the future, trusting Him for every needed blessing.

The Message was received gladly by hundreds, and obeyed. The Devil had not forgotten that John Alexander Dowie was in London, and that he had declared his intention of preaching the Everlasting Gospel in Holborn Town Hall on that Lord's Day. He made this very evident by presenting himself and his angels in the meetings in the form of persons filled with prejudice, malice and bitter hatred toward the servant of God.

It seemed impossible for him to keep still, and several times during the meetings he endeavored to interrupt and to cause disorder. The Spirit of God was present, however, and



gave much wisdom to the Messenger of the Covenant, and the unruly were brought into subjection or made to quietly leave the room. As some went out, it was evident that they had a desire to do more than hurl anathemas at the Messenger of the Covenant, but God was overruling and all was well. Doubtless many of these will repent their hasty words and actions, when they reflect, and when their eyes have been opened to see that they have been the victims of the designs of evil spirits in spreading abroad falsehoods concerning the Messenger and his Message.

Press and pulpit had not spared many opportunities of warning the people against the General Overseer for more than a month, some from the time he announced his intention to come to London whilst yet in America.

But, thanks be to God, the truths spoken won the hearts of hundreds of the people who heard, and many who had not been friendly, but had been filled with prejudice and malice, became friends of the Messenger, and stood in defense of the truths he was teaching.

The numbers who came to hear increased at each service during the day, and the friends of Zion increased proportionately.

When the even had come, the Spirit of God had won the victory to a very large degree and the meeting was a very touching one in many points. The Message came to many in the power of the Spirit, and many hundreds understood God better and had learned how to trust Him more fully.

At the close of the evening service the largest portion of those present arose and witnessed that they believed that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yea and forever," and consecrations new and renewed were made to God, their Heavenly Father.

As the city sank into slumber that night, men and angels witnessed before God that the truth had been spoken, without fear, and hundreds of honest hearts thanked God for that day in London.

The record of the day is with God. Eternity will only fully reveal what was accomplished. O. L. S.

### MORNING SERVICE.

At the request of the General Overseer, the congregation arose. The General Overseer then offered the following

#### INVOCATION.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and cause Thy face to shine upon us; that Thy Way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations: for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

The congregation then sang the following hymn, which was Number 1 on the special song sheet provided for the meetings in London:

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe,  
On this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

Oh that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall;  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

#### Scripture Reading and Exposition.

The General Overseer then read the twenty-fifth chapter of the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Pausing after the words, "He will come and save you," the General Overseer remarked, Salvation is the first thing.

After reading the words, "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened," he said, Healing is the next thing.

Pausing again after the words, "And an highway shall be there," he remarked, Salvation, Healing and Holiness is the Divine order.

Following the reading of the words, "But it shall be for those," he said, That is, when they are cleansed.

Further reading, "No lion shall be there," he said, The slothful man saith, There is a lion in the way. I shall be slain in the streets. "No lion shall be there": for the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Lamb of God, has driven every foul and unclean beast away from the path of holiness.

Concluding the reading of the chapter, the General Overseer said, May God bless His Word. Voices in the audience responded, Amen.

Hymn Number 2 on the song leaflet was then sung by the congregation:

"For God so loved!" Oh, wondrous theme!  
Oh! wondrous key to wondrous scheme!  
A Saviour sent to sinful men—  
Glory to God the Father!

CHORUS—Glory to God the Father!  
Glory to God the Father!  
Glory, Glory, Glory to God the Father!

The General Overseer then read the first chapter of the Gospel according to St. Mark, commenting upon portions of it as he read.

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Even as it is written in Isaiah the Prophet, Behold, I send My Messenger before Thy face, Who shall prepare Thy way; The Voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make ye ready the way of the Lord, Make His paths straight;

John came, who baptized in the wilderness and preached the baptism of repentance unto remission of sins. And there went out unto him all the country of Judea, and all they of Jerusalem; and they were baptized of him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. And John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leathern girdle about his loins, and did eat locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, There cometh after me He that is mightier than I, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose.

Some painters paint John as if he were a wild man, forgetting that he was the cultivated priest, the son of Zacharias, of an exalted order of the priesthood, and of Elizabeth, blameless and good people.

He was carefully educated and qualified, brought up in Jerusalem, in all probability, until he attained the year when he should enter upon his priesthood. John was not an uncultivated man; nor is a garment of camel's hair a coarse garment.

If you should endeavor to buy one in London today, it would cost you a good many pounds. How fine the camel's hair is which you use in little pencil brushes.

Do not have that thought of John. Remember him as a man carefully trained.

He was splendidly educated with the nobility of his time, graduating in the Rabbinical schools, the superior of all, the greatest of all the prophets.

He used language which came like a sledge hammer at times, and then like a rapier with the keenest of wit, thrusting them to the very heart.

Do not get an idea of John such as ignorant painters have painted.

Painters are very ignorant, and, for the most part, a bad lot. They are mostly drunkards, smokers and stinkers of every kind, and thinkers of no kind.

Painters do not understand prophets.

There have been a few painters who have had the Spirit of God in them, and have painted as God's Spirit directed, but they are very few.

They are fewer than angels' visits: for such visits are not so few, if you could only see them.

And he preached, saying, There cometh after me He that is mightier than I, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. I baptized you with water; but He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in the Jordan.

#### The Farce of So-called Baptism by Sprinkling.

He was not baptized with a few drops of Jordan water upon His nose, like a crying baby.

There is not an Episcopalian minister in this city, who is a scholar, who will dare to tell you that Baptism is sprinkling.

Turn to Sir William Smyth's Dictionary of Christian Antiquities and read Dr. Merritt's article upon Christian Baptism. He was an Oxford scholar, a minister of high rank, and of course he tells you what every scholar must tell you, that Baptism is by immersion, and by Triune Immersion, and that

for seven centuries in the Christian Church nothing else was ever given ecclesiastical sanction.

What a farce and a lie it is to say that the sprinkling of a little water upon a baby's face is Baptism! It is still more shameful to say it is "Baptismal Regeneration." Shame! that such a lie should ever be inflicted upon humanity.

And straightway coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens rent asunder, and the Spirit as a dove descending upon Him: and a Voice came out of the heavens, Thou art My beloved Son, in Thee I am well pleased. And straightway the Spirit driveth Him forth into the wilderness. And He was in the wilderness forty days tempted of Satan; and He was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto Him.

Now after that John was delivered up, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the Gospel of God, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe in the Gospel.

That was what Christ preached. May God bless His Word, for Jesus' sake.

Hymn Number 9, "Oh Wondrous Name," was then sung, after which the congregation repeated

THE APOSTLES' CREED.

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
Born of the Virgin Mary;  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead, and buried:  
He descended into hell,  
The third day He rose from the dead:  
He ascended into Heaven,  
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
The Holy Catholic Church,  
The Communion of Saints;  
The Forgiveness of sins;  
The Resurrection of the body;  
And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer was then offered by the General Overseer, at the close of which all joined with him in repeating the Disciples' Prayer.

The announcements were then made, and among other things the General Overseer said:

I have never spoken from manuscript in my life, and when I do have to speak from manuscript, I will cease to talk to the people at all.

The man who cannot stand up on his two legs and look people in the face and tell what his heart and head are full of, has not been called to be a minister.

Just imagine a candidate for the suffrages of the people standing up and saying, "Gentlemen, permit me to read to you my address."

What would the costermonger say?

I think there would be a cabbage at his head telling him that his head was like a cabbage.

Just imagine a man in a court of law standing up to plead for the life of his client and saying, "Gentlemen of the Jury, if you please, I will read to you my address."

I listened to a sermon last Lord's Day morning in the great pro-Cathedral in which the Name of Jesus Christ was never once mentioned from beginning to end.

I listened to a sermon in Westminster Abbey a few weeks ago which defended the Book of Common Prayer, but I did not find any defense of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

My heart has been very sore since I came to this country.

I have behaved myself, and I have held my tongue.

My enemies have not done that. They have opened their mouths and put their feet in them. (Laughter.)

I will come to them by and by.

**I Will Deal With Those Who Have Lied About Zion.**

I have a magnificent spanking in store for the *Daily Wail* and for the *British Weekly*.

The latter will feel a little more "weakly" after I am through with it. (Laughter.) It is weakly now.

Let there be fair play. I have a right to fair play, have I not?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—"Doth our law judge man, except it first hear from himself and know what he doeth?"

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—You have not heard me in the *British Weekly*. You have heard garbled quotations in which they have left out the essential things.

I promise you a lively time.

I will make that *Star* see stars, too. (Laughter.)

I am not a reed shaken with the wind. God never made me that.

I do not allow men to do what they like. I am here to tell men to do what God wants them to do, and, so far as I can, I intend to see that they do it.

The meanest thing on God's earth is a series of articles by nobody.

Let the man who wrote the articles in the *British Weekly* give us his name, and then we will see just how much weight to attach to them.

I never wrote an anonymous line in my life, and I never shall.

He that doeth the truth cometh to the light.

Let the man who writes the attack put his name right down.

What has he done for God?

How many have been saved by his ministry?

How many have been healed through his hands?

What Church has he built up?

The man who attacks me should not only be my equal, but my superior. Let me find him out, and I will try to draw him out. If I can get hold of his tail, I will pull the serpent out.

It is very hard to get hold of the tail of the *British Weekly*.

My little boy once in Australia saw a snake for the first time. He came running up to me and said, "Papa, I saw a funny thing there; it is all tail and no head."

He was mistaken. There was a head there. There is always a head to these wretched papers. It has the serpent's fang with the poison bag behind it.

I despise an anonymous press.

Every man who writes, attacking any one, should put his name to it, should he not?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—You will be with me by and by.

When I pay proper attention to it, you will hear the wailing of the "*Daily Wail*."

I thought there might be fair play in London, but the Devil never plays fair, does he?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—I did think that the churches had a little bit of fair play; that there was enough British fair play to say: "Now we will just wait until Dr. Dowie talks; then, if he is wrong, we will go for him."

They had better waited. However, they did not do it. It is all right. I am sorry, though.

**I Would Rather Live Peaceably With All Men.**

As much as lies in me, I will do it, but it never lies in me to live peaceably with the Devil.

There is one ditty of the Salvation Army of which I heartily approve. It runs as follows:

The Devil and I, we can't agree;  
I hate him, and he bates me.  
Glory Hallelujah!

Voices—"Hallelujah!"

General Overseer—I am glad I hate the Devil, and I am glad that he hates me.

After a few further remarks by the General Overseer regarding the announcements, the free-will offering was received, during the course of which the congregation joined in singing "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

**THE BEGINNING OF THE GOSPEL.**

The morning address was then delivered by the General Overseer.

INVOCATION.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, be profitable unto this people, and unto all to whom these words shall come, in this and every land, in this and all the coming time, till Jesus come, for His sake. Amen.

I speak to you this morning concerning the beginning of the Gospel, and I ask you to read in the first chapter of the Gospel according to St. Mark the words which I have already read to you.

These words are very wonderful. They are very simple.

They are very effective. They are God's words. They are inspired words—the everlasting record.

## TEXT.

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Even as it is written in Isaiah the Prophet, Behold, I send my Messenger before Thy face, Who shall prepare Thy way; The Voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make ye ready the way of the Lord, Make His paths straight;

John came, who baptized in the wilderness and preached the baptism of repentance unto remission of sins. And there went out unto him all the country of Judea, and all they of Jerusalem; and they were baptized of him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

And in the fourteenth and fifteenth verses of this same chapter these words are written:

Now after that John was delivered up, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the Gospel of God, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe in the Gospel.

It is a very proper thing that I should begin at the beginning in a Mission of this kind.

Some of you may say, "What, are you going to begin at the beginning, the a-b-c of things? Why, we are ahead of that. You are surely not going to talk in London about the alphabet of Christianity."

But I am.

"Why?"

Because a great many of you have not learned your alphabet.

If we do not go back to the beginning of the Gospel, we shall not lay good foundations.

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is set down right there in this Word as being in the preaching of Jesus Christ.

#### Jesus Was Not the First Preacher of the Gospel.

The preaching of John the Baptist is the beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, as it is written in the book of Isaiah the Prophet.

Why do you shake your heads? There is nothing in them. It is the beginning of the Gospel, and if you do not know it, that shows your ignorance.

That is why we have to teach you the alphabet.

Faith is not the beginning of the Gospel. The beginning of the Gospel is Repentance.

That is the trouble with the "spent force," as Dr. Pentecost puts it, "of Moody evangelism," and all that kind of evangelism which says, "Believe, believe, believe," which makes faith the beginning of the Gospel.

Multitudes today in the churches are misled by their teachers who have told them that they have only to believe and they are saved.

There are multitudes in the churches today who are damned because they believe that lie.

"Oh," you say, "Dr. Dowie, is it not written in the Word of God that Paul and Silas said to the Philippian jailer when he said, 'What must I do to be saved?' 'Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved'?"

Yes, they did.

But the Philippian jailer had already repented. He had fallen at the feet of his prisoners and confessed his sin, and taken his prisoners' feet out of the stocks. He was full of Repentance, full of sorrow that he had offended the God of Paul, the God of Silas, the God who had answered their prayer, and responded to their song with an earthquake.

It needs an earthquake to wake up London. Nothing short of an earthquake will wake you up—a Divine earthquake. May God bring it. (Amen.)

Having been full of sorrow, and confessed his sin, and repented, it was time for the Philippian jailer to ask, "What must I do to be saved?" It was proper to say, "Believe."

But if you say believe to an impenitent man, who has not put aside sin, that is the way to damn him.

Therefore, the beginning of the Gospel is the preaching of John the Baptist, the preaching of Repentance.

You did not shake your heads this time; you are getting something into them. (Laughter.)

You say that John the Baptist preached Repentance, but Christ preached Faith; that He did not begin with Repentance, he began with Faith.

That is another blunder which I see continually perpetrated in religious papers.

What is written concerning Christ?

Now after that John was delivered up, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the Gospel of God.

How did He preach it?

Did He say "Believe"?

He did no such thing. He said, "Repent ye, and believe the Gospel."

#### Jesus Began His Preaching With Repentance.

He said, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to Repentance."

"Except ye repent, ye shall all in like manner perish."

That is what He preached.

"Oh well," you say, "after the Holy Ghost came, and the Church was established, then the apostles preached Faith first. That was when the preaching of Faith began."

That is another blunder.

When Peter and the other apostles were asked, on the Day of Pentecost, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" the answer came quick as a flash:

Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

"Repent" is the first thing. "Be baptized" is the next thing.

There are many unwashed Christians. I shall have to baptize you.

You have to repent of your rejection of Baptism. Baptism comes with Repentance.

There is no use of your looking sulky, because you have to get there all the same.

That is the advantage the fellow has who looks you in the eye: he sees you when you get sulky. You say we want the Gospel; we do not want Baptism.

I know you do not want Baptism, but you have to get it in the Gospel. You have got to repent first.

Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the Name of the Lord Jesus.

"Oh well," you say, "the Apostle Paul was a bigger fellow than Peter, and when he talked he preached faith first."

He did not.

That is another blunder.

When he preached the Gospel, he preached Repentance toward God, and Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. There was no difference between John the Baptist and Jesus, between Peter and Paul in that matter. They all started with Repentance. That is where you have to start.

Have you repented?

Repentance is your business; something you have to do.

"I cannot do anything," you protest.

Yes, you can.

"Unless God helps me, I cannot."

But He will help you. The Holy Spirit is striving to get you to repent so He can enter your heart.

I can see He has gotten into some of your heads. Perhaps He will get a little lower down and get into your hearts.

Perhaps some of the prejudice will go presently.

The Holy Spirit will get hold of your hearts, and then you will repent.

As Jesus said, the Holy Spirit would enable men to repent by convicting them, by convincing them of sin: the sin of not believing in Him.

#### The Sin of Unbelief.

The sin which both saint and sinner has to be convicted of today is that they do not believe in Jesus.

There are vast numbers of so-called Christians today—yes, and real Christians—who do not believe in Jesus to the uttermost.

They believe just as far as it suits them.

If you believe in Christ as He demands, you will believe and do the things which He says. You will obey.

You have to repent, therefore, of disobedience.

There are a vast number of Christians, and a vast number of ungodly people who have to repent of disobedience. *Disobedience!*

I desire to lay foundations, strong, broad and deep.

I am not concerned with what you think about me, but I want to make the truth clear.

Even as for the sinner there must be a substantial work of true Repentance, so for the saint, that you may get the blessing of God, there must be true Repentance.

The goodness of God brings His own children to Repentance, as well as bringing the poor wanderer to Repentance.

I begin with the sinner.

Sinner! you have got to repent, and do it quickly.

You must do it now, you dirty dog!

Do you hear me?

You wretched stinkpot, defiling your body with filthy nicotine poison, defiling your body with filthy alcohol, defiling your body with foul transgression, defiling your life with an ungodly unfaithfulness, and living for self!

You gamblers! You whoremongers! You liars! You thieves! You must repent!

God sees your sin.

You may conceal it from others—you cannot conceal it from God.

He knows what you conceal.

He knows where you lied.

He knows the acts which have defiled you.

That Eye which strikes through the darkest shades of night has seen your transgression.

You have kept back your heart from God. You have given your life to the Devil. You must repent!

The way to repent is to confess your sin to God, to those whom you have wronged, and quit it now.

Lay down your bad habits before you leave this place, and ask God in His infinite mercy to enable you to make confession to those whom you have wronged, restitution to those whom you have defrauded, and to do right to your fellowman. Then come to your God and cry, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and in Thy sight."

You have to repent practically.

If you do not stop defiling your body, you will be destroyed. The Temple of God has been defiled by your filthiness, and you will die the death of a dog, and worse, if you do not quit your sins.

#### **You Have to Quit Your Sins.**

"Cannot I do what I like?" asks some sinner.

No, you cannot do what you like. In God's world you have to do what God tells you.

"Cannot I think as I like?"

No, you cannot think as you like. You have to think as God thinks. If you do not think as God thinks, and do as God tells you, the only thing for you is to be swept out of this world to go to hell.

You had better repent.

If I were you, I would repent very quickly.

I would tell God I repented, and would ask God this day to put my case into the hands of His dear Son, my Advocate, and resting in Him alone I would ask my Father to hear my cry of Repentance, and to take away my guilt and sin, and to give me power to do right.

That is where the sinner must start.

That is where the saint has to start afresh; some of you who have defiled your garments.

Some of you sinners have been dirty stinkpots, taking that filthy nicotine poison until your throat is an open sepulcher, and your body reeks with it. You help to spend millions upon millions of pounds every year in tobacco, you dirty dog.

You call yourself a Christian, but you smell like a devil!

You may be a Christian, but a man who stinks as you do has no right to expect me or any man to believe that you are.

How dare you defile your body?

What right have you to defile your body?

Did not God give it to you to keep clean?

Do you wish your baby to defile its body by chewing tobacco and smoking as soon as he can suck?

Do you want your wife to do it?

You dirty dogs of fellows!

Why do you not bring her home a box of cigars, and ask her to "light up," too?

If it is sauce for the gander, it is sauce for the goose. If it is good for one, it is good for the other.

You cannot pray over your dirty tobacco.

It is defiling you, destroying you and it is sowing in your body amaurosis, paralysis, ulcerations of the stomach and bowels and creating nicotine cancer.

Go on smoking, if you will, and you will get an elegant cancer.

The only good thing about it is that the world will get rid of you so much more quickly, you stinkpot!

You think you can do what you like, do you?

You cannot do it.

You a Christian? I tell you, you smell like a devil!

The smoke of your torment is going up forever and ever.

I heard of a man the other night who loved his tobacco-pipe so much that when the time for evening prayers came he loaded it up to the very top and started it. Then he laid it down and hurried his prayers to get through before it would go out.

What kind of a prayer was that?

Did God Almighty ever hear it? Did it ever reach heaven?

There was his god. A dirty bit of black tobacco.

I would rather be a slave to any man, black, yellow, brown or white, than to be a slave to a cake of tobacco, and not only have to be a slave to it, but have to pay for it, and chew it, and eat it, and smoke it, and squirt it out all over the place.

Oh, you dirty dog! (Laughter.)

The fact is, the dog is insulted by the comparison.

You could not get a dog to do what you do.

"Throw physic to the dogs," cries Shakespeare.

If you were to give physic to your dog, as you give yourself, he would turn around and bite you.

There is not a dog which would take the filth you do.

#### **Repentance Means Giving Up Sin.**

You Christians must give up the things which defile. Give up the dirty, filthy habits of drinking that stinking slush of beer, whisky, rum—distilled damnation!

You must quit!

You must do right!

You call yourselves Christians and drink that which steals not only men's brains, but their hearts and lives away. It is a lie upon the face of it. You ought to be ashamed to call yourself a Christian.

A Christian is clean and such habits are not clean. They are filthy.

Alcohol is a dirty, filthy poison which degrades; destroys the brain, tears out the heart, eats out the liver.

If a man does survive it for a while, he lives in spite of it, not because of it.

But he does not live, he only exists.

There are some miserable men who do exist for some considerable time just saturated with whisky and tobacco. Who ever heard of their fighting for God or for humanity?

As I walk through this earth and live upon it, I tell you my heart is wrung with sorrow as I see men degrading and defiling the Temple of God, and calling themselves Christians.

I have a right to judge you by your fruits.

Your fruits are stinking, filthy and disgusting!

You are hand and glove with the Devil, who is destroying men with the accursed liquid fire and distilled damnation!

You must do what God tells you.

You must be baptized.

You must get one word written over your eyes, "Obedience"; the Obedience of Faith.

There is no use talking about having Faith unless you obey.

If I do not obey God, I ought to perish. I ought to be swept out of the way.

If, for fear of man, I should keep back one word which I ought to say in London, I should expect God to brush me out of the way. What right have I to be afraid of man?

The worst a man could do would be to kill me; that would send me the more quickly to heaven.

I would rather wake up in heaven than in London, unless God wants me to wake up in London; then I would rather wake up in London than in heaven.

I rather enjoy a fight; that is because I am a man of peace.

#### **My Heart is at Peace With God, Hence I Am at War With the Devil.**

I have no antagonism for any man, but I hate sin, and I hate it with all my heart.

I hate evil. I hate shams. I hate a man telling me he is a Christian when he is a slave to his belly and to his dirty passions.

There is no use talking that nonsense to me, or to God either.

You must keep under your body. You must bring it into subjection.

You must make your body something in which God can be glorified; not a stinkpot or a whisky barrel.

You must quit associating with those who will not do the will of God.

If you are in a Church where the minister, the deacons and the members are prepared to be in conformity with the World, get out of it.

The friendship of the World is enmity with God.

You have got to get out. That Church belongs to the Devil. It does not belong to God.

A Church which will not fight sin, a Church which will not fight disease, a Church which will not fight the powers of death and hell, belongs to the Devil: for sin, and disease, and death and hell belong to the Devil, every one of them.

If you will not fight as God tells you to fight, then you had better get out, or say that you are on the side of Death, on the side of Disease, on the side of Hell, on the side of the Devil, and then we will know where to find you.

But if you say you are a Christian and still fight for Disease and Sin and Death, may God have mercy upon you!

A great many Christians say that death is of God.

Death of God?

He that hath the power of death is—who?

Voices—"The Devil."

General Overseer—That is what the Bible says.

Death and hell shall be cast into the lake of fire.

Is the lake of fire where God puts His friends? Death is the Devil's own.

Since then the children are sharers in flesh and blood, He also Himself in like manner partook of the same; that through death He might bring to nought him that had the power of death, that is, the Devil.

Our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and incorruption to light through the Gospel.

Therefore, we are fighting disease as well as sin. We are fighting death as well as disease. We are fighting hell.

Every one of you here today who desires to live a clean life, ask God to give you the power to do it. Arise, and ask Him. Those who desire to live a dirty life, sit still. The greater part of the audience arose.)

Pray with me.

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. Take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be, in spirit, in soul, in body. Give me Thy Holy Spirit, that I may trust Thee, that I may serve Thee, that I may love Thee, that I may win men from sin, for Jesus' sake. Amen. (All standing repeat the prayer, clause by clause, after the General Overseer.)

Did you mean it?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—Do it.

After the Doxology had been sung, the services were closed by the General Overseer pronouncing the following

#### PRAYER AND BENEDICTION.

Our Father, we thank Thee for the first human preacher of the Gospel, for the greatest of all the prophets up to that time, John the Baptist, for Elijah incarnate in him. We thank Thee for the wonderful words of Jesus. We pray Thee to bless the words spoken this morning.

Bless Zion wherever Zion meets today; all who are in Thy Kingdom are in Zion. Hear us, our Father.

The grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be in you, bless you, keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

#### AFTERNOON SERVICE.

The services were opened by the congregation singing Hymn Number 2:

"For God so loved!" Oh, wondrous theme!  
Oh! wondrous key to wondrous scheme!  
A Saviour sent to sinful men—  
Glory to God the Father!

CHORUS—Glory to God the Father!  
Glory to God the Father!  
Glory, Glory, Glory to God the Father!

In love God gave, in love Christ came,  
That man might know the Father's Name,  
And in the Son salvation claim—  
Glory to God the Father!

As man He tarried here below  
The power and love of God to show;  
To help and heal all human woe—  
Glory to God the Father!

Upon the Cross His life He gave,  
His people from their sins to save;  
For them descended to the grave—  
Glory to God the Father!

By God exalted from the dead,  
He reigns on high, the living Head  
Of every soul for whom He bled—  
Glory to God the Father!

The General Overseer then read from the sixty-first chapter of the book of the Prophet Isaiah. At the close of this reading the congregation joined in singing Hymn Number 8:

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise;  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace.

My gracious Master, and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim—  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of Thy Name.

Jesus!—the Name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean,  
His blood availed for me.

Hear Him, ye deaf, His praise, ye dumb,  
Your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come,  
And leap, ye lame, for joy!

#### Scripture Reading and Exposition.

The Scripture reading was continued by the General Overseer reading from the fourth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke:

And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and a fame went out concerning Him through all the region round about. And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.

And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up: and He entered, as His custom was, into the synagogue on the Sabbath Day, and stood up to read. And there was delivered unto Him the book of the Prophet Isaiah. And He opened the book, and found the place where it was written,

The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,  
Because He anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor:  
He hath sent Me to proclaim release to the captives,  
And recovering of sight to the blind,  
To set at liberty them that are bruised,  
To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

And He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down: and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fastened on Him. And He began to say unto them, Today hath this Scripture been fulfilled in your ears. And all bare Him witness, and wondered at the words of grace which proceeded out of His mouth: and they said, Is not this Joseph's son?

"They say."

The "they says" are a curse.

"The Son of man is come eating and drinking; and ye say, Behold, a gluttonous man, and a wine-bibber, a friend of publicans and sinners! literally taxgatherers and harlots."

"John the Baptist is come eating no bread nor drinking wine; and ye say, He hath a Devil."

"They say." Oh, these wretched "they says"!

It does not matter what the people say.

The only thing that matters on God's earth, and throughout God's Universe, is what God says.

What does it matter what the people say or think?

The only thing that matters is what God thinks.

Your thinking will not alter anything.

Your voting will not alter anything.

The Eternal God will work out His plans in this Universe whether you vote for Salisbury or Harcourt.

It does not matter what the people say. This world is not governed by votes. This Universe is governed by God. You may say what you like, and do what you like, but you will find that there is just one thing that goes eternally in this world, and that is God's Word.

They said, Is not this Joseph's son?

They knew His father and His mother.

They probably said, "Who is He to say that the Spirit of Jehovah is upon Him, and that Jehovah has sent Him to do this and that?"

And they said, Is this not Joseph's son? And He said unto them—

When He gets His Word in, it is something different from the "they says." It makes trouble; it makes a first-class row everywhere.

And He said unto them, Doubtless ye will say unto Me this parable, Physician, heal Thyself: whatsoever we have heard done at Capernaum, do also here in Thine own country. And He said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is acceptable in his own country. But of a truth I say unto you, There were



many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when there came a great famine over all the land; and unto none of them was Elijah sent, but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow. And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian. And they were all filled with wrath in the synagogue, as they heard these things; and they rose up, and cast Him forth out of the city, and led Him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might throw Him down headlong. But He passing through the midst of them went His way.

"His way." He marched on His victorious way, although it at last led Him to the Cross, the sepulcher, and into hell itself.

#### "He Descended into Hell."

Do you believe it? How much do you believe it? How much do you believe it that He descended into hell?

I should like to have been there when He had that first-class row with the Devil.

If ever I am good enough, I may be permitted to go to hell to have it out with the Devil.

That may be why the Lord permits me to have it out with Him in Chicago.

It is a kind of training ground for going down to hell. It is almost as near hell as London is.

There is a great deal of hell in London; many openings into the bottomless pit in London.

Some day when God finds us good enough, He may let us go down to hell to fight it out there; to get the captives free who have been there these long ages, like these spirits in prison who had been rebellious in the days of Noah, to whom Christ preached when "He led captivity captive."

Doubtless He brought out multitudes of these captives.

It is worth while going down to hell sometimes.

The only one that I know of who has thus far gone down to hell to fight a battle for God, is Christ, the Son of God.

Doubtless by and by, in a glorified body, He will undertake the work of cleaning out hell. Death and hell shall be cast into the lake of fire.

A Voice—"Glory!"

General Overseer—You may well say glory; for it is a glorious thought.

I love to think of it.

Some of you wish to keep hell going forever.

Thank God, there will be no more death, there will be no more hell. It may be a long way off yet, but we are going to get to it; because it is written:

Then cometh the end, when He shall deliver up the Kingdom to God, even the Father; when He shall have abolished all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign, till He hath put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy that shall be abolished is death.

Then God is All in All, and not until then.

Look ahead. Look beyond. Get higher to look beyond—to that time when, throughout the Universe, there shall be no opposing power.

Evil is not eternal. It cannot be. If it were, it would be of God; for that only is eternal which is Divine.

I like to read this passage:

And He came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And He was teaching them on the Sabbath Day; and they were astonished at His teaching; for His Word was with authority.

May God make His Word with authority in London. (Amen.)

#### There is Too Little Authority in Earthly Government.

Every one of you, nearly, has gotten into the way of questioning authority.

I do not wonder at it, when you create the authority. It is a very poor creation, too.

Your parliaments are all made by the people, and are like the people who make them.

Do you not think it will be a glorious time when there will not be any elections, and when Jesus Christ Himself shall appoint all the rulers?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—That is right. You are Theocrats.

The best rulers are always appointed. They are never elected.

In the United States of America, where I have spent twelve years and two months, the most highly respected Court in all that great country is the Supreme Court of the United States. It is not elected. It is appointed.

This election business is a wretched thing.

I am not a partisan. I am not speaking with reference to party. I have nothing to do with your public politics.

It does not matter to you very much what my opinion may be regarding current events. At any rate, I will not obtrude my opinions now, whatever they may be. This I do say, if that is the best way in which rulers can be created, the world is in a bad way.

I do not believe in the rule of the people.

"What, you who have been in America?" some one asks.

Yes, twelve years and two months.

"Do you talk like that in America?"

Yes, I do. Some people say I will not talk here as I talk in America. I will, only much more so. You may depend upon that.

The Lord forbid that I should believe in the rule of the people.

Are the majority of the people in London good or bad?

Voices—"Bad."

General Overseer—Are the majority of the people in London sober or drunken?

Voices—"Drunken." (Cries of "Sober," "Drunken," "No," mingled together.)

General Overseer—I am asking you what you think. I am glad that you differ. I will get at the truth.

The fact of the matter is simply this, and you know it, that the majority of the people are not wise. The majority of the people are crassly ignorant. (At this juncture the General Overseer was interrupted by several persons in the audience attempting to speak.)

You can rent a hall when you desire to speak. If you wish to talk in Holborn Hall, you hire it. I do not mind your answering a question. It is quite pleasant.

Christ would not be received; He would not be elected to one constituency in London today. (At this point the General Overseer was again interrupted by several persons shouting out in the audience.)

You may go and get a hall, but you may not talk back like that.

I am going to give you my opinions.

Every man has a right to talk when he has a right place and the right time. There is no objection to your talking in the right place.

And they were astonished at His teaching; for His Word was with authority.

#### Failure of Rule by the People.

The rule of the people, by the people and for the people has always failed. The rule of the people, by God and for God, is the only possible key to universal blessing, and every man of sense knows that.

Luke 4:33:

Ah! what have we to do with Thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art Thou come to destroy us? I know Thee who Thou art, the Holy One of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the Devil had thrown him down in the midst, he came out of him, having done him no hurt. And amazement came upon all, and they spake together, one with another, saying, What is this word? for with authority and power He commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out. And there went forth a rumor concerning Him into every place of the region round about.

And He rose up from the synagogue, and entered into the house of Simon. And Simon's wife's mother was holden with a great fever; and they besought Him for her. And He stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her: and immediately she rose up and ministered unto them.

And when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them, and healed them. And devils also came out from many, crying out, and saying, Thou art the Son of God. And rebuking them, He suffered them not to speak, because they knew that He was the Christ.

And when it was day, He came out and went into a desert place: and the multitudes sought after Him, and came unto Him, and would have stayed Him, that He should not go from them.

#### Pain at Parting From Zion in Chicago.

I never had a greater pain in my life in heart, never felt so completely bereft of power to speak, as when my dear people in thousands, men, women and children, thronged around me as I left Chicago, and prayed me not to go.

I have had that pain at heart ever since, but I knew I had to go. I knew that God had sent me. The Christ Himself said, the greatest of all:

I must preach the good tidings of the Kingdom of God to the other cities also: for therefore was I sent.



I humbly trust that God has sent me here for that same purpose.

May He bless His Word.

Hymn Number 4 was then sung:

Blow ye the trumpet, blow  
The gladly solemn sound;  
Let all the nations know,  
To earth's remotest bound;  
The Year of Jubilee is come,  
Return, ye ransomed sinners, home.  
Jesus, our great High Priest,  
Hath full atonement made;  
Ye weary spirits, rest;  
Ye mournful souls, be glad.  
The Year of Jubilee is come,  
Return, ye ransomed sinners, home.

At the conclusion of the singing, the General Overseer offered prayer. The announcements were then made and the free-will offering received.

#### THE SCRIPTURE FULFILLED.

The afternoon address was then delivered.

##### INVOCATION.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, be profitable unto this people, and unto all to whom these words shall come, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

In the fourth chapter of Luke and the twenty-first verse it is written:

##### TEXT.

Jesus began to say unto them, Today hath this Scripture been fulfilled in your ears.

He has not finished saying it yet. He began nineteen centuries ago, and He is saying it still.

It is only two days, not quite that yet, since Christ spoke these words

Only two days ago. One day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

It is not yet two thousand years. It is only late in the second day since He spoke these words.

God's days are big days. Everything about God is big. There is nothing small about God. There is nothing small about that which is Divine.

A man small in his conceptions, wishing you to conform to his own little notions, and imagining that unless you think exactly as he thinks you have gone to the Devil, is a small man.

#### The Breadth of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

What I love about the Christian Catholic Church in Zion is the breadth which God has given to it.

While we hold tenaciously to truths which are essential, we have great breadth and depth, plenty of room.

There is room for all kinds of boats upon the Ocean; for the *Deutschland* which has rushed away from these shores today for America, and will get there possibly within six days, and for the little cockleshell of a boat in which a poor fisherman has gone out from Plymouth to catch fish for a living.

The Ocean is big enough to bear them both, and all that can be put upon it. The Infinite Ocean of God's Love is big enough and broad enough and deep enough for us all.

I like to think of the day being a thousand years. It begins to give me an idea of Eternity when a day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

We have such a puny way of looking at things.

We think that because things are not done our way in a minute, in a week, in a month, in a year, it is all wrong.

Why cannot you wait?

How Infinite God is in His patience. How long He waits.

Christ began to speak these words two days ago, somewhere about His thirty-first year, when He entered upon His ministry, and He is saying them still.

What was it that He began to say?

He began to say something which made the people angry. He arose in the synagogue, unrolled the roll, and read:

The Spirit of Jehovah is upon Me.  
Because He anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor:  
He hath sent Me to proclaim release to the captives,  
And recovering of sight to the blind.

To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

Then He closed the Book and sat down.

Today hath this Scripture been fulfilled in your ears.

What was the trouble about that? What was it that made such a rumpus in that synagogue right away when He said that?

These words look peaceable enough, do they not?

In fact, the people all liked them. It is recorded that they all bore witness to the words of grace that proceeded out of His mouth.

But there were some people there who belonged to the ancient prototype of the modern newspaper, which might be called the *Daily Wail* of Nazareth, the *Jerusalem Weekly*, and the *Slum Star*, who came there to make a rumpus.

They belonged to the Scribes and Pharisees. They had not liked what He had been saying.

He had been down at the Jordan. John the Baptist had proclaimed that He was "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

The Holy Spirit had come upon Him.

The Eternal Father had said, "This is My beloved Son."

Wonderful things had been done in Capernaum, and the Mah-hah-bones in Jerusalem had begun to think their bones were in danger.

Mah-hah-bone!

Horrible thing to let that out, is it not?

That is the omnific word of the Masons. That is the "point within the circle"; the worship of Baal.

It goes on today in London, New York, Chicago, St. Petersburg, Berlin, Rome, everywhere.

#### Baal Has a Mighty Hold Upon This World.

Christ fought Secretism.

"In secret," He said, "have I said nothing."

He smote it, and He smites it still.

They had followed Him to Nazareth, and they thought, doubtless, "We will break His neck at Nazareth. We could not do it down there in Capernaum."

Why could they not? Because the centurion was with Him, and Jairus, the ruler of the synagogue, was with Him; and Joanna, and Susanna, and Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven devils, and they loved Him.

They got into the synagogue, and when He got up to preach they began to interrupt. They whispered all down the pew lines: "He is a fraud! He is a humbug! He is a liar! He is a cheat! He is only the son of Joe, the carpenter!"

They begin to stir up things.

Christ is not at all adverse to a mixup, so He stirred them up a little more. That is always what I do.

When anybody stirs things up, I stir them up a little more. I do not shrink from the battle. I will not shrink from it in London.

I may be killed, but you cannot stop me speaking.

Do you think you can stop me fighting the Devil?

I do not know how you are going to do it. If I were lying down to my last gasp, I would kick, if I could not do anything else.

The Word of God is not bound. You cannot stop it.

It is too late, Mah-hah-bones!

It is too late, ye generation of vipers!

The truth is getting out again, that Christ is in London.

I am not the Christ. God forbid that I should ever have such a ridiculous idea. I am the weakest and most unworthy of His servants. I wonder more than anybody else why He should have called me.

Why did He not call the Archbishop of Canterbury to lay hands on the sick and have them healed? I do not know. He did not do it.

I have not heard of any healing through the hands of Dr. Temple.

Why did He not call him to fight the Devil, instead of saying that he is quite helpless, and cannot do anything?

I should think when a Bishop is quite helpless and cannot do anything, it is time to dispense with him.

I should think when a Judge cannot uphold the law, it is time to dispense with him.

I should think that when a ruler in the place of authority cannot do anything with a set of ritualistic rascals, it is time to do something with that man. It is time to put a man there who can do something.

#### I Intend to Have It Out With the Church of England.

"Big task," you say.

I know it is, but I am going to hit it. There is much room for criticism, and you know it. I will hit hard when I do hit.

It is time that that apostate Church gave way and made room for God's Kingdom to come.

What! men say that they can do nothing who are entrusted with power? Let them stand aside for the man who can do something.

Christ arose when they began to talk like this. He told them two stories.

Christ was a first-class story-teller, and all His stories were true. He had a wonderful faculty for stirring up the Devil.

So had Paul. Wherever Paul went there was a regular row. It usually took a regiment of soldiers to keep things in order, and in most cities he got into jail.

If we had some Pauls around we could stir up things, and it would be immensely better for England and for America and everywhere.

The fact of the matter is that the Devil has it all his own way for the most part. He is not very much troubled.

I will tell again these stories which Christ told.

There they were in Nazareth, and there was His widowed mother sitting in the congregation. He loved her, but He was going to stab her to the very heart. The sword was going to pierce her heart: for she was a coward. His brethren were cowards. Not one of them believed on Him.

If you do not know that, you do not know the Scripture. His mother was always afraid of her Son getting into trouble. She was a coward. Every now and then she would want Him to come away to get out of the crowd when He was discussing with the Pharisees.

He was delivering His first discourse in Nazareth, and He was going to put the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, through His mother's heart. She needed it.

There are a great many mothers who need it. A good many brothers need it, a good many wives need it, and a good many sisters need it, but they do not like it when it comes.

#### **Elijah and the Widow at Zarephath.**

Jesus said that in the days of Elijah there were many widows in Israel, and it was just exactly in the days of Elijah as it was then.

There was not one single widow who was faithful. There was not a widow in that town, according to the application of His words, who was faithful. Elijah could not find a single widow in all Israel who would take him into her house. But there was a poor woman living at Zarephath, a Canaanitish widow, who took him in.

You remember the circumstances. Elijah had been in hiding for his life, because he and the king had had a falling out. He and the people and the priests had a falling out.

It is always the way with the prophet. He always falls out with the priest, and falls out with the authorities, in nine cases out of ten. Elijah fell out with them. In fact, he had prayed a certain prayer—"Oh Jehovah God, do not let the rain descend from the heavens upon Palestine until the people acknowledge Thee as God, and until they put down Baal-worship."

God answered that prayer.

It did not rain for three years and six months. There was a great famine. The people were all dying.

In the city of Zarephath a poor widow woman lived, starved nearly to death. She came out to gather a few sticks to make a fire, when she saw a strange form lurking in the bushes. It was the gaunt form of Elijah.

He came forward and asked what she was doing.

She said she was gathering a few sticks to build a fire and make a little cake for her son. She said she had just got a little handful of meal and a drop of oil to make a cake for her only son. She intended to give it to him, and then lie down and die.

Elijah said:

Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it forth unto me, and afterward make for thee and for thy son.

She took the few sticks, she took the little meal, she took the little oil, and she made a cake. As far as the record goes, he ate every particle of it.

Then he told her to go and make cakes for herself.

She went to her meal barrel and to her cruise of oil. They still contained some.

There was meal and oil there all the rest of the famine.

There was not a widow in Israel who had faith in the God of the heavens to believe in any such nonsense as that, as they would have called it.

How many widows are there in London who believe that God will provide today? I am not going to say there are none. God forbid, because I believe there are widows in London who do trust God.

That story Jesus told hurt His mother. She was crying over it, sitting in a pew there.

It was pretty hard to hear her own Son talk like that.

#### **Anger of the Wicked When the Truth is Told.**

There were many boys there who drank.

They did not smoke then. That dirty, stinking habit had not been invented.

Ugh! You stinkpots!

I do detest your filthy practices.

If there is anything upon this God's earth that makes me feel a man has ceased to be a man, it is to see him an animated chimney-pot.

You dirty fellow! Your throat is an open sepulcher!

You stink like devils!

How can you talk about being clean Christians?

They did not smoke in those days. In fact, they did not drink so much; but they were pretty bad boys, some of them. They got angry with Christ because what He said was a reflection upon their mothers. They felt that they would like to hit Him on the nose, just as that fellow down there would like to hit me on the nose. There are two or three amiable men here! Lovely characters!

That made them awfully angry.

They became angrier still when He told them another story.

#### **The Story of Naaman, the Leper.**

He said in the days of Elisha there were many lepers in Israel, and the only man who could be healed was not an Israelite at all. He was a Syrian, a heathen named Naaman, who believed in the God of Elisha, and did what Elisha told him. He went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan.

You make an awful row because I desire to dip you three times.

Because I command you to follow the Lord and be dipped three times, you are in a regular rage.

You get angry.

You are like Naaman, who asked whether there were not the rivers of Damascus better than this ditch of a Jordan? But he had to come to it, and you will have to come to it, too.

I intend to baptize every last saint of you who desires to obey God.

When they heard about Naaman, they got very angry.

What were they angry about? Because he was telling them historic facts, truths. He was telling them things which were true. You cannot make people more angry than by telling them the exact truth.

That is what makes people terrifically angry. You tell them the truth, and they get angry. They cannot stay; they want to go out and get a smoke, or a drink, or something of that kind.

What did they do?

They got so angry that they said they would kill Him. What for?

Because He said the things they did not like. They took Him through the streets, to the brow of the hill, and were going to throw him down from there, but they lost Him.

He went away. His time had not come.

I have had many experiences; but until a man's time has come for him to lay his life down for God, he is immortal. You cannot hurt him.

Christ's time had not come. No man could take His life from Him until He laid it down.

The point is this:

Christ was preaching the Gospel of Divine Healing as well as of Salvation. He was telling them that the time had come for people to be loosed from their sins and their sicknesses. He said, "I am the Man to do it. I am the Christ of God, and I have come to do it." Then they became angry.

Why? Because there were devils in them, and these devils wanted to destroy Him.

Where are the devils? Do you have to seek in the upper air for them? Do you have to seek down in deepest hell for them?

I saw them in a saloon just now as I passed. I saw them selling, upon this Sabbath Day, liquid fire and distilled damna-

tion. The man who sells liquor to little children, as I saw a man doing to a little girl and a boy, as I passed his den, is an incarnate devil.

#### The Liquor-Seller an Incarnate Devil.

The man who sells liquid fire and distilled damnation is an incarnate devil. He has a devil in him.

No man who had the Spirit of God would sell that liquor which makes people harlots, and thieves, and murderers, and drunkards, and fills graves and the lunatic asylums, poorhouses and hell.

If you tell me that such a man is a servant of God, then I say I hate that god whom he serves; because that god is the Devil.

You have only to say that in London, and you have a few hundred thousand fellows after you.

I know that, but I am going to say that in London.

I say that the man who sells liquid fire and distilled damnation is a criminal, no matter that the law of man may license him. God says:

Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that addest thy venom thereto, and makest him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness!

The thing which made them mad was just the truth. You have only to tell the truth to make people mad. That was the only way the Saviour could do His work. He did it by telling the truth; not by keeping back any part of it, and not by telling them in a soft way.

He told it in a way that hit and that was heard, and they tried to kill Him.

No man shall talk the truth in Chicago, New York, London, Edinburgh, anywhere, and tell it in a way that hits without getting the Devil stirred up.

May God stir up the Devil. (Amen.)

May the fight come on.

The question is simply this: Is the God of Israel, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, stronger than the Devil?

If He is not, then we had better quit His service. If He is, then let us fight it out on that line.

Every man and woman in this place who intends to stand with Jesus Christ, and desires to serve God with all their hearts, stand and tell Him so. All who do not, sit still. (For the most part the audience arose.) Pray.

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. Take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be. Help me to follow Jesus and to hate sin. Give me Thy Holy Spirit's power, that I may do my utmost to deliver men from the powers of evil. Forgive my sin. Wherever I have wronged any, give me power to restore, to confess, to do right, whatever it may cost; to serve Thee fully, for Jesus' sake. (All standing repeat the prayer, clause by clause, after the General Overseer.)

I ask the few hundreds who are standing, my brothers and sisters, did you mean that prayer?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—If you will live that prayer, there will be two things happen to you. First, you will stir up the Devil everywhere. Second, you will win multitudes to God, but you will not do it without trouble.

Pray for me. Pray for this work. It begins quietly. It begins with a handful. I have seen a work begin with twenty-five in one city in America, and within a fortnight there were four thousand. May God bring the multitudes in due time. But may God bless you first.

After the doxology had been sung, the services were closed by the General Overseer pronouncing the following

#### BENEDICTION.

Jehovah, bless thee and keep thee; make His face to shine upon thee, be gracious unto thee; lift up His countenance on thee, and give thee peace.

The grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, abide with you, bless you and keep you, spirit, soul and body, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

#### EVENING SERVICE.

The services were opened by the congregation singing Hymn Number 23 on the song leaflet:

Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious!  
See the "Man of Sorrows" now,  
From the fight returned victorious,  
Every knee to Him shall bow.

The General Overseer then read from the fourth chapter of St. Matthew, beginning at the twelfth verse.

The congregation then joined in singing Hymn Number 10, after which the General Overseer said:

#### Prayers Requested for Zion in America.

Before we pray, I will ask you, especially you who are in sympathy with the Christian Catholic Church in Zion throughout the world, to remember that about this time our people are gathering in all parts of America. In America it is about 3 o'clock, and about this time our people gather in very large numbers.

I have sent them a cablegram today telling them of the opening of this Mission, and asking for their united prayers.

I ask you to pray with me for them. I feel like an exile. I feel away from home.

I did not know that I loved my work and people so much, but it filled my heart today to know of their love for me. I could not get over how they parted with me; how they filled the streets; thronged in thousands and wept, men and women and children, as we said goodby. I want to get home again. You are not treating me kindly in London. You are very rude to me, very unkind. But I have come to London to do this work, and I am going to stay until it is done. (Applause.)

I think the so-called Christian press of London might have waited until they had heard from my lips before they criticised. It would have been time to criticise when they had seen the man and knew his work.

I have no other Gospel but this Everlasting Gospel. I have no other Message but that which God has between the two boards of this Bible.

I have been God's child from my seventh year. I have known and loved Him from my seventh year. I think it hard that men calling themselves Christians should denounce me as if I belonged to the Devil.

After a few further remarks the General Overseer offered prayer. Hymn Number 14 was sung, the announcements were made and the offering received.

#### PREACHING, TEACHING, HEALING.

The General Overseer then delivered the evening address.

#### INVOCATION.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, be profitable unto this people, and unto all to whom these words shall come, in this and every land, in this and all the coming time, till Jesus come, for His sake.

In the fourth chapter and the twenty-second verse of the Gospel according to St. Matthew we read these words:

#### TEXT.

And Jesus went about in all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing all manner of disease and all manner of sickness among the people.

When Christ was here on earth His mission was conducted in an orderly manner.

Disorder is devilish, diabolical, and belongs to hell.

Order is the first Law of Heaven: it is Divine.

Christ, our Master, did not conduct His mission in a go-as-you-please and do-as-you-like manner.

The Church of God is founded and is organized in an orderly manner.

Christ's Mission had three distinct branches. He was a Teacher, Preacher and Healer.

His first business was to teach.

He went about teaching in their synagogues.

The next thing was to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom.

#### Christ's Gospel is the Gospel of the Kingdom.

Mark that word, *Kingdom*.

It was not the Gospel of the Church. There is no Gospel of the Church. There is no Gospel of the nation, of the republic or of the monarchy.

It is the Gospel of the Kingdom of God.

Christ did not take much notice of the Church.

The word Church does not exist in the Four Gospels except in the Gospel according to St. Matthew.

The only times you will find it are when He spoke to Peter and said: "Thou art *Petros* (Πέτρος, stone), and upon this rock, *petra* (πέτρα) (that was the rock of his confession), I will build My Church."

And again, concerning those who had sinned: "Tell it to the Church."

Let us get the real meaning of the word Church.

It is an *ecclesia* (ἐκκλησία), assembly of believers.

It is not a Gospel of the Church that Christ came to preach.

He came to establish a Kingdom, a Kingdom, A KINGDOM!

The politician tells you to keep your religion out of politics.

The business man tells you to keep your religion out of business.

The voluptuary tells you to keep your religion out of pleasure.

"Let us have politics, business and pleasure without religion," is their cry.

That is why the world is going to the Devil.

Christ came to establish a Kingdom. He is a King, and His Kingdom extends into everything: to the heart, the home, business, politics, pleasure, and every relation of life.

#### Christ's Kingdom is Over All, in All, and Through All.

The Gospel is a larger thing than the mere Gospel of an *ecclesia*, an assembly, whether it is in the stately worship of Rome, the English Church or any other.

There is no Gospel of the Church.

It is the Gospel of the Kingdom.

All Jesus' parables were about the Kingdom of Heaven.

Later there was the magnifying of the Church. The Church idea has been so much magnified that people have forgotten that the Church is simply a gathering of those who are in the Kingdom.

A great many may be in the Kingdom who are not in the Church, and a great many may be in the Church who are not in the Kingdom.

The King preached the Gospel of the Kingdom.

That is why I am preaching the Gospel which a great many people do not like.

It is the Gospel which tells my people what they are to do in business, in politics, and in everything.

We intend to have Zion rule the earth yet.

The saints shall judge the world. Hallelujah! (Hallelujah!)

I believe in carrying the Gospel into everything. That is why Zion is getting blessing.

Jesus went about in all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing all manner of disease and all manner of sickness among the people.

Teaching is the first thing; not preaching.

Preaching is a very small matter.

I am not a preacher. If one of you should say tomorrow, "Dr. Dowie does not preach," you would be right. I do not preach; I teach. Then I preach a little, and then God heals.

The first thing is teaching.

How did He teach? What did He teach?

In the first place, He never read a sermon.

I have been wondering whether anybody in England can preach without a manuscript. The only one I have heard preach without a manuscript is dear John McNeil. I enjoyed hearing him very much, although he does not understand about Divine Healing. There is lots of good in John McNeil.

Where is the teaching capacity?

Christ let teaching come first, preaching second, and healing last.

He taught in the simplest possible way. He taught in such a way that "the common people heard Him gladly."

Lately I have heard some fellows preach, and although I was thoroughly educated and have been a pretty close reader, and know something about a few things, I declare to you that I felt a good deal of sympathy with the old woman who said that she ought to have left her Bible at home and brought a dictionary. (Laughter.)

It seemed to me that the preacher had swallowed a dictionary.

What does this wretched slavery to manuscript mean?

I used to hear Gladstone and Disraeli in the House of Commons in the days when these giants of debate were there. Did they read their speeches? No. They looked the House in the eye, and talked to living men from their hearts. They were full of their subjects.

The teacher must be accurate.

The teacher has a good deal of hard work to do. You know humanity is ignorant.

The great design of the Devil has been by false teaching to lead men astray. Christ's great purpose was to eliminate truth

from error, to present truth itself, and to show men by His teaching that the thing that He said was absolutely true.

His preaching was to say, "Receive the truth, and come into the Kingdom of God." Act upon it, and then you will get Salvation, and you will get Healing.

What did He teach?

#### Christ Taught His Own Divinity.

He said, "I that speak unto thee am He." "Before Abraham was I am."

He taught that He was the Eternal *Logos*; that all things came into being by means of Him, and that without Him came not into being anything that has come into being.

He said that in Him was Life, and that the Life was the Light of men; that God had created the world through Him; that He was its Creator, its King, its Saviour; that He was the Eternal Son of God.

They said, "We will kill You for that."

They said, "You are not the Christ, You are a blasphemer; You are the son of Joe, the village carpenter, and of Mary. If You say that You were born before he knew her, then You are a bastard."

I have heard a Rabbi hiss the word between his teeth: "I hate him, the bastard of Nazareth!"

He was either a bastard or the Son of God. He was not the Son of Joseph.

He was the Son of God and He said He was. He said, in effect, "I am God."

He said:

I am in the Father, and the Father in Me.

He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father.

That was a pretty daring thing for a man to say, was it not?

"Oh," you say, "but we believe that."

Do you! Would you believe it if He stood here as I stand tonight and said it? You criticise the Jews and are hard upon them because they rejected His Divinity. Would you accept it if He came down from the lakes in the north of England with a few fishermen to London, and believe He was the Son of God?

If He went into Westminster Abbey today, as He went into the Temple of old, and said, "I am the Son of God," and took a whip of small cords and cast out the hypocrites who had turned God's House into a house of merchandise and a den of thieves, would you believe Him any more than they did nineteen centuries ago?

A Voice—"Yes, but they would not believe a self-made Pope."

General Overseer—Now this impudent man cannot keep back the devil who is in him. He must talk. He cannot keep it back. He must show to everybody what a fool he is. I am no Pope, and I am not a self-made Pope.

My people, who know me better than that vile fellow there, love me, and would die for me.

They would not die for him.

You hold your peace. I do not suffer devils to speak.

You would not do that in Westminster Abbey, you would not do that in Dr. Parker's, and you shall not be allowed to do it here. (Amen. Applause.)

Friends, God's Word says that they who rejected Christ were ignorant. It is just because that man is ignorant that he uttered that scandalous insult just now.

I fight popery in every form.

#### Obedience to Christ Makes All Else Easy.

This teaching of His own Divinity is the first thing. When that is accepted, that is the basis of everything. Once you have believed that Christ is the Son of God, that the Father dwelt in Him, that the Holy Spirit dwelt in Him with immeasurable power, and that He is Lord of Lords and King of Kings, then everything else is easy, because you obey Him.

I obey Him the best I know how. If I disobey Him, it is not consciously, it is not wilfully.

The next thing that He taught them was that the whole theology of the time was a mass of lies upon many points.

Among these points was this, that evil was the work of God. The Rabbis had long taught it. The Rabbis are teaching it today.

The churches are teaching today that disease and evil are the will of God, the work of God, even, and that what we have

to do is to accept disease as God's will, bow to it, receive it, and get all the blessing there is to be gotten out of it.

He told them that that was a lie.

He taught them that disease was the direct consequence of sin; that sin was the work primarily of the Devil, and that He had come into this world for the purpose of destroying the works of the Devil. (Praise God.)

He taught them that He was going about doing good, and healing, not some, but as Peter said in the house of Cornelius:

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with Power: who went about doing good, and healing *all* that were oppressed of the Devil.

He taught them that there was no form of demoniacal possession, and that there was no form of oppression by disease which was the will of God, but that it was the work of the Devil, and that He had come to destroy it.

What good news that was. What glad tidings it was, because they had been taught that they were to say with Job:

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord.

They failed to see that when Job said that, Job was blessing God for what the Devil had done. It was the Devil who had destroyed his children, and the great wind from the wilderness was the Devil's work, the Prince of the Power of the Air; and it was the Devil who had stolen his cattle and killed his servants. Job thought it was God, and he blessed God for what the Devil had done.

There are a great many people today who are constantly being taught the same thing: to bless God for the Devil's work.

#### The Folly of Blessing God for the Devil's Work.

A man goes away and sins. We will say he is a Freemason. He is going through the Blue Lodge. He becomes an Entered Apprentice, a Fellow Craft and a Master Mason.

They have a banquet when they have finished the "work" of the Blue Lodge, and they drink until all is blue. Then he goes home singing, "We won't go home until morning." It is quite unnecessary, for it is morning now. He rolls into the gutter, and tries to make a blanket of the paving stone. The policeman comes along, picks him up and carries him home.

Then he gets sick, and they send for the minister. The minister comes and says it is "the hand of the Lord."

That is a lie. It is the hand of the Devil. If he dies, it is the Devil who killed him, and his own sin in obeying the Devil.

Here is a girl who jumps around and hops about dancing until a late hour. Then she takes ices and wines, and goes home at 4 o'clock in the morning with a cloud over her gentle breast.

She gets a severe cold, and coughs.

She has consumption.

They bring in the minister, who says, "It is the mysterious hand of God."

She dies, and they write upon her tomb, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord."

That is an infernal lie. It was the Devil who took her.

Jesus taught in very plain speech that their diseases were the result of their sins.

Here is a man, for instance, who has a filthy cancer in his throat.

How did he get it? Because he was a dirty stinkpot! He would smoke; the dirty dog! He would chew. He would stink his wife until she just loathed him. He became an offense.

A little while ago a dear old gentleman who was a smoker came to see his little grandchild whom he had never seen. Her mother said, "When your grandfather comes, you are to kiss him."

So she leaped up and kissed grandpa, but she was down on her feet in a minute. No power could ever get her to kiss grandpa again.

At last her mother said, "If you do not kiss grandpa, I will whip you."

So she came up and tried to kiss him, and she jumped away again.

At last grandpa said, "Now, dear, tell me why it is you do not kiss me, I love you so?"

The child said, "Well, Grandpa, I can't kiss you because you stink so."

The dirty old stinkpot!

When he heard that he said, "Thank God, that is a message from a child. I will never smoke again."

Then she always wanted to kiss grandpa.

Some of you dirty dogs wonder your wives do not kiss you! Who would kiss you, you dirty stinkpots?

You go on smoking and you get cancer. Then they try to cut it out. At last you die. They write upon your gravestone, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away."

That is a lie.

The Lord Jesus Christ taught that kind of plain talk.

#### Jesus Taught That Doctors Were of No Account.

Everybody knows that who knows anything. The doctors of His time were like the doctors of our time.

My good Lord, save you from the doctor.

I was educated amongst them at Edinburgh University, and had a narrow escape from being one.

In Christ's day the doctors were just as they are today. The poor woman suffered many things of many physicians, and spent all she had, but was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse.

There is not a doctor living who knows a cure for the plainest disease.

What doctor knows a cure for cancer? Yet you can see a cancer; you can feel a cancer; you can smell a cancer. No cure is known by man for that cancer.

Frederick William, late Emperor of Germany, the father of the present Emperor, died with a cancer in his throat.

The doctors went on cutting him and cutting him. They cut it when it was only a little pimple, but they could not save him.

But there was an old Christian woman named Delia King, who still lives at 1261 Center Street, Oakland, California. At the very time the Emperor was dying of the cancer, she came to me and said, "Doctor, look at my throat." I looked, and I turned away sick.

The cancer had eaten half across her tongue at the roots. It had eaten away one tonsil, and she was left to die.

She said, "What you have taught is true. Place your finger on that cancer and pray, and I will be healed."

She was sixty-nine years of age then. That was in 1888. This is 1900, twelve years later. Delia King is living today, her cancer is gone, and she is praising God. (Praise God.)

Facts are facts. You cannot knock out a fact with your impudent talk about my being a Pope. That will not knock the fact out. The facts are there, and I will knock you out with the facts.

The fact is there. Christ had the facts on His side. He had the facts, and they had the theories. Their theory was that faith in Him was of no account. But the facts remain: the blind received their sight; the deaf heard; the lame walked; the cancer—hold on! I made a mistake about that. Christ never healed a cancer.

The Greek word for cancer is not in the New Testament. There is no word for cancer in Hebrew at all. Do you know why?

Because the Jews never ate pig. Pig is where cancer comes from.

There is no cancer, and there is no scrofula where there is no swine's flesh eaten.

#### The Filthiness of Swine's Flesh.

God's Word says:

Their flesh ye shall not eat, and their carcasses ye shall not touch; they are unclean unto you.

When the Lord Jesus Christ wanted to show His contempt for swine's flesh, he answered the prayer of devils, and sent the devils into the pigs. They have never left them. (Laughter.)

It is the dirtiest, filthiest flesh that curses humanity. You think it is clean.

The pigs in America, similar to those you eat in London, eat snakes.

There is an island near Detroit, Michigan, which was full of snakes. They turned in some pigs. Somebody said the snakes would kill the pigs; but, bless your life, it was the pigs that killed the snakes and ate them all. You ate the pigs, perhaps.

Ugh! The filthiness of it!

Jesus never healed a cancer. He never saw one. There was no such thing as cancer in Palestine.

I never knew of an orthodox Jew who had a cancer.

You dirty pig-eaters! How can you eat pig? I was in Belfast, Ireland, the other day. A drove of pigs was being driven in the street. The leg of one pig was running, and the poor pig was very sick. At last it could not go. It lay down and could not get up. They sent for a butcher to have it killed and served up to you in London, full of disease.

Jesus taught very plain things. His teaching was very effective. They believed Him and they obtained Salvation and Healing, because they believed that He was the Son of God who could plead with the Father for them; that He was the Saviour of the world, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

These were the three things which Jesus did. He went about teaching, preaching and healing.

All who believe that Jesus Christ is just the same today, stand and tell God. All who believe that Jesus Christ has changed, keep your seats. (With a few exceptions the audience arose.)

Now pray.

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.**

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. I believe that Jesus is just the same Saviour, Healer, Cleanser and Keeper. For His sake hear my cry. Take away my sin. Help me to do right, to find deliverance through Him, for His sake. Amen. (All standing repeat the prayer, clause by clause, after the General Overseer.)

After the Doxology had been sung, the services were closed by the General Overseer offering the following

**PRAYER AND BENEDICTION.**

Father, bless this assembly. Bless the assemblies in the week which lies before us. Grant unto those who oppose themselves that they may give up their folly, and that they may trust in Thee and relinquish the fighting of God and of His truth, for Jesus' sake. Grant tonight as we go home that we may remember that the Christ who went about all Galilee teaching, preaching and healing is with us still, the same Teacher, Preacher and Healer as ever. For Jesus' sake, bless us. Amen.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

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NOTES FROM ZION HOME

THE regular Praise and Testimony Meeting held in Zion Home, Saturday evening, October 20, 1900, was conducted by Overseer Piper.

After the usual opening exercises, the States represented were enumerated and found to be eleven in number, as follows:

Arizona, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee, Washington and Wisconsin.

The following foreign countries were represented:  
Canada and Denmark.

The meeting was then thrown open for testimony.

MRS. EMILY KNAPP, Menomonie, Wisconsin, said: "Since I came here God has given me great blessing. I thank God for the strength He has given me. Last night the Devil told me I was a coward and would not dare to try to walk. I got up and I did walk. I never expected to find anything so near heaven as I have found Zion. I believe these are the latter day saints. I am thankful that God gave me the privilege to come to Zion."

MRS. W. M. MCELHINEY, Pontiac, Illinois, thanked God for the blessing she received in Zion during the past week.

ORPHA J. WOODWORTH, Lamoille, Illinois, said: "God has healed me many times of many complaints. I thank God for Zion and for the blessings I have received here."

MRS. H. K. ANDERSON, Lamoille, Illinois, said: "I thank God tonight because He has been using me in His work. I have been working for the Lord as faithfully as I can since I have been in Zion. I never keep LEAVES OF HEALING in my house after I have read it, but give it to some one else to read. The Devil is being stirred up in our town. Pray for us."

E. D. BERGMAN, Glenburg, Ohio, said: "I thank God for the many blessings He has shown me since I came here. God has been very real to me in so many ways."

MISS FLORENCE BOLTON, 16 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I wish to say that I have been wonderfully blessed and healed in the last three weeks. I overworked some time ago and my limbs gave away. I could not stand on my feet. The Elders prayed for me and I have received healing. I thank God for what He has done for me."

CHARLES H. DAVIS, Monticello, Indiana, said: "I praise God for the blessing I have received since I came to Zion. About eighteen months ago I was hurt and was unconscious for several hours. The doctors were called and said I would not be able to be out for months. A telegram was sent to Dr. Dowie to pray for me, when I was so bad I could not turn myself in bed. I thank God that He healed me and I was able to be out in ten days."

MISS CLARISSA ANDERSON, Garfield, Washington, said: "God has blessed me many times in the past. He has cared for me, and I expect to love Him and live for Him the rest of my life."

MISS NELLIE CHANDLER, 940 East Johnson Street, Madison, Wisconsin, said: "I thank God for His healing power. Some time ago I was brought here in a dying condition. I was told that I could not get well. I came to Zion Home and, thank God, I was healed and have been well ever since."

MRS. ANNIE BALMER, Pontiac, Illinois, said: "I am sure God is blessing me in a great many ways. Since we have a Gathering at Pontiac I am learning the teaching of Zion and

am being greatly blessed. I first came to know of Divine Healing through LEAVES OF HEALING. One of my neighbors gave me the paper. She was at Zion Tabernacle No. 1 and received perfect healing. We are doing good work with LEAVES OF HEALING at Pontiac. I take great pleasure in selling the LEAVES, and God blesses me every day."

MRS. EMMA WILCOX, Phoenix, Arizona, said: "I was converted when I was fifteen years old, and had been trying, by God's Grace, to live a Christian all these years; but through ignorance I have stumbled many times. Three years ago I received LEAVES OF HEALING, and as soon as I consented to read and investigate, I found it contained the truth of God. When I read that Jesus Christ was our Physician and Healer, I believed it. As soon as I saw that He not only died for our sins, but for our sicknesses, I began to trust Him as my Healer. About a year ago I joined Zion. I praise God that I can be among you. I know that this is the people of God. I have received much blessing since I have been in Zion."

DEACONESS MARY B. SPEICHER, Zion Home, said: "I have great reason to praise God for His kindness to me. I have had many blessings during the past week."

ELDER EMMA K. MASON, Zion Home (formerly of Huchow, China), said: "I have certainly been greatly blessed of God. I cannot tell of any wonderful healing, but I feel that I have great reason to praise God for the continued health He gives to me and my family. With the exception of a light attack of the grip last spring, we have been kept in health since we began to trust God as our Healer, and since our little girl buried the last bit of our medicine in China. The most wonderful blessing we have received in Zion is that we have been drawn closer to God."

ERNEST MUDGETT, 1243 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, said: "I praise God tonight for His keeping power. I think it is better to praise God for this than to wait until we are sick and call upon Him to heal us, and then give Him the praise. I thank God for the health He gives to me."

MRS. L. J. KERN, Springfield, Missouri, said: "I praise God for Salvation, and I praise Him for Zion. I had thought I was a Christian for many years, but the Bible has become a new Book to me since I came to Zion. I thought I understood the Bible quite well, but found that I knew nothing about it at all. I praise God for the great light which I have received through Zion. We have had some healings in our town."

ELDER F. A. GRAVES, Zion Home, said: "I remember the story of the little boy's composition on pins. He said they had saved the lives of thousands of people by their not swallowing them. I feel as if I had been saved from many things because I have not swallowed swine's flesh. I noticed last week a gentleman from Minneapolis said that hundreds of hogs were shipped from Southern Minnesota to Chicago that were too sick and weak to walk into the car. I suppose they reached Chicago all right, but they did not come into this house. I am glad my eyes were opened in regard to this thing. I have seen farmers load pigs into the wagon to take them to market when they were too sick to walk. I saw a man feed his hogs blue vitriol and salt. That is what they make pork out of. We do not want any of it in Zion."

N. A. ROBINSON, Westfield, Illinois, said: "I knew nothing of Zion until about two years ago. I had believed that God



did heal His people. One day I met a man, who was once our pastor, on the street. He said he had been troubled with hemorrhages, and if he was troubled again he would go to Dr. Dowie. That was the first I heard of Zion. This man sent me a letter which he had received from Dr. Dowie. I was interested at once and wanted to come to Zion, but for some reason the Devil kept me away.

"I had a sore eye, which had been sore for two and one-half years. I became so disgusted with medicine that I threw it away and said, by the Grace of God, I would never touch it again. I came to Zion on a Friday, almost blind, and on Monday morning God blessed and healed me. I thank God for all He has done for me."

ELDER CYRUS B. FOCKLER, Mansfield, Ohio, said: "Elder Graves said they made pork out of blue vitriol and salt in Minnesota. Down around Canton and Mansfield they make it out of slop. A neighbor of ours near Canton has a child who has been sick for some time. I believe it is because they keep the miserable swine. They haul the slop from the city and feed it to the hogs."

E. WARBRITTON, Pontiac, Illinois, said: "I thank God for Zion. I know I am with God's people when I am here."

W. J. MERCHANT, Greenspring, Ohio, said: "I am not a member of this society, but I hope if you give me the privilege to speak a few minutes that I will do no harm. We have been taught that some people must suffer to do others good. Christ suffered for you and me. I suffered all the pangs of Andersonville Prison, during the Civil War. I suffered many things. Somebody was benefited by it. I presume I would not have been here with my invalid wife tonight, only for the way wicked people have treated godly men in Mansfield."

"On the morning of September 14th, I happened to be in Mansfield, visiting an invalid brother of mine. The city apparently was all torn to pieces. I said, 'What is the cause of all this excitement?' He went on to relate some things about the outrages."

"I said, 'Is it possible that two noble, godly men have come into your city and raised such an excitement as this?'"

"He handed me LEAVES OF HEALING. I opened up the paper, and there was a photograph of one of the best women I ever knew (except my wife). She is a member of Zion Church. I did not know it at the time. The minute I saw the picture I knew it, as I had been acquainted with her for a number of years. I said to my brother and friends, 'This lady stands as high in the community where she is now as Senator Sherman ever stood in your State.'

"They said, 'Do you believe in this doctrine?'"

"I did not say that I believed in the doctrine, but I said, 'I believe that woman just as much as I believe any woman you have in Mansfield. I knew her history.'

"I came home. My wife had been writing to this Zion Home for years, but I must acknowledge she never got much encouragement from me. I said to her, 'Go right to Fostoria and see Mrs. Dicken.'

"She went. She found out every word I said was true. The reason I was so well acquainted with this lady was because her husband and I bunked together in the Rebellion."

"My wife said she was going to Zion Home. I said I would write first, for, perhaps, we might not be welcome. I wrote, and received a grand letter saying, 'Come; we will extend to you a hearty welcome and Christian fellowship. We will do all we can for you.'

"My wife stood the trip well. Since 8 o'clock we have traveled 230 miles, and I know she is enjoying this meeting."

'D. C. OWEN OPPERMAN, Lexington, Illinois, said: "I hardly know where to begin when I want to tell what God has done for me. I came out of the Dunkard Church, and I had a

hard time to get out. I was so prejudiced against anything that was not Dunkard, that I could hardly see what Zion was. When I did see what Zion was, I saw it was my duty to come into the Church. I began to think what I would have to give up. I thought about my dear mother and brothers and sisters. I thought mother would still be my mother anyway. I thought of the lady whom I loved, and who had promised to be my wife. I knew her position toward Zion. I said, 'By the help of God, I will do what He wants me to do.' I said, 'If You want me to have her to be my wife, send her on.' And He did. Tonight I have the happy pleasure of bringing her application for fellowship in Zion. I have much to thank God for."

"Quite recently I was out in the timber with some of the children. I am a teacher. I got poisoned. It was spreading rapidly over my face. I sent a request for prayer to Overseer Piper and I was healed immediately. I thank God and thank Overseer Piper for his prayers."

"I have paid my tithes to God, and He has given me an increase of salary over last year, and a longer term. I thank God that He answers prayer."

"I have been distributing LEAVES OF HEALING, and one of our neighbors became convinced that it was wrong to use tobacco. He requested me to pray with him that he might be relieved of the habit. My dear wife and I prayed for him and the desire was not so strong. I wrote to Overseer Piper, and in connection with him we prayed, and God answered prayer and the man has been completely delivered. He has been chewing tobacco ever since he was a boy, and he is, perhaps, fifty years old."

"There is a saying, 'To be a Roman is greater than to be a king.' I feel that way about Zion. To be a Zion man is greater than to be a king. I thank God for just a little Zion backbone."

FRANK L. STEWART, Osseo, Michigan, said: "Two years ago I would have thought it impossible and altogether out of order to be found with Zion people. I am now a member of Zion, having sent in my application a few weeks ago."

"I was interested in the cartoon on 'Some of the Ways in Which Swine's Flesh is Fattened,' in a recent number of LEAVES OF HEALING. There was a dead horse lying by the side of the road the other day. When the man was asked why he did not take it away, he said he thought he would leave it there for a few days and the hogs would eat it up. When I saw the cartoon I thought I could use it up there to advantage."

"I first heard of Zion through a brother who attended school here last year. I studied the teaching carefully. I took up the Baptism question, I took up the Divine Healing question, and I found they agreed with the teaching of the Bible. I have studied the Bible more in one year than I had in fifteen years while I was a member of the Methodist Church."

"I thank God that I have gotten out of a narrow Church and have accepted the teaching of Zion."

DEACONESS ROBBINS, Zion Home, said: "I praise God that I am permitted to be in Zion. I seem to get more strength from every meeting I attend. I was away for a few weeks and when I came back and went into the officers' meeting, it seemed that it was the best meeting I ever attended."

"It does take a good deal of backbone to come out and leave all your friends. I left all of mine. For a long time I did not feel that I could ask God to bring my sons into Zion, as they are so opposed to the teaching, but I have received a great deal of help from the thirty-seventh Psalm, which says: 'Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.' I expect Him to fulfil this promise."

The meeting was closed by the benediction.



REV. F. A. GRAVES, SUPERINTENDENT.

PREPARE thy work without,  
And make it ready for thee in the field;  
And afterwards build thine house.—Proverbs 24:27.

**T**HIS is a very good picture of Western prairie life. The farmer buys a farm on which there is neither house nor barn; not a tree, nor a foot of it plowed.

He immediately plows or "breaks" the land, and then later builds his house.

He lives meantime in a hole dug in the ground, or puts up a few boards for a shelter for himself and his horses.

Thus he is preparing for a house and a home. How patiently he toils during these months of preparation!

I see the children with their books and pencils under their arms going to school, and I wonder if they realize that these are their preparation days.

Do you realize how important are these preparation days? You are learning to read and write and count money; learning the geography of the world; fitting yourselves for positions in life.

How necessary it is that a thorough preparation be made for the work of life!

The athlete trains many months for a contest which lasts but a single hour.

You are preparing for a work of years, if God spares your life.

A mathematician once said: "If I have a problem to solve, and only two minutes to do it in, I take one minute and a half to study it, and a half minute to express it."

Three times as long to prepare as to execute.

Jesus Christ, when upon earth, spent thirty years in preparing for His life of public work of three and one-half years.

Let us never lose sight of the value of preparation.

So perfect was the preparation in the building of Solomon's Temple, that when it was put together there was neither sound of hammer nor ax nor any tool.

Notice what God thinks of preparation. Find the book in the Bible which reads that God—

Prepared a fish;  
Prepared a gourd;  
Prepared a worm;  
Prepared an east wind.  
In Psalm 9:7 you find:

But the Lord sitteth as King forever:  
He hath prepared His Throne for judgment.  
In Psalm 147:8:

Who covereth the heaven with clouds,  
Who prepareth rain for the earth,  
Who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

Think of the preparation God has made for us.

Things which eye saw not, and ear heard not,  
And which entered not into the heart of man,  
Whosoever things God prepared for them that love Him.—1 Corinthians 2:9.

Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you."

Thus in these verses we see that God values preparation.

Juniors! Are you preparing your hearts and minds and bodies for the work of God in the future?

Prepare your hearts by giving them to God, praying, "Create in me a clean heart, O God," and thinking of pure things.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Prepare your minds by reading only good books and good papers. Do not read the trashy "novel" or the lustful so-called "love stories" in the daily papers. They are chaff, and not food for your brain. Turn away from them every time. Many of them are written by impure men and women, with no good principle at all. They unfit your mind for good, healthy reading matter.

Prepare your bodies by eating healthful food. Do not eat the swine's flesh which God has forbidden us to eat.

Do not let any of your pennies find their way into the money drawer of the tobacco and gum-seller. Chewing gum injures the stomach. The pepsin in it is made from the stomach of a hog, many times.

Chewing gum injures the eyes. Say with the little boy:

I do not choose to use it,  
If I did use to chew it.

Paul said, "Keep thyself pure."

We should prepare these bodies for God by keeping them clean by frequent bathing; "having your bodies washed with pure water."

Thus with Heart, Mind and Body healthy and clean, your business is to grow to be men and women and take your place in the work of God which is saving humanity from the power of the Devil.

I close with the words of Amos, "Prepare to meet thy God."—Amos 4:12.

#### Arithmetical Problem.

(CORRECTION.—This "Problem" was in the issue of LEAVES OF HEALING of Volume VII, Number 26, but was incorrect.—F. A. G.)

Take the number of plagues God permitted to come upon the Egyptians through Pharaoh; multiply by the number of days that the Egyptians mourned for Jacob; divide by the number of rank ears of corn in Pharaoh's dream; subtract the number of measures of barley that Boaz gave to Ruth; add the number of cheeses which David was commanded to take to a captain; multiply by the number of sons of Jesse who passed before Samuel before David came from the field; divide by the number of times Elijah's servant went and looked toward the sea for rain; add the number of times Eternity is mentioned in the Bible; divide by the number of the chapter in Matthew containing the "Beatitudes"; add the number of talents of gold that the Queen of Sheba gave to Solomon; subtract the number of maidens that King Ahasuerus gave to Queen Esther; subtract the number of sons of Zebedee who were chosen apostles; divide by the number of Job's daughters before he was afflicted; add the age of Joshua at his death; add number of years the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness, also the number of days Lazarus lay in the grave; divide by the number of days the fish gave Jonah free transportation, and you will have the number of books in the Bible.



## ZION AHEAD IN MANSFIELD.

**Elder Bouck and Deacon Kessler Sent Out of the City, But Meetings Are Held. Habeas Corpus Refused, But Freedom Given.**

**Mansfield, Ohio.**

Rev. Cyrus B. Fockler, Elder-in-Charge.

**L**ORD'S DAY, October 28, 1900, was another day of disgrace for Mansfield officials, another day of victory for Zion. Although two officers of the Church were illegally arrested by the Masonic official mob and deported from the city in defiance of law, order and their constitutional right, yet Zion succeeded in holding meetings during the week and a meeting on Lord's Day afternoon.

Deacon Kessler entered the city on Lord's Day morning at 5:40, going by train from Crestline. He was met at the train by the police and arrested at once and held in the railway station until the next train, when he was sent back to Crestline.

As his services were needed in Chicago, in connection with THE COMING CITY, Overseer Piper wired him to come home.

Elder R. M. Bouck, of Cleveland, Ohio, held a meeting on Lord's Day afternoon at the residence of E. H. Leiby, a member of Zion.

The police did not discover the fact until the meeting was under way.

They then tried to break up the meeting, but Elder Bouck and the members of Zion kept the doors locked until the meeting was over.

Elder Bouck was then arrested and, surrounded and followed by a jeering crowd, was dragged to the station.

He was put aboard the 2:30 P. M. eastbound train, but attempted to get off, so that the police were obliged to hold him in the seat until the train started. He warned them that even if they did send him out of the city, he would return.

The following telegram tells the story in brief:

MANSFIELD, OHIO, October 28, 1900.

WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER,  
1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
Kessler not permitted to hold meetings.  
Returned.  
Bouck did hold services at Leiby's home.  
On adjournment arrested by police and sent to Ashland.

A. A. DOUGLASS.

On Wednesday, October 24th, the hearing on the writ of *habeas corpus* under which Deacon Kessler was being held came up before Judge Campbell. The Court gave the Deacon the right to come and go as he chose, but did not grant the writ outright.

Mayor Brown's attorney argued that Deacon Kessler had not been under arrest, but was simply in the custody of the officers for protection, although he had absolutely refused to accompany the police unless arrested.

The Court accepted this illogical construction of the case and compromised the entire matter by refusing the writ and giving Deacon Kessler his liberty.

Notwithstanding this flagrant "straddling" of the issue by Judge Campbell, the decision is regarded in Mansfield generally as a victory for Zion.

Deacon Kessler spent Wednesday in Mansfield without

molestation, and on Wednesday evening, by Overseer Piper's orders, proceeded to Crestline, the hotels of Mansfield refusing him accommodation.

Realizing that the crucial test of the plan would come on Lord's Day, October 28th, Overseer Piper sent the following telegram to both President McKinley, who was at Canton, Ohio, a few miles away, and Governor Nash, at Columbus, Ohio:

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, October 24, 1900.

Time and time again we have appealed, during the last two months, to the local, State and national authorities in behalf of Christian citizens, who have been outraged in the City of Mansfield, Ohio.

A Republican Mayor, Republican Sheriff, Republican Governor and Republican President have turned a deaf ear, have refused to render relief, and have allowed lawless mobs and still more lawless officials in Mansfield to heap indignities upon Christian gentlemen in that city which would easily rival in their horror the outrages of Chinese Boxers.

During this time, five gentlemen, ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, against whom there was not a single charge of having broken a single statute of the State of Ohio, have been marched, wholly or partially naked, through the streets of Mansfield.

Scores of times have our ministers been illegally arrested by lawless officials.

Many times have religious meetings been broken up by these same officials, even at times when there was no mob in sight. On Lord's Day, 14th instant, while Deacon Homer Kessler was conducting Divine services in the home of Frank Calver, one of our members, a police officer took the Bible from which he was reading out of his hands, and, without any warrant, took him out of the place of worship, and sent him out of the city on the next train.

Every Lord's Day, for nearly three months, have one or more of the homes of our members in Mansfield been carefully watched by police officers, some of them ransacked from top to bottom, to see whether they might not find a minister of the Christian Catholic Church in hiding.

On one occasion, recently, a mob two hundred strong went as far as four miles into the country, and searched the home of one of our members for the same purpose.

A month ago we were about to seek relief through a *habeas corpus* writ. This was deceitfully interpreted to the public and mob by the Mayor and his attorney as tying their hands. But every one knows that it would have only hindered them in illegally arresting our men and in no way prevented their giving proper protection to us.

The mob was turned on, and, consequently, two of our ministers were horribly outraged the following Lord's Day, their bodies completely covered with roof tar, their hair and beards filled with the same filthy article, and marched, nearly naked, through the streets of Mansfield, in broad daylight.

The following day, two leaders of the mob hired a rig and drove up and down the streets of Mansfield, bowing as politicians, to the right and left, the heroes of the hour; this in the very presence of the Mayor, who made no pretense of arrest, but, as I have been informed, laughed at the sight.

On the 17th instant we applied for writ of *habeas corpus* on Homer Kessler. Judge Campbell has just this day dismissed the case and said that Deacon Kessler can go where he pleases.

I immediately send you this message, knowing how desperate the mob has become under the encouragement of the Mayor, and ask your protection for this citizen, Homer Kessler, knowing that unless State or national authorities, or both, step in, that horrible indignities will be heaped upon him, and that he may even suffer death.

I have not the slightest doubt that Mayor Brown and his illegal adviser, Attorney Seward, unless too fearful of public sentiment, which I am glad to say has been rapidly growing in favor of civil and religious liberty, even in Mansfield, in order to make it appear that their illegal arrests and deportations of our Elders have been in some sense justifiable, will say to the mob what I have heard they said before, "Now our hands are tied, you must help us out by mobbing this man."

Permit me to say to you that we as a Church believe in the Divinity of Jesus Christ, and that only through Him shall we obtain Salvation from sin.

We also believe that we are right, eternally right, in boldly contending for our right to preach this Gospel in Mansfield, Ohio. While we should deeply deplore the loss of the life of any one of our men, yet we have scores of ministers and thousands of members who are determined that this Gospel shall be preached in Mansfield and everywhere as we have opportunity throughout the world, no matter how many of us lose our lives in the effort.

The charge has been made by some in high civil position that in our effort to preach in Mansfield, we are seeking cheap notoriety. I would like to ask how many in official capacity would be willing to pay the price that our Elders have paid for this so-called cheap notoriety.

Any action that will be taken to protect the life of this man of God must be taken instantly.

To say that you cannot act until Mayor Brown appeals to you, is to say to the mob, "Murder the man."

President Cleveland did not wait until the Mayor of Chicago appealed to him, but acted without his appeal and against his wish. All America knows that you can act similarly in this case, if you will.

As an evidence that Mayor Brown and Attorney Seward are in fullest sympathy with the mobbing of our ministers, I cite you the fact that our ministers, who have committed no breach of law, have been hounded by Mayor and police officers for the past three months, illegally arrested and illegally deported, and not one single member of the mob has been arrested.

The Mansfield papers say that last Thursday night, after we had applied for the *habeas corpus* writ, the mob formed under the very eyes of the police, marched through the streets of Mansfield, demanded entrance and ransacked half a dozen homes of our people in search of ministers of the Christian Catholic Church.

No legal action has been taken by the Mayor or police to bring the leaders of these riotous proceedings to justice.

It has further been suggested by the Mansfield *Shield* that we were probably holding services secretly in Mansfield, after the manner of the early Christians at Rome; and although we claim to be following in the footsteps of the primitive Church in the Gospel that we preach, yet we have not expected that we should find in Free America a Nero in a Mayor's chair.

Mansfield papers have said that the Dowie Elders will now have to take care of themselves, which simply means the mob will be allowed to heap further indignities upon our men.

In conclusion, as a citizen of the United States of America, standing upon the glorious principles upon which our Government is founded, I appeal to you for the protection of this Christian gentleman, Homer Kessler, who is also a citizen of the United States; that you put such powers into action as will protect his body and save his life, and thus save the city, State and Nation from the awful blot of allowing a man to be murdered because he persisted in his rights to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, a right vouchsafed to him by the laws of the State of Ohio and the Constitution of the United States of America.

WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

On the day after they received these telegrams both of these gentlemen, as well as many others high in national and State official station, were in Mansfield at the funeral of the late John Sherman, ex-Secretary of State.

The story of continued official outrage, which occurred on October 28th, shows how they deliberately ignored their sworn duty.

On Tuesday, October 23d, the Rev. Rolland N. Bouck, Elder-in-Charge of the Branch of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion in Cleveland, Ohio, obeying orders from Headquarters, had proceeded to Mansfield and registered at the Vonhof Hotel. He was not recognized as an Elder of the Christian Catholic Church, and on Thursday, the 25th inst., succeeded in holding a meeting with members and friends of Zion in the home of one of the members.

Later he was suspected and questioned by one of the Mansfield police, who evidently had not seen the Deacon, as to whether he were Deacon Kessler. He replied that he was not, and was allowed to go on.

While still in jail at Mansfield, Deacon Kessler wrote the following interesting account of his work for God, in that prison:

This afternoon I sang and prayed with the three other prisoners with their consent. One of them is one of the rioters who was arrested yesterday morning for being with the crowd which tried to go through a house Thursday night, looking for Elders.

He said he was glad that he got arrested and that he got to see an "Elder."

He seemed glad to know that I had prayed with him.

The Deputy Sheriff listened very attentively the other evening when I

was talking to him and the two prisoners about Zion, our belief and what the Scriptures teach concerning same.

I had brought a number of small tracts, "He is Just the Same Today," "How I Came to Speak for Jesus" and "Satan the Defiler," and have been able to make good use of them.

All the officers of the Church who have been at Mansfield say that words cannot describe the devilish bitterness and malignity of the Mansfield official Masonic mob and its sympathizers.

The following letters, written to Elder Cyrus B. Fockler by a man and wife, members of the Christian Catholic Church in Mansfield, show something of the persecution to which honest, upright, clean, peaceable, taxpaying citizens of Mansfield have been subjected:

MANSFIELD, OHIO, October 20, 1900.

I would like to have you find out what kind of a place Waukegan, Illinois, is.

Let me know if there are any other small towns near Zion City where I can go till Zion City gets under headway.

I am completely sick of this thing.

I do not want to loaf all winter.

It has been awful all this week. The mob was at our house Thursday night at 11:30 o'clock, but they did not go through. I just stepped to the door and opened it and told them all if they went through my house they must abide by the consequences.

Two of them came into the sitting-room.

I told the one, "You know what I told you."

He would not go any further.

He said, "I will fool the mob."

He stood there, and you ought to hear him apologize to me.

MANSFIELD, OHIO, October 19, 1900.

We are all feeling blue just now. We hate to go to bed for fear we shall be aroused soon.

Last night the mob made the rounds. They were at our house.

There were only two whom we knew who would come up to the light.

They came in and we locked the door after them. One of them sat talking to me, listening to me telling him of our healing, while the other was making apologies for being in the mob. He went to the stairway and would not go any further.

He stepped into the kitchen without any light and stood there a few minutes.

Then he went out.

The house was surrounded and the mob was yelling for the men to go through.

One of them told us that our near neighbors were watching us and giving the mob information.

One of our neighbors said this morning that he would see that we "caught it" yet.

Mr. — told Sheriff Pulver about what the man said, and the Sheriff laughed in his face.

We are all half sick today over it.

We want to sell out and leave Mansfield until Zion City is built.

They are trying very hard to get Brother — out of his job. Two different mobs went through his house last night.

I am glad I can go to the cornfields some days so we cannot see the deceitful ways of the Mansfield officials and mob.

Some of the people who wanted to be our warm friends now look us in the face and laugh.

If you were here now, you could see the real "old fellow" himself.

We hope and pray that God will not permit any more mobs to do as they want to.

Pray for us that we may keep close to God and live better lives every day.

It will be noted that these outrages have been committed with the full knowledge and, therefore, consent of the city and county officials in that disgraced town.

Corning, Iowa.

Rev. Charles A. Hoy, Elder-in-Charge of Zion's work in Auburn and Falls City, Nebraska, held a mission recently in Corning, Iowa, concerning which he writes:

I just closed a four days' service with members and friends of Zion in Corning, Iowa, as planned by Overseer Piper.

They had rented the Opera House for four nights.

It was virgin soil for Zion, but great interest was manifested in the doctrines and institutions as I set them forth. The Devil had been busy



lying about Zion, which brought out good audiences each night, who sought to learn the truth.

Many remained at the close of each service to learn further concerning Zion.

The power of the Holy Spirit was present with special blessing at afternoon meetings.

Many friends were made for Zion.

One man promised to give up tobacco and to quit raising and using pork.

Three were baptized by Triune Immersion and united with the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

#### Western Kansas.

Rev. David A. Reed, Elder-in-Charge. Evangelist Mary A. Reed, Assisting.

Elder and Evangelist Reed send in the following excellent report of their work for God in Zion on the broad prairies of the western portion of the "Sunflower State":

We praise God for His blessings upon Zion in Western Kansas and some parts of Colorado where we were called.

We held twelve services, baptized ten and received seven applications for membership at a place fourteen miles west of Lamar, Colorado.

Brother Cook and wife came into Zion about one year ago, and now they have twenty-seven members and seventeen volunteers as members of Zion's Seventies. While the denominations have been busy getting up carnivals, old maids' conventions and fighting Zion, the work of Zion has marched steadily forward.

They spend their spare time distributing Zion Literature and talking about God's work.

A baby was brought into the meeting sick and seemingly dying. God answered prayer and instantly and perfectly healed the little one when it seemed dead.

A man suffering from blood-poisoning caused by tobacco and pork received "Zion's Protest Against Swine's Flesh" and LEAVES OF HEALING. He gave up both tobacco and pork and was healed.

We gathered a crowd in Lamar one afternoon and spoke to them in the Presbyterian Church. We were called to visit many sick and sold a large number of LEAVES OF HEALING and THE COMING CITY. Several made application for fellowship. A man met us on the street who had been looking for us for some time. He was suffering from smoker's cancer.

We told him what to do. He said, "I will do what you tell me."

He repented, turned to God and promised to stop drinking whisky.

We prayed for him, and the next morning he came to see us at the depot—rejoicing that he had slept better and felt better than for a long time.

A great work can be done for God in Lamar. It seemed the harvest was ripe.

We came to Fort Dodge and found our Zion people had been forbidden to hold meetings because we had hit the Masonic idols.

We praise God for healing our boy Willie of a bad dog bite.

His arm had turned green.

We took it to the Father and it never felt sore.

He was also quickly healed of the effects of running a rusty nail into his foot.

We have many things to keep us rejoicing in God.

Our hearts go out to God for our dear Elders who go to Mansfield. All Zion in Kansas and Colorado is praying for them.

We thank God for the love in Zion. When one suffers, we all suffer, and we all rejoice together.

God bless all Zion and our beloved General Overseer in the Old World.

#### Sistersville, West Virginia.

Deacon W. B. Kindle, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Mr. W. C. Suitt, of Cambridge, Ohio, two "knights of the grip," or traveling salesmen, and loyal, earnest members of and workers in Zion, have held several meetings with friends of Zion as they have gone about the country, busy at their occupation.

God has greatly blessed the testimony and teaching of these

two practical, hard-headed, plain-spoken business men, and many have found their way to Jesus, their Saviour, Healer, Cleanser and Keeper. Writing of a recent visit to Sistersville, West Virginia, Mr. Suitt writes:

October 8, 1900.

Zion in Sistersville, West Virginia, is going forward.

Deacon Kindle and myself had the pleasure of being with our people there last Friday, October 5th.

It was a joy to us to see how loyal they are to God and to Zion.

We conducted services, the Deacon baptized four in the Ohio River, and in the evening he administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The service was full of spiritual power. While we were holding the baptismal service, about fifty persons gathered at the bank of the river and heard the Deacon deliver the charge to the candidates.

We cannot but feel that these people were deeply impressed. We pray that they may be brought to see their duty to God.

We had a blessed service and have reason to feel grateful to the friends for the royal manner in which we were entertained.

#### Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Rev. James R. Adams, Elder-in-Charge.

The following bright testimonies and account of victories in God's work in Grand Rapids have been sent us by Elder Adams:

At one of our meetings last month a lady requested prayer and laying on of hands for healing of rheumatism in her arm and shoulder.

I have received the following letter from her:

"HARRIETTA, MICHIGAN, }  
October 18, 1900. }

"REV. JAMES R. ADAMS.

"Dear Brother in Christ:—I write to tell you I have had no more trouble with my arm since the evening you prayed with me.

"I thank you for your prayers and praise the blessed Lord that He hears and answers prayer . . . as He has so many times.

"Your Sister in Jesus' Name,  
"(Mrs.) S. J. DOTY."

I have also received the following from a stranger who attended our meetings:

"HOWARD CITY, MICHIGAN, August 23, 1900.

"REV. JAMES R. ADAMS.

"Reverend and Dear Sir:—I am the man who called at your house of worship, corner of Lyon and Division Streets, last Sunday, asking help for total deafness.

"I have endeavored to put into effect instructions and note improvement.

"I believe the Lord will cure me through Zion. My case is beyond all human help.

"I will hire the biggest hall in town for you any time you wish to lecture here.

"I wish to add that I had been addicted to tobacco for years, chewing and smoking during all waking hours and part of the time in sleep.

"I also drank moderately.

"Since reading Zion Literature I have quit absolutely. I made no resolve or sacrifice. I just quit.

"The appetite seems to have left me.

"I did not know I had reformed until I happened to think I had not touched tobacco or liquor since seeing you. I did not think I could live one whole day without it.

"I write to earnestly beg your prayers on my behalf.

"W. A. MURRAY."

When Deacon Sloan was here the Mayor, who wears the star, crescent and scimitar of the Mystic Shrine, refused me permission to carry a banner on the streets announcing the stereopticon views. The police ran it off the streets.

Mayor Perry told me my only recourse was to appeal to the City Council.

After appealing to Higher Counsel, I determined, by Divine help, to get my banner out and keep it there in spite of Mayor and police. So I prepared one, giving notice of our meetings.

We took it to the street meetings on Saturday evening. Many read



ZION TABERNACLE, HOISINGTON, KANSAS.

it and remained to listen to our preaching. The police looked and passed on.

At 10:30 P. M. we went home in triumph, singing, "We will triumph in Thy Salvation. In the Name of our God we have set up our banners."

The next week we had our banner out nearly two hours without interference.

We thank God and Go Forward, for "His Banner over us is Love."

**Vancouver, British Columbia.**  
Rev. R. M. Simmons, Elder-in-Charge.

Whenever the Devil is seriously hurt by the fight made against him, he howls with rage and pain. Zion has severely wounded him in several places at once and the howling is going up from various points of the battlefield; from London, England, in the East, to far-away British Columbia, across an Ocean and a Continent, in the West.

Zion records a victory for every howl, hence, although we regret that the Devil has so deceived so many people in Vancouver, it is with thanksgiving and praise to God that we record the following:

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, October 25, 1900.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER,

1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

Big excitement.

Zion wagon egged.

Followed by thousands.

Police protected.

Refused permission preaching street.

Zion victorious.

R. M. SIMMONS.

**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.**

Rev. Gideon Hammond, Elder-in-Charge. Deacon C. F. Kelchner, Assisting.

Elder Hammond reports much blessing during the summer in Zion's work for God in Philadelphia. He also praises God for the Zion Junior School which has been opened at Zion Tabernacle in that city, and for the good work which is being done there.

He sends us the following interesting testimony:

2924 NORTH TWELFTH STREET,

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, October 13, 1900. }

I am eighty-one years of age and came into the Christian Catholic Church a year ago last June.

I joined the Baptist Church at the age of twelve, and later on, the Presbyterian Church.

While I received much teaching and blessing in these churches, yet I find in Zion a fulness of teaching which was lacking there. It is so thoroughly scriptural that I cannot see why it should be so generally ignored in the other churches.

I am heartily glad I am in Zion, and see no other Church which I could endorse, because of the worldly manner in which they are conducted, and the lack of teaching the Full Gospel taught by Christ, for spirit, soul and body.

God is very good to me and I am looking to Him "to renew my youth like the eagle's," according to His promise.

I am quite overcome with the thought of His protecting and healing power, when I think of the recent past.

On June 25, 1900, I did what I have never been known to do before in my life.

I arose at night, in sleep, and walked to the end of the hall, fell the entire length of the stairs and landed in the kitchen. I see no explanation for this, other than it was the Devil's work.

My son was to hold a baptismal service the following Sunday, and I was thinking about being baptized by Triune Immersion.

I had not fully decided the question and the Devil took advantage of my hesitancy, and settled it for the time being.

I have since been baptized and now see, as I never did before, that Triune Immersion is the Scriptural Baptism.

Aside from severe bruises, I was uninjured and am perfectly well today.

One of these bruises, which was in the calf of the leg, developed into a large corrupted cone-shaped sore. The flesh rotted away, leaving a hole the size of a half dollar at the surface and as large as a dime at the bone. It looked very ugly and as if it might be mortifying. This has entirely healed.

All we did was to keep it cleansed with pure warm water and definitely pray to God to heal, for He has promised to heal all our diseases.

I am glad I am in Zion.

I am glad that my son (Elder Gideon Hammond) is preaching the Full Gospel of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living.

How much I wish that the instruction which I have had in the last two years I had gotten seventy-five years ago.

I hope to make much use of the remaining days, so that my life may be fruitful even in old age.

Faithfully yours in Jesus' Name,

MARY G. HAMMOND.

**OVERSEER MASON'S VISIT TO NEW YORK STATE,  
NEW ENGLAND AND PENNSYLVANIA.**

At each place the meetings on the Lord's Day will be at 10:30 A. M., and at 2:30 and 7:30 P. M. The other meetings will be in the evening; in some cases also in the afternoon. Only evening services can be promised, unless otherwise stated.

The ordinance of Triune Immersion will be administered where there are candidates.

There will be teaching on God's Way of Healing, and prayer with the sick.

Let all the Friends of Zion notify friends in neighboring towns. Let all be much in prayer, that the meetings may glorify God.

For the place of meeting, inquire of the person named.

Wolcott, Wayne County, New York, Saturday and Sunday, November 3d and 4th; Zion Hall; Joel Bishop.

Gloversville, New York, Tuesday, November 6th; J. W. Best.

Brattleboro, Vermont, Thursday, November 8th; D. A. Fay, Fairview Street.

North Springfield, Vermont, Friday, November 9th; F. A. Hall.

Randolph, Vermont, Sunday, November 11th; Will S. Spear.

Fitchburg, Massachusetts, Tuesday, November 13th; G. W. Richardson, 28 Lawrence Street.

Boston, Thursday and Friday, November 15th and 16th; Deaconess Smith, 1922 Columbus Avenue.

Providence, Rhode Island, Saturday and Sunday, November 17th and 18th; Walter Jones, 59 Cranston Street.

Binghamton, New York, Tuesday, November 20th; C. J. Cook, 218 Oak Street.

Ithaca, New York, Wednesday, November 21st; D. W. Fish, 107 Fourth Street.

Bluff Point, Yates County, New York, Friday, November 23d; Frank Purdy.

Hornellsville, New York, Sunday, November 25th, to Wednesday, November 28th; C. H. Osborn, 19 State Street.

Port Allegheny, Pennsylvania, Friday, November 30th; Mrs. G. W. Berfield.

Bradford, Pennsylvania, Sunday, December 2d, and Monday, December 3d; B. S. Love.

Warren, Pennsylvania, Wednesday, December 5th; S. S. Cole.

Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, Thursday, December 6th, to Monday, December 10th; Charles W. Wright, Box 45, Station D.

NEWCOMERSTOWN, OHIO, October 15, 1900.

REV. W. H. PIPER:

Dear Overseer:—I know that you will rejoice with Zion in Cambridge to know that my brother Howard has been so wonderfully delivered from what we thought to be a bad case of typhoid fever.

When I sent the request for prayer to you, on Friday, he was very sick. He had high pulse and fever raging.

On Saturday morning he was too weak to rise, but right after dinner he seemed to get better all at once. He got up and dressed, and is perfectly well.

We praise God for Zion and Zion's God who delivers His children.  
Your Brother in Christ, W. C. SUIT.

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**ZION'S LITERATURE MISSION**  
By DEACONESS SARAH E. HILL

YEA, LOOKING unto the promises of God, he wavered not through unbelief, but waxed strong through faith, giving glory to God.—Romans 4:20.

WHEN life's trials and difficulties roll like billows around God's people, how the Devil loves to get their eyes fixed on the trials instead of on the promises. He knows that this is the way to cause their faith to waver through unbelief.

The Bible tells of many wonderful things which God did for His people in ancient times. Today He is just as willing to do wonderful things for those who trust Him.

The works which He does for His people are always according to their faith. Jesus could do no mighty works where there was unbelief.

But nothing is impossible for God to do for the people who have unwavering faith. He rebuked the Israelites because they limited Him through their unbelief. He speaks of this as one of their sins. Faith grows through use, as seed grows when it is placed in the ground.

Our faith may be small as the tiny mustard seed, but it must be perfect without a particle of doubt in it in order to bring forth fruit to the glory of God.

Those who believe that God sends sickness to make people better cannot pray with perfect faith, for they cannot be sure that God desires to heal the sick.

Zion Literature goes forth to save the world, teaching that which shall enable them to have unwavering faith in God's promises.

It sends out the testimonies of those who have not wavered at the promises through unbelief and have grown strong and well, and have given glory to God because He has honored their faith.

#### Leaves of Healing Brings Blessing to Soldiers in South Africa.

The following letter is from a gentleman in South Africa. He writes:

Thank you for LEAVES OF HEALING and the tracts which reached me on Saturday.

My wife and I used to take LEAVES to the Soldiers' Home, but we were told by those in charge, one evening, that it must not be distributed there again.

However, it had by this time done its work.

Thank God for LEAVES OF HEALING!

It speaks to those who desire the truth.

I asked some of the soldiers to come to the house where I stay that we might have a talk, and so that I might tell them why LEAVES was forbidden the Home.

It was beautiful to see how they received the truth.

I advised them to start a Zion Gathering, for I see quite plainly the whole truth will be received nowhere outside of Zion.

Little wonder that Satan attacks Zion, for Zion alone is at war with the world.

The Zion tracts and LEAVES have gone up to the Fort, or camp, where they will do good service.

The enclosed letter is from one of the men who came to see us. It speaks for itself.

These men have gone through the bloody battles of Spion Kop, Kranz, Kloof and Pieters under cover of the Ninety-first Psalm.

They fervently thank God they have ever come across LEAVES OF HEALING.

I know you will pray for them.

I am glad to know the prayers of Zion go out to us here. We constantly pray for Zion.

The letter which follows was written to the writer of the above letter by one of the party of soldiers who met at this house to talk about Zion and the teaching:

DEAR BROTHER AND SISTER:—I feel so drawn this morning to put on record God's love to me in answering your prayers.

You know that just before leaving your house I asked you to pray for me, as I had a very sore leg. Every time my leg went forward it was very painful, and I was obliged to lean on a stick.

You remember my saying, as I sat on the chair, how uncomfortable I was, and you changed seats with me.

I felt a little more at ease after changing, and I heard you speak with great joy.

I am glad to tell you how profitable the little talk was.

That Dr. Dowie claims to be Elijah astonished me as something extraordinary. I believe it for the very work's sake which God does through him.

Praise God that He has given me a life to live in these latter days.

God will bring His Church, Zion, through all her battles with the hosts of hell.

I know it will be for God's glory to tell what He did for me last night.

As soon as we got up off our knees and went outside, I was so thrilled through that I did not feel any pain caused by walking. I walked with freedom. I could not do that before prayer was offered to God for me.

After I got a little way up the road, I thought I would come back and tell you that all soreness had gone, but I would not have had time to get to camp.

I was so given up to prayer that I hope I did not seem to be rude, but I was determined to have an answer to the prayer, and it came.

It has sent my faith up with leaps and bounds.

I am very thankful to God.

The Devil tried to tell me this morning that the soreness was not gone, but that I only thought it was made better, and when I had any walking to do it would be as sore as ever.

O, what a rush I made to God, and how the lie was flung back into the Devil's teeth by my Father.

I was sent into Commercial Road on duty, and you know what a long walk it is from where I stop.

I got the victory through God. I walked with ease and staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving Glory to God (Romans 4:20).

Yours in One who saves and heals and cleanses, ERNEST COX.

#### A Doctor's Opinion of Pork.

Extract from a letter from Delaware County, Ohio:

I talked with a doctor about pork.

He said he did not think it was fit to eat, but that he ate some because they are not handy to a meat market.

He said that he did not advise people to eat it, but always told his patients not to eat it while under treatment.

#### Zion Literature Sent Out From a Free Distribution Fund Provided by Zion's Guests and the Friends of Zion. Report for the Week Ending October 20, 1900

18,561 Rolls to.....	England.
979 Rolls to.....	Various States in the Union.
104 Rolls to.....	Hotels of the United States.
100 Rolls to.....	Austria.
Number of Rolls for the week.....	19,744
Number of Rolls reported to October 20, 1900.....	749,742



BY REV. W. F. MATTHEWS, M. A., B. D., PRINCIPAL PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT.

ALL THY children shall be taught of the Lord.

AND HE TAUGHT me, and said unto me  
Let thine heart retain My words:  
Keep My commandments and live.

I HAVE taught thee in the way of wisdom;  
I have led thee in paths of uprightness.

O GOD, Thou hast taught me from my youth.

IF SO BE that ye heard Him, and were taught by Him, even as the truth  
is in Jesus.

FOR HE taught as having authority.

AND AS for you, the anointing which ye received of Him abideth in  
you, and ye need not that any one teach you; but as His anointing teaches  
you concerning all things, and is true, and is no lie, and even as it hath  
taught you, abide ye in Him.

IN SUCH words we have promises and precepts from the  
Great Teacher whom we wish to be supreme in all the teach-  
ing of Zion Schools.

FOR ALL our pupils we desire that anointing from Him  
which teaches concerning all things, and is true and is neces-  
sary first of all before any human teaching can be of full value  
or good result. "Abide ye in Him."

IN ALL our work let all our effort be to keep our Divine  
Master and Teacher before us and, abiding in Him, learn of  
Him daily as He offers us His truth.

THE ENDEAVOR in Zion Schools is to have all the children  
of Zion taught of God first of all, and then to give them  
thorough training in the various branches of learning which  
will make them strong and useful men and women, able to use  
their God-given capacities and abilities to the best advantage  
and for the good of their fellowmen. Each one is to be made  
to feel that every one has his own work which he can do better  
than any one else. "To every man his work."

Therefore must every one watch in order to find and do  
that work. The Master has left this charge to every one.  
Zion should, under God, help every man to find his own work,  
and then teach him how to do it.

THE ENROLLMENT in the College and Preparatory Depart-  
ments now is 111, and new students are continually coming in.

THIS NUMBER of students represents at least twenty different  
nationalities, and more than that number of States of the  
Union.

More than one hundred earnest students now have seats in  
a body in the former Zion Hall of Seventies, which is now  
becoming more and more fully Zion College and Preparatory  
School. The chairs for the Seventies are being taken out to

make room for desks for pupils. At the present rate soon all  
the room will be needed for the students in order that there  
may be a place where all can be gathered together in a body.

HERE ALL the students gather every morning for opening  
devotional exercises to begin the day aright and to ask God's  
blessing upon all the work of the day—an ever increasing band  
of chosen ones to be fitted for the Master's work.

OVERSEER PIPER has arranged for a number of special  
lectures to be given the students together, on topics of interest  
and value, by prominent members of Zion. These will be  
given on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and will be open to  
all friends of the educational work in Zion.

Dr. Speicher gave the first of these in Physiology and  
Hygiene, which was full of interest and value.

Among the first of this course will be an address on Banks  
and Banking, by Deacon Barnard, wherein he will speak from  
long experience in the business and give information which  
must be of interest and value to all.

This will be followed by addresses from Dr. Sayrs, Mr.  
Packard and others on successive Thursdays.

THE BIBLE STUDY hour under Overseer Piper, on Mondays  
and Wednesdays, continues to be interesting and profitable.  
Some rather knotty problems in theology have been presented  
and instruction given therein.

AN APPEAL was made at the Sabbath afternoon service in  
the Tabernacle lately for a piano for use in Zion College. It  
is much needed, especially for the devotional exercises and for  
the music hour under Conductor Rice. We have not heard  
that this appeal has been answered as yet. Perhaps some  
friend who reads these words may have his heart opened to  
give a piano, or loan it for this purpose. It will be well cared  
for and put to good use.

CONDUCTOR RICE is very earnestly seeking to increase the  
interest in the study and practice of vocal music, and is faith-  
fully giving careful instruction during the two periods a week  
at which he meets the students together.

THE CLASSES in instrumental music under Miss McFarland  
are rapidly increasing in number, and our people are beginning  
to realize what opportunities are presented to them and their  
children in this growing department of Zion work.

EVANGELIST FISHER takes Overseer Mason's hour during  
the latter's absence, giving the lectures on Missions.

DEACON C. W. POST's class in painting has commenced  
work. It meets in the former assembly room at Zion Home  
on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

LEAVES OF HEALING.  
ZION'S BIBLE CLASS.

CONDUCTED BY DEACON DANIEL SLOAN.

MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS LESSON, NOVEMBER 14th or 15th.

SUGGESTIVE NOTES FOR THE USE OF ZION'S BIBLE CLASS OUTLINES

Earth's Overripe Harvest.

1. *God sees the overripe grain.*—Revelation 14:14-20.  
What is done with the tares and wheat?  
Why is God's harvest so long overripe?  
When is God's time to do a neglected work?
2. *Some one caused all this.*—Matthew 20:1-16.  
What did the Lord do in the first hour of this age?  
Did He not send enough laborers in the ninth hour?  
Why does He rebuke those in the eleventh hour?
3. *Men put off God's harvest time.*—John 4:31-38.  
Why do men do God's work negligently?  
Does God work only by revival seasons?  
Is not every day to be a revival for God?
4. *Workers for God are very scarce.*—Matthew 9:36-38.  
Why are there so few laborers in the field?  
How does Christ see His people on earth today?  
Is this prayer a privilege or a command?
5. *God yet sends forth laborers.*—Psalm 126:1-6.  
Who is God now raising up for His work?  
What is He going to do in these last days?  
How certain is the reward to come?
6. *Labor must be in patience.*—Galatians 6:4-10.  
Must not every one be divinely sent?  
What is the great work all can do?  
Are we to live for the flesh or for the spirit?
7. *Maturity follows seed sowing.*—Mark 4:26-29.  
Is the trouble not that seed is not sown?  
What comes both to the seed and the field?  
How rapidly does the seed develop?
8. *Harvest is gathered in the face of difficulties.*—Matthew 13:24-30.  
Is not the harvest time a trying time?  
What makes the harvest so hard to gather?  
What is to be done in harvest gathering?  
*The Lord Our God is a Harvest-Protecting God.*

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS LESSON, NOVEMBER 18th.

Duty to Weak Christians.

1. *Do not deny them fellowship.*—Romans 14:1-13.  
Does not one have to be a child before a saint?  
Cannot a weak faith grow into a strong one?  
When a man falls, is he to be left down?
2. *Give them of what God has given you.*—Luke 22:31-35.  
Does sifting ever hurt any one?  
Does it hurt faith to try it?  
What can one who is right with God do for others?
3. *Do them good in Christ's Name.*—Matthew 25:31-40.  
Does not Christ count the little things?  
What are approved things to do for God's children?  
Do not the unthought-of acts receive approval?
4. *Watch your life against offense-giving.*—Luke 17:1-10.  
Does to offend mean never to approve?  
Is not an unforgiving spirit an offense?  
Is to live a life of faith in God an offense?
5. *If one member of His body suffers, all do.*—1 Corinthians 12:14-31.  
Christ is not divided, is He?  
Has not every true child some part in His body?  
Is to injure one part to harm the whole body?
6. *Seek opportunities of spiritual helpfulness.*—Galatians 6:1-8.  
What kind of a man is seeking to save the lost?  
What did the man with the lost sheep do?  
Do we know we will be used in saving others?
7. *Throw your life about those in distress.*—Romans 15:1-14.  
Is the burden you bear the test of your strength?  
Is not to displease self for the sake of others a glorious victory?  
How will those who have no strength be brought back to God?
8. *Be joyful in strengthening the faith of the wavering.*—Acts 14:19-28.  
How does faith in God's healing power help?  
Can one lose the faith once possessed?  
Does tribulation thin out the fearful?  
*God's Holy People are a Burden-Bearing People.*

LEAVES OF HEALING.

Two Dollars will bring to you the weekly visits of the "Little White Dove" for a year, 75 cents will send it to a friend for fifteen weeks; \$1.25 will send it for six months; \$1.50 will send it to your minister, or to a Y. M. C. A., or to a Public Reading Room, for a whole year. We offer no premiums, except the premium of doing good. We receive no advertisements, and print no commercial lies or cheating enticements of unscrupulous thieves. LEAVES OF HEALING is ZION on wings, and we keep out everything that would distract the reader's mind from all except the Extension of the Kingdom of God, for which alone it exists. If we cannot send forth our Little White Dove without soiling its wings with the smoke of the factory and the dirt of the wrangling market place, or compelling it to utter the screaming cries of the business vultures in the ears of our readers, then we will keep our Dove at home.

The Seed is the Word of God and the Field is the World. Therefore go ye and preach the Gospel to every creature; which means that people must be touched at home centers. Divide your town into two or more divisions, your city into smaller sections by streets, your township into districts by roads, and then begin and systematically follow up a house-to-house visitation with short calls. Give a small Zion tract or a copy of LEAVES OF HEALING or A VOICE FROM ZION.

Do not argue or controvert with people, but in cheerfulness of spirit and glow of countenance extend the literature with supplication in spirit and a "God bless you." Where your peace is returned, note all such places, together with the names of the parties.

Continue then in thus so doing, and you will not have gone over a very large or compact area by such thorough and systematic work until you have found material enough near at hand for an occasional Cottage Prayer Meeting in some home which may open to you.

Then you will follow this up in due time with a Zion Bible Class Gathering in a home centrally located. This Gathering will be continued regularly each week with great blessing and profit to all who attend. If it is persevered in, it will ultimately grow into a strong Zion Assembly, and eventually become a Branch Church, with an Elder-in-Charge.

Every member, however, must set aside a time for doing this preliminary work. Where there are only a few members in a place, the division of the territory must be planned in conference with the Conductor of the Gathering or the Elder-in-Charge, or whoever else may be appointed by the General Overseer at Headquarters as the representative to thus have charge of Zion's affairs. An understanding will then enable every one to set about this work in an orderly way, reaching every home as speedily as possible, without two or more persons working in conflict or covering the same territory.

This is Christ's method of evangelization as outlined in the Gospels, and will win victory for God every time, in every place and by every person who is deeply consecrated to Him in discipleship.

The day has come when this must be done. Those who refuse to do it are cursed with a curse, for God says: "Woe unto those who are at ease in Zion."

Study Zion's Bible Class Lesson Daily. At family prayers let each member read a division of a lesson, the leader afterward asking the questions noted, receiving the answer in Scripture language with the particular verses used. An unfinished lesson can be continued at the next prayer season. Arrange in your home regularly some evening or Sunday afternoon a meeting, inviting in a few neighbors and friends, and with them study the lesson according to the plan above suggested, and recount to them the work God is doing in Zion. Above all, read carefully when all alone the Scripture cited in each lesson, marking a line around the same in your Bible, praying ever that God may bless the Word read to your own heart and life and enable you to speak it faithfully to others to their own good or admonition. Ever obey God and His Word will come with increasing light.

Elders, Evangelists, Deacons and Deaconesses, as well as Conductors of Zion Gatherings, should, together with every member and friend of Zion, use Zion's Bible Class Studies in their personal study of the Holy Scriptures, and also in the family gathering as well as in Seventy work and cottage meetings. The scope of these lessons is covering the teachings of God's Word concerning every relation of life, as well as blessed fellowship in spirit, soul and body with a Triune God. To neglect this is to despise opportunities. To push it aside is to count something else more important. Not to meditate on God's Word day and night, as well as to read it, grasping the sense and cultivating an understanding heart, means you do not wish God's richest blessing upon you and the greatest success to come from your labors.

Reply at once if you are using Zion's Bible Class Studies in a regular Zion Gathering anywhere and are trying through their use to help others to "A HOLIER LIFE FOR GOD." Write Deacon Sloan how long and where you have been doing this work, that he may by prayer, special helps and counsel come closer to you in your own life and comprehension of the Truth, and be perhaps, of inspiration and assistance, possibly by an occasional personal letter to all who, as Bible Workers in Zion, are striving for the faith once delivered. Add your name to the list.

How a Zion Bible Class Lesson is Prepared May Interest You.

Aside from years of close study of the Bible and special capacity and gift from God for teaching, comes first the choosing of subjects within the scope of Scripture truth. Then comes their development and logical arrangement in outline, with the Scripture bearing upon the same which appears in the unfolding of a subject.

All the Scripture thus suggested is arranged in order by clipping and pasting, so that all verses pertaining to a given lesson fall under the eye at once.

It is then carefully weighed and the emphasis given it is considered. Thoughtfully the questions are prepared, bringing out and enforcing the phases or special truth of the subject, which, when done, complete the manuscript.

After this the lesson's outline is dictated and typewritten. The copy is then gone over carefully, modified or strengthened for greater force or clearness. It is then handed to the printer.

After being put in type, it is again considered carefully for final form or correction. All of this for a single week's outlines requires hours of time under prayer, preparation and Divine guidance. It is done that the thousands who each week read, and we believe increasingly study these lessons, may receive the greatest possible blessing from God through the power of His Word and thus extend the Kingdom of God in these days of the Restoration of His Church to its primitive power and usefulness. God is raising up a people and has commanded that the Truth be known, for He says: "Say unto Zion, thou art My people."

A True Use of Sabbath Day Hours.

They should be improved well by every member and friend of Zion. The Bible Class Lesson outline should, with the Bible in hand, be gone over carefully and prayerfully, and the sermon by the General Overseer should also be attentively read. Assemble, sometime during the day, your own family. Invite in, if possible, those who want to know God in power, or desire from Him some blessing for spirit, soul or body. Where this is not possible, go where the sick and sinful, poor and neglected are, who have tasted only of the bitterness of life, and open up to them the Gospel which Jesus commanded should be preached to the poor. Where there are two or more members of Zion near you, do not fail to regularly come together sometime during the Lord's Day. Pray and speak with one another, and study together the Bible Class Lesson and talk over the marvelous doings of God in Zion. DO NOT OFFEND GOD BY GOING TO SOME CHURCH SERVICE WHERE GOD IS EVER DISHONORED as the HEALER, CLEANSER, KEEPER and PROSPERER OF HIS PEOPLE. Do not go to hear His truth perverted by the cry of Peace, Peace, when sudden destruction is so near because of the prevalent wickedness of the world, which, with a worldly Church, is becoming more and more corrupt. Do not go where scoffing is everywhere heard from so-called Christians at the imminent coming of "the great God and Saviour Jesus Christ." He will receive unto Himself only those who look for Him; even Zion, whom He is now calling into Purity and Holy Living, who daily, in obedience to Her Lord, whatever the cost may be, is thus making herself ready to soon become the BRIDE OF CHRIST AT HIS APPEARING.

## OBEYING GOD IN BAPTISM.

"Baptizing Them Into the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost."

Eight Thousand One Hundred and Sixty-One Baptisms by Triune Immersion Since March 14, 1897.

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Baptized by Elders and Evangelists	1534	
Total Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle		5873
Baptized in places outside of Chicago by the General Overseer	128	
Baptized in places outside of Chicago by Elders, Evangelists and Deacons	1881	
Total Baptized outside of Chicago		2009
Total baptized in three years and six months		7882
Baptized in London, England, by the General Overseer.	50	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Overseer Speicher	25	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Overseer Piper	26	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Dinius	4	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Evangelist Fisher	20	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Fockler	11	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Deacon Fogwill	21	107
Baptized in British Columbia by Elder Simmons	4	
Baptized in Canada by Deacon Hope	3	
Baptized in Colorado by Elder Reed	10	
Baptized in Indiana by Elder Osborn	3	
Baptized in Iowa by Elder Cabeen	12	
Baptized in Iowa by Elder Hoy	3	
Baptized in Kansas by Elder Reed	5	
Baptized in Michigan by Elder Stokes	29	
Baptized in Michigan by Deacon Kindle	4	
Baptized in Minnesota by Elder Excell	3	
Baptized in New Jersey by Elder Hammond	7	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder Bouck	5	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder McFarlane	2	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder Reiff	1	
Baptized in Oregon by Elder Ernst	3	
Baptized in Pennsylvania by Deacon Kindle	7	
Baptized in Washington by Elder Ernst	5	
Baptized in West Virginia by Deacon Kindle	4	
Baptized in Wisconsin by Elder Kennedy	12	172 279
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The following-named fifty believers were baptized by the General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, on Saturday afternoon, October 13, 1900, in the Caledonian Road Public Baths, Islington, London:

Angus, Mrs. Annie	.....	Roseville, Kingskettle, Fifeshire, Scotland
Anderson, Miss Betsy	.....	.94 Freshing Street, Grimsby, Lincolnshire, England
Bishop, George	.....	.6 Laconia Mews, De Vere Gardens, Kensington, London
Bishop, Mrs. E.	.....	.6 Laconia Mews, De Vere Gardens, Kensington, London
Blackmore, Louisa M.	.....	.39 Tregarvon Road, Clapham Common, London, England
Churchill, Sophie	.....	.152 Camden Grove, Charroom, Peckham, London, England
Clarke, John E.	.....	.122 Milton Road, London, England
Clough, William C.	.....	Town Street, Stanningley, Leeds, Yorkshire, England
Day, William	.....	.93 Canbury Park Road, London, England
Donald, William	.....	.22 Albert Drive, Low Fell, Gateshead-on-Tyne, England
Elsay, Joseph	.....	.11 Oxford Place, Doncaster, Yorkshire, England
Fernley, Martha A.	.....	Waterloo Road, Pudsey, Leeds, Yorkshire, England
File, William E.	.....	..... East Peckham, Kent, England
Frost, Sarah A.	.....	.39 Tregarvon Road, Clapham Common, London, England
Gilberthorpe, Mrs. Matilda	.....	Luxley, Grosvenor Road, Watford, England
Groves, Thomas C.	.....	.43 Balaclava Road, Bermondsey, London, England
Jillott, Albert B.	.....	.6 Earl Street, Grimsby, Lincolnshire, England
Jillott, Sarah J.	.....	.6 Earl Street, Grimsby, Lincolnshire, England
Lange, Liefried	.....	Hotel Cecil, The Strand, London, England
Leeson, Florence	.....	..... Kirkfield, Ealing, London, England
Lewis, Peter George	.....	..... Narbeth, Pembrokeshire, South Wales
McKell, Eliza	.....	..... Undercliffe, Bradford, Yorkshire, England
McKell, Robert	.....	..... Undercliffe, Bradford, Yorkshire, England
Moore, Mrs. Emily	.....	..... 32 Elliolls Row, London, England
Morgan, James	.....	..... 141 Camden Grove, Peckham, London, England
Nicholas, Joseph	.....	..... The Falls, Ardsley, Yorkshire, England
Page, Alice E.	.....	..... 68 Shenley Road, Camberwell, London, England
Page, Stephen T.	.....	..... 68 Shenley Road, Camberwell, London, England
Ramm, Jane	.....	..... 41 Springdale Road, Green Lanes, Stokenewington, London, England
Redwood, Agnes	.....	..... 32 Alfred Street, London, England
Rickards, Mrs. Annie	.....	..... 2 High Street, Addlestone, Surrey, England
Rickards, Ida	.....	..... 29 Argyle Road, London, England
Rush, Edgar A.	.....	..... 46 Morris Avenue, Little Ilford, Essex, London, England
Smith, Arthur W. F.	.....	..... 76 Jamaica Street, Stepney E., London, England

Steiner, Isidor	.....	436 Old Ford Road, Bow E., London, England
Steiner, Minnie A.	.....	436 Old Ford Road, Bow E., London, England
Stringer, Alfred	.....	104 Heigham Road, East Ham, London, England
Stringer, Annie E. F.	.....	104 Heigham Road, East Ham, London, England
Stuck, Thomas A.	.....	4 Bedford Road, Horsham, London, England
Vallance, George	.....	33 Rosebery Avenue, E. C., London, England
Weymouth, Annie	.....	104 Heigham Road, East Ham, London, England
Weymouth, Frederick	.....	104 Heigham Road, East Ham, London, England
Wigglesworth, Mrs. M. J.	.....	70 Victor Road, Manningham, Bradford, Yorkshire
Williams, Caroline E. M.	.....	1 Clifton Street, Finsbury, London, England
Wilson, Esther	.....	Perseverance Street, Waterloo, Pudsey, Leeds, England
Wood, Arthur	.....	120 Green Farm, Fartown, Pudsey, Leeds, England
Wood, Martha A.	.....	120 Green Farm, Fartown, Pudsey, Leeds, England
Woods, Mrs. Emily	.....	15 Dante Road, Newington, S. E., London, England
Woodward, Walter	.....	105 Bridge Road, Hammersmith, London, England
Zollner, Gotthelf B. O.	.....	5 Ipswich Terrace, Green Lanes, Hornsey, London, England

The following-named eleven believers were baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle, Wednesday, October 24, 1900, by Overseer J. G. Speicher:

Barr, J. W.	.....	Logansport, Indiana
Barr, Mrs. Mary	.....	Logansport, Indiana
Burn, Wilhelm	.....	1004 Thirty-fourth Place, Chicago, Illinois
Fockler, Miss Elsie	.....	Zion Home, Chicago, Illinois
Hofstetter, Mrs. Rose	.....	731 Monroe Street, Evanston, Illinois
Joseph, Mrs. Annie	.....	1824 Armour Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
McCreight, Paul R.	.....	240 South Grant Street, West Lafayette, Indiana
Mutel, Andrew	.....	1059 Eighteenth Place, Chicago, Illinois
Schiehser, Nicholas	.....	150 Farragut Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Shima, Emma Anna	.....	611 Custer Avenue, Evanston, Illinois
Slifka, Frank	.....	1292 St. Louis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

The following-named four believers were baptized in Vancouver, B. C., Lord's Day, October 14, 1900, by Elder R. M. Simmons:

Cameron, John Alex.	.....	Mt. Pleasant, Vancouver, British Columbia
Elwin, Gertrude S.	.....	Nicomien Island, British Columbia
Mercer, John	.....	238 Barnard Street, Vancouver, British Columbia
Milson, Thomas	.....	New Westminster, British Columbia

The following-named five believers were baptized at Elma, Iowa, Friday, October 19, 1900, by Elder J. W. Cabeen:

Buell Frank	.....	Elma, Iowa
Buell, Master Jesse	.....	Elma, Iowa
Hoyt, J. M.	.....	Orchard, Iowa
Hoyt, Mrs. J. M.	.....	Orchard, Iowa
Miffler, Chandler E.	.....	Elma, Iowa

The following-named believer was baptized at Corning, Iowa, October 18, 1900, by Elder Charles A. Hoy:

Thomas, Mrs. Rachael	.....	Corning, Iowa
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The following-named two believers were baptized at Corning, Iowa, Friday, October 29, 1900, by Elder Charles A. Hoy:

West, Henry Franklin	.....	Corning, Iowa
West, Mrs. Bessie Ruth	.....	Corning, Iowa

The following-named three believers were baptized in Portland, Oregon, Lord's Day, October 14, 1900, by Elder August Ernst:

Graham, Mrs. Hannah M.	.....	Carus Postoffice, Oregon
Hindermann, John	.....	461 Grand Avenue, Portland, Oregon
Hornschurch, Lawrence	.....	Oregon City, Oregon

The following-named three believers were baptized at Chehalis, Washington, Wednesday, October 17, 1900, by Elder August Ernst.

Harthrong, Mrs. Elmira	.....	Chehalis, Washington
Smith, Miss Eva I.	.....	Chehalis, Washington
Smith, Mrs. Jennie	.....	Chehalis, Washington

The following-named four believers were baptized at Waupaca, Wisconsin, Lord's Day, October 21, 1900, by Elder E. B. Kennedy:

Hart, Mrs. Eliza	.....	Lindsey, Wisconsin
Kidder, Mrs. Minnie	.....	Lindsey, Wisconsin
Morrison, Mrs. Martha E.	.....	Bakerville, Wisconsin
Stinemates, Mrs. Sarah	.....	Crystal Lake, Wisconsin

The following-named three believers were baptized at Waldo, Kansas, Thursday, October 18, 1900, by Elder D. A. Reed:

Beatty, Thomas Anderson	.....	Waldo, Kansas
Rhoads, Sarah Catherine	.....	Luray, Kansas
Spoon, Oliver Smith	.....	Luray, Kansas

Notice to Officers and Members of the Christian Catholic Church.

Send all newspaper clippings concerning the General Overseer, the Elders, or any department of the work in connection with the Christian Catholic Church in Zion to Mrs. Carl F. Stern, Room 309, Zion Home, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Send as soon as possible after publication, and carefully mark name and date of paper clipped from on each article. If this is not done, the clippings are absolutely useless.



He sendeth His word



and healeth them.

# LEAVES OF HEALING

I am  
the Lord that healeth thee.

And the leaves of the tree  
were for the healing  
of the nations.

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BEN MACDHUI AND LOCH AVON, ABERDEENSHIRE, SCOTLAND.

**J**OHAN ALEXANDER DOWIE, although born in Edinburgh, is a lineal descendant of the rugged, sturdy men and women whose untiring energy, courage and strength wrested sustenance from the rocky highlands of Aberdeenshire, in the neighborhood and upon the slopes of Ben Mac (or Muich) Dhui. His family name, Dowie, has been changed and shortened, through the years, from its original form, MacDhui. The rugged strength of character, the indomitable will, the fearless courage, the calm faith in God, the intense love of true liberty and justice, and the great physical and mental endurance which marked his forefathers, have also come down to him. To them God has added the mighty power and wisdom of His indwelling Spirit, and the ever-present consciousness of a Divine Message, which must be delivered. Ben MacDhui, standing on the borders of Aberdeenshire and Banffshire, is the summit of the Cairngorm range of the Grampian Hills. It is the second highest mountain in the British Isles, being 4296 feet above sea-level.

# THE AIMS AND METHODS OF ZION.

Letter of the General Overseer to the Associated News, Stating the Creed and Discipline of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

As the American-Hamburg Steamer *Graf Waldersee* was slowly passing the Statue of Liberty at Bedloe's Island, and steering for the open sea at Sandy Hook, on the morning of Saturday, August 11, 1900, a "Deck Steward" handed me a little bunch of letters and telegrams.

One of these was from the Editor-in-Chief of the Associated News (Main Office, 102 Fulton Street, New York), from which I make the following extracts :

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE,

Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

*Dear Sir:*—Leading newspapers throughout the country, which are supplied by us, will publish a signed editorial from you, if you will kindly send it to us at once, explaining the discipline and creed of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

The trouble which your ministers have encountered in Ohio leads us to believe that the doctrines of your Church have been grossly misunderstood, and the means we offer you is the best way of putting the true facts before the people.

The editorial should be about fifteen hundred words in length. In sending same, please enclose also copy of latest photograph to be used in connection with the above.

Thanking you in advance for the courtesy, we beg to remain

Yours truly,

FREDERICK GRANT, Editor-in-Chief.

This article, therefore, is my response to the foregoing courteous invitation, and I ask the kind consideration of readers in all parts of the United States of America to this attempt to put within so small a limit the facts concerning the discipline and creed of a movement which requires a volume rather than an article.

I will slightly alter the order suggested by Mr. Grant, and deal first with our "Creed" and second with our "Discipline."

The actual written creed contains but four articles, which are as follows :

*First.* That we recognize the Infallible inspiration and sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures as the rule of faith and practice.

*Second.* That no persons can be members of the Church who have not repented of their sins and have not trusted in Christ for Salvation.

*Third.* That such persons must also be able to make a good profession, and declare that they know in their own hearts that they have truly repented, and are truly trusting Christ, and have the witness, in a measure, of the Holy Spirit.

*Fourth.* That all other questions of every kind shall be held to be matters of opinion and not matters that are essential to Church unity.

These four articles were unanimously adopted as the basis of fellowship in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion by two "Conferences on Organization" which were held in Zion Tabernacle No. 2, Chicago.

Our addresses and the discussions of these conferences have been published fully in our weekly paper, LEAVES OF HEALING, and also in pamphlet form, by Zion Publishing House, Chicago.

The details of these proceedings give our views as to many of the things which, in our judgment, are included in an acceptance of the first article; and it is only fair

that these should be taken into account in considering the question of our creed.

We plainly stated the conditions upon which we were willing to accept the responsibility of organizing the Christian Catholic Church in Zion and of assuming the responsibilities of the Government of that Church under the title of General Overseer.

It will be observed that many of the distinctive features of our teaching, therefore, of our creed—that is, our belief—are not expressed in the basis of fellowship, nor indeed in some cases in the discussions and addresses.

The fact is that every item of belief is found far better expressed in the Word of God than we could possibly express it in any attempted condensation thereof.

There is nothing, it will be seen, in our written creed that can possibly be objected to by any individual, or by all Christians who hold to that old Protestant definition that "The religion of Protestants is the Bible."

The differences between our creed and those of the churches which we call apostate, including in that term both the Greek and Roman Churches and the Protestant denominations generally, is that while many of these so-called churches hold in theory as we do, they have invented creeds which destroy the supremacy and infallibility and sufficiency of the Word of God, and establish another foundation unknown to the Holy Scriptures: namely, the definition of Councils, Synods, Popes, and other official bodies and persons, as being of Divine authority.

Our creed is that neither councils, synods, nor popes, can in any degree modify, omit, or add to the fundamental principles upon which God has established His Everlasting Kingdom.

Hundreds of times have we declared that the opinions of men are utterly valueless in themselves; that it does not matter one straw what any man thinks: the only thing that does matter eternally is what God thinks.

Hence we are at absolute issue with any attempt to define the Infinite; for everything that is Divine must be Infinite.

It is extremely absurd, in our judgment, to limit by any human definitions that which of necessity is incapable of being limited by the boundaries of man's mind.

We hold with Faber :

But we make His love too narrow  
By false limits of our own ;  
And we magnify His strictness  
With a zeal He will not own.

For the love of God is broader  
Than the measure of man's mind ;  
And the heart of the Eternal  
Is most wonderfully kind.



If we attempted to express in a sentence that which seems to us increasingly to be the essential difference between our creed and that of the churches, it would be in these words :

The Christian Catholic Church in Zion preaches the "Everlasting Gospel of the Kingdom of God" as it is set forth by Jesus Christ and the inspired Evangelists and Apostles in the pages of the New Testament, whilst all churches with which we have any acquaintance preach a more or less temporary Gospel of their particular Church as it is set forth in their creeds—in short, "The Gospel of the Denominations."

Or, still more briefly, Zion believes and preaches the Gospel of the Kingdom, while the churches believe and preach the Gospel of the Churches.

These are daring words, and must, of course, in the very nature of things, create offense.

And here, let me add, is the great trouble with the churches: that the offense of the cross has ceased, so far as their teachings are concerned.

The denominations and the ungodly world are on excellent terms with each other.

It is bad for the people when the police and thieves are on too good terms.

We do not shrink from the charge that Zion is "offensive," in a Scriptural and good sense, and we deplore that the denominational churches have seemed to place Christianity on the defensive.

Aggressive Christianity, absolutely refusing all alliance with the World, the Flesh and the Devil, is the only Christianity known to the New Testament, and the only Christianity which God can approve.

Believing this, our creed of necessity declares that the Gospel is as unchangeable as God Himself. That Gospel which began to be preached by John the Baptist, who was, in his day, the Messenger of God's Covenant and the Forerunner of the Christ, begins with Repentance and demands of individual men and of every community and nation that "all men everywhere should repent"; and, furthermore, immediately "bring forth fruits meet for Repentance."

The basis of individual, social and political well-being is therefore true Repentance for past transgression. This Zion proclaims, not as an abstract doctrine, but demands that it find immediate expression in action.

Herein lies the first step of that to which we now proceed, namely,

#### THE DISCIPLINE OF THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ZION.

Zion denies the right of the people to rule themselves. Zion affirms the right of God to rule the people.

Zion is in no sense a Democracy.

Zion is not a Republic, after the model of existing Republican institutions in America and Europe and elsewhere, in which cunning bosses amuse the people with the idea that they rule themselves when they are really ruled by expert political tricksters.

Zion, in short, is a Theocracy.

We shall never advocate and resort to arms or force of any kind to establish Theocracy, even whilst Zion proclaims its unalterable opposition in principle to every form of government except Theocracy, and its determination to restore that Divine and Original Form of Government which was established in Eden ere man fell into transgression, and was only disestablished by the advent of Satan, sin, disease, death, and all the other powers of hell which came in the horrid train of that *Fallen Being* whom Paul calls *The God of the World*.

Zion, therefore, exercises the severest and yet the most loving kind of discipline. Zion shows no mercy to, and will make no terms whatever with, evil of any kind or description.

Sin must be put away by righteousness: not the theoretical imputation merely of Christ's righteousness, but also the Divine impartation of righteousness.

"The Kingdom of God is Righteousness, and Peace, and Joy in the Holy Spirit."

Hence in demanding Repentance, Zion also enforces it by all the spiritual power which she possesses.

In using this word Zion, let me here interject, I use it as a larger term than the Christian Catholic Church: for the Christian Catholic Church is but an organization of men and women *who are in Zion*, and we cheerfully recognize that Zion is in the hearts of millions who are not in the Christian Catholic Church, and of vast numbers who are not in any Church whatever.

"Zion" in all this article must be held to stand for the Kingdom of God.

To continue, therefore: Zion refuses to recognize spiritual fellowship with the impenitent who only pretend Repentance, but do not bring forth "fruits meet for Repentance," as being possible.

Zion demands that falsehoods shall be confessed; that wrongs of every kind shall be redressed by the guilty parties at no matter what cost, be it loss of property, reputation, or even life itself.

Under no circumstances will Zion, therefore, make compromise with evil or permit the sinner to profess faith in Christ the Saviour until he has fully resolved, without any conditions, to put all things right to the utmost possible extent, both with God and man.

Every defilement, therefore, of the flesh and spirit, must be instantly and absolutely put aside.

Filthy reading, thinking and associations; filthy eating, drinking, smoking; filthy remedies, so-called, whether they be narcotics or any other poisons; filthy companionships of every kind, must all be instantly and permanently set aside.

Any return to these Zion will visit with instantaneous severity, at the same time patiently pleading with the offender; but, failing Repentance, will resolutely sever the corrupt person from further fellowship, until God's conditions of restoration are obeyed.

But Zion's discipline is not merely punitive.

It is only so in order that it may be beneficial; and

the sharp pruning knife is only used to make the tree fruitful.

Hence Zion seeks, by patient teaching and toil, through all her ministers, to train her people for the most happy and useful of lives on earth, and for preparation for heaven when earthly life shall cease.

To this end Zion at once undertakes for her people, to lead them to the fountains of perennial salvation and healing and cleansing to be found in Christ, the "Fountain opened for sin, for all uncleanness," and, therefore, into the King's Highway of Holy Living, where no defilement can come. To this end mutual exhortation, for bearing and co-operation are taught.

Obedience to the Law of Purity in All Things is demanded.

Hence Zion enters into the home, and requires that the relations of husband and wife shall be established upon a Christian basis, and that the family shall be ruled in accordance therewith.

Respect, reverence and obedience are taught, as not only due to parents, but as due to God in whose ever-present sight every moment of life must be conspicuously lived; and to all good laws and lawful authority which do not conflict with the laws and authority of God as set forth in the Holy Scriptures.

Zion demands that children shall not go from a prayerless home into a godless world, and that no member of the family shall engage in any traffic or occupation which injures humanity in any degree.

In order to make it easy to do right, Zion aims to isolate her people entirely from the world and its ungodly occupations, both in business and in pleasure.

Zion will not withdraw from the world, but Zion aims to rule the world, and to compel the world, which is so largely now in rebellion, to submit to the love and rule of God.

In order to effect these purposes, Zion "pools its interests," so to speak.

Zion requires, first, in accordance with the Word of God, a Tithe of all earnings to be given into God's Storehouse, that there may be "meat" in His House, and that the Gospel may be extended throughout the world.

Zion further expects that the people shall co-operate in all her Financial Institutions, and in the industries which are springing from these, which will find their first embodiment in Zion City, near Chicago, where it is our hope that an object lesson will be taught to all the earth.

Prosperity is synonymous with Obedience to God and His Laws.

Adversity is synonymous with Disobedience to God and His Laws

Zion demands Obedience, and enforces it by every Divine power which God has committed to her care and keeping.

Zion loyally renders unto Cæsar, whether he be President, Czar, Emperor, or King, that which belongs unto

Cæsar; and yet Zion absolutely refuses to recognize the right of Cæsar to enter the domain of the conscience or to interfere with the actions of those who offend no righteous law, but live quiet, peaceable and good lives.

Zion will avail herself of every God-given power which can be represented by education, money or voting power, and will not hesitate to avail herself of help from all who are willing to concede her right to rule her people in matters which do not infringe upon the rightful powers committed to those powers that be, which are ordained of God.

But, on the other side, Zion will contend against the powers which be that are ordained of the Devil, and will never submit to mob, boss, presidential, monarchical, imperial, or autocratic power, in matters where God has, in Christ, given universal liberty.

RATHER WILL THOSE WHO ARE IN ZION SACRIFICE THEIR LIVES THAN COMPROMISE WITH THE DEVIL, whether he sits in an ecclesiastical or a political seat of power.

All who do not approve such principles do not belong to Zion, are not welcome in Zion, and if there are any such who have come into Zion who object to these principles, they are heartily invited to retire from Zion.

But all everywhere who desire the Supremacy of God in the heart, the home, the business, the city, the State, the Nation, the world, are heartily invited to submit themselves to God and enter into association with Zion, and co-operate with us in the Extension of the Kingdom of God.

The discipline of Zion is that of an army, which does not vote as to who shall be its officers, but believing that God has given apostles, prophets and teachers, obeys those whom God has set over His Kingdom, in so far as these obey the plainly revealed Word of God.

If in the above definitions there seems to be pride and imperious harshness to any reader, we can only say that, so far as any man can judge his own heart, pride or imperious lust for power is not within the heart of the writer, nor, so far as he knows, in the hearts of those associated with him.

There is no heavier Responsibility than Power or Authority.

May we not, in closing, answer a possible word that may be uttered by some reader who says, "Such principles are tyrannical and destructive of love"?

May we not direct attention to this fact, that the present union existing between the writer and his people who know him best, is a bond which is one supremely of love, and that the nature and the Name of God, who is the Absolute Ruler of this Universe, is Love.

I am the friend of all, and the servant of the servants of God, in Jesus Christ,



General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

London, October 24, 1900.

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**As the Messenger of God's Covenant  
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**Beneath Its Folds I will Preach:**

1. The Everlasting Gospel of the Kingdom of God.
2. Repentance, Restitution, Salvation, Healing and Holy Living.
3. Baptism by Triune Immersion.
4. Obedience, the Royal Law, and the Eleventh Commandment.
5. Christian Union in Church, Home, Business and State.
6. The Downfall of all forms of Apostasy and Tyranny in Church and State in all Nations.
7. "The Restoration of All Things, whereof God spake by the mouth of His Holy Prophets which have been since the world began."—Acts 3:21.

Faithfully thy friend and God's servant,

JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.



# ZION IN EUROPE.

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#### Zion's Boys' Choir.

THERE is nothing more inspiring than the sound of boyish voices united in songs of praise to God. The General Overseer, believing this, gave directions for the organization of a Boys' Choir as an adjunct to the adult choir. For good reasons the choir was disbanded in August. After careful consideration, Conductor Rice, with the approval of the Overseers at Headquarters, has decided upon a plan of reorganization. In order that this may be successfully carried out, there is need of hearty coöperation on the part of the officers and parents.

The plan calls for fifty boys, between six and fourteen years of age, selected with reference to their immediate or prospective fitness. That this number may be secured it is desired that from 200 to 250 present themselves for examination. Conductor Rice will be at Central Zion Tabernacle every Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, to meet all who desire to be tested for this important work.

Let every officer and parent do their best to arouse an interest in this work and send in the boys.

#### LONDON MISSION CLOSED WITH A BLAZE OF GLORY.

Splendid Testimonies, Miracles of Healing, Crowded Audiences, Perfect Order. Total Baptized One Hundred and Seventy-two. Good Beginning in Edinburgh.

THE General Overseer brought to a gloriously victorious close the greatest fight of his life in London, England, Wednesday, October 31, 1900.

Through private letters we learn that for weeks his life was in constant danger from thousands of bitter and desperate foes. It was clear that God only could bring him safely through. God answered the united prayers of all Zion everywhere. The man of God accomplished his work in London, kept by a Divine Power far above all attempts of the enemy to harm him.

With great joy and thanksgiving to God, Zion in Chicago, gathered in thousands in Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day, November 4, 1900, heard the following happy cablegram from the General Overseer:

EDINBURGH, November 4, 1900.

ZION, Michigan Avenue, Chicago

Ninth Psalm, eleventh.

London Mission closed Wednesday with blaze of glory.

Splendid testimonies.

Several Miracles of Healing.

Crowded audience.

Perfect order.

Great enthusiasm.

Baptized fifty-four Thursday afternoon.

Total, one hundred and seventy-two baptisms.

Zion triumphant.

Enemies confounded.

Hallelujah!

Good beginning today Edinburgh.

Love to all Zion.

Pray.

Mizpah.

DOWIE.

The verse from Psalms which is referred to in the cablegram reads:

Sing praises to the Lord, which dwelleth in Zion:

Declare among the people His doings.

#### ZION'S CONFLICT WITH METHODIST APOSTASY.

This book of 200 pages, just issued by Zion Publishing House, contains nine powerful discourses delivered in Central Zion Tabernacle by the General Overseer last May, during the session of the Methodist General Conference. They are of especial value for the full and fearless exposure of Freemasonry.

"The Methodist Church the Property of the Masonic Order," "Freemasonry: A Heathen and Antichristian Abomination," and "Degrees of Masonic Devilry" ought to be read by every lodge man.

The iniquity of the Mystic Shrine is laid bare.

"The Christian's Duty in Breaking a Bad Oath" is the address which preceded the public working of Masonic and Odd Fellow degrees in Central Zion Tabernacle, a full account of which is given.

Buy one of these books and keep lending it. No honest and intelligent man can read the book and still remain a Freemason.

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**ZION'S LITERATURE MISSION**  
BY DEACONESS SARAH E. HILL

HOW BEAUTIFUL upon the mountains are the feet of Him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace, that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth Salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth.—Isaiah 52:7.

WHAT a beautiful picture Isaiah the Prophet has here sketched of the Messenger who brings Good Tidings and publishes Peace and Salvation.

His path is upon the mountains: a highway. Even his feet are said to be beautiful, for they are shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace (Ephesians 6:15).

This preparation is an uncompromising war with everything which defiles or destroys the spirits, souls or bodies of men. People can think as they please and do as they like and be at peace with the world and the Devil; but God cannot offer peace to any until he hearkens to His voice and keeps His commandments.

The Salvation published must be for man's entire being. God promises to make "bare His holy arm in the eyes of all nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God."—Isaiah 52:10.

A Full Gospel brings a Full Salvation with the signs following, which all of the ends of the earth can see and will desire.

The Messenger who brings it must proclaim God's command:

Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean.

When this Message is obeyed, "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing."—Isaiah 35:5, 6.

And Zion proves that God shall reign within the spirits, the souls and the bodies of mankind.

"The Kingdom of God is within you," Jesus said.

The following letter to our General Overseer is from

**A Gentleman in Switzerland Blessed Through Leaves of Healing.**

The writer says:

I want to inform you that I have been wonderfully blessed through LEAVES OF HEALING.

I never read a book or paper which impressed me so much.

I am sure that the circulation of this paper will cause a great revolution in the world, especially in Christian circles.

I am a Baptist preacher, and used to minister to a congregation in Germany of 1600 members.

Through reading your LEAVES OF HEALING I feel great sympathy for you and your work. I thank God that He sent us a man like you for this wonderful work, which will soon spread over the whole earth.

Your LEAVES show us Baptists where we are lacking and where we are not apostolic.

When a youth of twenty years I was healed in body through faith, according to Isaiah 53. I was ignorant then.

A year after that a woman who was then near death was healed through the prayer of faith.

Then when I held meetings in the mountains, at one time a totally lame man was carried into the meeting. He was rejoicing greatly during the sermon.

I asked him whether he could believe that Jesus would heal him. He wrote on his plate, "Yes."

For a long time I had the desire in my heart to have this man healed, but I was too ignorant of God's will. I was lacking in faith, and the desire left me. I thought it might be the work of the Devil.

This was twenty-three years ago, and since then I felt as if God withdrew from me the gift of healing. But six weeks ago, just before reading LEAVES OF HEALING, I visited a sister who suffered severely from rheumatism. I told her to put all her medicine aside, because I had been against medicine for years, and had seen the foolish doings of physicians.

We prayed. The sister trusted in the Lord and was healed.

I am so thankful I find such thorough teaching in LEAVES OF HEALING about Salvation, Healing and Holy Living.

My faith in Divine Healing has been greatly strengthened.

I wish I had known this teaching twenty years ago. How much more good I could have done.

Please pray for me and my congregation, that we may all be set free from bondage through the power of the Holy Spirit.

I would ask you also to pray for an old man. He is deaf, and so grieved that he cannot hear the Word of God preached. He also suffers from tetter on the leg, which is very painful.

**Took the Words of Life Instead of Medicine.**

The letter which follows is from Mason, Wisconsin. The writer says:

I wish to write you a few lines to tell you of the peace and comfort and joy I receive from reading the blessed Gospel which comes to me once a week in LEAVES OF HEALING.

I am alone in this place, but, thanks be to God, He can keep me.

As I sit with pen in hand, my mind goes back to the State of Ohio, where the wicked men are persecuting the Elders of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion. That State is where I received the first copy of LEAVES OF HEALING.

I was after medicine the day that a friend handed me the copies of the Words of Life. I call them Words of Life, for they were that to me. I was sick nigh unto death in body; without God and without hope in this world or the world to come.

But, thank God, the copies which were handed to me that day were the means of bringing to my heart Salvation for spirit, soul and body.

Today I praise God that whereas I was then sick, I now am well; whereas I was then a sinner, I am now a child of God.

My prayer is that God's richest blessing may be with our General Overseer in proclaiming the Everlasting Gospel in London and elsewhere, and that the Little White Dove may carry the glad tidings to every heart as it did to mine.

Your Brother in Christ,

MAT WHITE.

Reader, Zion Literature Mission needs your help to send out the Full Gospel. Will you not cut out or write the following form and send your contribution?

1900.

I desire to become a member of Zion's Free Literature Distribution Mission, and, God willing, to contribute.....the  
Weekly, Monthly, Quarterly, Annually  
sum of.....

—Mark 16:15.

**Zion Literature Sent Out From a Free Distribution Fund Provided by Zion's Guests and the Friends of Zion. Report for the Week Ending October 27, 1900.**

13,100 Rolls to .....	England.
760 Rolls to .....	United States.
303 Rolls to .....	Africa.
83 Rolls to .....	India.
Number of Rolls for the week .....	14,246
Number of Rolls reported to October 27, 1900 .....	763,988





Behold I have come to be prayed for, why am I not healed?  
 Are not the rivers "Go-as-you-please," and "Do-as-you-like" better than all the waters of Zion? May I not wash in them and be healed?  
*— Isaiah I: 11 & 12.*

RIVER GO-AS-YOU-PLEASE

Christ said.  
 "REPENT ye and BELIEVE in the Gospel," Mark 1: 15.  
 Words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you;  
*— John XV: 7.*  
 For this people's heart is waxed gross and their ears are dull of hearing and their eyes they have closed; lest haply they should perceive with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should turn again and I should heal them." Mathew III: 15.

Go wash in the river  
 Obedience and true  
 health shall come to  
 them again and thou  
 shalt be whole.

"Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." — Acts 2: 38.

A MODERN NAAMAN.

"Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean."  
 — 2 Kings 5: 14.



# A VOICE TO ZION AND GOD'S PEOPLE IN EVERY LAND.

O thou that tellest Good Tidings to Zion, Get thee up into the High Mountain, Lift up thy Voice with strength: Lift it up, be not afraid: Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Isaiah, XL: 9.

## ZION ON THE ATLANTIC.

*Report of Meeting held in the First Cabin Dining Room of the Steamship "Graf Waldersee," Lord's Day Morning, August 12, 1900. Sermon: "Wisdom Justified of All Her Children."*

*Report of Meeting held in the Second Cabin Dining-Room of the Steamship "Graf Waldersee," Lord's Day Afternoon, August 12, 1900. Sermon: "Jesus, the Ever-Present Healer."*

*Report of Meetings held in Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Morning and Afternoon, October 28, 1900. Praise and Testimony.*

REPORTED BY O. L. S. AND E. W.

ON Saturday morning, August 11th, at 5:30, as the steamship *Graf Waldersee* left the wharf at Hoboken, New Jersey, the General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church, together with his party, stood upon the deck and waved their parting salutes to a number of Zion friends who had come to the docks to see them off.

The steamship was soon out of the harbor and on the mighty deep.

The first day passed quickly, with a very quiet sea, and the Lord's Day morning dawned beautifully calm and clear.

Whether on land or sea the ministry of the General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion must ever be the same, the preaching of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God to men of every clime.

With the love of God in his heart, and an earnest desire that he might do good to those around him, he determined that he would not be silent on this Lord's Day, but deliver in every part of the great ship the Message which God gave him.

Accordingly at 9:30 o'clock A. M., 2:30 and 3:30 P. M., he conducted public services in the First and Second Cabins and Steerage of the ship.

The morning attendance was rather small, but he was given a respectful hearing.

A few regarded the Message lightly, but there were many evidences that it had not been delivered in vain. Much good was

accomplished. Through this first address, "Wisdom is Justified of All Her Children," some were led to further inquiry concerning the Kingdom of God.

One gentleman, a manufacturer from the northern part of the State of New York, informed the General Overseer that he had not opened a Bible for ten years, and that the service which he attended that morning was the first he had attended for five years.

He held a number of very earnest conversations with the General Overseer during the week, and discussed earnestly at some length the whole question of a living Christianity.

The arrows of conviction went deep, even though there was no apparent surrender.

The attendance at the afternoon address in the Second Cabin was large, filling the entire dining saloon, and there were many listening outside. This Message was the one of

the day, so far as creating excitement was concerned.

As the General Overseer warmed up to his subject, he walked up and down the central passage and awoke the "sleepers" very sharply by exceedingly plain speech.

It was a very hot afternoon, but there were none there who could take a comfortable nap, as they seemed at first inclined to do.

As he bore down upon "the stinkpots and beerpots," of whom there were many who could be smelled there and in all parts of the ship, they were aroused into a certain amount of mental activity. Among the most sharply affected by the discourse were two doctors. The General Overseer did not know that there were any present. One of these was a Medical Missionary from Japan, and the other a practitioner from the United States, and it so happened that when he discussed the question of the various "paths" that he walked up very close to these gentlemen and interrogated them sharply as to which was the Divine "path." They informed him before he left the room that they were doctors, and displayed a "sensitive" interest in the discourse.

The Medical Missionary, as might be expected, was the most



bitter in his subsequent criticisms, and took occasion to annoy very much the members of our party who were his fellow-passengers.

However, it was all in vain; for the Word of God is not bound, and words were spoken which will never be forgotten. In fact, while these lines are being written, as all the time, Zion is being actively discussed, and its influence very actively felt.

Proceeding immediately from the afternoon discourse in the second dining saloon, the General Overseer went to the main deck.

There the passengers from all parts of the ship gathered, the Steerage passengers especially, as it was their section. Many of them were foreigners and could not understand English very well; but with most expressive gestures the men and women turned to each other, pointed to their hearts, and then pointed upward, thus indicating that they understood that the General Overseer was directing them to God and to heaven.

They were very much impressed.

It was interesting to observe the passengers from all parts of the ship gradually coming up and listening. Many of them stood upon the upper decks of both the First and Second Saloons, eagerly observing the interesting scene.

Some of these passengers from the First Saloon brought down their kodaks and took a shot at the General Overseer as he was speaking.

When the General Overseer finished his discourse, he went among the passengers and chatted with them individually, especially with the children of the Italian and Roumanian Steerage passengers.

As he was about to leave, a number of them gathered around him and signified their appreciation of his ministrations to them.

There was one woman especially whose eyes were full of tears. She said to the children, "Kiss the papa." The children immediately turned around, and the General Overseer, as it is his custom to do with little children, was about to kiss them on their faces, when they all started to kiss his hand.

Very reverently, the mother said, as far as could be understood, in her native tongue: "I thank God for what you have said, Father."

Of course most of these were Roman Catholics, but they were evidently appreciative of the ministrations.

Taking it all together, the scene of the last service was very interesting.

When the little company gathered for evening prayers with the General Overseer at 9 p. m., we all felt it had been a good day.

First Cabin Dining-Room, Steamship *Graf Waldersee*, Lord's Day Morning, August 12, 1900.

The services were opened by singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," Hymn Number 167, Gospel Hymns, 5 and 6.

The thirty-fifth chapter of Isaiah was then repeated in concert.

This was followed by the singing of two verses of the song, "We're Marching to Zion."

The General Overseer then read the eleventh chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, from the first to the nineteenth verses.

Prayer was then offered by the General Overseer as follows:

PRAYER BY THE GENERAL OVERSEER.

Almighty and ever-blessed God our Father in Heaven, we heartily thank Thee for this beautiful Sabbath.

We give Thee praise for the mercies which continue to attend us on this voyage.

We ask Thee to bless the Captain and all his officers, the Engineer and all his officers, and the men who toil at the fires and at the furnaces, and all who are in any way connected with the navigation or with the comfort and care of the passengers of this ship.

We pray Thee to bless the passengers, and as they journey over this mighty sea, may they remember who made it, that

"The sea is His, and He made it;  
And His hands formed the dry land;"  
That Thou art the God of the sea and the God of the land, the Everlasting God.

We pray Thee to bless this little gathering this morning.  
Wilt Thou hear us for all who are dear to us each in the great broad Continent which we have left, and in the lands to which we are going: fathers, mothers, wives, sisters, sons, daughters, friends dearer than life, whom we pray for in our hearts. God bless them all today.

Bless every man and woman who, throughout the world, is met in the Name of Jesus for worship.

Bless the multitudes who know not God, who are living without God and without hope in the world; victims of their own passions and uncleanness, victims of hereditary disease and sin and in sorrow.

Look upon the distracted nations of the earth; especially at this time upon China, sunken in heathenism and wickedness, suffering from the oppression of the so-called western civilization, which has forced upon them the opium.

Oh God, hear us! As nations are scourged for their national sins, in Thy Infinite Love and Compassion look upon the nations represented in the legations at Peking, and in Thy mercy deliver those who have been so long marked for murder.

Give victory to that which is right.  
Oh that peace may prevail in that land, and that the men and women may be set free without further war, if it be possible!

Bless us, we again pray, on this little voyage.  
Bless all who sail with us, and in Thy Infinite Love and Mercy hear us when we pray, in the words that our Lord taught us when here on the earth in the flesh, saying, "After this manner therefore pray ye:

"Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil:

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever and ever. Amen."

Hymn Number 44 was then sung:

Oh wondrous Name, by prophets heard  
Long years before His birth;  
They saw Him coming from afar,  
The Prince of Peace on earth.

CHORUS—The Wonderful! The Counsellor!  
The Great and Mighty Lord!  
The everlasting Prince of Peace!  
The King, the Son of God!

WISDOM JUSTIFIED OF ALL HER CHILDREN.

The General Overseer then delivered the following address:  
I read to you this morning, a few minutes ago, a few words in the Everlasting Gospel—the Gospel of the Kingdom of God—in the eleventh chapter of Matthew; and the very few words which I have to say I will base upon the words that I last read, in the nineteenth verse:

TEXT.

Wisdom is justified of all her children.  
The justification of Jesus Christ and the justification of the wise in all the ages is the slow process of a Divine education.

The Virtuous Hated for Their Virtues.

It has been the fate of those who have sacrificed themselves for humanity in every age to be hated, not because of their vices, but because of their virtues.

You will remember the old story among the Greeks of Aristides the Just, whom they ostracized. When the ballots were being cast for the ostracism of that great leader, Aristides himself was standing beside one of the balloting urns. He saw a man approach and, with indignation and hatred marked upon his face, cast his ballot for the banishment of Aristides.

Aristides, whom he did not know, said to him, "My good man, will you tell me why you cast that ballot?"

He said, "I cast it against Aristides, demanding his ostracism. I hate him."

"Wherefore do you hate him?"

"Why," he said, "because I do."

Aristides, who was still unknown to the man, said, "I wish you would tell me why you hate him. I would like to cast a ballot against him myself. Tell me why you hate him."

"I do not know just why I hate him," he replied, "but I am tired of hearing him called 'The Just.' I just voted against him, because I am tired of hearing him called 'The Just.'"

Very much of that same spirit prevails in the world today. The case is like the old English couplet:

I do not like thee, Dr. Fell,  
The reason why I cannot tell.  
I do not like thee, Dr. Fell!

The great mass of humanity is swayed by passion; never by reason.

They are easily swayed by false leaders. These leaders

may be false ecclesiastics, or they may be false friends, so-called, of the people. They may be demagogues, or they may be oligarchists. They may be aristocrats or democrats; it does not matter. Once the people have been deceived, they can be deceived for a long time.

The masses of the people in Galilee, where Christ preached, were His friends. The great mass in all parts of Palestine were the friends of John the Baptist.

#### John the Baptist Was Not an Uncouth Man.

Many suppose he was, but they are wrong.

The son of Zacharias, the priest, and of Elizabeth, he was born in the highest ranks. His father was Priest of the order of Abijah, and was in the Temple ministering to God when Gabriel, the angel of God, announced the coming of John the Baptist.

John the Baptist was splendidly educated. He was not only a Priest's son, but was himself a Priest.

When, at thirty years of age, he went out into the wilderness to preach, you read about his robe being a camel's-hair garment. Do not make the mistake of supposing the "camel's-hair" to be a rough camel's skin. Camel's-hair is very fine. You ladies who use camel's-hair brushes to paint with know how fine it is. A camel's-hair robe is a very costly one.

John the Baptist was a man of great power. Herod, we are told, listened to him, and he did many things he told him. The probabilities are John was brought up with Herod, perhaps at the same rabbinical school, and knew Herod well.

John had been cast into prison. Why had he been cast into prison? What had he done to justify being put into prison? I will tell you what he had done. He had offended a woman. If you have offended a bad woman, look out; she will follow you to the death, especially if she is a Jezebel or a Herodias.

This woman was an adulteress. She had been married to Philip and had gotten a kind of a Chicago or New York divorce, which would not stand with John the Baptist.

John the Baptist had smitten Herod upon the very face, and said, "It is not lawful for thee to have her."

John the Baptist spoke up, like the prophet of God he was. Herod did not dare to touch him; for Herod knew that he spoke the truth, and that he had no right to have his brother Philip's wife sitting by his side.

But while Herod was afraid, the woman was not. She was thirsting for John the Baptist's blood.

The day came when Herodias knew that John the Baptist's day had gone. John the Baptist had proclaimed at the Jordan fords that Jesus was the Christ, the Messiah, and that he, John the Baptist, must decrease. There was no more need for his ministry. He was left alone in the wilderness, the crowds following the Christ.

Herodias took advantage of that, sent down the soldiers of Herod, seized him, and carried him away down by the back country into the Castle of Machærus, below the Dead Sea, a far-away place.

There in the dungeon, while they were dancing in the palace halls above, John the Baptist lay, expecting execution.

But Herod would not touch him. Herod was afraid.

Conscience makes cowards of men. They may smile the cynical, sneering smile of the coward at heart, but when they face God they do not laugh. Men may laugh each other into hell, but they cannot laugh each other out. Men may laugh each other into a drunkard's grave, and say, "Aha! you cannot drink," but they cannot laugh each other out. Men may fool each other and dare each other. They may destroy the life of a neighbor in some foolish escapade, but they cannot resurrect the dead.

#### It Does Not Pay to Do Wrong.

It never did pay and never will.

Herodias thought she could stop everything when she took that man's life.

You cannot hurt a man when you kill him.

The best thing that could happen to a man, some times, is to be killed.

There are some men who live too long. If they had died a good many years before, it would have been better for them.

If Admiral Dewey had died a week after his reception at New York it would have been better for him, in the opinion of a great many people in the United States. He has lived to see the loss of his fleeting popularity.

It is a fickle thing, this popularity. Men may lose it by a very good action. The dear old Admiral thought it was a very nice thing to make his wife a present of what had been given to him as a present. So fickle is the multitude that they who had hurrahed him one day think now it is time he died.

Herodias thought she could stop everything by murdering John the Baptist. You cannot settle anything by that.

War never settled anything.

You may conquer the fellow, and compel him to submit to you, but you have not changed his mind. You see that very plainly in the United States of America. You see that you did not change the minds of a large number of people when you conquered the South.

You can take the provinces from an empire, but that empire does not forget.

Germany did not forget the humiliations to which the first Napoleon had subjected her through the years of his power. When the day came, she got back at France and took back her old provinces. France has not forgotten that.

So it goes on, Fighting! Fighting!! Fighting!!!—nothing settled.

Poor Herodias thought she could stop John the Baptist by killing him. What a foolish thing! John the Baptist lives on, and his testimony never dies; but she, like Jezebel of old, is only remembered by her hatred of a good man.

While John the Baptist lay there in the dungeon, before he was beheaded, that evil spirit which causes men to doubt came to him to make him doubt.

Was Jesus of Nazareth really the Christ of God, or had he, John the Baptist, made a tremendous mistake when he had at the Jordan proclaimed Him to be the Messiah?

It was a very sad fact that John the Baptist was lying in prison about to be beheaded, while Jesus was walking about in Galilee, preaching to the people, teaching, doing wonderful miracles, feeding the hungry, raising the dead, cleansing the leper, and was doing nothing for John the Baptist.

John the Baptist wondered why He did not open the prison with some Divine act of His power.

The Devil got at him and said, "John the Baptist, it is a mistake. Jesus Christ is a selfish fellow. He is eating at the houses of rich men. He is an associate of the powerful and wealthy. He is followed by the crowds and does not care a snap of His finger for you, who have been His great predecessor."

#### Jealousy of Others' Success Inspired by the Devil.

The Devil will always try to make people jealous of other people's success, whether it is in business or anything else.

Many a man who might have been very powerful in business has all his energies enfeebled because he has been foolish enough to get jealous of his neighbor.

The world is big enough and broad enough for all people, and the man who has a kind feeling toward his neighbor in the same business will be a more successful man than the man who gets jealous and says, "There is a fellow getting ahead of me all the time. I must start lying and cutting under in selling."

Then he ruins himself by foolish competition. This spirit creeps into everything—into the Church of God. There was the temptation to make John doubt his Master.

John did the right thing. He sent two of his disciples, who doubtless had visited him in the prison, away up there through Perea and Samaria into Galilee, where Christ was preaching and teaching and healing.

He said, "When you get there, say to Jesus that I, John the Baptist, sent you to Him to ask this question: 'Art Thou He that should come, or do we look for another?' I am in doubt. I am perplexed. Make me sure."

When these men came up, they were travel-stained through their long journey. There were no palace cars in those days, and there are none still in that country. But these two disciples came up to Christ and told their message. The Master stopped everything and said those wonderful words:

Go your way and tell John the things which ye do hear and see: the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good tidings preached to them. And blessed is he, whosoever shall find none occasion of stumbling in Me.

#### A Testimony Meeting Nineteen Centuries Ago.

Before they went, just think what would happen. Those who had been healed would gather around them and say,

"Messengers of John the Baptist, when you go back to John at the Castle of Machærus, tell him you saw me."

"Who are you?"

This is a little girl talking. "I am the daughter of Jairus, the Rabbi of Capernaum. I was sick. I died, and Christ raised me."

Another says: "When you go back, tell him you saw me."  
"Who are you?"

"I am the widow of Nain's son. I was dead, and my mother was weeping: for I was an only son, and the Christ came and raised me."

"And when you go back, tell him you saw me," says one, who bares his arm and says, "Look at that arm. There is nothing wrong with that arm. That was a leprous arm. I was a leper and Christ healed me."

And another says, "Just you whisper low, that I may show you how well I hear."

They whispered. Then he said, "Go and tell John the Baptist that I was a man who never heard, and Christ gave me hearing."

Another one says, "I never walked, and now I am walking."

So they would take back to John what they saw and what they heard. They would take back the story of the beautiful Gospel which the Lord preached. When John heard it he said: "It is enough; I see now that Jesus fulfils the prophecy in Isaiah."

We read that prophecy in the thirty-fifth chapter:

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad.

Yes, we found Him in the wilderness.

And the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

Yes, we found Him in the desert.

What happens because the poor have the Gospel preached to them?

The eyes of the blind are opened, and the ears of the deaf are unstopped. The lame man leaps as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sings: in the wilderness waters break out, and streams in the desert.

John the Baptist then knew that He was the Christ. He fulfilled the prophecy.

The disciples were glad to take that message back. When John gave up his life, they were not troubled.

Wisdom is justified of all her children.

When, in the United States of America, the people elected Abraham Lincoln President, there were many in the North who said, "You have elected a fool; you have elected a lunatic."

In the South they laughed at him, as the ignorant, half-insane rail-splitter.

And wisdom is justified of all her children.

Today, on the pages of history, they write the name of Abraham Lincoln high up, alongside that of George Washington. They did not do it at the time.

They criticised him; they lied about him; they said this and that. But today "wisdom is justified of all her children."

He stands where God placed him, as the great liberator and guide and helper of his country.

So it is with Christ Jesus. So it is with all who are wise. So it is with those who place God first, and man next. So it is with those who are determined to obey the great God who made this wonderful Universe, and are not ashamed to own God.

#### The Awful Sin of Being Ashamed of Jesus.

The man who is ashamed to own God is a poor, pitiful, mean cur of a man.

What would you think of your own children who would be ashamed to own their own father and mother who had been kind and good to them all their lives? If you have such children, are you not ashamed to have them? Do they not vex your souls?

But if that is a shame, is it not a greater shame for poor, weak, mortal man to be ashamed to own his God, his Father, the Maker of this Universe; to own the Christ who has made this world so beautiful by His words, by His life, and redeemed it by His blood?

Is it not a shame beyond the bitterest thought that evil spirit ever wrought that man should be ashamed of Jesus? Yes, you may be ashamed of Him when you have no sins to wash away.

If you are ashamed of Christ, He will be ashamed of you when you stand before the Judgment Seat. You will not stand

with the righteous. You will stand with the cowards who were afraid to own their Lord and their God.

Wisdom is justified of all her children.

Never forget it. Jesus said it of John the Baptist, and although he died in a dungeon, and his head was taken up in a charger, he lives on.

#### The Righteous Never Die.

Do right. May God in His Infinite Mercy grant that you may not be ashamed to confess your Saviour; that you will not be ashamed to forsake your sins; that you will not be ashamed to trust in your Saviour.

That Saviour is still the same, the same Saviour, the same Healer, the same Cleanser, the same Keeper.

He is just the same today. If He is the same, He is the Healer as well as the Saviour from sin. If He is not the same Healer, the Bible is a lie, because the Bible says that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yea and forever."

Who are you to say that He has changed? He never changes. I would not stand with those who are afraid to own His Name, or to advocate His cause, or to obey all His commands, for all the millions that man could give; for all the gold of Ophir; for all the crowns of earth.

May God bless you.

Humbly, faithfully, with true simplicity and real humility, may you live to serve God for Jesus' sake.

Stand and pray with me.

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

Our God and Father, in Jesus' Name we come to Thee. Take us as we are. Make us what we ought to be, in spirit, in soul, in body. Give us power to do right, no matter what it costs. Give us Thy Holy Spirit, that we may live lives of true humility, simple faith and perfect love, doing right, and never being ashamed. Give us the wisdom which helps us to trust Thee and guides us, that we may be justified by and by, when life is past, for Jesus' sake. Amen. (The prayer was repeated, clause by clause, after the General Overseer.)

After the Doxology had been sung, the services were closed by the General Overseer pronouncing the following

#### BENEDICTION.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you and bless you ever. Amen.

On Steamship *Graf Waldersee*, Lord's Day Afternoon, August 12, 1900, in Second Cabin Dining-Room.

The services were opened by the audience singing Hymn Number 142.

The thirty-fifth chapter of Isaiah was then repeated.

The General Overseer then read from the eighth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first seventeen verses, at the close of which Hymn Number 44 was sung.

#### JESUS, THE EVER-PRESENT HEALER.

The General Overseer then delivered the following address:

#### INVOCATION.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, and profitable unto this people: for Thou art our Lord, our Strength, and our Redeemer. Amen.

In the passage which I have read to you, the eighth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth and seventeenth verses, you will find the Scripture concerning which I wish to speak:

And when even was come, they brought unto Him many possessed with devils: and He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all that were sick: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our diseases.

Is Jesus Christ the same, or has He changed?

If Jesus Christ is not the same, the Bible is a lie and Christianity a farce.

But if Jesus Christ is still the same, if the words are true, and I believe they are, which are in the Word of God, that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yea and forever," then He is the very same Saviour, He is the very same Healer, He is the very same Cleanser, He is the very same Keeper that He was nineteen centuries ago.

"Oh," says somebody, "He is not with us now."

I believe the Bible. I believe what He said:

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

If it is true that Jesus Christ is with us always, He is with us now, is He not?

If He is not with us now, what He said is not true.  
But what He said is true. He is with us now, and He is just the very same Jesus.

#### The Reality of the Unseen.

"Oh," you say, "I do not see Him."

That does not matter. You do not see me.

"Oh yes, we see you."

No, you do not. You simply see a human form; you simply hear a human voice; but you do not see my spirit within. We never see each other. We simply see certain forms which are clad with certain clothes. All you see, even of the human bodies, are the hands, the head and the neck. Everything down to the toes is covered up.

The spirit looks out of these windows of the eyes, hears through the ears, and feels, smells and tastes through other senses; but you never see the real spiritual being.

You do not see me, but you can realize that I am here.

You can realize that God is here.

That same God, who came to us in the Person of His Son, is with us here today, in the power of His Spirit.

The very same power to save is here.

No sinner who confesses and forsakes his or her sin shall fail to find mercy with God.

No one who will do right shall fail to find Healing from God.

He is the very same Saviour. He is the very same Healer. He is the very same Cleanser. He is the very same Keeper.

I desire to talk to you about the stories which are told in the eighth chapter of Matthew.

The first story is

#### The Story of the Leper.

That leper did not appear. Perhaps he was hidden behind a rock or tree, when Christ was teaching upon that mountain near Capernaum. As a leper, he could not present himself.

Lepers were driven from the cities and the villages, and lived in the mountains, usually among the tombs. Their food was put out for them, and they had to go and take it. No one was allowed to be near enough to touch them. They were hated and feared.

When Christ had finished a number of sermons, commonly called the Sermon on the Mount, He departed from that part of the country. He went across the Sea of Galilee the following day.

That leper possibly knew that the Master was going away and that his opportunity for being healed was going away, too. He had heard the Lord. It was a very remarkable thing that Christ was preaching. Christ was a simple man in outward appearance, and yet that Man Jesus Christ of Nazareth was saying in effect, "I am God." "Before Abraham was, I am."

It is a very hard thing for the people to believe that God could possibly come in human form. Large numbers did not believe it.

However, as He went on teaching, this Gospel got into that leper's heart and he believed. When a man believes Christ, he becomes sorry for his sins and repents of them. He asks God to forgive his sins. No doubt that leper did that.

But Repentance did not take away the leprosy. It did not restore him to health. He was still a leper. He could not get near his mother, or his wife or his children. And although he was saved, he was yet unclean.

How was he to be clean? He came to the Lord and said, "Lord, if Thou wilt," and the Lord said, "I will," touched him, and he was clean. He is the same Lord today.

If you come to Him and find in Him Salvation, you shall also find Healing if you trust and obey.

Do not pray as the leper prayed. Do not say, "If Thou wilt." I will tell you why: because the Lord answered that prayer and said, "I will." That leper believed Him, and came forward and was touched and was healed.

#### The Story of the Centurion's Servant.

The next healing was a very remarkable one. A centurion, a commandant of a Capernaum garrison of a hundred men, had a devoted servant who was very sick.

After the leper's healing, as Christ was on His way to Capernaum, this centurion came out of the city to beseech the Lord on behalf of his servant.

Another narrative says that he sent a number of Jewish elders to Christ. They went to Christ with this plea:

He is worthy that Thou shouldst do this for him: for he loveth our nation, and himself built us our synagogue.

The very highest idea that they had about the man's virtue was that he had built a church.

Christ had no confidence in that. He did not listen to these men, but He went right on. When He came near to the gate of the city, there was the centurion himself in full military attire, with two servants. When he met the Lord, he made a short prayer.

Prayers to be of any account, must be short. There is no use making long prayers. God does not care for long prayers. All the good prayers are short prayers. But you must mean them.

This prayer was a very short one,

Lord, my servant lieth in the house sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.

He simply stated the case. That was a very short prayer. He did not need to tell the Lord a great deal, because the Lord knew everything.

Did Jesus say, "If your servant is sick, why do you not send for a doctor? What is the use of coming to Me? Why do you not call the doctor, and give him all the drugs necessary?"

Jesus said, "I will come and heal him." He never mentioned doctors. He never had anything to do with them.

#### Scriptural Teaching Concerning Physicians.

All the Bible has to say about doctors is that they are a great failure.

In vain shalt thou use many medicines.

Ye are all physicians of no value.

The woman who touched the hem of His garment "had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse." There are a great many women like her in the world today.

Jesus said, "I will come and heal him."

If He is just the same Saviour, is He not willing to do the same thing now? If you will obey Him, and act in the same way that the centurion did, what will He say?

He will say, "Go thy way; as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee."

The servant was healed instantly.

#### The Story of Peter's Wife's Mother.

After that He came into a house, Peter's house, to supper, and the Devil had gotten ahead of him and had made the principal lady of the house very sick. Peter's wife's mother was very sick.

By the way, our good friends, the Roman Catholics, have a Pope who says that he is Peter's successor. If he is Peter's successor in everything, he ought to be a married man, because Peter had a mother-in-law.

It is a very good thing to have a good mother-in-law.

They implored the Lord for this lady. He went in and saw her. Nothing was said. She was sick. She could not rise and serve the Lord. He touched her hand and she arose.

Is He the same Saviour? Is He the same Healer? Has Jesus changed? If Jesus is with us now, He is willing to do that same thing now.

"Oh, no, that is not the way God does now," says the skeptic.

How does He do now?

"He heals by means of doctors."

Does He? Which doctor is it, the Homeopath, the Allopath, the Hydropath, the Psychopath, the Isopath, or the Electropath? Which of the paths is it? If he heals by means of doctors, which is it?

The Homeopath says, "*Similia, similibus, curantur*: Like cures like."

The Allopath says, "*Contraria, contrariis, curantur*: The contrary cures the contrary."

Can they both be right? If God Almighty has left us the doctors, He ought to have told us what particular kind of a doctor, what particular kind of medicine He would heal by.

When did God say He healed that way? He said in His own Word:

I am the Lord that healeth Thee.

I am the Lord, I change not.

What right have you to say that He has changed?

Under the Ancient Dispensation He revealed Himself at the waters of Marah to Moses and to Israel where He healed the waters. There He called Himself by the great Covenant Name, Jehovah-Rophi: "I am the Lord, thy Healer."

He is the same Healer still. Anybody who says differently must deny the Bible. If you say that He is changed, then you have to say that the Bible is false; because the Bible says that God is not changeable.

If He does not change, then that Covenant stands, and He is the Healer of His people.

#### The Healing of the Multitudes.

Then they had a good supper. It is a good thing to have a good supper. Their supper that night was probably mostly fish and honey. They did not have as much variety as we have.

After our Lord Jesus Christ had had supper, a great crowd of people collected at the door.

At even, ere the sun was set,  
The sick, oh Lord, around Thee lay.  
Oh with what divers pains they met,  
Oh with what joy they went away.

He was full of compassion.

He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all that were sick; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities and bare our diseases.

Does He not take them still? I know He does.

I have seen thousands and tens of thousands of people whom God has healed.

I never healed anybody. Some of these silly papers will say that I say that I did this and that and the other thing. I never said anything of the kind. I would just as soon say I saved people as that I healed them.

#### There is Only One Divine Healer—God Himself.

The only people I know who claim healing power are doctors. They say they can cure you, and they do not do it. They cannot cure themselves. They die more quickly than almost any of the community.

I had a narrow escape from being a doctor of medicine. When I was at Edinburgh University I studied it to see what there was in it. The more I studied it, the less I saw in it, except the Devil and rashness.

The doctors know nothing about disease. A doctor comes and looks at you. He asks you to put out your tongue. You stick it out. He takes your temperature and thumps your chest. Then he shakes his head. There is nothing in it—I mean his head. He does not know anything about it. He cannot tell anything unless you tell him something, and after you have told him something, he makes the most ridiculous guesses.

In New York, a year or two ago, a very clever and rather unscrupulous little lady, named Nellie Bly, was hard up for a sensation for the newspaper on which she was a reporter. She took five twenty-dollar bills and went up Fifth Avenue and called on five doctors. Every one of them said she had a different disease: one kidney disease, one lung disease; one said her heart was in trouble, another said she had very serious liver trouble, etc.

There was nothing wrong with the young lady at all. They gave her five different sets of prescriptions and diagnoses for five different diseases. She brought back the diagnoses and five prescriptions. That was all she got for a hundred dollars.

#### God Knoweth Our Frame.

If I made a watch, do you not think I could tell all about a watch? Would I not be the right man to repair that watch? If your watch should go wrong, would you take it to a butcher, a baker, or a candlestick maker? Of course, you would take it to a watchmaker.

If the body goes wrong, and if God has made it, does He not understand it? Nobody understands it better than God.

If you have been a naughty boy, or a naughty man—and you are naughty if you take tobacco, you stinkpots. Tobacco is the thing to tune you up for the Devil to make a fool of you. How the Devil does make a fool of a man who smokes!

He gives him amaurosis, paralysis, cancer and many other diseases. What a silly thing it is for a man to be a victim of tobacco; to lie awake thinking about it! He has to get up and serve his god, a big square piece of tobacco. He has to chew his god and churn his god in his mouth, and squirt him

out every now and then, just to show him how diligently he serves him.

If tobacco is a good thing, why do you not give it to your wives?

Why do you not ask them to have a chew?

Why do you not bring them home a box of cigars, and ask them to light up, too?

Oh you stinkpots!

How the ship stinks, does it not, from one end to the other? Ugh!

#### Folly and Crime of Defiling the Temple of God.

A man is a bigger fool who is a beerpot. He becomes nothing but a beer funnel.

Why can you not live clean? You will not get healing from God, if you take these dirty things. God will not heal you unless you do right.

You must eat what is good and do what is good and think what is good, and do right. Everybody knows that.

Even those who do the naughty things themselves know that.

Then ask God to forgive you for all the wrong you have done.

Just think what is spent in this world upon drink and tobacco! Do you know how much is spent in the United States of America?

Seven hundred millions of dollars a year on tobacco, three hundred million dollars a year on liquor!

Two billions of dollars! Just think of it!

Think of what a waste it is. Think of the crime it produces, the sickness, and the misery, and the deaths.

God wants you to do right. He wants you to live clean lives. If you will do right, God will bless you.

You have to repent. Some of you have been telling lies to your husbands. You have to repent of that. Some of you have been telling lies to your wives, and you have to repent of it. Some of you have been doing wrong to your neighbor. You have to repent of that.

If you have taken anything that belongs to anybody else, you have to give it back, restore it.

Do right; then God will have mercy upon you, and He will bless you.

Is that not good, straight talk? That is the Gospel: that you are to repent and do right, and you are to do it quickly.

Do not put it off, because we do not know what might happen to us.

I have gone on a great many voyages, and God has always cared for me. I think He will take care of us in this voyage and bring us safely to land. He always has. I have never had an accident. I have never been on a train which had an accident. I have never been on a ship which has had a serious accident. God has taken care of me; but He might permit us to pass away very suddenly some day. A man had better be ready.

#### "Prepare to Meet Thy God."

Every one of you ought to be ready, ought always to be ready: for "at an hour when ye think not" God might call you. Then you had better be ready. You are not going to live here on earth always. It is only going to be a comparatively short life. Then you will have to stand a naked spirit before the Judgment Seat of God, and give an account of how you spent the money God gave you. You will have to give an account of how you treated your husband.

Some of you have to repent considerably over that. You have to consider how you treated the wife whom God gave you.

Then you must consider how you treated your employees. There was a man who was worth \$20 a week, and you gave him \$10. You mean fellow! You must repent of that. He was earning more than you gave him. That is not fair. That will not stand in the Judgment.

"You must repent," I said to a man the other day.

"I do right," he said.

"Look here," I said, "your wife does not think that."

"She always wants money," he said.

I said, "What does she do for you?"

"Oh," he replied, "she is a good wife. She cooks, bakes, and washes and mends my clothes; she keeps everything nice and clean."

I said, "Do you ever give her any money?"

"I give her money to buy her clothes with," he answered.



"If she were to do all that as your housekeeper, she would earn at least \$6 a week, would she not?"

"Yes."

"Why do you not pay it to her? Why do you not give her an allowance equal to that? You are a mean skunk. You are no man at all; you treat your wife worse than you would a servant."

He scratched his head. "Don't say any more. I will do right. Perhaps I will give her \$2."

I said, "That will not do. You give her at least what you would give a servant."

So he started in. He said to me the other day, "I have given my wife what I would have given a servant, and more. I am better off this year. She thinks more of me, too."

#### All Blessing Depends Upon Doing Right.

Men and women cannot get Salvation, they cannot get Healing, and God will not hear their prayers when they will not do right.

The Kingdom of God is Righteousness, and Peace, and Joy in the Holy Ghost.

Many people do not like that kind of talk, because it hurts. They know it is not right to smoke; they know it perfectly well. They know they stink their wives out of the room many a time. They know they sweat at night the dirty tobacco sweat. No woman ought to stand it. It poisons women. It poisons children.

I went into a house sometime ago. The man was crying bitterly: "Oh, Doctor, my baby is dying."

"Dying," I said. "Where is the fire here? Get a bucket of water and fling it over this man. He is on fire. Throw open the doors and windows, and drown out the fire on this man."

"Why, there is no fire," he replied.

I said, "There is. You have filled this house with tobacco smoke. The child cannot breathe."

The little baby was gasping for breath, and it was nothing else but that man's infernal stink and smoke that was choking that baby to death.

I threw the windows open, let in the fresh air and turned the man outside. He was still crying.

The baby revived in five minutes. Nothing was wrong but tobacco.

Many children are choked to death like that.

You think of that now, some of you.

Some persons say, "The baby cannot keep milk on its stomach." I should think it could not! You imagine a baby swallowing all your tobacco smoke, and keeping anything on its stomach! Ugh! You have a multitude of sins to answer for.

Stop that fooling and do right. That is sense, is it not? (Some assented by nodding their heads.)

Then do not smoke any more; do not drink any more; do not gamble any more. Ask God to forgive you for the past. Put things right, and God will bless you, as sure as you live.

God will hear and answer your prayers, and you will be happy men and women.

Himself took our infirmities and bare our diseases.

He is here today.

#### God, Our Father, Loves Us.

He longs to bless us.

He loves all of us.

He loves naughty children.

He loves people who do not love Him.

He loves us just as we love our children who do not do right.

May God bless you. May God help you. Let us stand and pray. I would like you all to repeat the prayer.

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. Take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be, in spirit, in soul, in body. Give me power to do right, no matter what it costs. Give me Thy Holy Spirit, that I may trust Thee, serve Thee, live for Thee, and get to heaven when my life is over, for Jesus' sake. Amen. (This prayer was repeated, clause by clause, after the General Overseer, by some present.)

The Doxology was then sung.

#### BENEDICTION.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our

Lord Jesus Christ; faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

#### PRAISE AND TESTIMONY.

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"GOD, through Zion's teaching and prayers, nas saved me, healed me, cleansed me, kept me, prospered me and made me happy. I thank and praise Him."

This was the burden of the story of scores of witnesses in Central Zion Tabernacle on Lord's Day, October 28, 1900.

Morning, afternoon, and evening, they stood upon the platform, and with radiant faces proclaimed their deliverance.

Each had suffered at the hands of the Devil, through error, false teaching and sin; each had found that Jesus, as in the days when He was on earth in human form, was still "destroying the works of the Devil."

And so they told of His goodness with great joy. Their testimonies, simple, spontaneous, hearty, had the ring and bore the unmistakable stamp of truth. They are incontestible.

Many of the witnesses, especially at the morning service, were little children, who lisped God's praises for healing them of diseases of every nature. With the simple, unwavering, unquestioning faith of childhood, they had claimed the blessing. This clear faith was shown in their testimonies and was a valuable lesson to many of God's older children.

#### PRAISE AND TESTIMONY.

Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Morning, October 28, 1900.

The services were opened by singing.

Overseer Speicher took charge of the meeting, and at the close of the hymn asked all to unite in repeating the thirty-fifth chapter of the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The announcements were then made and the offering received.

The meeting was then thrown open for praise and testimony.

#### INVOCATION.

Father, bless the testimony of the children this morning; the little lights who are growing up in Zion. May they be great lights for God. May that light diminish the darkness. May their example be felt in the world for good. May their message come from true little hearts this morning. Teach us to live for Thee, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

#### Healed of Bad Cold in Answer to Prayer.

Master Willie Young, 127 West Twenty-first Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I had a bad cold. I went into the prayer room on Children's Meeting Day. Elder Graves laid his hands on me and prayed for me. I was healed. I praise the Lord for that."

Miss Sadie C. Touers, 18 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I fell down stairs and hurt myself. I went into the healing room, was prayed for, and when I got home I was better."

Overseer Speicher—Did you have any more pain?  
Miss Touers—"No."

#### God Heals Boy of Mumps.

Master Albert Young, 127 West Twenty-first Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "Three weeks ago I had mumps. I went into the healing room and Elder Graves prayed for me. When I came out I was better."

#### Girl Healed of Earache.

Miss Hazel Johnson, 1454 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I had the earache. I had been having it a long time. I used to take medicine for it, but when we got into Zion we prayed for it."

"When I lived in Ft. Dodge, Iowa, I suffered so that I could hardly hear the clock tick.

"When the General Overseer came to Waterloo to preach, he prayed with me. When I went back to the hotel I felt much better, and began to receive my hearing."

Overseer Speicher—Can you hear now?

Miss Johnson—"Yes, sir."

Overseer Speicher—You go to school?

Miss Johnson—"Yes, sir."

Overseer Speicher—And you are able to hear what the teacher says?

Miss Johnson—"Yes, sir."

"After we came to Chicago, I heard something crack in my ear. After a while it cracked again, and I could hear just as well as ever."

#### Healed of Heart Disease and Dropsy.

Miss Ruth M. Speicher, Zion Home, said: "Last spring I studied too hard in school, and papa took me out. I had heart disease. Papa prayed for me, and I got well. I thank God for that."

Overseer Speicher—She had heart disease and dropsy. Her face was badly swollen. We thought best for her not to go to school for a little while.

This young man cannot talk very well. (Laughter.)

His name is John Dowie Speicher. He loves Zion, too. He is learning some little things in the kindergarten at Zion Home. There are fifteen or twenty little fellows who are studying all kinds of good things in the kindergarten.

A few days ago the lights went out in Zion Home in the evening, about 7 or 8 o'clock. It was very dark. John looked up and said, "Jesus said, 'Let there be light,' and there is no light at all." (Laughter.) He had learned in the kindergarten that God said, "Let there be light, and there was light," and he did not like for them to go against the Word of God in that way.

I wish we could all learn that we all have to obey God's commandments in all things like that. That is the way the children are learning in Zion.

#### God's Power Heals of Mumps.

Miss Charlotte Lina Renevier, 39 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "About two or three weeks ago I was healed of the mumps. I had it very badly, but God healed me of it. I praise Him for it."

#### Prayer Heard for Sore Eye.

Miss Ada Kibbey, Zion Home, said: "Two or three years ago my eye was sore. I could scarcely see out of it. I had to stop going to school. I was prayed for and my eye was healed."

#### Two Sisters Healed.

Miss Mary Yeizer, 41 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I was healed of the hives. I use no medicine. I thank God."

Miss Julia Yeizer, 41 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I had the measles last year. Mamma prayed, and I thank God I am well again."

#### Many Healings in Family.

Miss Anna Federmeier, 4021 Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "The Lord has healed me of very bad headaches. My sister has been healed of whooping-cough and my brother of a very bad earache. My mamma had a stiff neck and she was healed of that. I thank God for it."

#### Measles Healed Through Prayer.

Miss Myrtle Anderson, Zion Home, said: "I had the measles and mamma prayed for me. I got well. I thank the Lord for it."

#### Healed of Injury.

Miss Williamine Larsen, 9213 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I praise the Lord for what He has done for me. Last week I fell through a rotten board on our porch. I had my little niece in my arms. I skinned my leg badly. I prayed to the Lord and He healed me instantly."

#### Voices of the Children Praising God.

Miss Bessie Kibbey, Zion Home, said: "I am glad to say that Jesus has healed me many times."

Overseer Speicher—This is the daughter of that awful man Fockler. (Laughter.)

Miss Mary Fockler, Zion Home, said: "Last winter I was healed of pneumonia. I got so bad one night that mamma sent a telegram to my papa, who was in Mansfield. He got it the next morning, and prayed. Then I was healed. I praise God for it." (Amen.)

Miss Sunshine Harding, 1514 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "Four years ago I was healed of scarlet fever. Mamma sent a telegram to Dr. Dowie, and I was healed. I thank God for it."

Miss May Howe, 1514 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I praise the Lord for what He has done for me. Three years ago I fell in the back shed and turned my wrist over, dislocating it. That was before I knew much about Zion. Mamma was reading LEAVES OF HEALING one day, and said, 'I am going to trust God.' She took hold of my hand and prayed. In the morning when I got up she said, 'Your hand is all well.'

"I said, 'Yes, Mamma, God healed it in the night.' I felt it, and I praise the Lord for it."

Miss Eda Enn Rann, 7 Park Row, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I had the measles and the Lord healed me."

Master Julius Federmeier, 4021 Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I had the earache four years ago very badly. We prayed to God and I was healed."

#### Delivered From Sore Throat.

Master Arthur Glenn, 1314 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I had a sore throat. My mother told me to go to Elder Fockler. I went to Zion Home, he prayed for me and I was healed. I thank God for it."

#### Healed, Through Prayer, of St. Vitus' Dance and Heart Trouble.

Master John Warbritton, 1243 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I thank the Lord for what He has done for me. He has healed me of St. Vitus' dance and heart trouble. I had it pretty nearly all last winter. I came here and went into the prayer room. I was prayed for. I was healed. I thank the Lord for it."

#### Almost Perfect Healing of Curvature of the Spine.

Miss Myrtle Schroebler, 1628 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I praise the Lord for what He has done for me. I am almost entirely healed of curvature of the spine. I was very sick with a pain in my stomach, and was healed of that."

#### God Heals the Little Ones.

Miss Ella Nelson, 37 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I fell down and made a big sore. Overseer Piper prayed for me. I was healed. I thank God."

Miss Ruth Marion Holden, 14 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "Last year I had heart trouble, and I lay sick in bed. Elder Bouck came and prayed for me, and I was healed by the next day. I thank God for it."

Miss Opal Rose, 32 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I had a sore throat yesterday and mamma prayed for me. It got better. I praise God."

Master Power Edward Rann, 7 Park Row, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I had the measles and was very sick. God healed me, and I am thankful to Him."

#### Healed of Very Severe Illness.

Master Roy Clemons, 1432 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I was sick with earache, abscesses in the head and lung trouble. Papa went down and saw Dr. Dowie. Dr. Dowie came down to our house and prayed for me and I was well in the morning. I thank God for it."

Overseer Speicher—He was a very sick boy.

#### Healed in Answer to Mother's Prayers.

Miss Alvina Trampisch, 366 Indiana Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I thank God that He has healed me of inflammation of the bowels. I was very sick with it. I called for mamma and she prayed for me, and in the morning I was well."

#### Brother and Sister Thank God for Healing.

Master Chester Leland Jackson, 37 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I praise the Lord for what He has done for me. About three weeks ago I was taken with a very bad cold. God healed me. I praise Him for His goodness."

Miss Clarabelle Jackson, 37 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "The Lord healed me of measles and whooping-cough. I thank Him."

#### Healed of Rupture When Given Up by Doctors.

Mrs. Dahlman, 2008 Wentworth Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, testified for Master Willie Dahlman. Mrs. Dahlman said: "Ever since he was two years old he had the croup. He was

ruptured when coughing. We doctored with him for three years. It did him no good. He was no better until we came to Zion."

Overseer Speicher—How long did he wear the brace?

Mrs. Dahlman—"Ever since he was two years old. He wore out two. We knew that Jesus was the Healer. The doctor said we would have to have an operation performed, and that he would have to stay seven weeks in the hospital and remain in bed at home seven weeks."

Overseer Speicher—Fourteen weeks sick after an operation, and then they would not guarantee any cure?

Mrs. Dahlman—"No. The Lord has healed me, and I give Him the praise.

"This is Mabel Fischer, 2008 Wentworth Avenue. She has no mamma, and so she stays with me. The other morning she had a penknife. I had sent my little boy to the store, and she ran to meet him. As they were coming home they were playing horse. They ran across the yard and she fell and stuck this knife blade right in her cheek. She came running to me with the knife sticking in her cheek. I took her between my knees and pulled the knife out. Then blood began to come. I prayed with her, and as soon as I could brought her to Zion Home. When we got as far as Twelfth Street she said that all the pain had gone."

Overseer Speicher—All who desire to give themselves to God and serve Him fully and to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour in all things, and those who desire to consecrate themselves anew to God, stand.

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. Take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be in all things. Cleanse my spirit. Cleanse my soul. Cleanse my body from all impurity, that it may be right in Thy sight; that I may be a glory to Thee and of good in Thy Church; a help in the cause of Christ and in the saving of the world from sin and from sickness and from uncleanness. Bless me for Jesus' sake. Amen. (All repeat the prayer, clause by clause, after Overseer Speicher.)

#### BENEDICTION.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Afternoon, October 28, 1900.

The meeting was taken in charge by Overseer Speicher, and opened by singing Hymn Number 161:

I will sing of my Redeemer  
And His wondrous love to me;  
On the cruel cross He suffered,  
From the curse to set me free.

CHORUS—Sing, oh! sing, of my Redeemer,  
With His blood He purchased me.  
On the cross He sealed my pardon,  
Paid the debt, and made me free.

The forty-third chapter of Isaiah was then read.

Prayer was then offered by Overseer Piper, after which the announcements were made.

The offering was then taken, after which the meeting was thrown open for praise and testimony.

Overseer Speicher said: These testimony meetings have been held so often in Zion that we who are accustomed to them take them as a matter of fact.

#### Testimony Meetings in Zion Unique.

These meetings cannot be duplicated anywhere else in all the world, outside of Zion. There is no other people in all the world who can say that they use no tobacco, no liquor, no medicine, no pork; have no secret societies, no dancing, theaters or card parties; who believe in the Theocratic Party.

There is no other people who have such a standing and such a record and make such tremendous claims. Above all this, there is another claim which they make, that is, that God for Jesus' sake has saved them from their sins, and healed them from their diseases. Nowhere can we find so large a number of people who trust the Lord Jesus Christ alone as their Healer. Nowhere have there been so many miraculous healings.

Zion's testimony is a condemnation to every Christian denomination in all the world. We are not all we ought to be, we are not all we hope to be; but we are glad to thank God and to tell the world that God is continuing to bless. Our pur-

pose this afternoon is to glorify the Name of God. It is our desire in all that we say to give the glory due unto His Name.

No man has any credit. John Alexander Dowie deserves the credit of an honest, godly man. He deserves that credit, but so far as the work itself is concerned, he can and does lay no claim to it.

No man living has ever given God the same credit and the same glory and the same honor that the General Overseer has given to God and to His Son Jesus Christ.

No man can say that Dr. Dowie has taken the honor to himself, neither can any man say that Zion is taking any credit or glory to herself. It all belongs to God.

We will give God the glory.

He has done many wonderful things in Zion, and He is ready to do more.

#### INVOCATION.

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in Thy sight, profitable unto this people and to whomsoever these words shall come, in this and every land, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

#### Delivered From Masonic Bondage, Tobacco and Liquor. Healed of Hemorrhoids and Indigestion.

Edward A. Klawonn, 344 Fulton Street, Pullman, Illinois, said: "I have been healed of itching hemorrhoids and internal hemorrhoids, which caused constipation and many other troubles. I have been healed of indigestion. I used to have terrible pain in my chest and stomach, and various other troubles.

"I was a Freemason and a member of the Royal League Insurance Order. I came out of both, giving up the \$2,000 insurance."

Overseer Speicher—You have given up your insurance. Not getting ready to die any more? (Laughter.)

Mr. Klawonn—"No, sir. I am getting ready to live now. "I was also an active Turner. Of course the Turners drink beer. I used to be a stinkpot.

"I was born and raised a Lutheran. When I was a little boy I was quite a Sunday School boy. I thought that when I was confirmed I would go to Church more regularly. After I was confirmed I did not go to Church as much (laughter) as I did before.

"Then I thought that when I got married, I would go to Church. (Laughter.) But when I was married I was an infidel." (Laughter.)

Overseer Speicher—Do you think that you were converted in the Lutheran Church?

Mr. Klawonn—"No, sir."

Overseer Speicher—Were you converted in Zion?

Mr. Klawonn—"I was. I was a Mason for three and one-half years, and I smoked more cigars and drank more whisky in that time than during all the rest of my life."

Overseer Speicher—You thought that was a good religion?

Mr. Klawonn—"That is why I joined it—to make a better man of myself."

Overseer Speicher—But it was just as bad as the Lutheran Church?

Mr. Klawonn—"Yes; worse. (Laughter.) That is one of the reasons why I dropped it, because it was degrading me. I thank God that I am out of Masonry.

"I had a little fear in my heart, and I thought the way to get that out was to have a cottage meeting. At the first meeting I was afraid that there would be too many. The next time I went around and asked the neighbors to come to the meeting, and we had about twenty-nine."

Overseer Speicher—How many of these were members of Zion?

Mr. Klawonn—"Only my wife and myself."

Overseer Speicher—All outside of Zion. Do you not see what the cottage meetings are doing? (Laughter and applause.)

Mr. Klawonn—"I thank God that I have had this opportunity to give my testimony."

Overseer Speicher—He came out of the Lutheran Church, where he was actually confirmed in his sins. He had never been asked to repent of his sins; had never been asked to make restitution; had never been asked to get right with God. He was asked to become a Lutheran, and he drank all the beer he wanted to, and chewed all the tobacco he wanted to.

Then he joined the Masons to get a little more light. You cannot get light in the Masonic Fraternity. God never said,

"Let there be light among the Masons." It is full of darkness.

**God Heals of Sciatic Rheumatism, Dislocation of Arm and Other Ailments.**

Deacon A. F. Mueller, 1053 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I praise God today for the many blessings in spirit, soul and body I have received since coming into Zion. I had been suffering with sciatic rheumatism for many years. I had many complications besides that of which I have been delivered. Among them, but not least of all, was an accident which befel me two years ago last February. I fell head foremost down my front steps, it being very slippery. I struck the stone sidewalk as well as the iron post with my right arm. I dislocated the elbow and bruised the joint. I suffered severe agony. I had to be assisted into the house, and it was distressing me from head to foot.

"My wife and my son knelt down beside me and prayed. Then my son suggested to go and telephone to the General Overseer, and ask him to pray also. After he returned from the drug store, where he had gone to telephone, my arm was in place, the dislocated elbow had gone into place and the severe pain had been removed.

"Then my arm began to swell to an immense size. It swelled from the shoulder clear down to the wrist. I could not move a finger for three days. It was as near paralyzed as it could be. But I suffered no severe pain from the time the General Overseer had prayed for me.

"During these three days and nights I lay constantly in a stupor, wanting no nourishment or anybody to bother me. I would doze away for hours at a time. The fourth day I arose and carried my arm in a sling. Within two weeks my arm diminished in size and within two months I was able to use my arm just as I had before. I was able to take a sledgehammer and swing it over my shoulder. By this time the enlargement had very nearly all disappeared.

"I give God all the glory.

"My head was twisted around and I was not able to sit down or get up out of a chair without some one assisting me, on account of my rheumatism. I was so affected with sciatica that my right limb was short. I have been delivered from that, and since then I have been bothered with it only once or twice, and I have been delivered each time in answer to prayer. I had suffered for fifteen years.

"I thank God for the teaching which I have received through our General Overseer. Spiritually I must say I have never enjoyed life as I do now, although I was a professed Christian for a number of years. I never knew what it was to live close to Jesus."

**God Answers Prayer for Healing.**

Mrs. W. B. Carr, 617 West Sixty-fifth Place, Chicago, Illinois, said: "It will be twelve years in January since I abandoned relying upon man for help—spirit, soul and body. An Evangelist preached at St. Paul's Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and after listening to her preaching I was led to Repentance. She afterwards made the statement, although she gave us no more, that if we would trust the Lord for healing, He had never changed. From that moment to this I have never touched a remedy or anything that I knew was a remedy. I never will, the Lord being my Helper.

"I did use some simple remedies for a time, not thinking that they were wrong. I found that I was not healed while I used them, and so I threw away everything that could possibly be called a remedy, and trusted the Lord for my body as well as my spirit.

"I trusted the Lord for my children, and they have been healed without man's aid. My baby was sick last spring. I sent into Zion, and they answered me directly, not charging me fifty cents, as my friends out there say they do for every prayer. I left the Methodist Church, and from the time I came into Zion I have not been sick over one hour. I told the Lord and He healed me."

**Five Years of Trust and Victory.**

Miss Grace Gillis, 88 East Twenty-third Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I shall not attempt this afternoon to tell of everything that God has done for me. It would take too long. There are so many things that I do not know which one to tell. For five years I have trusted God as my All and in All. He has kept me faithful. I have gone through many trials, and

He has brought me through victorious. I thank God for Zion, and for our General Overseer. The Lord has permitted me to go to Zion College. I thank Him for that and for many things."

**Converted, Brought Out of the Methodist Church and Healed.**

Albert Miller, 37 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I have a great deal to praise the Lord for this afternoon. Four years ago I came out of the Methodist Church. I had been a Methodist for eight years. When I joined the Church I had no religion at all. I joined because some of the rest of them did. I was not converted at all.

"A man came to Jacksonville, Illinois, and preached the Gospel. When I heard it, I was converted and came out of the Methodist Church. When I came out, all the people thought it was terrible.

"I went to a 'Holiness' meeting, and testified to healing right before them all. Then the 'Holiness' people wanted to educate me for the ministry. They did everything to get me to go, but I told them I would be educated in Zion. I would not listen to them. I stayed close to the Lord and prayed.

"I testified in the Methodist Church at Mount Sterling, Illinois. The minister told me if ever I came back to come and testify again."

**God Gives Victory Over Adverse Circumstances and Diseases.**

A. E. Stonehouse, 1243 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I praise the Lord that He opened the way for me to come to Zion College, although I had a hard battle to get victory over the Devil to come.

"Last May I was turned out of my home because I belonged to Zion and would not come out. I found that by trusting God I have a better life and a better home since then than I had before.

"I was troubled with weak kidneys from overwork—too heavy work when I was fourteen years old. I was troubled for nine years, and was taken sick one Sunday night after I came home from meeting last May. I asked my brother-in-law and my sister to pray for me. We did not get the victory until the next night. Then I asked them to pray again. I said that if I had not done what I ought to have done, or had done anything which I ought not to have done, that I did not know it. I asked them to pray to God to reveal it to me. That night we all had prayer just before I went to bed, and the next morning I got up and went down and worked hard shoveling wheat. I praise God for His loving kindness."

**Brought Back to God From Ways of Sin. Delivered From Bad Habits and Healed.**

John Singleton, 73 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I thank Overseer Speicher for taking me, metaphorically, by the ear and reminding me of my duty in coming up on this platform and telling what God has done for me. I tried to be here a month ago, but the Devil got at me and made me sick and kept me away. I thank God I am here today.

"On the anniversary of my passing another milestone in life's journey, I am feeling better than I have felt for thirty years; feeling younger than I was twenty years ago.

"I have much to thank God for. I cannot begin to do it in the time I have.

"Some years ago I had wandered away from God; gone away back to the ways of the world. Hence I suffered a great deal from a variety of complaints; mostly lung trouble, it seemed, from overwork. In 1895, when my wife went to her reward, I had to give up my position. But I did not give up the ways I had followed. The consequence was that I kept going down hill. I was broken in health and getting farther away from God.

"God still held on to me, however. I thank Him for His mercy in following me up. As I was wandering away, He kept after me. He brought me to see my miserable state, and to turn my feet back into the paths which I had once followed. I thank Him for that. That sweet little hymn of Faber's was the great means of leading me back:

"Souls of men, why will ye scatter  
Like a crowd of frightened sheep?  
Foolish hearts! why will ye wander  
From a love so true and deep?  
Was there ever kinder Shepherd,  
Half so gentle, half so sweet,  
As the Saviour who would have us  
Come and gather round His feet.

"It is God! His love looks mighty,  
But is mightier than it seems:  
'Tis our Father, and His fondness  
Goes far out beyond our dreams.  
There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
Like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in His justice,  
Which is more than liberty.  
"There is no place where earth's sorrows  
Are more felt than up in heaven;  
There is no place where earth's failings  
Have such kindly judgment given.  
There is welcome for the sinner,  
And more graces for the good;  
There is mercy with the Saviour;  
There is healing in His blood.

"That broke me all up. That gave me the revelation of the loving care of our heavenly Father which I had never realized before. That was about two years ago.

"Some friends visiting in my home talked to me about Dr. Dowie. They asked me what I thought of him. I had never studied the matter, because I was not studying in those things at that time; but I told them that I knew something about his good people and that I was going down some day to see for myself.

"A short time after that God led me here. I heard the General Overseer in his practical, incisive way. I received the teaching that very same day, which has never left me, thank God. I have been going on until I stand where I am today, with a better knowledge of the love of God in my heart, and the loving kindness of my Heavenly Father, and the great love of Jesus, than I have ever had before in all my life.

"I thank God for the many healings which I have had; wonderful healings. Overseer Speicher knows something of what I have gone through, and how wonderfully God has brought me out. Every weakness in my body has been taken away. Thank God, I stand before you today a strong, healthy man.

"My mental strength, which I had lost in years of labor, has returned.

"I thank God for liberating me from the accursed smoking tobacco habit of forty-five years' standing. I tried to break away from it, but there was always that lurking thought in my heart: 'Well, maybe some time in the future you may want to take a smoke.' Finally, when God brought me home, I asked Him to take away the tobacco habit. It went forever, thank God, at that moment. I never had any desire for tobacco afterwards. I used to get up five and six times in the night and take a smoke, and was smoking all the day.

"God also delivered me from the drink habit. I was not much of a drinker in recent years, but during my early years I drank considerably. I thank God that He has enabled me to put that behind my back also. If God's people only knew the effects of alcohol upon their spiritual nature, they would never put a drop of it inside of them. I also found that tobacco interfered very greatly with my thinking powers. After I quit its use, I found that I was equal, in mental capacity, to those who had before surpassed me.

"I was also delivered from the appetite for swine's flesh and oysters.

"In 1893 I was taken to St. Luke's hospital to be operated upon for appendicitis. God very wonderfully spared my life. I had engaged a certain surgeon to perform an operation upon me. While I was waiting for him I heard remarks about me by some of the other patients, and some complimentary remarks about the other surgeon, and when the one I had engaged to operate on me came in, I said, 'I have concluded to have So-and-so take my case.' Thank God he came, and I did not have to undergo any operation. I did not have strength to do it.

"I was out of bed in about ten days. My physician insisted that I must wear a flannel bandage about eighteen inches deep twice around my body. I suffered severely with that during the hot weather. That was in 1894. I took it off, and came near having to go to the hospital again.

"I dragged along until I happened to go in to see Dr. Speicher one day. I told him about it, and he said, 'Take it off.' I took it off, and thank God I have never had any trouble from it since.

"I suffered for twenty-five or thirty years with constipation. I thank God that Overseer Speicher prayed for me and laid his hands on me, and I have never been troubled with it from that day to this. That is over a year ago.

"I love to look into the faces of this bright and cheerful people. There is no congregation today in God's earth where you see so many happy people.

"I thank God for our General Overseer; for his blessed teaching which is doing so much good and has done so much good to me. I pray that God will make him a power in the old country; that London will be shaken with such a power as it has never experienced. I pray that this teaching may reach to the end of the world.

"I thank God for His many gracious answers to Overseer Speicher's prayers in my behalf; for the many healings I have received; also for spiritual blessings.

"I thank Overseers Piper and Mason for the help I have received in my spiritual instruction through their teachings.

"May God greatly bless all these His servants in their great labors in His cause.

"To God do I ascribe all the blessings I have received in Zion. To His Name I give all the Glory."

#### God Hears Prayer for Better Work and Better Pay.

Charles E. Robinson, 607 Evergreen Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "Perhaps there are few things more difficult to endure than for a man with a wife and babies to walk the streets willing to work, and unable to find work; for a man to work hard at the best he can get, and not be able to make enough for his family to live upon. That is what tries men's souls.

"The position which I had did not pay sufficient to support my family the best we could do. We began to pray about it, earnestly seeking unto the Lord. On a certain Tuesday I went to see Overseer Piper and asked him to pray that I might get what I was worth to the extent that I might have a living.

"I had twice appealed for a raise in my wages, and had both times been told that because I would not work on Sunday, and all the rest of the people of the institution did work on Sunday, I could not have my raise in wages. They said perhaps I deserved it. The day after Overseer Piper prayed for me, I went to ask again that I should have a raise in wages. The Sunday question was not mentioned that time. The gentleman said, 'I will give you a raise of so much. I would like to give you more. I perceive that you are worth more. I will give you any hour in the day to go out and hunt another position, but would be glad to have you stay at the increased wages.' The increase was eleven per cent.

"But the place was very dark and very unpleasant, and I still besought the Lord for a change to a light place to work in. On the following Saturday there came to me a telephone message that if I would go to a certain place I could get more money than I was getting, not have to work so hard, have a nice light place with windows all around, and everything would be delightful. On the Monday following, I went to the gentleman in the place and told him that I had heard that he had a vacancy. He put me in at once at another increase of thirty per cent, thus making in the course of five or six days in answer to the Overseer's prayers, coupled with mine and my wife's, who is faithful to the Lord, an increase of forty-five per cent in wages.

"Praise God for His goodness and His wonderful works to the children of men." (Applause.)

#### Instantly Healed of Typhoid Fever. Other Wonderful Healings.

Mrs. Anna D. Rice, 2674 North Forty-fourth Avenue, Irving Park, Illinois, said: "I have so much to thank God for that I do not know where to begin. About four years ago next February I was instantly healed through the prayer of faith. I was suffering from typhoid fever, and had a temperature of 104. I had been sick seven weeks, and the physician had given me up. I thought then that it was time to trust God for healing. We gave up the physician; I was prayed for and was up within an hour. I was restored fully to health.

"After the birth of one of my children the physician said I would never be well unless I would undergo an operation. Then I saw I must take God for my Healer or suffer all the time. I had heard of Dr. Dowie, but had never seen him. I had never heard him or read any of his papers, but I knew that he was a man of God. I felt it.

"The time was set for the operation, but we gave it up. I came to Zion Tabernacle and Dr. Dowie laid hands on me and prayed for me. I was healed instantly. From that day to this I have never suffered from any of the trouble.

"I suffered severe laceration from the birth of one of my



children. I was a great sufferer and was under the doctor's care constantly. From the time the General Overseer prayed for me until today I have never suffered or had a physician in our home.

"Two or three weeks ago one of our little girls had a fall. She struck the back of her head. She was hurt so badly that her eyes became very dull and she kept sinking. There was no one at home but one of my little boys. He believed in Divine Healing. We prayed for her and received an answer. My son went and telephoned to the Overseer. As soon as he returned and they had prayed for the child, she immediately fell asleep. In twenty minutes she awoke, and the first words that she said were, 'Mamma, God has healed me. I am better now.'

"I have been greatly blessed in health. I have a baby two months old, and the physicians thought that I was such a great sufferer I could never be healed without an operation. I feel that I have a great deal to be thankful for."

#### Boy Healed of Typhoid Fever and Hernia.

Burt M. Rice, 2674 North Forty-fourth Avenue, Irving Park, Illinois, said: "I would just like to add a word to my wife's testimony in regard to the healing of our boy. He was healed of a severe hernia which he sustained at an early age. He had to wear a truss. He was healed of typhoid fever, and we were about to adjust the instrument, as he did not have it on while sick, and he said, 'Why, Mamma, did not God heal me of my hernia as well as of the typhoid fever?'"

"He has never worn the truss since, and has been well."

#### Healed of Severe Injury to Eye.

Herbert Calvery, 297 South Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I have known something about this work since 1894. In the spring of 1894 I heard that Dr. Dowie was holding meetings in Central Music Hall. I was a little curious to hear this man who believed that the Lord healed. I went, one Sunday afternoon, but I could not get in. The place was full inside and out. All around Central Music Hall there were crowds of people. They were in groups here and there, all around the place. I went around to the rear to see if I could not get in at the rear, but there was no room where I could squeeze in at all.

"I began to listen to the people who were entertaining the groups. One was telling of being healed of bad eyes. Another was telling of being healed of some other disease and so all around Central Music Hall. I believed from that moment. I had not heard Dr. Dowie, but I believed.

"The next Sunday I was there in good time, and got a seat. I think, if I mistake not, the Doctor was speaking about Job's Boils. (Laughter.) When I heard the Doctor speak and heard him give his testimony with regard to Divine Healing, and preach the Word and his interpretation of it with regard to the Lord healing, I said at once, 'That man is right.' From that day to this the Lord has done all that work for me.

"I have followed the work right on. I was led to go to Zion Tabernacle No. 1. I heard Overseer Speicher give his testimony one Sunday immediately after that. I was very much interested in it. It made a very great impression upon me, that cancer should be healed without any aid from a doctor.

"About a year ago last January I was tuning a piano which had some strings missing. I was handling one of the bass strings. It had a raw end which had been cut off with pliers. This wire slipped out of my hands and the raw end struck me in the eye.

"I could not see for a little while. I prayed that the Lord would heal me.

"My eye became very much irritated. When the eyelid passed over the eyeball, it was almost unbearable. I prayed, and the Lord took away the irritation. I went to Zion Home in the evening. The General Overseer put his hand on my eye and prayed, and I never had any trouble after."

#### Wonderfully Healed of Paralysis.

Lewis Seeger, Dwight, Illinois, said: "I was a total wreck. In 1893 I was stricken down with paralysis. I was not able to be out of bed. The doctors said that my work was done. They gave me arsenic.

"My house was filled with people. They wanted to see 'Old Seeger' once more. I was two years on my bed.

"I read my Bible. I read that when the Lord Jesus was on this earth He was healing the sick, and that He wants to be

with us, and that He is the same yesterday, today and forever. I found out through my reading that all the sick were healed by the Lord Jesus and that disease was of the Devil. Then I said, 'My sickness must be of the Devil, too.' (Laughter.) I had thought I was a child of God, and that I was converted, but I was smoking; I was a stinkpot. I drank beer. (Laughter.) I know now that I am converted.

"There was a preacher and an Elder on the circuit who were in my house. I filled the pipe for the preacher myself, and they smoked with me. (Laughter.)

"Then I heard about Dr. Dowie. They said he was near the World's Fair, preaching. They sent me LEAVES OF HEALING. I was just hungering for it. It was on a Sunday afternoon, and I thought I was well. I went down to tell my folks that I was well, but when I got halfway downstairs I was in my old shape again. Then I got down again. I was in the last stages. I thought I had to go. Then my house was full of people. They wanted to see 'Old Seeger' once more.

"Then I sent a request for prayer. I wanted to go to Zion. I said, 'Oh Lord, raise me up that I may go down to Chicago.'

"Dr. Dowie prayed for me, although he was seventy-three miles away. Between 11 and 12 o'clock my wife came up and pulled me out of bed. I knelt down and prayed in my heart as well as I could. Something told me that I was healed.

"I jumped up and said, 'Mamma, I am healed. I am well.'"

"Then I came to Zion. I stood the journey better than my wife did.

"Dr. Dowie prayed with me in Divine Healing Home No. 1. When I came there I was a total wreck, but I thank the Lord that I did not die in my sins.

"Wherever I go they call me 'Dowie! Dowie! Dowie!'"

"Two years ago I was baptized. The General Overseer said, 'You are mine now.' I am glad, but I am not worthy of it. Pray for me that I may be faithful to the end." (Applause.)

Overseer Speicher—He could not keep his mouth shut from paralysis. His tongue was hanging out. The Lord healed him so he could shut his mouth. He went about telling it to his neighbors until he ran up against an old Lutheran preacher. That preacher said, "Oh you are crazy. You have just gone crazy."

That discouraged him, and he did not talk about his healing any more. Then the Lord let the Devil open his mouth again. He was prayed for and then God healed the paralysis so that he could close his mouth.

All who believe the testimonies which have been given today, and believe from their hearts that God is the same yesterday, today and forever, and desire to live for God as far as they have light and knowledge and obey Him, stand on your feet and tell Him so.

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. Take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be, in spirit, in soul and in body. Give me power to do right. Forgive my sins. Cleanse me from all disease, if I have any. Help me to trust in Thee and Thee alone for all things needed. Give me Thy Holy Spirit, that I may overcome the evil one and do Thy will acceptably for Thy glory, and for the good of Thy Kingdom, for Jesus' sake. Amen. (All repeat the prayer, clause by clause, after Overseer Speicher.)

#### BENEDICTION.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

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By DEACON W. S. PECKHAM.

**JESUS SAID:** Trade ye herewith till I come.—Luke 19:13.

**T**HIS is Jesus' command to do business. It furnishes sufficient authority for all of Zion's Financial Institutions.

We shall be held to an account for the use we make of our talent in money as much as any other talent God has given us.

If we are faithful stewards, we shall render that account with joy at our Lord's coming.

**LOYALTY** to Zion consists of something more than praying. It means, as far as possible, trusting all our material interests with Zion's Institutions.

"Faith without works is dead." Money never could buy the many and great blessings we have received through Zion. No one has ever been charged a dollar for any service rendered by Zion.

The only use our beloved General Overseer has for money is to push God's work. This work cannot be pushed without money, and you are not loyal if you have even a small sum of money lying idle, or swelling the assets of some worldly bank or corporation.

Bring all the resources into Zion's Institutions, and do so quickly. To fail to help now is to be guilty before God.

Zion will use all money to help our people, and to extend God's Kingdom.

**DO NOT THINK** because you only have a small sum of money that it will do no good to deposit it. Many small sums make a large fund.

While in the house or pocket, it does no good; but in Zion's hands it will help to save sinners, spread the Full Gospel and build Zion City, which will be a refuge for God's people, and a joy to the whole earth.

Never before have God's people had such an opportunity as is now open to them in Zion. They can now have their money used for God, and also get a good interest on all their investments.

**INTEREST.**—The legal rate of interest in the State of Illinois is five per cent, but agreement in writing may be made up to seven per cent. Above seven per cent would be usury, and the penalty for usury is the forfeiture of all interest.

Legal rate is collectible on moneys due on all instruments in writing; on money lent or advanced for use of another; on money due on settlement of account from day of ascertaining balance; on money withheld by unreasonable and vexatious delay, and on judgments.

In computations of time, interest, and discounts upon negotiable instruments, a month is construed to mean a calendar month, and a year to consist of twelve calendar months. For any number of days less than a month, a day is construed a thirtieth part of a month.

**MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY,** October 23.—Ignatz Bella, an old miner, has just lost the savings of a lifetime through depredations of mice. Bella had no faith in savings banks and had nearly \$5,000 in bills hidden in his shanty. These the mice used to make nests of. Only a small part of them can be redeemed.—News Item.

**A FEW YEARS** ago a brother of one of our members put four twenty-dollar bills in a glass jar, and buried the jar in the ground. A short time ago he was advised to look at the money and found it in a badly decomposed state. He brought it to Zion City Bank, and we forwarded it to Washington. Experts

there succeeded in identifying \$60. Twenty dollars could not be picked out. If this money had been deposited in Zion City Bank, there would have been a nice gain in interest, and no loss of principal.

Another person had about \$500 hidden away in his house. The house was destroyed by fire, and the loss in this case was even greater. Some of the money was in silver, which had melted into a common mass and so became bullion, making a loss of more than one-half (they had become Bryan dollars); the bills were a total loss, and about \$30 of the gold could not be found.

**ONE OF** Zion College students was held up a short time ago. But, fortunately for him, the robbers failed to find the money he had upon his person.

These and like experiences are every-day occurrences, and our people must learn wisdom and put all their money in Zion City Bank. There it will be carefully guarded, and grow in interest. You will be benefited and Zion will be helped.

It is not safe to keep money in the house or carry it around with you. Not only is there danger of losing the money, but even life is in danger. Desperate men abound, who would not hesitate to murder any one for a little money.

**DAYS OF GRACE** are abolished in the State of Illinois by statute in force July 1, 1895.

**EVERY ONE** who has any property at all should make a will.

You can have your will drawn at Zion City Bank without charge, and it can be deposited in our vault for safekeeping.

A properly drawn will saves trouble, and often prevents expensive litigation and bitter strife after death.

**AND ALL THEY** that were round about them strengthened their hands with silver, with gold, with goods, and with beasts, and with precious things, beside all that was willingly offered.—Ezra 1:6.

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# NOTES OF THANKSGIVING TO ZION'S GOD

## Quickly Raised When Ill With Typhoid Fever.

CAMBRIDGE, OHIO, October 22, 1900.

REV. W. H. PIPER.

*Dear Overseer Piper:*—I thank God today that I am able to add my testimony to the many thousands now on record in Zion.

First of all, I thank God for being instantly raised up.

I thank you for your prayers.

On the afternoon of October 12th I was taken very sick and had to cease work.

I came home and went to bed with symptoms exactly the same as when I had typhoid fever four years ago.

I never once thought of having a doctor, but just trusted in the Lord.

My brother prayed for me and sent request to Headquarters for prayer, and also to Deacon W. B. Kindle, of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

I suffered terrible pain for about twelve hours.

The morning of October 13th found me some better, but still very weak. I could not eat or stand alone.

I tried to get up, but could not, and had to lie in bed until 3:45 P. M., when something said to me, "In the Name of Jesus Christ, rise up."

I got out of bed with a leap, dressed and went downstairs and had supper, praise the Lord.

God killed all symptoms of fever and now I am quite well.

I thank God more and more every day for Zion and for our dear General Overseer, who has brought a Full Gospel to us of Salvation for spirit, soul and body.

I desire, also, to thank Deacon Kindle for his prayers.

It was through Deacon Kindle that we first heard of Zion and Dr. Dowie, and we all have a warm place in our hearts for him.

May God bless Zion in Mansfield and give victory, and may she conquer all her enemies everywhere.

God bless Dr. and Mrs. Dowie and shield them from all harm, and bring them safely back to Chicago.

Faithfully yours in Jesus,

HOWARD L. SUITT.

## Swollen and Painful Eye Quickly Healed.

2358 INDIANA AVENUE,

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, October 2, 1900.

*DEAR OVERSEER SPEICHER:*—I send you herewith my testimony.

Yesterday morning I got up with a cold in my eyes, which later in the day set entirely in my right eye.

The pains were intolerable.

I telephoned to Zion Home, asking for you. You were not there, so Elder Graves took your place.

I received a blessing, but had to leave my work, for my eye was badly swollen and I was exposed to the draft.

Toward evening the pains started again.

A sister, my wife and myself knelt and asked God to give me a complete deliverance.

Our Heavenly Father heard our prayer, and I had a good night's rest.

This morning, thanks be to God, I could resume my work and be a witness for the God of Zion.

Many people had seen me yesterday and are wondering at my quick healing.

Praise be to God.

Yours respectfully in Christ,

ROBERT BRAUN.

## Wonderfully Healed of Catarrh. Little Boy Healed of Rupture.

251 LINCOLN STREET,

WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS, October 19, 1900.

*DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:*—Some five months ago I sent to you a request for prayer.

I was troubled with catarrh in its worst stage and was losing flesh and ambition rapidly.

I praise my Father that He heard your prayers.

For three days after I sent the request, I had a running from my head and throat.

I would cough up large pieces of black phlegm and blood.

I knew then that God had heard your prayers, for I was filled with greater ambition than ever.

I have gained flesh so rapidly that my friends are more than surprised.

I have gained fourteen pounds weight within the last three weeks, and am feeling stronger and happier than ever.

I do thank God that He has done what man could not accomplish.

It is my earnest desire to live more closely to Him, that I may be a living testimony.

About the same time that I asked prayers for myself, I also asked you to pray for little Freddie Hughes, of Fitchburg.

Some four years ago, during a spell of whooping-cough, he ruptured himself very badly, and had been wearing a truss for two or three years.

Since being ruptured, he has constantly been troubled with enuresis, and has often cried out with such pain that it has brought tears to my eyes to see him suffer so much.

Yet throughout it all he knew that Jesus could heal him, and I have often found him praying to God, when those pains have come on him.

When I wrote you for prayers he was healed of enuresis immediately, and has never once complained of pains since.

Sometimes I take him upon my knee, and looking into his eyes, will ask him if he knows who healed him. He answers, "Jesus."

I cannot thank my God and Father sufficiently for what He has done for myself and this little boy whom I love so dearly.

Thanking you for your prayers, and praising God and His blessed Son Jesus Christ, I beg to remain,

Faithfully yours in the Master's Service,

W. CAMPBELL.

## God Heals of Many Diseases.

5429 MARSHFIELD AVENUE,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, October 4, 1900.

*DEAR DR. SPEICHER:*—In 1873 I was suffering from dyspepsia, heart disease and liver complaint, and several times every year I had a bad throat, so that I could not swallow or talk or hardly breathe. It was cut once.

Also my hips were bad. When I sat, I had great trouble in getting up and could only do so with much pain.

When I went to Zion Tabernacle, I had to stand up in the car a block before I got off, and had to keep shifting something in my hip until it snapped, which pained me very much.

The doctor did not know what it was. He gave me plaster and ointment, which, however, did not reach the bones, as I am very fleshy. I weigh 262 pounds.

It was getting worse all the time, and no doubt I would have had to use crutches if I had not met the man of God, Dr. Dowie, who prayed with me in Zion Tabernacle No. 1.

My heart and liver were healed at once, but with the hip I had to wait a year. Then all at once the pain ceased, for which I thank God with all my heart.

I also thank Dr. Dowie for his love and patience with us poor suffering beings. Also Mrs. Dowie, who always exhorted us not to lose courage and to pray without ceasing.

Since then I caught cold several times; fell out of a car and got my foot out of joint, and fell down into the basement, bruising my arm so that it was quite stiff. But the dear Lord has healed everything through the General Overseer's prayers.

Now I pray every day that God may bless him and his family and give him health and long life and everything that his heart desires.

Through Dr. Dowie's teaching I was brought out of the darkness of the Lutheran Church into the light of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

I also brought in two daughters, a son-in-law and five grandchildren.

MARIE ZITZMAN.

## Many Healings in Family.

GERING, NEBRASKA, October 10, 1900.

OVERSEER J. G. SPEICHER.

*Dear Brother in Christ:*—I will try to tell you of some of the blessings which I and my family have received since we heard of Zion, over two years ago.

I was healed of heart disease, stomach trouble, and inflammation of the bladder of ten years' standing.

I was also healed of a small rupture and of milk leg.

The doctor said that if I did not keep my leg bandaged tight it would break out in a running sore.

I sent a request to Zion to pray for me, and I took the bandages off.

I could hardly stand on my feet at the time, but the day they prayed for me in Zion, my leg began to get better. In a week all the swelling was gone.

I was also healed of inflammation and falling of the womb, gathered breasts and the grip.

Our oldest boy was ruptured until he was past ten years old. He was healed when the General Overseer prayed for him, two years ago.

The same boy was kicked by a colt just below the short rib, on the left side. He was suffering great pain, and passed blood from his kidneys

for two nights and one day. The General Overseer prayed for him, and in three days he was up and as well as ever.

My other children have been healed of grip, colds, sore mouth, sore eyes, earache, mashed fingers, and fever and bowel troubles.

Thank God for all His great goodness.

Yours faithfully, (MRS.) SARAH CLOUD.

#### God Answers Prayers for Several.

ALLANDALE, ONTARIO, CANADA, October 6, 1900.

DEAR OVERSEER SPEICHER:—I thank God for what He has done in Allandale while we have been visiting here.

The sister you prayed for is much better. When I sent for prayer the doctors had given her up and some of the newspapers had reported her dead.

Thank God, she is able to walk out on the street. She eats three meals a day and sleeps well.

The little boy is some better of his rupture.

The minister came to visit me yesterday. We had a long talk about Zion. I gave him my testimony and some Zion Literature.

We have visited quite a number and given away the papers, and many have been blessed.

I thank God for what He has done for my sister-in-law, Mrs. George Johnson, of Stratford, Canada.

You prayed for her in Zion early in July. She lay seven weeks in bed at that time.

God answered your prayers.

We called to see her about the 28th of August. She was walking around quite well.

Soon after, God blessed her with a beautiful baby boy, weighing nearly eleven pounds.

May God bless you and Zion everywhere.

Your Brother and Sister in Christ,

GEORGE AND ISABELLA HARKNESS.

#### Healed of Weak Back and Other Ailments. Brother Healed of Insanity.

CASEY, IOWA, September 14, 1900.

DEAR BROTHER IN CHRIST:—I desire to testify to a perfect healing of a weak back, in answer to the General Overseer's prayer, three years ago.

I thank God, also, that through his prayers God gave back to my brother sound reason, of which the Devil had robbed him.

No other power than God and the prayer of His servant could have brought it back so soon.

This was two years ago, and God has kept him ever since.

I thank Elder S. A. Walton, formerly of Waterloo, Iowa, for his prayers for our little boy, who had bronchitis, last winter.

God heard his prayer, and the child has had no trouble since.

I myself received a spiritual blessing through his prayers.

God has also heard my own prayers at different times for my ailments.

I thank God every day for this Gospel, which is for spirit, soul and body.

It is a blessing to the world that God ever sent our General Overseer to preach the Full Gospel, without fear of what may be the consequence.

May God keep him and his, and bring them back safely.

(MRS.) F. C. DAVIS.

#### Spiritual Blessing and Healing in Zion.

PERRY CENTER, NEW YORK, September 19, 1900.

REV. J. G. SPEICHER.

Dear Overseer:—I was a guest at Zion Home the fore part of August, 1897, and was baptized by the General Overseer on the 18th of that month.

I thank God for the great spiritual blessing I received then.

I also thank Dr. Dowie and Mrs. Dowie for the glorious teaching I received from them while there.

I have had several healings since and God in His great mercy has kept me in good health most of the time, for which I am truly thankful.

I welcome the Little White Dove as a Heavenly Message directly to me.

May God bless the General Overseer and party and grant them a safe return to Chicago.

I also pray that His blessing may rest upon each member of Zion throughout the world.

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) H. A. KELLY.

#### God Answers Prayer for Very Sick Baby.

65 MAPLE STREET,

HORNELLVILLE, NEW YORK, October 15, 1900. }

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I desire to tell of my little grandson's healing for the glory of God.

He, with his mother, came to visit me. He had a cough then, but continued to get worse until he had a very high fever and was a very sick child.

I went and asked our dear Conductor, Mrs. Osborn, to come and pray with him.

It was not very long before he was in a perspiration, the fever all gone.

Now he is running about a well boy.

We thank our leader for her kindness and give God all the glory.

Your Sister in Christ, (MRS.) JAMES TAYLOR.

#### Healed of Appendicitis When All Drugs Are Destroyed.

PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN, October 18, 1900.

REV. JOHN G. SPEICHER.

Dear Overseer:—I sent you a telegram to pray for my son, who, I was afraid, had appendicitis.

When I sent you the telegram, no help came.

I then gathered all the drugs I could find in my house and burned them.

Still no help came.

A thought came to my mind that there was a box of Cascarets somewhere in the house and a fountain syringe. I destroyed them both, and in fifteen minutes after he received relief.

I feel very grateful to you for your prayers, and give God all the praise.

BENJAMIN BAIN.

#### Led Out of the Darkness of the Eastern Star Through Zion's Prayers.

682 PARK AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, October 14, 1900.

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—I wish to thank you for your kind prayers; also our beloved General Overseer, Dr. Dowie, whom I have never seen.

God answered his prayer for me and brought me to Zion.

I also thank Him for the prayers of my dear brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Peters, who were instrumental in my coming to Zion.

It was under their influence, your teaching, and that of Elder Stevens, Evangelist Loblaw and Dr. Sayrs, that I was led into the light.

I also wish to thank Conductor Rice, Zion Choir, and Elder Brasefield for their kind prayers in my behalf.

God has brought me out of darkness into light, out of the Eastern Star of the world into the Church of God in Zion.

I give God all the glory and praise.

By God's Grace I shall walk in the light as I receive it.

Your Sister in Christ,

ISADORE PETERS.

#### God Quickly Delivers at the Time of Prayer.

LOGANSPOUT, INDIANA, October 15, 1900.

OVERSEER W. HAMNER PIPER.

Dear Brother in Christ:—I cannot find words to express my gratitude to God for His wonderful saving, healing and keeping power.

I received a great blessing in answer to your prayer a week ago last Wednesday night.

I came very near having a very bad stroke of paralysis, but Christ is Conqueror.

After we sent the telegram I became very hungry.

I ate a little. Then I went to sleep.

On Friday in the same week I had a very bad weakness come over me.

I could scarcely move or get my breath.

I asked my husband to come and pray that God would give me strength, and the answer came.

I have been growing stronger ever since.

My heart's desire is to do Zion Seventy work.

I thank you for your prayers, and give God all glory and praise.

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) IDA PAUL.

#### Healed of Severe Back and Side Ache at Time of Prayer.

BRATTLEBORO, VERMONT, October 1, 1900.

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—It is with a grateful heart that I can testify to the power of God to heal.

I thank you for your prayers.

I think I knew each time that you prayed for me. I had the witness of the Holy Spirit.

My dear wife and I pray for you and all of Zion every day.

I was healed of that terrible pain and ache in my side and back speedily.

I soon went to work again.

I was also healed of other troubles.

I praise the dear Lord for it and for the General Overseer and Mrs. Dowie.

Your Brother in Christ,

DANIEL A. FAY.

#### Baby Healed of Chills.

BERRY, OKLAHOMA TERRITORY, October 18, 1900.

DEAR OVERSEER SPEICHER:—I write this to thank you for your prayers in our behalf.

Our baby had a very severe chill the day before you prayed.

The day you prayed he missed his chill and has not had a chill since.

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) J. B. FERRILL.

# CHEERING WORDS FROM ZION'S GUESTS

NOTES FROM ZION HOME

THE regular Praise and Testimony Meeting held in Zion Home, Saturday evening, October 27, 1900, was conducted by Overseer Speicher.

After the usual opening exercises, the States represented were enumerated and found to be fourteen in number, as follows:

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the District of Columbia.

The following foreign countries were represented:

Canada, China and Japan.

The meeting was then thrown open for testimony.

MRS. MARY E. SEYS, 1425 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I am so thankful to testify to the spiritual blessing which God has given me, and for the ability to rest in the Lord more and more. I also thank Him for the physical blessing which I have received. He gave me strength and helped me through my trials last week."

O. M. WILSON, Mt. Forest, Michigan, said: "A week ago last Thursday Elder Graves led the testimony meeting. When he laid hands upon me and prayed for me, I felt the blessing of God go through me. Since then my arm, which has hung for many years without having any feeling in it has feeling in it. Before that time I could pin a cloth around my hand, and if I happened to pin it fast to the flesh I could not feel it.

"I know God is working in Zion, and that He will heal me perfectly. I have been greatly blessed in other ways since I have been here, and I give God all the glory.

"When I first came here they did not ask me what I was worth or whether I had any money, but they took me in. I thank God that I am among people who are so kind and meet me with a smile. They never charged me anything for Baptism, as the papers say, neither have they robbed me in any way. I advise every one who desires to serve God acceptably, to come into Zion."

MRS. MAGGIE PARSONS, Madison, Wisconsin, said: "I wish to thank God for what He has done for me. I thank Him for His saving, healing, cleansing and keeping power.

"Six years ago I first heard of Dr. Dowie. I was then an invalid. I had been confined to my bed for months. I employed some of the best doctors of this city, also a specialist. I then went to the Battle Creek Sanitarium. I spent a thousand dollars, and came home feeling no better than when I went. Through the mercy of God I came to Chicago to Divine Healing Home No. 1. The third day I was there Dr. Dowie laid hands on me and prayed for me and I was healed. I have been well ever since.

"When my children were sick last winter with the scarlet fever, the neighbors tried to make me trouble because I would not have a doctor. When my children got well in answer to prayer, the neighbors said the disease had just run its course. I give God all the glory." (Mrs. Parsons' testimony appears in full in LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume 1, page 65.)

Overseer Speicher—Some people say that healings do not last. Here is one that has lasted for six years.

Elder Graves—"My healing has lasted for six years."

MRS. DORA BAUMGARTNER, 180 East Twenty-third Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I was healed of consumption I had night sweats for two weeks. After I received my healing in

answer to prayer, the doctor who had been treating me asked me what I had been doing. I told him I had been out to see Dr. Dowie. He said, 'You are certainly better. I advise you to stick to it.'"

N. A. ROBINSON, Westfield, Illinois, said: "It has been about two years since God healed me of eye trouble. When I went back home and spoke to my minister and told him what God had done for me, he said, 'Well, Brother Robinson, the very fact of your going away from a small town like this into a city like Chicago would naturally work a change in you.'

"I had been to Terre Haute for two weeks, but that did not work such a change.

"I had been under the surgeons for a year and a half, but they did not work such a change.

"I saw that I would have to leave my Church and come into Zion. The minister said I had better wait six months and see if it held out. Of course, he thought I was not healed at all. He said so. He said he thought it would not amount to anything. He asked me then to wait five years and see what would become of me. I thank God that He did heal me, and has kept me from that time until this.

"While God wonderfully blessed me physically, I feel that it is nothing to be compared with my spiritual blessing. God's Word has become a new Book to me since I have been in Zion.

"God has blessed us in our home many times. Our children have been healed, my wife has been healed, and some of the children have been kept without any sickness at all. We ought to thank God more and more for His keeping power. I find that I receive great blessing when I obey God promptly in all things."

N. L. COLSON, Green Bay, Wisconsin, said: "I thank God for Zion and for LEAVES OF HEALING. Three years ago, when we first got LEAVES OF HEALING and my wife read them to me, I was in a dying condition. I had a stroke of paralysis and had my head smashed in such a way as to knock my eye out.

"When I first came to Zion I was given to shouting, but Dr. Speicher said one thing to me that did me good. He told me if I did not stop that sort of thing, I would be in the insane asylum in about two weeks. In answer to prayer, the paralysis began to go out of my body, but I found that I had some things to make straight. I went home and made things straight. I am happy in the Lord tonight. I was just waiting to die, but now I am resting in the promises of God. I know that whatever God has commenced, He is able to finish. I am not going to let the doctors try to finish it."

J. B. WALKER, 6933 Kimbark Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I thank God for His keeping power. I was converted down at the Little Wooden Hut under Dr. Dowie's teaching. God has kept me from doctors and drugs until now.

"A knife went in the joint of my thumb and cut its way out, recently. It is now all healed up. In eighteen hours it was healed up and had a scab on it. It was not inflamed at all."

Dr. Speicher—Can you use your thumb?

Mr. Walker—"Yes, sir."

Dr. Speicher—What did you put on it?

Mr. Walker—"I was asked that question by a man, and I told him I put the power of Almighty God on it.

"I had no pain. The only trouble I had was that my arm felt heavy. I only lost one week. I have been working all



this week. I thank God for what He has done for me and for my little one."

Dr. Speicher—What a foolish thing it is to put all sorts of poisons on a wound.

MRS. NORA BUSH, Laramie, Wyoming, said: "I thank God for the teaching I have received in Zion. My desire was to be baptized, and I thank God that He gave me the privilege. I thank God for the many blessings He has in store for us, and that He has kept my children well since I have been away from home. Pray that God may continue to bless us in our little meetings in Laramie."

MISS NELLIE HANNA, 717 North Street, Logansport, Indiana, said: "Four weeks ago I began to trust the Lord as my Healer. At that time I was taking several kinds of medicine. I gave them all up, and I have been healed of catarrh, stomach trouble and bowel trouble which I had for several years."

MRS. NELLIE MARSHALL, 4652 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I praise God for all He has done for me. He has wonderfully blessed me since I have been in Zion. About a year ago my youngest girl had the measles. From that time on she had a rupture. I brought her to Dr. Speicher about four months ago and he prayed for her. The rupture gradually began to disappear, and now there is not a sign of it. I thank God for all His blessings to me.

"God has wonderfully blessed my husband. When I came to Zion he was an infidel and drank and smoked. He does not do so any more."

MR. PALMER, 1635 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "The greatest blessing I have received in twenty-five years of active Christian warfare is that of finding people with whom I am in perfect harmony in regard to the Masonic system. Having been a Mason and come out of that organization, it is now my good fortune to be opposed to Masonry. I have met the foe face to face many times, and do not know how many times I have been arrested, but for crimes of which I was innocent, and have always been acquitted at once.

"For me to find an organization which stands out boldly and fights this system, is very comforting. Masonry is in Church and State today throughout this Union. It seems strange that people cannot open their eyes to the fact that the churches are controlled by this system.

"I praise God for Zion, for the truth she teaches, and for the firm stand she has taken on this subject and all other subjects."

MRS. E. B. WELBORNE, Washington, District of Columbia, said: "I am glad to be with you tonight. I first heard of Zion about a month ago. I have had throat trouble for some time. I have been attended by the physicians and specialists in Washington. My brother, who is a physician, has been treating me for lung trouble. I am a Presbyterian, my husband is a Congregationalist, and my brother a doctor.

"When I heard of the teaching of Zion I was determined to leave all and come to Zion. I feel much benefited and feel much better since I have been here. I am going to be a member of Zion."

L. D. CARROLL, 1343 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I praise God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon me this last summer. I had difficulty with the pig in many cases, and had to go to God for wisdom and ask Him what was best to do. Another brother and I were together, and we made it a rule wherever we went to let the people understand, as far as possible, that we did not want any pork in our victuals. In one case we went to board with a family. We asked God to direct us. We told them that we did not want to eat any pork. They began to take hold of the truth as we gave it to them, and finally the mother and daughter came into Zion. The daughter is now in Zion College."

MRS. MERCHANT, Greenspring, Ohio, said: "I came to Zion because I love God. I have been wonderfully benefited in many ways.

"I praise God for Zion, and for the teaching I have learned while here."

SUPT. J. H. SAYRS, Zion Home, said: "I praise God for His manifestation in Zion Junior Schools. I have been in the school work for twenty-two years, but have never had the joy in the correction of mistakes and finding of errors in the pupils as I have here in the Junior Schools of Chicago. God has revealed some things to us in the common schools which are simply terrible. The teachers are afraid to take these things up and report them to the parents at home, for fear of losing their positions. I feel these things must be reported to the parents at home and that they must be straightened up. I fear nothing in the report of these things. Zion has a system of schools where we go to God for everything. We are working on the line that God wants us to work.

"I rejoice to say that on last Tuesday we started a school in Cincinnati, and we also have a school in Philadelphia."

The meeting was then closed by the benediction.

#### OVERSEER MASON'S VISIT TO NEW YORK STATE, NEW ENGLAND AND PENNSYLVANIA.

At each place the meetings on the Lord's Day will be at 10:30 A. M., and at 2:30 and 7:30 P. M. The other meetings will be in the evening; in some cases also in the afternoon. Only evening services can be promised, unless otherwise stated.

The ordinance of Triune Immersion will be administered where there are candidates.

There will be teaching on God's Way of Healing, and prayer with the sick.

Let all the Friends of Zion notify friends in neighboring towns. Let all be much in prayer, that the meetings may glorify God.

For the place of meeting, inquire of the person named.

Randolph, Vermont, Sunday, November 11th; Will S. Spear.

Fitchburg, Massachusetts, Tuesday, November 13th; G. W. Richardson, 28 Lawrence Street.

Boston, Thursday and Friday, November 15th and 16th; Deaconess Smith, 1922 Columbus Avenue.

Providence, Rhode Island, Saturday and Sunday, November 17th and 18th; Walter Jones, 59 Cranston Street.

Binghamton, New York, Tuesday, November 20th; C. J. Cook, 218 Oak Street.

Ithaca, New York, Wednesday, November 21st; D. W. Fish, 107 Fourth Street.

Bluff Point, Yates County, New York, Friday, November 23d; Frank Purdy.

Hornellsville, New York, Sunday, November 25th, to Wednesday, November 28th; C. H. Osborn, 19 State Street.

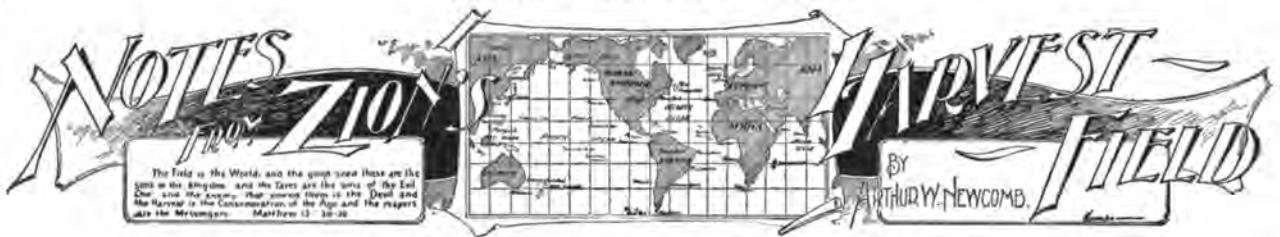
Port Allegheny, Pennsylvania, Friday, November 30th; Mrs. G. W. Berfield.

Bradford, Pennsylvania, Sunday and Monday, December 2d and 3d; B. S. Love.

Warren, Pennsylvania, Wednesday, December 5th; S. S. Cole.

Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, Thursday, December 6th, to Monday, December 10th; Charles W. Wright, Box 45, Station D.

Do not write letters to the heads of departments for news concerning the progress being made at Zion City, when you can find it all in *THE COMING CITY*. Send in your subscription to Zion Publishing House, 1207 Michigan Avenue, Chicago.



### TWO MEETINGS HELD IN MANSFIELD.

ON LORD'S DAY, November 4, 1900, Elder and Mrs. W. F. Matthews and Elder J. R. Armstrong eluded the police, entered Mansfield, Ohio, and held two meetings without molestation, celebrating the Lord's Supper in the morning.

In the afternoon the mob followed Elder and Mrs. Matthews, not knowing that another Elder was in the city. Elder Armstrong succeeded in holding another meeting.

The mob did not dare to harm the Elders, although the police did not put in any appearance, but were so angry when they found that Elder Armstrong had held a meeting that they kicked him several times as he boarded the train.

By Overseer Piper's orders the party returned to Zion, Chicago, on Lord's Day evening.

This is a glorious victory in intolerant and mob-cursed Mansfield.

Let all Zion everywhere praise God and pray for complete triumph.

### CHICAGO.

Over two thousand people gathered in Central Zion Tabernacle on Tuesday evening, October 30, 1900, to attend the first public recital of the Musical Department of Zion College.

The recital was given by Miss Florence McFarland, instructor in pianoforte.

Miss McFarland has spent years of study in America and Europe, under the very best musicians of the day, one of her teachers in Europe being renowned as the teacher of the famed Paderewski.

Her playing was most remarkable in touch and technique, and above all in the interpretation. She introduced her selections with a few words explaining the circumstances of their composition and the thoughts they were intended to convey.

Throughout the entire recital, the large audience sat with enchained interest and seemed reluctant to believe that the rare musical treat was at an end, when the programme was finished.

This very important department of Zion's educational work is becoming very efficient and will prove a great blessing.

THE work of organizing new cottage meetings in Chicago goes on under the energetic direction of the Overseer for Chicago, Rev. J. G. Speicher.

Many new meetings have been organized since the list was published in LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume VI, Number 25.

As soon as space will permit a revised list of these meetings will be published.

God is greatly blessing them for the Salvation, Healing and Cleansing of many in the City of Chicago.

PREPARATIONS are being made for the reception and entertainment of twenty-six Zion Lace Operatives who are now on their way from Beeston, Notts, England, to Zion City.

Zion Lace Operatives' Home, which is being rapidly pushed to completion at Zion City, will, however, not be ready in time, hence the lacemakers will be entertained in Chicago until their home is ready.

### Zion City, Illinois.

The first Baptism and the first Ordinance of the Lord's Supper observed by the Christian Catholic Church in Zion on Zion City Site!

Of what Baptismal scenes, what communion services are these the forerunners!

God will give Zion the days of more than the Pentecostal number of 3000 Baptisms in one day, while over 20,000 Christians will gather about the Lord's Table in the great Zion Temple.

One who was present at these first Ordinances on the Site, thus describes them:

Lord's Day, October 29, 1900, was a joyous day with the members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion who have already begun to inhabit the consecrated ground of Zion City Site. As a few have gathered there from the North and the South, from the East and the West, their chief delight is the "assembling of themselves together" in praise to God for His gracious blessings and praying for His continued guidance.

This day was the occasion of the first Baptismal scene at Zion City, in Lake Michigan.

The morning service was conducted on the shore of the lake by Deacon Charles W. Post, who is connected with North Side Zion Tabernacle.

Evangelist Mark H. Loblaw, of West Side Zion Tabernacle, and Deacon J. W. Crane, of Owatonna, Minnesota, were also present and assisted in the services.

Deacon Post spoke very earnestly and impressively.

About seventy persons were present at the scene, and six believers followed their Lord in Baptism.

The lake was somewhat rough, but, as Deacon Post said, it was not as stormy as the Sea of Galilee when Christ said, "Peace, be still." That same Christ was present by His Holy Spirit, and peace reigned in the hearts of all.

In the afternoon, Zion gathered at the schoolhouse, which was crowded to the door. Evangelist Loblaw spoke upon the teachings of Zion and her Coming King.

The Evangelist had just returned from Mansfield, and the power with which he spoke showed that the fires of persecution through which he had passed had but strengthened him and increased his usefulness.

The day was fittingly closed as the Christians partook of the emblems of the broken body and shed blood of our Lord, for the first time on that consecrated ground.

### Pontiac, Illinois.

O. W. Farley, Conductor of the Gathering of the Friends of Zion at Pontiac, Illinois, where Deacon Sloan held one of his interesting and helpful missions, writes to Deacon Sloan as follows concerning it:

I feel it in my heart to thank God that you were here. The words of instruction and personal interviews have been a great uplift to the members of Zion in Pontiac. The Panorama of Zion set many people to thinking of the condition of things.

The members who sell LEAVES OF HEALING find many people who desire to hear about Zion.

We are very much encouraged, as our meeting is only a little over a year old and we have thirty-two members. When we started the meetings we had only six. God has wonderfully blessed us. We are looking forward to the time when we shall have an Elder.

### Sturgis, Michigan.

Rev. D. S. Fletcher, Elder-in-Charge. Deacon C. F. Rehm, Assisting.

Deacon Rehm thus writes concerning the great spiritual uplift and increase in interest accomplished through the visit of Deacon Daniel Sloan to the Gathering in Sturgis, and by the conferences he held while there:

With pleasure do I recall your visit with us here in Sturgis, September 24th and 25th.

To say we enjoyed your exhibit and conference is putting it too mildly. I can notice a marked change in the members and friends. Our gatherings have increased in numbers, and we understand things better now than before.

We, in the field, need more of just such teaching and encouragement. We have begun some Zion Seventy work.

I am more determined to canvass our town than ever.

Your visit has done me more good spiritually than anything I have received for some time.

May God bless the work to many more.

#### Port Huron, Michigan.

Rev. S. H. Stokes, Elder-in-Charge. Deacon T. G. Howard, Assisting.

A splendid eight-days' mission in Port Huron was brought to a successful close by Overseer Mason, on Lord's Day, October 28th.

Overseer Mason thus writes of these meetings:

We held meetings afternoon and evening for eight days, assisted four evenings by Elder Stokes.

Deacon Howard and the faithful people worked earnestly.

A marked feature was the open-air preaching and singing six evenings, when hundreds heard the Full Gospel and Port Huron Zion people and several from Detroit got great blessing in being willing to sing and testify and sell LEAVES OF HEALING on the street.

On Lord's Day, October 28th, five obeyed in Triune Immersion in the St. Clair River, in the presence of two hundred or more orderly spectators who paid good attention to the Word preached.

#### Litchfield Michigan.

Rev. Martin Hayden, Elder-in-Charge.

Deacon Daniel Sloan continues to be greatly blessed in his visits to the Branches and Gatherings of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion in the Middle Western States.

As a result of his visit to the Branch at Litchfield, Michigan, Elder Hayden writes to Deacon Sloan:

People were wonderfully mum concerning the exhibition. I take it, that it surpassed their expectations.

People begin to realize that Zion is a power.

They hate it and dread it, but are being forced to respect it.

I think your visit has strengthened the faith of Zion people and is and will be a great help in several ways.

We all bid you Godspeed.

#### Huntington, Indiana.

Deacon S. Howard Creager, in Charge.

The Gathering of the Friends of Zion in Huntington was greatly blessed by the lectures and conferences given there by Deacon Daniel Sloan.

Deacon Creager thus gives his account of the good accomplished:

All with whom I have talked were well pleased with the Panorama of Zion.

At our cottage meeting on last Friday evening we had the largest number present that we have had yet.

The earnestness of the members has been increased. Especially have I felt a new strength and determination to press forward the work.

#### Lafayette, Indiana.

Rev. S. B. Osborn, Elder-in-Charge. Evangelist Claudia L. Osborn, Assisting.

Elder Osborn thus writes of Deacon Daniel Sloan's visit to Lafayette and Logansport, and the conferences held:

I can scarcely realize that more than a month has passed since your visit to Lafayette and Logansport.

The Zion members and friends at both places will long remember your short stay among us with much pleasure.

We have gratitude to God for the light on the Scriptures, as well as on Zion and her work and destiny, afforded by your lectures.

Our meetings have increased in attendance and in interest since that time.

We have baptized three and received three into the Church since that time.

I can see that there is an increased interest among the hitherto unapproachable.

The work at Logansport, too, is prospering.

I cannot forbear saying to you that your visit was a great blessing to the Elder and his family.

May God abundantly bless you and make you a blessing to all you meet, as you were to us.

I know I shall be better able to do the work of an Elder, and pursue a more systematic course, since your visit to us.

#### Marinette, Wisconsin.

Rev. Daniel Bryant, Elder-in-Charge.

God is at work by His Spirit in the Branch of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion in this beautiful Wisconsin City.

Elder Bryant has sent in the following very cheerful and encouraging report:

We have just closed the most aggressive and successful month's work we have yet had.

Our mission is rejoicing in a substantial and increasing prosperity.

We have the city laid off in districts and have assigned two Seventies to each.

We keep a stock of about 500 copies of LEAVES OF HEALING on hand. Zion's Seventies go with these to their districts, leave a copy in each home, requesting the people to read the paper and take care of it.

In a week they go back, take up the papers, leave some other literature and move on to repeat the work.

During the past four weeks our Seventies have visited 1571 homes.

We have found this the most substantial, thorough and effective method of getting the real Gospel to the people, of all the plans we have worked.

We have, of course, other plans. We are pushing the Saloon Seventy work, selling of LEAVES, etc., but we are concentrating our efforts on the work as described above.

I find a fruitful field of work in the wake of the Seventies.

A paper found its way into the home of one of the business men of Marinette.

One of his sons, a young man twenty years old, got hold of it, read it from cover to cover, was saved to God, made out his application for membership in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, was baptized by me in the Menominee River on October 25th, and is now in Zion College beginning his education for the ministry.

An old lady who was seventy-seven years old was baptized on the same day. She had been a member of the Methodist Church since 1864. She had been, naturally, deeply attached to her Church.

Upon her last interview with her pastor, who had been very kind to her, she told him what she was going to do, and, bursting into tears, she said: "I hate to leave you, you have been so kind to me, but I must go where I can find Christ."

What a terrible charge these simple words contain for the Methodist Church, which by its own admission is going backward!

What a truth they tell about Zion, in which the "afflicted of His people take refuge!"

This old lady had been with us but a few days when she received a stroke of paralysis, the third one she has had. It came on Friday night at 7 o'clock.

She was speechless and thought to be dying.

God immediately answered prayer, and Sunday morning she marched into Zion Tabernacle, "praising God with a loud voice."

In a few days she was baptized, and now sits on the front seat in the services, her face radiant with the joy of that blessed Saviour who is doing such wonderful work in Zion.

There have been many healings the past month which cannot be related. I enclose you one.

People who are not members send in requests for prayer, and the "Sun of Righteousness with healing in His wings" seems to hover over all.

One mother with cancer of the stomach, after suffering excruciating pain, gave up her medicine and asked for prayer. The pain has left her, and her son informed me Sunday that she is now up, is eating, and much improved.

A lady from Morgan, Wisconsin, stricken with consumption and many other loathsome diseases, has come to our home seeking healing. She has been here but a few days and her improvement is marked and gratifying.

Let all Zion pray that this young mother may be speedily healed and sent back to her home to take care of her little children and to tell what great things the Lord has done for her.

The following is a testimony enclosed by Elder Bryant:

MARINETTE, WISCONSIN, October 24, 1900.

REV. DANIEL BRYANT.

Dear Elder:—I praise God for blessing received in answer to your prayers.

On August 24th I was taken sick with typhoid fever, and received blessing the 25th.

But after that I grew worse until, on the 28th, you came and prayed with me and I was instantly healed.

I was very sick with the fever last year.

May God abundantly bless you.

Your Sister in Christ,

JOHANNA HACKEMAN.



BY REV. O. L. TINDALL, M. A., B. D., PRINCIPAL MINISTERIAL DEPARTMENT.

**T**HERE are two theories among educators in regard to the chief object of school and college training.

One is that it shall be for mental discipline; the other that it shall be for practical results.

In other words, shall a boy study branches, for the discipline of mind, which he never expects to use in his life work, or shall he confine his energies only to those things which he expects to use?

If he is to be a business man, a merchant or a mechanic, is it necessary to study Latin and Greek and many other things which are found in the college curriculum?

If he is to be a lawyer or minister, is it worth while for him to study higher mathematics, etc.?

We do not intend to discuss that question now only in an indirect way. However, we may say, in passing, we believe the two theories should be combined, especially in the earlier part of a pupil's education.

**T**HERE IS one thing which we do believe most emphatically should be taught from first to last, and that is obedience. There is nothing more fundamental.

It should be taught for the discipline involved, and nothing can be more practical in life. This is God's first lesson to childhood:

Children, obey your parents in the Lord.

A parent is a failure if he does not teach his child that lesson. The same thing may be said of a teacher, or of a school, or a college.

Insubordination and riots are a great disgrace to any institution, whether they occur in a medical college or a Chicago University. If we must err on either side, it is better that the discipline be too severe than too lax.

Every one seems to see the truth and reasonableness of this but the Church of God (so-called).

School boards and teachers admit it.

Many a good scholar cannot teach because he has no faculty of compelling obedience.

The railroad superintendent insists on strict obedience to them in authority on the road.

The general in the army does not allow soldiers to "reason why." The ship captain's "ipse dixit" is law.

Everywhere law and order and obedience are taught but in the Church.

Nature herself teaches it most emphatically. Disobedience means death.

The General Overseer impressed us with this truth before we came into Zion as a member or officer.

We had been trained so long in lawlessness in the denominations that we had some conscientious scruples about putting ourselves under any man to govern us.

We had imbibed the spirit so prevalent in the churches, that every man was a law unto himself, that we were ready to

say with the Devil and the wicked, lawless servants to any of God's appointed officers, "We will not have this man to rule over us."

In conversation, one day, on that point, the General Overseer quoted Hebrews 13:17:

Obey them that have the rule over you.

It opened our eyes as if a new revelation had come to us. We saw that God must have some officers in the Church who are to rule the Church.

Nothing is clearer to us now as we study the Word. God never established a popular government, either for the State or for the Church.

The first popular government was under Saul. That came into existence in response to a popular cry, and it fell by the sin of disobedience. The King said he sinned because the people demanded it.

We see the same thing today. The Judge gives an unjust decision to please the rabble, and the Legislator votes on all questions, right or wrong, to please his constituency.

To reform politics is a hopeless case until the Church of God sets the example and falls into line. This will be righted when ministers of Christ begin to obey and preach what Christ commanded.

He bade them to preach the Kingdom of God.

**T**HE MINISTERS today not only disobey the orders of their Lord to heal the sick, but they do not preach the Kingdom.

They all preach republics.

Every denomination is a little republic set up as an independent institution, governed by the people.

God is not in the government of the Church. The people are supreme rulers. They own the houses of worship; they shut and close them to the so-called Messengers of God as they please.

They own the ministers, too. These come and go at their bidding.

God cannot say to a minister today in America, "Go to such a city and preach, for I have much people there." He must first consult the people and ask a Mansfield mob whether the minister can preach or not.

**A KINGDOM** has not been proclaimed by the so-called heralds of the Cross.

A Kingdom is governed by a king absolutely.

He appoints his officers. They are never elected.

He works through those men. Their authority is absolute. There is no appeal from it. They are ambassadors vested with all the authority that is back of the Kingdom.

That was the authority God gave to the apostles when He said:

I will give unto thee the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

With that authority in their possession, they commanded men, and did not simply advise. They admitted men into the Church and expelled them from her fellowship, gave them over to Satan, and on one occasion pronounced the sentence of instant death on two hypocrites who were in the Church.

This is one of the hard lessons for the people of God to learn, they have run wild so long.

It may take a generation to establish it, but the Church will never be strong until this is done.



## ZION'S BIBLE CLASS.

CONDUCTED BY DEACON DANIEL SLOAN.

## MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS LESSON, NOVEMBER 21st or 22d.

## Unbelief Ends in Death.

1. *The compass and grasp of faith.*—Hebrews 4:1-16.  
What does God offer by faith?  
Is there anxiety in faith?  
What shows one he does not believe?
2. *Faith springs from the promises of God.*—Romans 10:10-18.  
Does one believe with the head or heart?  
Is not God's Word the word of faith?  
What reports does the Bible contain?
3. *Faith brings immediate blessing.*—Hebrews 11:1-3.  
Does not confidence say, God can do it?  
Does not trust say, God will do it?  
Does not faith say, God does it now?
4. *Many supposed to have faith have none.*—Luke 4:24-32.  
Do not most religious people have no faith?  
Why do the poor have such a hard time?  
Why do the sick have such times of suffering?
5. *Faith is not trying to believe.*—John 3:31-36.  
Is faith of earthly or heavenly origin?  
Is faith always true to God's Word?  
Is faith getting a thing or having it?
6. *God's Word alone can expose doubt.*—1 John 5:9-14.  
What does God's Word say Christ has become to us?  
What witnesses always to faith?  
Is God's Word alone our evidence for believing?
7. *Faith never wavers in confidence in God.*—James 1:2-8.  
Does faith hope to get the things sought?  
Does faith waver in confidence?  
Does faith have fears that it may not obtain?  
*The Lord Our God is a Doubt-Condemning God.*

## SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS LESSON, NOVEMBER 25th.

## Live Until Jesus Come.

1. *Everlasting life is a present reality.*—1 Thessalonians 5:1-24.  
Is a Christian to hope to live only seventy or eighty years?  
Can God keep the body awake longer than this?  
How long does God want the body to be preserved?
2. *Knowledge is essential to everlasting life.*—Hosea 4:1-11.  
Are we to be wideawake concerning the Devil's attacks?  
Does ignorance of God and sin cause death?  
What sins kill, if the heart is set on them?
3. *Light is essential to everlasting life.*—John 8:12.  
Is to cover up sin to love darkness?  
When is fear greatest, in darkness or in light?  
Can one love darkness and be alive to God?
4. *Activity is essential to everlasting life.*—Matthew 25:16-27.  
What is it that keeps the armor bright?  
Which is best, to bury or use the talent?  
If one does not fight, will he reign?
5. *Hope is essential to everlasting life.*—Titus 2:9-15.  
Is our hope to be in death or Christ's coming?  
Does Christ come to bring death or life?  
Are you blessed with the hope of living till Jesus come?
6. *Good will is essential to everlasting life.*—Matthew 5:43-48.  
Have you any excuse for hating anybody?  
If you love anybody will you try to do them good?  
What civility and good will is due every man?
7. *Right relations with God are essential to everlasting life.*—John 12:37-50.  
Does God intend His creatures to be unhappy?  
Why can we not see the blessings God has for us?  
Will light on God's Word continue to come to those who obey?  
*God's Holy People are a Preserved People.*

## A True Use of Sabbath Day Hours.

They should be improved well by every member and friend of Zion. The Bible Class Lesson outline should, with the Bible in hand, be gone over carefully and prayerfully, and the sermon by the General Overseer should also be attentively read. Assemble, sometime during the day, your own family. Invite in, if possible, those who want to know God in power, or desire from Him some blessing for spirit, soul or body. Where this is not possible, go where the sick and sinful, poor and neglected are, who have tasted only of the bitterness of life, and open up to them the Gospel which Jesus commanded should be preached to the poor. *Where there are two or more members of Zion near you, do not fail to regularly come together sometime during the Lord's Day. Pray and speak with one another, and study together the Bible Class Lesson and talk over the marvelous doings of God in Zion. Do not OFFEND GOD BY GOING TO SOME CHURCH SERVICE WHERE GOD IS EVER DISHONORED as the HEALER, CLEANSER, KEEPER AND PROSPERER OF HIS PEOPLE. Do not go to hear His truth perverted by the cry of Peace. Peace, when sudden destruction is so near because of the prevalent wickedness of the world, which, with a worldly Church, is becoming more and more corrupt. Do not go where scoffing is everywhere heard from so-called Christians at the imminent coming of "the great God and Saviour Jesus Christ." He will receive unto Himself only those who look for Him; even ZION, whom He is now calling into Purity and Holy Living, who daily, in obedience to Her Lord, whatever the cost may be, is thus making herself READY TO SOON BECOME THE BRIDE OF CHRIST AT HIS APPEARING.*

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ON OCTOBER 1, 1899, the General Overseer and Zion entered upon one of the most remarkable religious campaigns in the history of the City of Chicago.

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The West Side Zion Tabernacle riot, in which 3000 medical students participated; the Hammond, Indiana, riot, in which the General Overseer and a number of his faithful attendants were bruised and wounded by flying missiles, and the Oak Park, Illinois, riot, when the General Overseer and 300 members of Zion were besieged in Zion Tabernacle, Oak Park, by a howling mob until 3 o'clock in the morning, when they were rescued by a squad of Chicago police, were some of the exciting incidents of Zion's Holy War.

During this War, the General Overseer delivered his now famous series of addresses on the text found in Malachi 3:5:

And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift Witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers; and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not Me, saith the Lord of hosts.

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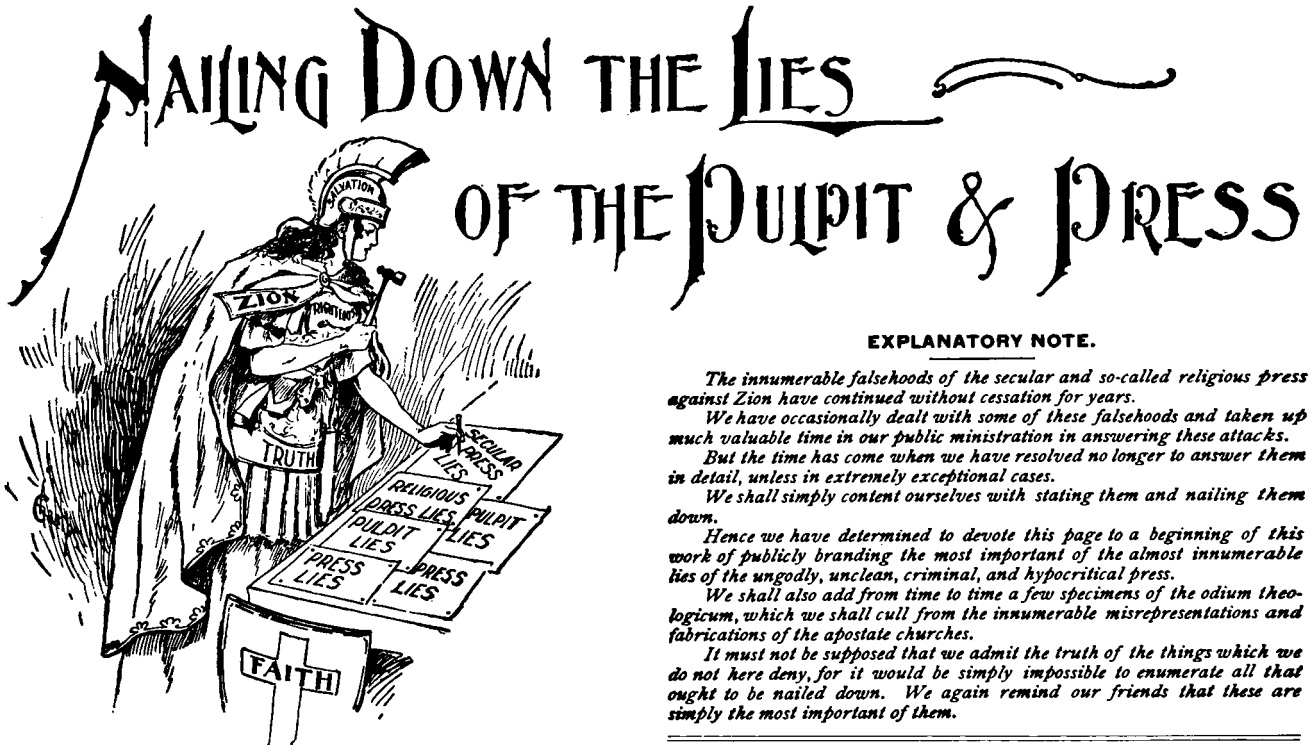
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**Nailing Down the Lies of the Press.**

The following papers published distorted accounts of, and many false statements concerning, the General Overseer's meetings held in St. Martin's and Holborn Town Halls, London, England:

- London (England) *Star*, October 8, 16 and 19, 1900.  
 London (England) *Leader*, October 8, 12, 19 and 20, 1900.  
 Cincinnati (Ohio) *Times-Star*, October 11, 1900.  
 London (England) *Examiner*, October 11, 1900.  
 London (England) *Chronicle*, October 11, 15, 16, 19 and 20, 1900.  
 Kansas City (Missouri) *Star*, October 13, 1900.  
 London (England) *Daily Mail*, October 15, 16 and 19, 1900.  
 Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) *North American*, October 15 and 16, 1900.  
 St. Paul (Minnesota) *Dispatch*, October 16 and 18, 1900.  
 Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) *Leader*, October 16, 1900.  
 Lima (Ohio) *Times-Democrat*, October 16, 1900.  
 Rock Island (Illinois) *Argus*, October 16, 1900.  
 Nottingham (England) *Express*, October 16, 1900.  
 London (England) *Telegraph*, October 16, 1900.  
 London (England) *Sun*, October 16, 1900.  
 London (England) *Daily Express*, October 16, 17 and 19, 1900.  
 Kansas City (Missouri) *Journal*, October 16 and 17, 1900.  
 Canton (Ohio) *News-Democrat*, October 17, 1900.  
 Indianapolis (Indiana) *Journal*, October 17, 1900.  
 Waukegan (Illinois) *Sun*, October 17, 18, 19 and 22, 1900.  
 Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) *Press*, October 17, 1900.  
 London (England) *St. James Gazette*, October 17, 1900.  
 Lancashire (England) *Post*, October 17, 1900.  
 Findlay (Ohio) *Republican*, October 18, 1900.  
 Kansas City (Missouri) *World*, October 18, 1900.  
 Kansas City (Missouri) *Journal*, October 18, 1900.  
 Mansfield (Ohio) *News*, October 18 and 19, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Record*, October 18, 19, 20, 22, 23 and 25, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Tribune*, October 18, 19, 20 and 23, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *News*, October 18, 22 and 23, 1900.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE.

*The innumerable falsehoods of the secular and so-called religious press against Zion have continued without cessation for years.*

*We have occasionally dealt with some of these falsehoods and taken up much valuable time in our public ministrations in answering these attacks.*

*But the time has come when we have resolved no longer to answer them in detail, unless in extremely exceptional cases.*

*We shall simply content ourselves with stating them and nailing them down.*

*Hence we have determined to devote this page to a beginning of this work of publicly branding the most important of the almost innumerable lies of the ungodly, unclean, criminal, and hypocritical press.*

*We shall also add from time to time a few specimens of the odium theologium, which we shall cull from the innumerable misrepresentations and fabrications of the apostate churches.*

*It must not be supposed that we admit the truth of the things which we do not here deny, for it would be simply impossible to enumerate all that ought to be nailed down. We again remind our friends that these are simply the most important of them.*

- London (England) *Times*, October 19, 1900.  
 London (England) *Pall Mall Gazette*, October 19, 1900.  
 London (England) *Standard*, October 19, 1900.  
 London (England) *Globe*, October 19, 1900.  
 London (England) *Echo*, October 19, 1900.  
 London (England) *Advertiser*, October 19, 1900.  
 London (England) *Westminster Gazette*, October 19, 1900.  
 Cleveland (Ohio) *Press*, October 19, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Inter Ocean*, October 19, 20 and 23, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Chronicle*, October 19 and 23, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Times-Herald*, October 19, 20 and 23, 1900.  
 Lima (Ohio) *Times-Democrat*, October 19, 1900.  
 Pittsburg (Pennsylvania) *Commercial-Gazette*, October 19 and 23, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *American*, October 19, 22 and 23, 1900.  
 Dayton (Ohio) *News*, October 20, 1900.  
 Buffalo (New York) *Courier*, October 20 and 24, 1900.  
 Des Moines (Iowa) *Sun*, October 21, 1900.  
 Columbus (Ohio) *Journal*, October 21, 1900.  
 New York (New York) *Journal*, October 21, 1900.  
 Washington (D. C.) *Post*, October 22, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Journal*, October 23, 1900.  
 Chattanooga (Tennessee) *Times*, October 23, 1900.  
 Lima (Ohio) *Republican-Gazette*, October 25, 1900.  
 The following papers published distorted reports of a few remarks by the General Overseer concerning his relations to Great Britain and America; also distorted accounts of the General Overseer's Mission in London, England:  
 Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) *Telegraph*, October 13 and 16, 1900.  
 New York (New York) *Herald*, October 15, 1900.  
 Marion (Ohio) *Star*, October 15, 1900.  
 Galion (Ohio) *Leader*, October 15, 1900.  
 Pittsburg (Pennsylvania) *Leader*, October 15, 1900.  
 Kansas City (Missouri) *World*, October 15, 1900.  
 Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) *Telegraph*, October 15, 1900.  
 Columbus (Ohio) *Dispatch*, October 16, 1900.  
 Cleveland (Ohio) *World*, October 16, 1900.  
 Galion (Ohio) *Sun-Review*, October 16, 1900.

Washington (D. C.) *Post*, October 17, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Chronicle*, October 18, 1900.  
 Waterloo (Indiana) *Dawn*, October 18, 1900.  
 Attica (Indiana) *Ledger*, October 18, 1900.  
 Cincinnati (Ohio) *Commercial Tribune*, October 20, 1900.  
 Cedar Rapids (Iowa) *Gazette*, October 20, 1900.

The following papers published maliciously false statements, alleging that the General Overseer's Mission in Europe was a "dollar campaign":

London (England) *News*, October 8, 1900.  
 London (England) *Daily Mail*, October 8, 11 and 12, 1900.

The following papers published distorted accounts of the recent visits of Elder Williams, Evangelist Loblaw and Deacons Lee and Kessler to Mansfield, Ohio:

Chicago (Illinois) *Record*, October 8, 1900.  
 Columbus (Ohio) *Journal*, October 16 and 17, 1900.  
 Springfield (Ohio) *Sun*, October 16, 1900.  
 Lima (Ohio) *Times-Democrat*, October 16 and 18, 1900.  
 Lima (Ohio) *News*, October 16 and 18, 1900.  
 Mansfield (Ohio) *Shield*, October 16, 19 and 22, 1900.  
 Mansfield (Ohio) *News*, October 17, 18, 20 and 22, 1900.  
 Waukegan (Illinois) *Sun*, October 17 and 18, 1900.  
 Kansas City (Missouri) *World*, October 18, 1900.  
 Indianapolis (Indiana) *Journal*, October 18, 1900.  
 Cincinnati (Ohio) *Enquirer*, October 18, 1900.  
 Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) *Ledger*, October 16, 1900.  
 Galion (Ohio) *Leader*, October 18, 1900.  
 Mansfield (Ohio) *Shield*, October 22 and 25, 1900.  
 Chattanooga (Tennessee) *Times*, October 23, 1900.  
 Mansfield (Ohio) *News*, October 23 and 24, 1900.  
 Logansport (Indiana) *Reporter*, October 26, 1900.

The following papers published many distorted and absolutely false statements concerning the death of Annie Knudson:

Chicago (Illinois) *Record*, October 26, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Chronicle*, October 26, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *News*, October 26, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Tribune*, October 26, 1900.

The following papers published absurd and maliciously false statements, made entirely out of whole cloth, alleging that the General Overseer went to Mishawaka, Indiana, to baptize one Mrs. Redding and made a charge of \$1,000 for his services. The General Overseer never was at that place:

Chicago (Illinois) *Record*, October 26, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Chronicle*, October 26, 1900.

The following papers published false statements concerning the family affairs of Mr. and Mrs. Aloysius Fletcher:

Chicago (Illinois) *News*, October 23, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Record*, October 23, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *American*, October 23, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Chronicle*, October 23, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Tribune*, October 23 and 25, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Inter Ocean*, October 23, 1900.  
 Lima (Ohio) *News-Democrat*, October 24, 1900.

The following papers published impudent editorial articles, full of the most ridiculously false statements concerning a few remarks of the General Overseer and his love for beautiful things:

London (England) *Chronicle*, October 15, 1900.  
 London (England) *Pall Mall Gazette*, October 15, 1900.

The following papers published scurrilous and wickedly false statements alleging that the General Overseer was a "mountebank":

London (England) *Chronicle*, October 20, 1900.  
 London (England) *Daily Mail*, October 20, 1900.

Mount Forest (Ontario, Canada) *Confederate*, September 21, 1900—A long article, purporting to be a narrative of the General Overseer's life and work, containing many false statements.

Lima (Ohio) *Advertiser*, September 28, 1900—A long article, purporting to be a résumé of the recent troubles in Mansfield, Ohio. The article is in the main fair, but reprints the lie alleged to have been told by W. S. Capellar, editor of the Mansfield (Ohio) *News*, to the Ohio *State Journal*, alleging that Elder Fockler reflected on the chastity of Mansfield women.

Buffalo (New York) *Times*, September 29, 1900—Most wicked and maliciously false statement, alleged to have been made by W. S. Capellar, editor of the Mansfield (Ohio) *News*, alleging that the trouble in Mansfield (Ohio) was caused by Elder Fockler reflecting on the chastity of Mansfield women, and many other false statements, given with the avowed purpose of excusing the unlawful actions of the Mansfield mob and lawless city officials.

Waukegan (Illinois) *Sun*, October 6, 1900—False statements concerning Deacon Stevenson and Zion Lace Industries.

Chattanooga (Tennessee) *Times*, October 6, 1900—False statement, alleging that Zion is to blame for the recent trouble in Mansfield, Ohio.

London (England) *Daily Mail*, October 8, 1900—Wicked, false statements concerning the General Overseer and LEAVES OF HEALING.

Marion (Ohio) *Democrat*, October 11, 1900—False statement, alleging that the General Overseer claims to be a "faith healer."

London (England) *Star*, October 11, 1900—A long article, full of scurrilous and abusive false statements concerning the General Overseer, Zion, and the General Overseer's Mission in London, England.

Indianapolis (Indiana) *Tribune*, October 14, 1900—An article purporting to be a narrative of the General Overseer's life and work, in the main fair but containing many distorted statements.

Cedar Rapids (Iowa) *Republican*, October 14, 1900—An editorial article containing impudent and wicked false statements, alleging that the General Overseer is a fraud "from first to last." Also false statements concerning the General Overseer's Mission in London, England.

Springfield (Ohio) *Sun*, October 15, 1900—An editorial article which falsely alleges that the General Overseer is seeking notoriety in London, England.

London (England) *Express*, October 16, 1900—A vile and abusive editorial article, full of ridiculously false statements concerning the spiritual teaching of the General Overseer and his Mission in London, England.

Mansfield (Ohio) *News*, October 17, 1900—A repetition of the article published in the Chicago (Illinois) *News* of October 11th, containing an untrue account of the visit of prominent citizens of Mansfield, Ohio, to Overseers Piper, Speicher and Mason.

Beatrice (Nebraska) *Express*, October 18, 1900—An editorial article containing ridiculously false statements, alleging that the General Overseer is to blame for the recent troubles in Mansfield, Ohio, and London, England.

Chicago (Illinois) *News*, October 19, 1900—Ridiculously false statement, alleging that Zion Elders are sent to Mansfield, Ohio, to seek cheap notoriety.

Washington (D. C.) *Times*, October 20, 1900—A long article, full of false statements concerning the General Overseer and the teaching of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

Duluth (Minnesota) *Tribune*, October 21, 1900—A long editorial article, containing many false statements concerning the Mansfield affair, and the General Overseer's Mission in London, England. Also false statements, alleging that the General Overseer is seeking free advertising.

Omaha (Nebraska) *Bee-Sun*, October 21, 1900—An editorial "squib," falsely alleging that the General Overseer's purpose for visiting Europe is to secure free advertising.

San Francisco (California) *Chronicle*, October 22, 1900—A scurrilous article, full of false statements concerning the teachings of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion. Also an absurd lie, alleging that no one has ever been healed through the General Overseer's prayers.

Utica (New York) *Saturday Globe*, October 22, 1900—A long article purporting to be a narrative of the General Overseer's life and work, in the main fair, but containing many false statements.

Mansfield (Ohio) *News*, October 24, and Chicago (Illinois) *Tribune*, October 24, 1900—An editorial article (copied from the London *Daily Mail*), full of the most maliciously false statements, alleging that the General Overseer's purpose in London is to "fleece the public."

Chicago (Illinois) *News*, October 25, 1900—An editorial article containing malicious and vilely false statements, alleging that the General Overseer is a "fraud," from

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Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle from March 14, 1897, to September 14, 1900, by the General Overseer.	4339	
Baptized by Elders and Evangelists.	1534	
Total Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle.		5873
Baptized in places outside of Chicago by the General Overseer.	128	
Baptized in places outside of Chicago by Elders, Evangelists and Deacons.	1881	
Total Baptized outside of Chicago.		2009
Total baptized in three years and six months.		7882

Baptized in London, England, by the General Overseer.	50	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Overseer Speicher.	25	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Overseer Piper.	26	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Dinius.	4	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Evangelist Fisher.	20	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Fockler.	27	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Deacon Fogwill.	21	123
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Baptized in British Columbia by Elder Brooks.	1	
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Baptized in Canada by Elder Stokes.	6	
Baptized in Colorado by Elder Reed.	10	
Baptized in Illinois by Deacon Post.	6	
Baptized in Indiana by Elder Osborn.	3	
Baptized in Iowa by Elder Cabeen.	12	
Baptized in Iowa by Elder Hoy.	3	
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Baptized in Michigan by Elder Stokes.	34	
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Baptized in New Jersey by Elder Hammond.	7	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder Bouck.	5	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder McFarlane.	6	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder Reiff.	3	
Baptized in Oregon by Elder Ernst.	3	
Baptized in Pennsylvania by Deacon Kindle.	7	
Baptized in Washington by Elder Ernst.	5	
Baptized in West Virginia by Deacon Kindle.	4	
Baptized in Wisconsin by Elder Kennedy.	12	196 319
		8201

The following-named sixteen believers were baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle, Wednesday evening, October 31, 1900, by Elder C. B. Fockler:

Bennett, Mrs. Louise.....246 East Sixty-third Street, Chicago, Illinois  
 LaRosh, Miss Christina.....Pekin, Illinois  
 Liddle, Mrs. G. H.....Monroe, Wisconsin  
 Hanna, Miss Nellie.....717 North Street, Logansport, Indiana  
 Jochim, Mrs. Matilda.....9356 Washington Avenue, Chicago, Illinois  
 Merchant, Mrs. Clara.....Green Springs, Ohio  
 Ribout, Martin.....821 West Twenty-first Street, Chicago, Illinois  
 Ribout, Master Eddie.....821 West Twenty-first Street, Chicago, Illinois  
 Richey, Miss Bessie.....Atwood, Illinois  
 Robinson, Miss Bell.....Marshville Center, Minnesota  
 Rochelle, Mrs. Sarah.....Frontier, Michigan  
 Ross, Mrs. Grace.....Berry, Missouri  
 Stewart, E. R.....1423 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois  
 Tank, Mrs. Mary.....Harmon, Illinois  
 Terry, Miss Maude.....Marion, Ohio  
 Welborne, Mrs. Ellie.....3398 Sherman Avenue, Washington, D. C.

The following-named six believers were baptized in Lake Michigan, Zion City, Illinois, Lord's Day, October 28, 1900, by Deacon C. W. Post:

Klaneski, Vincent.....122 Center Street, Waukegan, Illinois  
 Loblaw, Mrs. Anna.....Zion City, Illinois  
 Loblaw, Master George Harold.....Zion City, Illinois  
 Peterson, Gust N.....Box 40, Foss, Illinois  
 Whiteside, Miss Christina A.....Zion City, Illinois  
 Whiteside, Mark Robert.....Zion City, Illinois

The following-named four believers were baptized at Cardington, Ohio, Sunday, October 28, 1900, by Elder Archibald McFarlane:

Cunningham, Miss Clara.....Ashley, Ohio  
 Johnson, Miss Bella.....Ashley, Ohio  
 Johnson, Mrs. Josepha.....Ashley, Ohio  
 Johnson, Oscar L.....Ashley, Ohio

The following-named six believers were baptized in Lake Huron, Porter's Hill, Ontario, Canada, Wednesday, October 24, 1900, by Elder S. H. Stokes:

Holdsworth, Mrs. Jemima E.....Holmesville, Ontario, Canada  
 Liersch, Frederick C.....Seaforth, Ontario, Canada  
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# LEAVES OF HEALING

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And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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## GOD'S WITNESSES TO DIVINE HEALING.

HEALED OF NERVOUS WEAKNESS, STOMACH, LIVER, KIDNEY AND OTHER DISEASES.

**I**F YE ABIDE IN ME, AND MY WORDS ABIDE IN YOU, ASK WHATSOEVER YE WILL, AND IT SHALL BE DONE UNTO YOU.

This now happy, healthy young woman was a hopeless invalid. Disease had stricken her down at the very threshold of a life of joyous usefulness.

With many talents and gifts, she saw before her a life of suffering uselessness.

The only end of her agony, humanly speaking, was death.

Physicians had proved their utter inability to help her.

They had confessed their defeat.

Her great desire was to live and serve God.

But she had been taught that God was the author of her sickness.

Her whole being would, at times, revolt against that terrible lie, but error had blinded her until she could not see the truth.

Then Zion's Message reached her.

It told her that Satan had made her sick.

It told her that God, her Father, never afflicted His children.

It told her that He had made an Everlasting Covenant to heal them.

It told her that He never changed. The Message showed how He had sent His only begotten Son to bear our sickness as well as our sin.

It pointed to Jesus Christ, that Son, going through Palestine, fulfilling His Divine Mission—teaching, preaching, healing.

It opened to her the truth that He came to destroy the works of the Devil, and that her sickness was his work.

It told her that God's promise to heal was unailing, if His children would but fulfil His conditions.

But years of false teaching had blinded her spiritual eyes.

She was in the darkness and could not see the wonderful truth presented to her.

For a time prejudice kept her from the truth.

But God's Spirit was pleading with her.

She finally began to seek to know the truth.

She sent for Zion Literature.

She searched the Scripture, with prayer, to know whether the Message were true.

As she sought, God's Spirit led her, step by step, in the darkness, until she was brought into the glorious light.

She believed God's Word.

She believed that His promises could not fail.

She knew that she would be healed if she fulfilled His con-



MISS MARTHA WING

ditions. She began the search to know the conditions. Many times there seemed to be failure.

But she knew that the failure was with her, not with God.

In spite of all the discouragements which the Devil cast about her, God led her on.

She was obedient to His leading.

Hence, one by one He showed her His conditions.

One by one, although some seemed very hard, she met them.

She learned that obedience was the test of faith.

She learned the lesson Christ taught in His parable of the importunate widow: that men "ought always to pray, and not to faint."

When she was thus fully prepared, the blessing came

It was a glorious victory.

Many of her terrible diseases rolled away from her instantly.

Others gradually slipped away; so quietly that she knew not when she was healed of them.

God gave her of His strength.

Immediately she began service for Him.

God has wonderfully blessed her in that service.

As Conductor of the Gathering of the Friends of Zion in the city where she lives, she has accomplished much, under God, for the extension of His Kingdom.

We send forth her splendid testimony, praying that God will greatly bless it to many.

May many who are stumbling in dark paths find encouragement as they read of the wonderful way in which God led this Witness.

May many who have waited and prayed long, and are almost ready to faint, be given an increase of faith.

God gave this Witness her life and health.

By His Spirit He has enabled her to set forth her testimony so clearly and forcibly.

He will greatly bless it wherever the Little White Dove shall fly with the Message of the Everlasting Gospel.

A. W. N.

#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF MISS MARTHA WING.

524 WEST THIRTEENTH STREET,  
DAVENPORT, IOWA, November 6, 1900.

DEAR GENRAL OVERSEER:—For some time I have felt that I ought to testify to God's wonderful goodness to me.

I was at Zion Home over a year ago, and again last winter at the All-Night of Prayer, but have never given either verbal or written testimony for Zion. In regard to the latter, I have, perhaps, been a little cowardly. I did not for a time feel that it was an easy thing to send in a testimony for publication. I hope God will forgive any feeling that may have stood in the way of anything that is for the furtherance of His work.

At the time I first heard of God's work through Dr. Dowie, in the fall of 1898, I had been a helpless invalid for two years, and unable to work (my occupation was school-teaching) for four.

Among the wages Satan gave me during my illness were stomach, liver and kidney trouble, palpitation of the heart, continuous and severe headaches, female weakness with a partial paralysis of all lower organs, all resulting in a diseased state of the nerves that kept the entire flesh of my body in constant pain, resembling inflammatory rheumatism, especially at nerve centers, such as wrists and ankles.

I was also subject to severe attacks of pain in the sciatic nerves so that often I could not move for hours at a time, and had similar attacks in the large nerves of the shoulder.

After a time the vitality of my body became so exhausted that any extreme pain or severe nervous strain would cause a sudden anesthesia of the nerves, so that in a few minutes from the beginning of the attack my whole body would become cold and stiff, so that I could not so much as bend a finger.

I always, however, retained perfect consciousness, directing those about me what to do so long as I could speak, the muscles of my lips and face being the last affected.

Through all this worn-out condition of the nerves, I have much reason to be thankful that I was not "nervous" in the usual sense of the word.

My illness all through was manifested by physical pain and exhaustion, and not by any lack of nerve control. I feel that in this way I was spared the extreme of misery and suffering.

During my illness I tried allopathic and homeopathic physicians.

I spent three months in Mercy Hospital of this city, taking massage and electrical treatment under the care of Dr. Middleton, one of the best physicians here.

He was very kind to me, but from the first gave me little promise of help, and stated to my mother a year after I put myself under his care that his attendance on me had never helped me in the least.

I was not, except at intervals, confined to my bed, but the last two years before my healing I was compelled to spend about eighteen hours of the the twenty-four in bed.

If, during any emergency, I "wound up" my nerves to greater exertion, or remained out of bed longer than usual, a severe relapse resulted. In a short time I could so exhaust my powers that weeks would elapse before I regained what I had lost.

As an instance, at one time getting some Christian Science nonsense into my head, I thought to believe myself back into health, and for a few days rallied all the strength I had in the determination to be well.

The first and second days I pulled through, but suffered intensely at night. The third night, after the greatest exertion, I could not sleep, and for weeks the sense of exhaustion never left me for a moment.

It resulted in my consenting to go to the hospital for three months, there remaining in bed for eight weeks, but I failed to get rested.

As soon as I arose from bed I again failed rapidly.

I had several such relapses from foolishly overdoing in the presence of others, rather than yield to my weakness, for I could not learn the lesson of complete inactivity, the only condition in which I could keep comparatively free from the acute pain and nerve exhaustion.

When I first heard of Dr. Dowie, I was staying on a farm with my sister.

My mother, on her way to Chicago from Davenport, came to see me and told me what she had heard of Dr. Dowie and Zion through a Mrs. Penley of this city, who had been taken to Zion Home dying and had come home well.

Although I had heard of Mrs. Penley's prolonged and serious illness, and had expected her to die, when my mother told me that she had been healed at Zion, I said flatly that "If Mrs. Penley had been healed by that means, she was never sick."

Since my own healing, I have known many of my friends to say the same of me, so utterly is God's power and willingness discounted in the mind of the average Christian.

I was a professing Christian and had consecrated myself to God. I had joined the Methodist Church when a child, and had always made what I regarded as a fair profession, observing Church rules, being really sincere in my service.

But from my first entrance upon the Christian life I felt that there was something higher and better than I had ever myself experienced, or seen in the professing Christians about me.

As I grew older I saw the necessity of absolute consecration to God. I had many hard battles over it, and Satan invariably conquered.

These times of spiritual anguish and struggle were always succeeded by long periods of coldness and indifference, when my religion was scarcely more than an outward form.

Each time I drifted farther away, until the winter of 1897-1898 I found myself, under atheistic reading and influence, dangerously close to infidelity.

I hardly know what turned me back, except that God's Spirit must have still been calling me; but I have had deep conviction that if I had not yielded to God then I should have been lost.

Startled at my own spiritual condition, I deliberately faced the circumstances, and recognizing the fact that my drifting and sin were the direct result of my refusal to consecrate myself, and especially all these years to give up one thing which God asked of me, I "sat down and counted the cost," saw the paths were sharply defined, and that either I must be all for God, or Satan would have all.

I had done the same thing many times before, but this time I willed to be God's. I put myself into His hands, and promised to live for Him if I were so permitted, or die if He willed, for I did not then know Him well enough to understand that my death was not His will.

Knowing my tendency to go back, I asked God to give a "seeking spirit" to search until I found Him. I did not feel then that I was answered, for it was weeks before I felt God's presence; yet I know I was answered, and for weeks I spent my time in a deliberate searching for what I had once thrown away.

It was the spring of 1898 that I went to stay with my sister on the farm. I spent most of the time I was not in bed, in a hammock under the trees. I spent the time alone with God.

I had my first personal experience in Divine Healing that summer. One night, lying awake with pain and fatigue, I faced the future and saw possible years of invalidism before me, and the horror of it came over me worse than it ever had before.

I was trying to be resigned to God's will, as I understood it then, but I very often asked God to hasten my death. That night, however, in sudden



anger with my sickness, which was shutting me out from service to God, I sat up in bed and prayed earnestly, something like this: "My Father, heal me and let me live for Thy service. I know it cannot be Thy will that I should drag out my life a useless burden to myself and to every one else. It is all nonsense for me to try to make myself believe that I can glorify Thee by my miserable sickness. Give me health, and let me work in Thy vineyard and atone for my years of idleness."

There was no "if" in that prayer, and I was instantly and perfectly healed of a serious organic trouble from which I had been intensely suffering.

This ought to have taught me that God would do all the rest for me. But I was ignorant of His will and full of a false theology and teaching, and instead of seeking further and testifying to His goodness, I kept silence.

I even allowed my sister to wonder at the change in me and attribute it to all kinds of impossible causes. I did not wish to seem "queer" and "fanciful" (by believing that God really answers prayer).

Although I was daily learning more of God, I could not believe the evidences of my own senses, and would persuade myself that this marvelous change could not last.

Of course, the inevitable result was that I lost my healing; but I had had it long enough to have tested its absolute reality.

When, some weeks later, I felt the old symptoms returning, symptoms which I had suffered more or less since childhood, I said in my ignorance, "There, I knew it must surely return. Suppose I had been so foolish as to have told how I happened to be free from the trouble."

I sometimes wonder how God ever thought it worth while to enlighten such stupidity. But He was merciful, and brought my mother with her message about Zion.

I believed myself to be, as I have said, at this time a consecrated Christian. I had yet to learn that consecration does not mean using myself for God, but it means permitting Him to use me; that it does not mean thinking right thoughts for His service, but letting Him think for me. So instead of asking God's opinion of Dr. Dowie, I presumed to have my own opinion and not only refused to investigate, but so opposed the work that my mother went to Chicago and remained three months without going to Zion Tabernacle or Home.

Meanwhile I returned to Davenport, having lost the healing which I had received, and again badly overdid. I was getting discouraged, and especially after a severe relapse at the holiday time, from which I never even slightly recuperated until God healed me.

I suppose because I was really sincere in my desire to serve God, He gave me another chance.

Mrs. Penley visited me with LEAVES OF HEALING, and I read it, partly out of curiosity, and partly in order to tell her I had done so, and because, down in my heart, there was a little hope.

The testimonies were so miraculous I found them incredible. I was fond of saying that the days of miracles were past. I prided myself on sufficient sound, common sense to keep me from believing any exaggerated "wonder tales."

But that winter, for the first time in our lives, my sister and myself had prayer together, and I was learning more and more the necessity of taking everything to God.

As I read the testimonies, and saw that they were said to have been given in the presence of hundreds and even thousands, my common sense told me that such a tremendous fraud could not be long carried on. The people could not all be deliberate liars, I thought, nor could there be gotten together such a large number of marvelously stupid people.

But I was afraid of getting into something absurd and fanatical. My skepticism and slowness to believe all through stood in the way of God's work in me.

After reading the sermon, "Sanctification of Spirit, Soul and Body," I said, "Dr. Dowie is a good man. He may be mistaken, but he is not a deliberate fraud."

It began to dawn on me that I might be mistaken myself; that God was trying to teach me something that I was putting away from me without looking to Him for guidance.

My sister and I took it to God in prayer. We asked that I might do exactly what God willed in the matter. I asked that I might accept all the true and reject all the false (if any).

I then sent for reading matter. I carefully studied and prayed, looking to God for full light. It was my intention to be strictly impartial, but so prejudiced had I been against all so-called "faith cures," that I combated every point not in accord with my own ideas or early teaching.

I would search the Bible through and through, trying to disprove statements Dr. Dowie made in his sermons, and only succeeded in proving them.

When I saw the evidence plainly in the Bible, often not even then being able to fully believe in my own heart, we took it to God and asked for full light to accept any truth He willed me to.

After I had spent a week or two in this deliberate search for knowledge (nearly all the time I was out of bed I was seeking for the truth in God's Word), I had a good deal of conceit taken out of me. I found that instead of knowing the Bible as well as I had supposed I did, I had only a mass of false theology which I called Bible knowledge; for, with many other Bible students, I had made the Bible fit the facts of experience and practice, instead of trusting God to fit the facts to the Bible.

Having awakened to my own ignorance, I was willing to be taught, and under God's direct guidance I began a new and prayerful study of His Word. Those weeks were a revelation to me of how God will open the understanding to the truths of the Bible if we will trust Him instead of ourselves.

I had sent for the fundamental sermons in pamphlet form, and as I studied in the way I have said, I became convinced through and through of the truth of Dr. Dowie's teaching, because I found it stood squarely on God's Word.

My convictions concerning Divine Healing, after this study, were deeply founded.

I feel that it was my firm stand on this matter which enabled me to go the full way through all the discouragement Satan brought to bear upon me, for I still had very much to learn.

Having fully decided to give my body to God, I sent to Dr. Dowie setting a time for prayer. My sister and myself prayed at the same hour.

I was not helped.

I prayed and studied further, and again sent for prayer, and again apparently God did not hear.

Knowing that He would heal me, I claimed the promise, "Seek and ye shall find," and went on seeking, determined not to give up until I found.

I learned very much about prayer during the following period.

I learned that lying all night and clamoring after God in tears and anxiety was not prayer, and the abuse of my physical nature brought on exhaustion and violent headache. Hezekiah's description of his "soul chattering like a crane" always reminds me of that stage of my experience.

When I found my prayers and even Dr. Dowie's unavailing, I realized, although I was truly given to God, that I yet lacked something.

I asked God to show, and then Dr. Dowie's teaching on Repentance began to give me increased light. Repentance, as Zion teaches it, was unknown to me.

I then asked if any sin stood in my way, and promised if there were, I would gladly and instantly confess.

I thought I meant what I said. When God clearly and distinctly chose from my past a seemingly small thing which I had done and said, "Confess this sin," it seemed to me that the one thing which I could not do had been given to me.

Instead of going instantly and gladly with the confession, I struggled over it for nearly three weeks, seemingly losing all the ground I had gained.

I begged that I might keep this thing silent, and I would tell anything else.

I got so I could not pray. It was like the old struggles over consecrating myself to God. It came to where it was a question of giving up all or obeying.

At last I yielded and made the necessary confession, and after I had done so it seemed so easy, and my relief was so great I could not forgive myself for the delay, nor fail to regret the loss of the blessing which instant obedience brings.

I thought that now all was right.

I looked into the past and my own heart under God, and felt that all was clear before Him.

But He was not through with me. When I again set a time for prayer, and apparently God did not answer, I began with greater humility than I had ever yet known to search further for that weakness or sin in me that so delayed the fulfilment of God's will.

I asked God to show me myself as He saw me, and in answer to that prayer He gave me such a glimpse of myself as I shall never forget.

For the first time I felt my need of Christ's atoning blood.

I saw the meaning of His death for our sin.

I saw that all my consecration and obedience—if it were possible to be perfect in this—were not sufficient to cleanse my heart.

I saw that what I had regarded as an upright, and even Christian, life was very dark in God's eyes.

I know now that this revelation was what I needed to bring me into the right attitude toward God.

By this time I knew there was so much to learn that the only thing for me to do was to keep on seeking step by step, as I had been doing, trusting God to take me the full way.

Meanwhile during these two months I had been growing physically worse. Instead of regaining any strength, or recovering from the severe relapse caused by over-exertion at the holiday time, I had been growing steadily weaker, and suffered much.

In addition, my liver trouble, from which, the latter part of my sickness,

I had been comparatively free, returned in a severe form. My side was swollen so that my clothes would not meet within two inches under my loose-front wrapper.

I was compelled to lie in one position, slightly on my left side, because of the extreme sensitiveness and soreness. Every movement was painful.

It seemed as if Satan had chosen the one thing that might tempt me. It was the only trouble which had at any time been consciously relieved by medicine. Medicine had, in a measure, temporarily relieved me, and it came to me again and again that it would be wiser to take a little of the medicine which had benefited me, than to run the risk of being entirely confined to my bed, and perhaps alarm those who had the care of me, and so lead to a physician being called against my will.

I am glad to say that it was not at any time a real temptation to me, for I recognized from the first that absolute dependence on God was the secret of the prayer of faith.

I determined that death was preferable to disobedience, although I had no fear that God would fail to keep His promise to me.

This condition of my body had lasted for some weeks, and I finally became so ill I saw that I should be confined to my bed.

I knew that in my weak condition I was unable to endure one of the severe attacks of pain to which I was subject.

The probability of a doctor being called grew stronger.

My sense of absolute helplessness brought a fuller surrender than I had yet known. Unconsciously, I think, I had still been clinging to myself, my own faith and prayers.

I threw myself on God and left the responsibility to Him, knowing He would not permit me to be tempted above what I was able to bear.

In this frame of mind I arose one afternoon at 3 o'clock for the purpose of having prayer with my sister. It was with difficulty, because of the pain and soreness, that I knelt.

As we prayed, a singular sensation passed over my side as if something rolled slowly away from it. I rose to my feet with perfect ease and without pain. I did not know what had happened, and put my hand to my side. To my amazement I found there was no soreness. It was not even sensitive to heavy pressure. The swelling and pain had also left instantly, and my clothes fastened loosely about me.

From that moment, in February, 1899, the healing which occurred has been perfect.

Stomach, liver and kidneys are in a healthy condition.

This was very wonderful to me, as I had no recollection of a time when my side was not sore and sensitive to the touch, or was free from pain.

Of course, this wonderfully strengthened me physically and increased my faith, but I was far from being perfectly healed, as these troubles were only a part of my many ailments.

I went on seeking.

All this time I was asking for full healing away from Zion Home.

In the first place, humanly speaking, it was impossible for me to go. I thought if I could not get my healing at home, I could not have it at all.

I knew, of course, if my faith were strong enough, and my life right, I need have no one pray for me.

I had not the means to go to Zion Home, and there were several obstacles which seemed insurmountable. Also, I really wished my healing at home, as I thought that would do away with all theories of hypnotism, etc.

God knew so much better than we did, and a chance remark of Mrs. Penley's, "If God wants you to go to Zion Home, He can take you there, no matter if it is impossible," set us on a new line of thought.

We saw that we were again taking matters into our own hands; that we ought merely to ask God to do it His way, not ours; that if He wished to heal me in my home, He would do it, but if He wished to have me go to Zion Home, His way was surely best.

I saw I ought to have no choice in the matter, provided God's will were done.

We took it to God, asking Him to do His will. Within three days of our first prayer in this way, every one of the "insurmountable obstacles" was removed without the slightest effort on our part.

The way opened distinctly for me to go to Zion Home, and the guiding hand of God was manifest.

A week later I was in Zion Home, arriving the week of Mrs. Ruby's healing, in April, 1899.

I looked for an immediate healing. I was conscious of a clear physical strengthening the first time I was prayed with, so that I was enabled to attend services by riding to and from Central Zion Tabernacle.

But because my healing was not perfected at once, I began to worry. I supposed that I could remain at the Home but one week, and it seemed to me the worst thing that could happen would be to go home unhealed.

It seems strange that I should have trusted God so little, after having been led so far.

It seems to me that I could surely have left it all with God. Instead, I lost time and blessing through im-  
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I had to be given the lesson, over and over again, of letting God plan things, before I could learn it.

For more than a week I stumbled along, more and more confused.

Then I realized that I was going back on all my hard-learned lessons.

I saw others about me healed, while I gained nothing. I knew God was no respecter of persons. The healing was for me. Evidently there was something yet lacking in myself.

From the first, the intimacy with God in Zion filled me with wonder and longing.

I had truly given myself to God. I know that, from the moment of acceptance of redemption for the body, my one object was not a selfish wish for healing for my own pleasure, but a desire to be enabled to serve God better.

I intended to use the health He was going to give me for Him, and aside from this I was really not anxious to live. Life in my sickness had become a great burden to me, and I was not afraid to die.

But when I began to love God, I wished to live for Him. Yet I know now that my healing all through had been a sort of primary object, a thing to be sought separately.

Much in the same way, years before, I sought for a "genuine spiritual" experience, as my privilege through the acceptance of the Atonement, forgetting that Jesus Himself was the Atonement, and what I needed was Jesus Himself in my heart.

So I was seeking healing as a separate spiritual experience. Gradually my need dawned upon me. I saw that God was more real to many of those about me than He was to me; that Jesus was more real; that the Holy Spirit was real.

I began to wish for what I saw they had. I found I was too anxious for healing. I came to where I saw I must simply be true and obedient, waiting in faith upon God.

John 14:21 helped me much at this time.

I claimed the promise of the manifestation of Jesus Himself to me, and seeing more and more that Divine Healing was a part of the Redemption, I knew that with the coming of Jesus into my life there would come with Him all the riches of His grace.

I stopped seeking for any especial thing or experience, and prayed that I might know Jesus.

As I prayed, the desire to know Him for Himself grew stronger. I got to where I felt that if I could have Jesus in my life the other things did not matter in the least.

I did not care whether I was healed at Zion Home or not, provided it was according to His will.

And as He led me into that rest in Him which makes anxiety impossible, so that I almost forgot my body in the joy of a closer acquaintance, I awakened to the fact that my health and strength were coming rapidly.

One ailment after another disappeared, one or two instantly, so that I knew of the change at the moment. Others passed away so quietly that I became conscious of my healing by the gradual but complete departure of pain while my body grew stronger.

God is able to do abundantly more than we ask or think. He not only kept me at Zion until I was healed, but enabled me to remain under its teachings several weeks longer, as I remained at the home of Mrs. Congdon as a guest.

Toward the last of my stay I was employed at Zion City Bank for about a fortnight, working very steadily, and thoroughly testing my new strength.

To me one of the most wonderful parts of my experience came directly after my healing. My muscles were, of course, new and undeveloped, yet I felt no fatigue upon exercising. Instead, a singular lightness and strength, of which I have since heard others speak, sustained me until the natural strength, through the development of muscle, had been gained.

Even when the continuous gift of this Divine strength was no longer needed, I have had the same experience in times of much physical exertion, when it seemed as if I were in danger of overdoing, and have gone to God for sustaining strength.

Through the last year I have held a busy and responsible position as General Secretary of the Lend-a-Hand Club of this city, and the work at times has been very heavy, calling for considerable evening work in addition to that of the day's duties.

All winter and spring I have added to my other cares, study and attendance at a short-hand class.

As a member of Zion, and the Conductor of the Zion Gathering here, I have given all the time possible to God's work.

I have kept in excellent health throughout, although I have had hardly a moment's leisure from the time of my healing in May, 1899, to September 1, 1900, when I resigned my position in the Club because of the objections to my active association in the Zion work.

A few of the officers and members began to be anxious lest I should spread Zion truths among the girls who take advantage of the noon-rest attractions furnished by the Club.

## GOD'S WAY OF HEALING.

BY THE REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

A few times during the last year Satan has attempted to bring upon me his old power. I thank God that the healings have been clear and distinct, and usually instantaneous.

I am so thankful to God that He took His way and not mine, and took me to Zion Home.

During the weeks I was there I thoroughly looked into and studied all parts of the work, and I know it is of God.

Now, when in my work here in Zion, as frequently happens, some absurd and malicious story in regard to Dr. Dowie, our God-sent leader, or some part of the work at Zion comes to me, I can answer from personal knowledge.

I have eyes to see, ears to hear and a heart to understand.

I can say "I know," not "I think."

I am glad that my witness can be one of assurance, not only through my personal knowledge of God's work through Zion, but, better still, the facts of the new relation of my own life toward Him.

"I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him," even my whole spirit, soul and body.

Of course, in common with all other members of Zion, my word is often doubted, although upon any other subject my witness would be taken without a question of my sincerity, or intelligent comprehension.

It took some time to understand and properly adjust myself to the fact that a low newspaper fabrication, which I personally knew to be false from beginning to end, should be taken as more reliable authority than my own word in the matter, by those very persons who would not think of questioning my truthfulness on any other subject. Certainly the "preaching of the Cross is foolishness" to those who do not wish to believe.

There is a question frequently asked me, which I feel like taking the opportunity of answering before closing my testimony. It is this: "But why, even granting these facts of your healing to be true, need you have severed your connection with the Methodist Church (which certainly needs consecrated members), and have entered a new, and it is usually implied, 'an upstart' Church, which is only making divisions among Church members?"

I always believed, even in my old careless Christian life, that it was the duty of a Christian to be affiliated with the Church which stood nearest to God in its teaching and practice, so that he might have full opportunity to live up to his own convictions, and a free field of labor.

Some years before I heard of Zion my own investigation of the Word of God upon Baptism, having once had my attention called to it, convinced me beyond any doubt that I had never been baptized. I said then that if I ever found a Church which taught and practiced true Baptism, and was in other respects equal to the Methodist Church (at the time my eyes were too blinded to see clearly how far away from the early teaching and practice it had fallen), I would not hesitate to enter the truer Church.

When I saw in Zion the fulfilment of God's promises, the preaching of a Full Gospel, the power of His Holy Spirit doing mighty works in the spirits and souls and bodies of those who came into the light in Zion, I did not stumble for a moment.

I was as sure that God wanted me to go into fellowship with this great movement as I would once have been that He would call a converted Roman Catholic out of his Church into the fuller light of the Protestant Church.

I have not, however, looked upon my becoming a member of Zion as the simple fulfilment of a duty.

I have counted it as a privilege and a joy.

God in His mercy has brought me to a knowledge of Zion and has opened my eyes to see that the work is His. I know that there could not be a greater sorrow to me than to have been compelled to stay out of Zion.

It is a strange thing to me that any one who has received the light in Zion can endure to shut himself out from its fellowship, and I thank God that I have been permitted to become a member.

But although these were my reasons for entering, I did not see all that God meant by Zion. I did not understand what Zion really was. There has come to me, little by little, a realization of the wonderful work God intends to do through this Church raised up in these last days.

I thank God, as I have a thousand times, that I am a partaker in the great work now going forward which is preparing the world for Christ's coming.

This past year has been the happiest of my life. It has had its mistakes, and I am sorry to say its sins, which, looking back upon, seem inexcusable in one who is under the white light of Zion.

But, thank God, Zion has taught me not to leave unrepented of what I would once have called the little sins, to become a barrier between myself and God.

There are many things to learn all the way.

Needed lessons come daily, but I am no longer unwilling to learn.

Divine Healing has proved such a Beautiful Gate to a fuller knowledge of God and His love.

It is the entrance into heights and depths of His love such as some of us had never dreamed of.

"I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depths, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (MISS) MARTHA WING.

**God's Way of Healing is a Person, not a Thing.**

Jesus said, "*I am* the Way, and the Truth, and the Life," and He has ever been revealed to His people in all the ages by the Covenant Name, Jehovah-rophi, or "*I am* the Lord that Healeth thee." (John 14:6; Exodus 15:26.)

**The Lord Jesus Christ is Still the Healer.**

He cannot change, for "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yea and forever"; and He is still with us, for He said, "Lo, *I am* with you alway, even unto the end of the world." (Hebrews 13:8; Matthew 28:20). Because He is Unchangeable, and because He is present, in spirit, just as when in the flesh, He is the Healer of His people.

**Divine Healing Rests on Christ's Atonement.**

It was prophesied of Him, "Surely He hath borne our griefs (Hebrew *sicknesses*), and carried our sorrows: . . . and with His stripes we are healed"; and it is expressly declared that this was fulfilled in His ministry of Healing, which still continues. (Isaiah 53:4, 5; Matthew 8:17.)

**Disease Can Never be God's Will.**

It is the Devil's work, consequent upon Sin, and it is impossible for the work of the Devil ever to be the Will of God. Christ came to "destroy the works of the Devil," and when He was here on earth He healed "all manner of disease and all manner of sickness," and all these diseases are expressly declared to have been "oppressed of the Devil." (1 John 3:8; Matthew 4:23; Acts 10:38.)

**The Gifts of Healing are Permanent.**

It is expressly declared that the "Gifts and the calling of God are without repentance," and the Gifts of Healing are amongst the Nine Gifts of the Spirit to the Church. (Romans 11:29; 1 Cor. 12:8-11.)

**There are Four Modes of Divine Healing.**

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**Divine Healing is Opposed by Diabolical Counterfeits.**

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ZION'S CRY IN THE MIDNIGHT HOUR.

"The oil vessel is the body; the Oil the Holy Spirit. That burning torch is the light, the testimony of the Church of God. No man's spirit can be healthy if his body is diseased. . . . Our Lord has told us that if we believe in Him, . . . the Holy Oil, emblem of Divine Healing, will be in these vessels, these mortal bodies. . . . What of the Foolish Virgins? They will come and knock and the answer will be, 'Too late! Ye cannot enter now. Ye must pass through the Great Tribulation.'"—Extract from Sermon by the Rev. John Alex. Dowie, "Parable of the Ten Virgins," LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume V, Number 4, pages 914, 915.

# A VOICE TO ZION AND GOD'S PEOPLE IN EVERY LAND.

O thou that tellest Good Tidings to Zion, Get thee up into the High Mountain, Lift up thy Voice with strength; Lift it up, be not afraid; Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

Isaiah, XL: 9.

## PRAISE AND TESTIMONY MEETING.

Report of Meeting held in Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Evening, October 28, 1900. Praise and Testimony.

REPORTED BY S. D. W. AND A. W. N.

THE meeting in Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day evening, October 28, 1900, was given up to the testimonies of those who had been saved, healed, cleansed and otherwise blessed in Zion. God was present by His Spirit and made effectual for His glory the stories of His wonderful love and power. May He bless to all who read, that they may trust Him wholly for spirit, soul and body.

### EVENING TESTIMONY MEETING.

Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Evening, October 28, 1900.

Deacon W. S. Peckham took charge of the meeting, which was opened by singing Hymn Number 348.

The twenty-third chapter of Jeremiah was then read; also the thirty-fourth chapter of Ezekiel.

Prayer was then offered, after which the tithes and offerings were received, and the meeting thrown open for praise and testimony.

### Quickly Healed of Prostration by the Heat.

Miss Jorgine Emilie Hansen, 1619 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I thank God for Zion, and for the General Overseer and Mrs. Dowie, and also for the officers of the Church. For four years I have not used any medicine. God has kept me very well most of the time, except this summer, in August, when we had very severe hot weather and I was overcome by it.

"On the morning of Friday, August 10th, I felt very badly when I awoke. I went to work, but suffered all the forenoon. I did not ask any of the Deacons at Zion City Bank, where I work, to pray for me. When I went home for lunch, it was very warm.

"I lay down a few minutes and then I got up and went back to work. I ran the typewriter all the afternoon, but toward 6 o'clock I felt very badly. It seemed as if the Devil said, 'I am going to kill you.'

"In a second of time a cold chill came over me. Mr. Wilson, who is working there, came in. I said to him, 'Help me.' He lifted his heart to God in prayer, and went and told

Deacon Peckham. He came and laid his hands on me. I got instant relief, and went home and retired. I had a fairly good night's rest. Deacon Barnard had already said that I should not come the next morning if I did not feel well.

"At 9 o'clock I knew they would be holding the prayer meeting at the Bank, and I watched the clock. I knew they would be praying for me. Just at the time I was looking for an answer, such a sweet peace came over me, and I fell asleep and slept until 11 o'clock. When I woke up I felt so well that I got up and went down to work. The Deacon thought that I ought not to work that day. That was Saturday, and on Monday morning I went to work. I have been able to work ever since. I praise God for His wonderful love and His keeping power."

### Wonderfully and Permanently Healed.

Mrs. Margaret Queen Jack, Orchard, Ontario, Canada, said: "I was converted to God nine years ago this last April. I had been ailing the four years we lived in Oak Park. I got so I could not work. At last I saw that an operation must be performed, and had my trunk packed to go to the hospital.

"One day a woman came in and told me that she had read in the *Inter Ocean* that there was a minister down near the World's Fair who prayed with the sick, and that they were healed; that God healed them. She said, 'You are a Christian, and I do not see why God would not heal you.' I thought for a second. I thought, 'God is the same yesterday and today, yea and forever. Why is not God the same today in healing people?'

"She said: 'Will you go and hear this minister?' A friend then went out and got Dr. Dowie's address and we went down to Zion Tabernacle No. 1. While I was on my way there I felt as if every part of me was being pulled to pieces, I was in such agony and pain.

"She left me at the depot, and went over to Divine Healing Home No. 1, on Edgerton Avenue, and told Dr. Dowie my case. He gave her a red ticket to allow me to go into the prayer room.

"After the services were over, he called for those to come in who held the red tickets. I was one of about fourteen. "When it came my turn to be prayed for, he asked me if I would give up all doctors and medicine and trust Christ as my Healer. I considered it for a minute, because I had not thought of giving up doctors and medicine. Then I told him I would, and trust Christ. He prayed and asked God to bless me. He then asked me where the worst pain was, and I told him. I could only breathe just little tiny breaths, and he laid his hand on me and told me to breathe in Christ's Name. I never felt any more pain from that time.

"I thank God that I still retain my wonderful healing." (This testimony is given in detail in LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume I, Number 36, page 571.)



CENTRAL ZION TABERNAACLE.

**Converted and Healed in Zion.**

E. T. Bergman, Glenburg, Ohio, said: "I came here first in 1896. My general health was bad. I was converted the next day after I got here, and when the General Overseer prayed for me that evening I felt some strength come to me, but no great healing. The next afternoon I prayed in my own room, and told God I would still trust Him. When Dr. Dowie prayed with me again something seemed to start in waves and rolled down and rolled down until it was gone, and I was free. I also received healing of severe pains in my head."

**Healed of Yellow Fever.**

Miss Eliza J. Robinson, 37 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "A year ago the 20th of next month I was healed of yellow fever. I took care of a lady who had yellow fever for about ten weeks with very little rest. I became so weary that I contracted the fever myself.

"I prayed one night that God would help me. The Lord gave me the assurance that if I would be anointed by the Elders of the Church, and would confess my sins, I would be healed. I had been a professor of religion, but had done several things which were not right. But I did not know where to send for an Elder who believed in anointing with oil. I prayed. I said, 'God will answer.' The Lord answered my prayer, by sending me some one who believed in Divine Healing. "I was then delirious, and they saw it. God instantly healed me after I was anointed, and I was raised up.

"I was then taken to the hospital by the authorities, where I was given three big pills. The nurse would bring me the three pills and then bring me my drink of milk. When she was not looking, I would hide the pills under my pillow. God delivered me."

**God Heals of Pneumonia and Stomach Trouble.**

J. H. Jackson, 37 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I am glad, dear friends, that I am in Zion. The longer I am in Zion, the more delighted I am with this teaching, and with the spirituality which I have gained.

"In 1896 I was sick with pneumonia. The first copy of LEAVES OF HEALING was sent to me by my brother. At that time we were reading the Christian Alliance papers, but this copy of LEAVES OF HEALING seemed far ahead of the Christian Alliance and its teachings.

"After reading LEAVES OF HEALING I began to trust God as my Healer, and He healed me of pneumonia.

"For about eight years I was troubled with stomach trouble more or less. I consulted several physicians, but got no better, but rather grew worse. On the 20th of December last we came to Zion. The next morning we went into the prayer room and hands were laid on us. I was healed of my stomach trouble and have had no symptoms of it since.

"I praise God for leading me and for giving me steady work since coming to Zion."

**God's Gracious Answer to Prayer.**

N. A. Robinson, Westfield, Illinois, said: "I was healed two years ago the first of next November, in Zion Home. That was about two weeks after I heard of Zion. I was healed of eye trouble, from which I had suffered for two and one-half years. Just as I was preparing to come to Zion College, a bee stung me in the eyelid. It was the most severe bee sting I had ever had. It swelled so quickly that my wife could not pull out the sting without the aid of a pair of tweezers. She took the sting out and we prayed, and God took the inflammation away. Afterward, because I did not keep a vow that I had made to God, He took away His hand in less than one hour. When all things had been made right, God in less than two minutes took away the pain.

"Three days ago a cold started, and I asked the students in Zion to pray. I got immediate relief, but not an entire victory. On Saturday I went to Deacon Lee to see something about Zion's Seventy work. I started out on the Seventy work in the afternoon, and God took away the cold. I thank God for the great things He has done for me."

The meeting was then closed by the following

**BENEDICTION.**

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

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Many members of the Christian Catholic Church also attended these Lectures and were amazed, from week to week, by the great depth and scope of the subject as it was opened up by the man of God.

Since the delivery of these Lectures there has been a loud appeal, from many sides, to have them published.

The General Overseer was reluctant, as he felt that in the great pressure of his other duties he had not been able to give the Lectures as he might have done with more time at his disposal. He also felt that he should revise them before their publication, and this he could not find time to do.

At length, however, the appeal for them being urged, he consented that they should be sent forth, without his revision, during his absence in Europe and the Holy Land.

Accordingly this wonderful teaching will be printed, almost as it came from his lips, from time to time, in LEAVES OF HEALING. In preparing these Lectures for the press, we have eliminated some allusions to topics of the time and place and have written in some headlines. We have also cut out opening and closing exercises and arranged the matter consecutively without regard to number and date of Lectures.

We pray that God will bless these wonderful truths to all who read in even greater measure than He did to those who heard.

A. W. N.

## LESSONS IN THE STORY OF NOAH.

In the last Lecture I dealt with a very important matter. I am very grateful that the Lecture seemed to have been productive of much blessing, because I received quite a number of letters from a number who heard that Lecture, thanking God, and thanking me for it.

I am very glad when something new as well as something old is brought out of the Treasure House of God. We ought to have new light upon old truths. We ought to have, as the dispensation nears its close, the fulness of light. It is coming daily; coming just as rapidly as we are ready for it, as we are prepared to receive it.

### Causes Must Be Dealt With, as Well as Effects.

The last Lecture followed along the whole line of the exposition of the reason why we have to pray; the regrettable necessity for intercession, for deliverance from evils which

exist in our own natures, and in the world around us. I am calling attention to the way in which these evils originated, because when we are dealing with effects in anything, we can only be wisely guided in so dealing by first of all understanding the causes. It is not enough to deal with effects, we must deal with causes.

Lopping off the branches of the upas tree would not destroy it. The pruning might strengthen it. The putting of the ax to the root of the tree is another thing. We must get the ax to the root of the trees of evil, and understand how to pray for deliverance by understanding how these things arose.

In the course, therefore, of this exposition, we have come to consider God's whole attitude toward evil, and the intense grief of God, and the repentance of God Himself.

We considered how God was grieved at His heart to see that the sons of God and the daughters of men had produced these horrid Nephilim: these giants of antiquity, renowned for their shameful wickedness; and how the whole earth had become filled with sin.

We have the thought, then, of the repentance of God. It repented the Lord that He had made man, and it grieved Him at His heart.

Suddenly, out of all this darkness, there comes just a point of light.

### God Never Finds the Earth Wholly Given Up to the Devil.

The repentance of God extended to the brute creation. The animals had been made as dependent creatures, hence they became such as men made them.

There will come a time when, man being good, nature will be again restored, and the antagonism between animals will not exist.

And the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall die down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fating together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the basilisk's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

The future shall be as the past. It shall be better. When God made creation at first, there was no bloodshed.

It would be immensely helpful to us if we could get that book of which I have spoken several times, the Book of Enoch; that book which tells us of a man, the seventh from Adam, who, amidst the growing degeneracy of humanity, had the testimony that he pleased God, that he walked with God, that he was translated, that he left this earth, and that he did not see death as men see it.

That was a wonderful man.

I might tell you something of what the corrupted translation of the Book of Enoch contains, but I think I will simply confine myself to generalities, without entering into the particular portions of the book to which I shall refer.

It is a difficult book to deal with, as it now exists. The copy which is now in the Bodleian Library at Oxford was found by Bruce, the Abyssinian traveler, and has been translated very carefully by an English Bishop. It has been thought well by teachers generally, however, not to make much use of it. I do not know how far they are justified. I am not scholarly enough in Coptic and other languages to discuss the question of its authenticity.

When the Anglo-Saxon race dominates Asia and Africa, the disclosures of these ancient monasteries will yield to us rich treasures of hidden literature, which will enable us to test Bruce's copy of the alleged prophecies of the Book of Enoch.

In this book we have the allegation that Enoch prophesied concerning the flood and concerning Noah as an immediate descendant of the race of Seth.

#### The Prophecy of Enoch Concerning Noah.

So Enoch, in the degenerate age in which he lived, prophesied the birth of Noah, which means "rest bringer." He foretold that there would come rest to the earth and a time of blessing; that sin should cease, and that the vileness of the Nephilim should pass away. He prophesied that the curse of that pre-Adamite corruption should pass away. What that corruption was, we very faintly know. It is well, perhaps, for us to be ignorant of it.

Enoch knew that God would bring rest.

Beloved, there is always rest for such as love God.

It does not matter how degenerate, dark and wicked, and confused and tempestuous everything is, there is a rest which remaineth for the people of God.

Oh that this rest might now come to you! Oh that you might cease from sin!

When you cease from your own works and let God do His work in you, to will and to do His good pleasure; when you cease your own thoughts and let God think in you; when you cease from your vanities and follies and let God reign in you with a reign of perfect love which casts out fear, He gives you a Divine Wisdom which destroys error, and leads you in a Way of Peace in which folly never walks.

Noah lived on for half a millennium amidst all this wickedness. The Word says, "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord."

That is the bright light.

Noah found grace. No one ever found a thing unless he sought it. "He that seeketh findeth. He that asketh receiveth. To him that knocketh it shall be opened."

#### He Who Finds Grace Is He Who Seeks It.

"He is a rewarder of them that seek after Him."

The seeker who finds must be diligent. He must not be merely a bookworm. Books are good, very good, but the true seeker must be one who can read a book, and, oftentimes, reject it, and learn the very opposite. He must be one who can weigh a song and detect a false note in it. He must be one who can hear a song and detect the true note underlying it, and let the false and discordant pass away.

He must be one who, in the flower, can find the honey, and let the poison, if there be any, remain.

He must be one who can "discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not."

He must be one who will always be willing to stand with the minority. Wisdom has never been in the majority yet in this world.

Love has never ruled; faith has never conquered; hope has never been triumphant except in the hearts of the minority.

The majority of the world, in all the ages, has been preyed upon by demon forces which have destroyed love; by demon doubts which have filled all their being with uncertainty; by demons of despair which have crushed hope utterly and made them find a refuge in non-existence.

Noah found grace in God's sight because he was a real man of God. It takes a man to be strong in the Grace of God to stand when all around have departed from God.

Do not suppose that this was not a religious age. It was a religious age, just as when Elijah appeared at Mount Carmel.

He was not dealing with an irreligious people. They had become more religious than ever. The sacrifice of Baal required more attention and more devotion, more money and more of men and women's very lives than the sacrifice of God.

When men have gone to the Devil most completely, they are most religious.

Secretism is a religion.

Men have stood in the doors of their houses all along this Avenue and told Zion's Seventies: "Go away. I have a religion which suits me. I am a Freemason."

That is a religion. Secretism is a religion.

When you go to China, you do not go to an irreligious country. It is full of religion. There are altars everywhere; gods everywhere; dragons everywhere; spirits everywhere. You cannot move anywhere without coming in contact with religious ideas.

When the Church of Rome degenerated it did not cease to be religious. There is more religion than ever in the Church of Rome. There are more masses, more sacrifices, more services, more saints worshiped. New saints are being canonized all the time. Their prayers increase. Now it is to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Now it is to the Immaculate Mary. Now it is to St. Joseph. Now there is a fresh bursting out because of the sacred water of Lourdes.

They are most religious.

We have seen, in this city, how the *News* and the *Inter Ocean* have been helping the Methodist Episcopal Church get up a revival. (Laughter.) They are religious.

#### The Strength and Grace of Noah.

It requires strength and grace to see the falsehoods and the lies of a corrupt system, and to stand amidst them all as Noah stood. He stood against it 120 years when the ark was being built. How many, many scoffs and sneers were hurled at him! "That old fool Noah," they would say, "actually believes in that older fool Enoch and in his book."

As they scoffed at him, Noah, perhaps, would say to them, "The day will come when you accursed Nephilim, giants as you are, will perish. God will sweep you off this earth. God has told me that I am to build this ark; that I am to take this menagerie with me to sea; that I am to make this vast preparation which I am making for every living creature."

"How are you going to get them, Noah?" they would ask. "How are you going to gather them? How will the beasts be fed? Noah, just have some sense. Here you have been building 100 years and there is no flood."

"No, there is no flood," says Noah, "because my ark is not finished. When my ark is finished, if you fellows do not repent, the flood will come in proper time, and we will go away out on the waters."

"Why, Noah," they would laugh, "nothing on earth can float this ark of yours."

Thus all the hoodlums of the time would come to see this fool. The very carpenters who were building the ark, working for the money which Noah provided for them, would be saying, "Well, of all the fool business we ever knew!"

The very people who contracted to supply the stores, and to fill the Ark with the food necessary, would say, "What a fool he is." They helped in it because there was money in it.

They did just exactly as people do today. They build churches to make money out of it, and mock at Christ, and mock at God. They build churches and design churches, and furnish churches, and supply stores, and all the time they mock.

What a tremendous amount of grace it required for a man to stand like that for 120 years!

That is almost exactly the number of years that the Declaration of Independence has been signed in this country. Imagine



one man 480 years of age building on this ark until he was 600 years of age. He would be building from the time when Washington received the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, all through the course of America's history, as you know it to be.

Noah saw the number of people who believed grow smaller and smaller, and not larger and larger, until all there were left at the end of 120 years were his wife and three sons, and their three wives.

#### **The Wonderful Courage of Noah Against Terrible Opposition.**

When you and I are exposed to such comparatively trifling opposition, just think of that man who through the 120 years was steadily building his ark and providing, and instead of getting more friends, getting less. Yet he kept on.

I am glad that I am living at this end of the dispensation, and not at that end. I thank God that I am living now, with all that story behind me to learn from.

If you desire to understand how to pray, sit down and think out what it would mean to fight that battle every day and every week for one century and a quarter, and not lose your faith in God.

Friends, I apprehend that, with many, so long-deferred success would mean retirement from the battlefield.

#### **The Years of Zion's Apparent Failure in Chicago.**

I do not wish to boast of myself at all, because I am nothing, but when I came to this city, I had been accustomed to speak to very large audiences, both in Australia and in all parts of this land. Whenever I would leave Chicago, I would get large audiences in the East; crowds of people in Canada, crowds of people filling Carnegie Hall in Allegheny City after one week of work there; large audiences in other cities.

I had large audiences in Harmonia Hall in Minneapolis. But when I came back to this city it seemed hell. You could not get a corporal's guard to listen, humanly speaking. The biggest audience I had in this city from 1890 to 1894, was one of about 500 people. I had simply to stand and witness for God; to testify with sometimes a diminishing number, as it seemed to me.

At one time I had a very rapidly diminishing number. I came to a point where I said, "Every last one of you who belongs to the Christian Alliance, go!"

That cleaned them nearly all out. There were only a few left, but I held on. Down at Stony Island Avenue I preached week after week, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and sometimes had less than fifty people in the whole week.

I am not a Noah. I do not know that I ever would have been a Noah. I am glad I never was tested. I think I might have stood the test. I do not know. I only know that I stood that.

I told Mrs. Dowie, and I told my friends, that eventually I would lick the Devil, and that I would have the largest audience in Chicago.

#### **God Can Save a World Through a Man Who Can Stand Alone.**

Take from that period the lesson that when God has found a man who can stand alone, through that man He can save a world, as He did through Noah.

If there had not been a man who found grace in the eyes of the Lord, the race of Cain would have perished then, and perished forever. It would have been an end of man.

But for that grace which has raised up man after man to do certain work, there would be an end to the Christianity which has gone to the Devil in the apostate churches today.

You must ask God to make you such men and women. If you cannot get your work out of what seems to be failure, be patient. Then you can grow within, and grow spiritually,

at a time when it seems that all is lost; that your sacrifices and toils and attainments have all been misapplied. You can triumph when those who are dearest to you and nearest to you will say, "What a failure he has made." Hold on; because you may be placed in positions where you will find that at first it seems as if it were impossible to succeed.

We receive the reports of our Elders every month. There are men who today are beginning to win glorious victories who for months and months wrote to me of apparent failure.

There are some of you who will never be anything, and you will never know what it is to have real power with God and with man, and to find grace in the eyes of the Lord until you find that grace which enables you to stand in the place where there will not be an admiring multitude, but in the place where you will be scoffed at.

I was in the train at one time when it passed Zion Tabernacle No. 1. A man who sat across the car from me saw the signboard:

#### **ZION TABERNACLE.**

He asked some one, "What is that?"

"That is where an old crank preaches who came to this town at the time of the World's Fair," the other replied. "He tried to establish a Church there, and I hear he is about starved out. I think there is nothing there now except just a very few people, but the old crank keeps up preaching." (Laughter.)

I stepped across the aisle and said, "Thank you, I am that old crank. Let me shake hands with you. I invite you to come and hear me preach."

"Oh," he said, "I am sorry that I have hurt you. I did not know who you were."

I said, "That is all right."

He said, "I only spoke from what I have heard."

I said, "Come down," and he did. That man is one of my dear friends today. He comes often to hear me preach. He takes great delight in laughing about the time when I overheard him.

What he said was true. There was nothing there but just the snow banks, perhaps not more than six, eight or ten worshipping there.

But before that snow had cleared away, that year of 1894, they were placing planks upon that snow, and standing upon them and gazing inside. The people were crowding that place.

Most of the nephilim, most of the giants of this day, are saying, "We are the nephilim of the press; the nephilim of politics; the nephilim of science; the nephilim of society."

#### **Zion is Daring the Nephilim to Battle.**

I have had many fights with these nephilim. When I cut them with the Sword of the Spirit, the sawdust runs out and they collapse like rag dolls. (Laughter.)

I have a great contempt for the nephilim of these days, and I dare say that Noah had a great contempt for the Nephilim of his time.

He was brave. He knew the God of Abel. He knew the God of Enoch. He knew the God of Methuselah. He knew the God who had put him where he was, and he knew that the day would come when the Nephilim, if they did not repent, would be, like all the rest, overwhelmed by the Flood. Their wretched carcasses would go down into the deep depths of the Ocean which was then land, and be buried in the crevices and deep ravines, miles below the ocean surface. The soft winds of summer would breathe upon the islands with blessing, but beneath the waves would be the graves of the dead.

The day is coming when no man shall say to his brother man upon this earth, "Know the Lord, but all shall know Him from the least to the greatest." The nephilim will be gone,

and "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the seas."

Let us be brave. Let us be among those who find grace in God's sight. Let us find the grace to stand alone.

In Chicago you are standing with a good many where at first I stood with none but Mrs. Dowie and a few cranks like ourselves, despised, scarcely considered, except as a curiosity of ecclesiastical life.

The idea of keeping on and praying and preaching in that place was ridiculous to the world. It was as absurd as Noah's preaching.

Finally the whole ark was finished. Noah was preaching his last sermon. There was the barking of dogs, the crowing of cocks. There were the extraordinary sounds of that menagerie and all its smells.

I cannot understand, unless God Almighty kept it clean, how it was kept clean.

Noah was standing there, preaching on the doorstep, as it were, for the last time. The Nephilim who went home that night could not return next day, because it began to rain heavily. It rained so heavily that they could not get out the next day to see where that old fool was.

#### **The Destruction of the Nephilim by the Flood.**

The third day it was unabated, and they could not get out the next day. They heard that there was a flood in the valley, and that the ark was floating, but they could not get out, and they could not see it.

The windows of heaven were opened, and the great fountains of the deep were unloosed, and the awful waters were howling around them.

They were rushing for the mountains.

They did not want to go near that fool. But from the tops of the mountains they saw that ark floating out to the sea. There is no scene which can be imagined more awful than that scene.

#### **The Departure of the Prepared in the Last Days.**

It will be repeated, in some respects, in these latter days. But it will not be a Noah going away out with an ark, but the Christians leaving the earth. The wife will miss her husband. "Where is he?" she will say, "He slept in that bed last night."

Husband will rise up and say, "Where is my wife? She was right in this bed last night. Who has seen her this morning?" Nobody has seen her.

They will begin to ask for their brothers, and their sisters, and their friends, and the streets of this city will be filled with people.

"Have you seen my friends?"

"Have you seen our pastor?"

"Have you seen our Elder?"

"Have you seen Deacon So-and-so?"

It will suddenly come, one morning. It will be found that in the silence of the midnight the Voice has come. The trumpet has sounded, and the prepared have gone right up from the earth. The world will awake as the foolish virgins will awake to find that the door is shut, but the Prepared have gone.

That will be a greater surprise than the flood in Noah's time. It may happen in our day. May God give you grace in His sight to be among the wise virgins. (Amen.)

There is no use in merely looking at that old story, unless you can get an application of it to this time.

I believe in the pre-millennial ascension to heaven of all the prepared of God's children on earth.

There are scoffers and mockers, even among those who are virgins. They are foolish. They would not take oil in their vessels. They would not be prepared by the reception of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in their spirits, souls and bodies. They will go to sleep and will awake some morning

to find that the prepared have been taken out of the earth just as Noah's ark floated away out on the water.

They will have to pass through the tribulation.

Find grace in God's sight. Make preparation for the time when your work among men shall be done.

The great tribulation shall come upon all flesh, and in the little while between there will be a preparation in heaven. Then the Christ shall come, and we shall come with Him.

#### **We Shall Return to Reign With Christ.**

We shall reign with Him.

I shall be glad to come back. I shall be glad to take my part. I may have my part given me in going out to carry out His orders. They will be resisted, perhaps, in many places. Then what will happen? The wicked shall go to hell.

The powers which will be employed for the subjugation of God's enemies will be irresistible. They shall be swept away. It will not need Gatling guns. There are quicker ways to send out of this world the wicked than that, and they shall go.

The Christ shall reign, and the last cleansing fire shall come on this earth. This earth shall finally be changed into its glorious form.

"New heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness, shall come."

The fire shall not be able to touch the redeemed spirits. The fire cannot touch gold except to purify it. The fire shall burn until the elements melt with a fervent heat. All the earth shall be molten and recast and brought into the zone where there shall be no more night; where there shall be no more sin, and no more sorrow, and no more disease, and no more death; where the earth shall be restored to its primitive purity and beauty.

I am very thankful that this dear old earth, after it passes through its last form, will pass upward into that light where it will dwell forever.

The world which received Adam and Eve into the first habitation, with ransomed from all the ages, shall sing the morning song as the new heavens and the new earth are brought into perfect order "wherein dwelleth righteousness," sin, disease and death and hell, and all the powers of evil forever having passed away.

This is the grace we need; the grace to see beyond the conflicts and the strife, the dawn of victory. That grace will come to the men and the women who know how to pray, and how to live. They shall find grace in God's sight. They shall stand with Him in the dark hours which yet must come before the eternal morn shall shine.

I see it beyond the conflicts. I see the need to be ready to go when He calls. If He should call us before the time of calling of those who shall meet the Lord in the air, let us be ready.

The great danger with all of us is to set our affections on things beneath, and upon the passing things of time, while we are looking for the eternal things. But we should use wisely the passing things of earth and make them the chariots to bear onward the heavenly glories, the Kingdom of God.

#### **Learn to Use Material Things to Advance God's Kingdom.**

Use is not abuse. Learn to make use of every power in this wonderful age in which God is unfolding the hidings of His power in things material and things spiritual.

We can harness the lightnings to Zion's chariots. We can harness the lightnings to Zion's words, so that the words may go through all the earth. We are living in the days when we have to confound the nephilim. The nephilim must be subdued, and the will of God brought out.

Mount Zion with its one hundred and forty and four thousand may be nearer than we think. In my judgment, as I look

at the unfoldings of prophecy, I do not see the imminent coming of the Lord as some do. Yet it may be at hand within a quarter of a century. I do not think it will be sooner. But I would like to be ready tomorrow night, or now.

Find grace in God's sight. Find that grace, that gift of God. Seek it. Find it.

Let God into everything.

Take God everywhere.

Let your Prayer be not the perfunctory Prayer of the apostate churches, which they can only pray when they have books and candles, and places where they can snivel out their incantations.

Beware!

Let all your life be a Prayer, and everything you do.

May God enable you to find increasing grace.

God is watching.

God is looking upon us.

He sees the few who are faithful.

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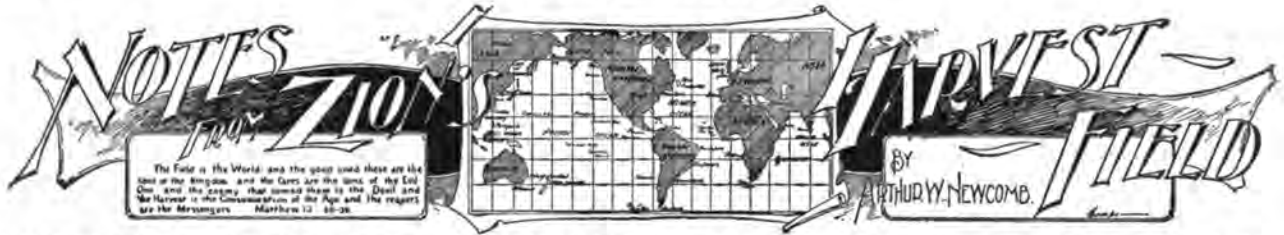
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## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER IN MANSFIELD.

Elders Matthews and Armstrong Tell of the Meetings Held in Mansfield on Lord's Day, November 4, 1900.

THE victory which God gave His servants and Zion in Mansfield on Lord's Day, November 4, 1900, was briefly alluded to in this department, last week.

As the events of the day were remarkable, in that Elders of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion succeeded in holding Divine services and in administering the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper, we give the detailed accounts of the visit, written by Elders Matthews and Armstrong, who conducted the services.

What a commentary upon Nineteenth Century civilization and the boasted breadth and tolerance of this great Nation, that the holding of two simple cottage meetings by godly Christian ministers should be considered a rare event!

What a flagrant, deliberate and open neglect of duty upon the part of police and civil authorities that a howling, jeering mob should follow and insult a Christian minister and his wife, concerning whom they knew absolutely nothing, save that the minister was an officer in a certain Church!

The following is Elder Matthews' report of his visit, written to Overseer Piper:

First, we thank God that we were able to carry out the plan arranged for us.

We see more and more how God's presence was with us.

Two meetings were held, according to directions given us, without either one being interfered with, although this was not from a willingness on the part of the mob to let us alone.

They simply failed to find out where the meetings were held until they were over.

We entered the city just at dawn, keeping watch lest the police interfere with us.

The providence of God, which permitted us to find friends at the first door where we knocked, still followed us, and before it was fully light we found ourselves in the friendly home of a faithful Zion family, where the morning service was to be held, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered to the faithful people who had for so long a time been deprived of that service.

We were kindly received, and it was a great relief to feel that we were again under a protecting shelter.

Soon the people began to come in one by one, avoiding observation as much as possible.

They came till the room was well filled.

There was a subdued hush over all, and a quiet peace and joy came into each heart and found expression in each face.

There was a consciousness of God's presence and guidance, and we went forward with the various parts of the service in regular order.

The endeavor was to encourage and strengthen this sorely-tried people who had been through so much and were still so bitterly persecuted.

Well did they respond to the effort, as with tearful faces and earnest purpose to suffer whatever was necessary they listened to the promises and the precious truths of Scripture.

The picture came to our minds of the early Christians worshiping underground in the Catacombs of Rome.

The Ordinance was administered "in remembrance" of Him, and the place seemed holy ground with the manifested presence of the Spirit.

All seemed strengthened and encouraged, and at the close of the communion service a little testimony meeting was held, at which nearly every one present bore witness to the power of God in healing or in spiritual blessing.

There was no expression of discouragement or desire to give up

the fight. All were willing still to suffer and remain loyal to God and Zion.

So the little gathering dispersed one by one, as it had gathered, quietly and without attracting the attention of the enemy, although men were standing on the street corners and glared at our people as they passed, not imagining, however, that the hated Dowieites had held a meeting right under their eyes.

Now came the critical time.

According to directions, Mrs. Matthews and myself were, if possible, to attend the meeting in the afternoon to be held by Elder Armstrong in a different part of the city.

We were to walk boldly through the streets, under the supposition that we would not be molested, or that if we were discovered we might be marched between policemen to the station and forced upon the train.

But even this kind of an escort was denied us. On our way to this second meeting we were discovered and followed by an ever-increasing mob of boys and men of all ages and appearance.

Knowing the uselessness of trying to reach the house where the meeting was to be held, we turned back toward the center of the city, hardly knowing, however, which way to turn.

Threats were made on every hand, and we were followed the entire distance to the depot by a raging, howling mob, all the time increasing in number and in threats of violence.

But we passed on, and not an arm was raised to touch us. Finally reaching the depot, we entered the waiting room and sat down, as it was some time before the train was due.

The mob remained outside and did not follow us into the room.

Some came in, ostensibly to get a drink of water, but really to look at us, while occasionally some one would dart up to the door and open it widely enough to hurl some threat or some vile word at us.

"Come out of there, Dowie!"

"We'll get you when you come out."

"We've got a rope for you."

"The bucket of tar is ready."

Such were the words hurled at us as we sat there quietly resting in the peace of God.

Then they would come up and gaze in through the window as though we were wild animals in a cage.

Finally, just before train time, Elder Armstrong appeared, and then the crowd was furious.

We had thrown them off the track and they had not suspected another Elder to be in town.

We boarded the train, walking untouched through the mob, and from the rear platform of the car I had the privilege of making a little speech to the crowd.

As I closed what I had to say, a small stone struck my coat and glanced off against the rear end of the car.

But not the slightest injury was received by any of our company, for which protection of God we cannot feel too thankful.

Some of the mob were so angry and so much afraid that we would return that they followed us on the train to Galion and Marion.

This is a slight account of God's wonderful dealings with us in this most remarkable experience.

We are thankful to have been permitted to have this experience and to have suffered for Him.

It was something to hold two meetings there unmolested.

May the time soon come when Zion in Mansfield will secure her right to worship without fear of interference.

May God still guide and direct.

While Elder Matthews conducted the morning service, Elder Armstrong was held in reserve to hold the afternoon service.

He writes as follows to Overseer Piper concerning his experience:

God's guidance and protection was clearly marked in every move that was taken to carry out the plans given us before leaving Headquarters.

What an inspiration it was to know that an army of tens of thousands,

with its officers of the faithful children of God in Zion, were following us by their united believing prayers.

Truly, God was like a wall of fire about us.

We marched through the city without seeing hardly a living being.

Not knowing our way very well, we prayed quietly as we went that God should direct us to the house of one of the Zion members.

Although we were uncertain about the location of that house, we knocked at one that seemed to answer the description my fellow-worker had succeeded in getting a few hours before, and out through the screen door looked the cheerful face of the brother we hunted for.

An inquiry at the wrong house would in all probability have upset our whole plan for the day.

We went in, thankful to God for His wonderful guidance.

Another mile's walk brought me to my fort, which I held until about 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

At about 12:30 the members of Zion came together and we had a solid hour's meeting without any disturbance or interruption whatever.

None of those present seemed discouraged. Determination marked the countenances of them all and a holy fire of love and courage burned in their eyes.

After closing our talk with the words of our Saviour, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee the Crown of Life," we all heartily joined in singing the doxology.

After the benediction, we shook hands heartily, and having bid them farewell, I took my overcoat, intending to find my way all alone to the station.

But as it was about two miles to the depot, a brother offered to drive me down in his rig, which saved me a fast walk and brought me to the train in good time.

I found my fellow-workers in the ladies' waiting room, where they for three hours had been subject to the threats and yells of a cowardly and furious mob. I secured my ticket, as we were directed from Headquarters to return to Chicago on the 2:20 train, if possible.

While we and all Zion in Mansfield greatly rejoiced that God had thus helped us to hold our meetings both in the morning and the afternoon, the mob, understanding the situation and their defeat, got furious above measure and the foam of their devilish hatred came forth in a flood of curses and filthy expressions.

This time I was the subject of their shameful language.

There was no attempt whatever to strike any of us until we boarded the train.

Having turned my back to the mob for a minute while stepping on the train, like cowards they rushed up and gave me several kicks. But not the slightest injury was received.

The reports in the Chicago morning papers, Monday, November 5th, were false. In the *Record* we counted at least a dozen deliberate lies in an article two inches long. One truth they told, that no police officer appeared on the scene, showing the indifference of the city authorities.

God gave us the victory, and we were wonderfully strengthened by this experience.

We are grateful for your prayers and confidence.

## CHICAGO.

MEMBERS and friends of Zion in Chicago will long remember with joy the services of Lord's Day, November 4, 1900, in Central Zion Tabernacle.

God's Spirit was present in the songs of thanksgiving and praise; in the reading of His Word; in the reading of that wonderful cablegram from the General Overseer which was published in the last number of LEAVES OF HEALING; in the straightforward, practical address by Overseer Piper; and when, at the close of the day, nearly two thousand Christian brothers and sisters gathered about the Lord's Table and there, in accordance with His command, broke the bread and drank the wine "in remembrance" of Him.

The great audience which gathered was a tribute not only to the power which God is giving His servants left in charge during the General Overseer's absence, but manifested the loyalty and compactness of Zion.

It showed the wicked falsity of the Chicago newspaper prophecy, that Zion in America would disintegrate during the General Overseer's absence in Europe and the Holy Land.

God, through His Messenger, the General Overseer, built up the Christian Catholic Church in Zion too strongly to have

it fall to pieces in a few months during the temporary absence of its earthly head.

OVERSEER PIPER has begun a campaign for the purpose of building up the subscription list of LEAVES OF HEALING.

Our hearts overflow with gratitude to God when we see and hear on every side and learn from every land how He is blessing LEAVES OF HEALING.

These very pages contain a large number of testimonies to wonderful blessing in spirit, soul and body through LEAVES OF HEALING.

If every member of the Christian Catholic Church everywhere will heartily join Overseer Piper's crusade and earnestly push forward this great power for good, we have no doubt that, by the Grace of God, Zion Printing Works will soon be running day and night to supply the demand.

The subscription list is constantly and rapidly growing, but more can be done.

We are on the eve of a great Onward Movement in LEAVES OF HEALING.

## THE MAH-HAH-BONE MOB IN VANCOUVER.

Zion's Attacks on Secretism Stir Up the Devil in British Columbia.

Vancouver, British Columbia.

Rev. R. M. Simmons, Elder-in-Charge.

A TELEGRAPHIC dispatch published in this department two weeks ago, gave the barest outline of the facts concerning the persecution of Zion in Vancouver, on account of her fearless witnessing against Secretism, one of the organized forces of the Devil in the world today.

Since then the two letters from Elder Simmons, given below, tell the details of that battle and how God gave victory.

The first tells of the trouble reported first in the telegram. It is an account of services held on Lord's Day, October 21st:

A few minutes before time to leave the Tabernacle, last evening, for our street meeting, two police officers called and informed me that they had orders to notify me that I would not be permitted to stand and preach on the street. They said I could preach if I would keep moving.

I asked for the law upon which such orders were based, and was informed it was a city ordinance.

I asked, "Why do you permit the Salvation Army and Socialists and others to speak on the streets?"

They replied, "We are dealing with you now."

Preparations for disturbances, known to the police, had been going on for the two days since the first riot.

Many were the threats.

A special police force was put on to prevent violence.

I told the officers that I was perfectly willing to take my chances in the crowd, but did not wish to violate any law.

A policeman had told one of our members during the day that I was a d— fool and he would not want to be in my place.

I called our people together in the Tabernacle and instructed them that, no matter what happened, there must be no blows struck by Zion.

Having prayed and committed ourselves to God, we loaded up our Gospel wagon with singers and drove down town, singing as we went.

When we reached the place where we usually speak, there were perhaps a thousand people waiting for us.

We drove on around a block and back through the crowd, which quickly grew into perhaps two or three thousand people.

As we approached the dense crowd, I ordered the singing to stop while I prayed.

I attempted to talk as we drove slowly through the crowd, but the people screamed and jeered so that I could not be heard.

A police officer, who kept close to the wagon, ordered me to stop, which I did.

We then began singing again.

Meantime we had passed through the crowd and turned about, driving through again, and on around two blocks further and back to the Tabernacle, singing "We are Marching to Zion." A guard of police and from one to two thousand people followed. When we reached the Tabernacle,



the crowd cried out, "We will let him in, but will not let him out." The Tabernacle was quickly filled, and we held a quiet service for an hour and a half, explaining Zion teaching and proving our position by testimonies.

Through it all Zion behaved grandly, thank God.

Strong Zion men marched close to the wagon while others mingled with the crowd, thus securing valuable information.

A few eggs of the ancient variety were thrown, but not one hit me, who, of course, was the object of their spite.

One brother, not a member, but a friend of Zion, was struck on the chin by a stone, making a small cut.

As I looked into the faces of the would-be mob, I felt somewhat how terrible was the experience of our brethren at Mansfield, Ohio.

There is not a particle of doubt but that I would have been dragged from the wagon and roughly handled had it not been for the presence of the police.

Now, why is all this? Simply because I lifted my voice against the apostate churches and accused Secretism, and especially the latter.

They have murder in their hearts, and hate me because I expose their sins.

I have announced to tell them plainly on Sunday evening, in the Tabernacle, "Why Zion Opposes Secret Societies."

God will bring good out of all this.

Many people will now investigate that which is causing so much excitement.

There were many strangers in the Tabernacle last night for the first time. While there were some hoodlums, there were others who are business men and good citizens.

I told them last night that Zion was on trial; that we would first produce the witnesses, then submit the case to the jury—the audience, of course, being the jury.

When we were through we asked them, "Is that a bad thing to teach, to believe, and to practice?"

The answer came back in accents strong—NO!

I am informed that the authorities are Freemasons. Here is the secret of the whole matter.

With joyful hearts and strong in faith, and full of love and pity for those who would do us harm, we remain faithfully in the battle for the right.

The second letter, which follows, tells of the victory Zion won on the following Lord's Day evening, October 28, 1900:

Zion Tabernacle was filled to overflowing last Sunday evening by 7:30. Later, the double doors were thrown open and how many stood on the outside I do not know, but there were a great many. They were mostly men whose craft, Secretism, was in danger.

No sooner had I begun speaking than the opposition, which could be plainly felt, broke forth.

As I had expected, an effort was made to take the meeting out of my hands, but we were prepared for that.

An officer was sent for. Two stalwart police officers soon appeared and removed one poor fellow, after which we had good order.

It meant \$50 fine for any man who disturbed, if I would appear in court with a charge against him.

For an hour we told them plainly why Zion opposed Secretism.

Many were the threats of violence.

Church members joined the rabble, saying that we ought to be tarred and feathered.

But we have no fear. Thank God, He has given us that love which casteth out fear.

If in the end we receive violence, it will be because of the attitude of a hypocritical and apostate Church which chafes under our plain exposure of its sins.

Elder Simmons has sent us clippings from the local press of Vancouver. They are characterized by the spirit of malicious, wicked lying which has marked Zion's enemies among the modern scribes for years. Even statements of fact are discolored and distorted until there is not a breath of the spirit of truth in them.

But violence, lawlessness, disorder and falsehood can never win the day for the Devil in Vancouver. No weapon formed against Zion can ever prosper.

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## DO YOU KNOW GOD'S WAY OF HEALING?

BY THE REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

Let it be supposed that the following words are a conversation between the reader [A] and the writer [B].

A. What does this question mean? Do you really suppose that God has some especial way of healing in these days of which men may know and avail themselves?

B. That is exactly my meaning, and I wish very much that you should know God's Way of Healing, as I have done for many years.

A. What is the way, in your opinion?

B. You should rather ask, WHO is God's Way? for the Way is a Person, not a thing. I will answer your question in His own words, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; and no cometh unto the Father, but by Me." These words were spoken by our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, who is both our Saviour and our Healer. (John 1:6.)

A. But I always thought that these words only referred to Him as the Way of Salvation. How can you be sure that they refer to Him as the Way of Healing also?

B. Because He cannot change. He is "the same yesterday and today, yea and forever." (Hebrews 13:8.) He said that He came to this earth not only to save us but to heal us (Luke 4:18), and He did this when in the flesh on earth. Being unchanged, He must be able and willing and desirous to heal now.

A. But is there not this difference, namely, that He is not with us now?

B. No; for He said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world"; and so He is with us now, in Spirit, just as much as when He was here in the flesh.

A. But did He not work these miracles of healing when on earth merely to prove that He was the Son of God?

B. No; there was still a greater purpose than that. He healed the sick who trusted in Him in order to prove that He came to die not only for our sins, but for our sicknesses, and to deliver us from both.

A. Then, if that is so, the atonement which He made on the Cross must have been for our sicknesses as well as our sins. Can you prove that is the fact from the Scriptures?

B. Yes, I can, and the passages are very numerous. I need quote two only. In Isaiah 53:4, 5, it is written of Him, "Surely He hath borne our griefs (Hebrew *sinneses*), and carried our sorrows; and with His stripes we are healed." Then in the Gospel according to Matthew, this passage is quoted and directly applied to the work of bodily healing, in chapter 8, 17th verse, "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our diseases."

A. But do you not think that sickness is often God's will, and sent for our good, and therefore God may not wish us to be healed?

B. No, He cannot possibly be the author of diseases of every kind are the Devil's work, and his work can never be God's will, since Christ came for the very purpose of destroying "the works of the Devil." (1 John 3:8.)

A. Do you mean to say that all disease is the work of Satan?

B. Yes, for if there had been no sin (which came through Satan) there never would have been any disease, and Jesus never in one single instance told any person that sickness was God's will or evil, but the very opposite.

A. Can you prove from Scripture that all forms of sickness and infirmity are the Devil's work?

B. Yes, that can be done very easily. You will see in Matthew 4:23 and 9:35 that when Jesus was here in the flesh, He healed "all manner of disease and all manner of sickness among the people." Then if you will refer to Acts 10:38 you will see that the Apostle Peter declares that He [Jesus] "went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the Devil." Notice that all whom He healed, not some, were suffering from Satan's evil power.

A. But does disease never come from God?

B. No, it cannot come from God, for He is pure, and disease is unclean; and it cannot come out of Heaven; for there is no disease there.

A. That is very different from the teachings which I have received all my life from ministers and in the churches. Do you really think that you are right, and that they are all wrong in this matter?

B. It is not a question as between myself and them. The only question is, What does God's Word say? God has said in all the ages to His Church, "I am the Lord that healeth the sick" (Exodus 15:26), and I do not regret for it was said to the sick, but to the people. All true Christians must believe the Bible, and it is impossible to believe that good and evil, sickness and health, sin and holiness could have a common origin in God. If the Bible really taught that, it would be impossible to believe our Lord Jesus Christ when He says, "A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit." (Matthew 7:18.)

A. But even if I agree with all you say, is it not true that the Gifts of Healing were removed from the Church, and are not in it now?

B. No, the "Gifts of Healing" were never withdrawn, and can never be withdrawn, from the true Church of God; for it is written, "The gifts and the calling of God are without repentance." (Romans 11:29.) There are nine gifts of God to the Church (enumerated in 1 Corinthians 12:8-11), and if any of these are not in the Church, then so long as the Holy Spirit is in the Church, all the gifts must be there also. If they are not exercised, that does not prove that they do not exist, but that the faith to exercise them is lacking in God's servants. The gifts are all perfectly preserved; for the Holy Spirit, not the Church, keeps them safely.

A. What should a Christian then do when overtaken with sickness?

B. A Christian should at once stand at the altar, and at once call on Him for forgiveness of the sin which may have caused the sickness, and for immediate healing. Healing is obtained from God in one of four ways, namely: First, by the direct prayer of faith, without any aid from the officers of the Church, praying as the Centurion did in Matthew 8:5 to 12; second, by two faithful disciples praying in perfect agreement, in accordance with the Lord's promise in Matthew 18:19; third, by the anointing of the elders and the prayer of faith, according to the instructions in James 5:14 and 15; and fourth, by the laying on of the hands of them who believe, and whom God calls to that ministry, as the Lord commands in Mark 16:18, and in other places.

A. But are people healed in this way in these days?

B. Yes, in thousands of cases. I have myself laid hands upon many hundreds of thousands of persons, and I have seen the Lord's Power manifested in the healing of great numbers, many of whom are living witnesses in many countries, who have testified publicly before thousands, and who are prepared to testify at any time. This ministry is being exercised by devoted Christians in many parts of America, Europe, Australasia and elsewhere.

A. Is it not the same as Christian Science, Mind Healing, etc.?

B. No. Divine Healing is diametrically opposed to these diabolical counterfeits, which are impostures, and very hurtful to the souls of those who are misled by Spiritualism.

A. More recent form of this delusion, and it deceives many.

B. True. Evangelism is also a more recent form of this delusion, and it deceives many.

A. But how shall I obtain the necessary faith to receive healing, which faith I am at present conscious I do not possess?

B. It is written, "Belief cometh of hearing, and hearing by the Word of Christ." (Romans 10:17.) Our Missions are held for the express purpose of teaching fully the Word of God on this matter, and I very heartily invite you to attend the meetings which are announced for Zion Tabernacle. All are welcome and there are no charges of any kind made, for all God's gifts are free gifts. Salvation is the first of these, without which you cannot be healed through faith in Jesus. All the costs of this work are covered by the free-will offerings of the people who attend these meetings, and others whom the Lord leads to help; but the more we have, the more we are able to do, and we heartily welcome the richest.

A. Do you see the sick and lay hands upon them in this Mission?

B. Yes; after we feel satisfied that they are fully resting in the Lord alone for the healing, we see privately, so far as time permits, those who attend; but under no circumstances do we claim the power to heal any; for "power belongeth unto God."

A. Have you any writings upon this subject which can be purchased?

B. Yes, you may purchase "The Healing of Christ's seamless dress," 127 Michigan Avenue, or at Zion Tabernacle, 1621-1633 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill. This is the best book on Divine Healing is the Bible itself, studied prayerfully and earnestly.

We extend to you a hearty invitation to attend the meetings, which are free to all. Our prayer is that you may be led to find in Jesus Christ our Lord and God, your present Saviour from sin, your Healer from sickness, your Cleanser from all evil, your Keeper in the way to Heaven, your Friend, and your All for Time and Eternity. We pray that these words may help many who read, and that our little conversation may bear fruit in leading many readers to look to Jesus only.

"The Healing of Christ's seamless dress

Is by all beds of pain;

We touch Him in life's throng and press,

And we are whole again."



### Eczema and Kidney Disease Healed Through Reading Leaves of Healing.

A gentleman in Ontario, Canada, writes:

I am pleased to tell you that I have been very much interested in Zion teaching since John Sorby, one of your young students, was here visiting his old home and got me to subscribe for LEAVES OF HEALING.

The paper is worth its weight in gold, and more, too.

Since I have been reading it I have been healed of two very bad diseases—eczema and kidney disease.

The former I had suffered from for the most of my life; the latter about twenty years.

I am now fifty-eight years old.

I had suffered many things of many physicians and, like a poor sinner mentioned in the Gospel, "was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse."

Dr. Whitely and Dr. Taylor had both treated me.

One tortured me to an awful degree by applying caustic to the worst eczema sores. The pain produced by this was something fearful.

The other gave me two boxes of liniment to apply, which also caused pain. One was to be put on one side of my body from head to foot; the other was to be applied to the other side of me from head to foot.

Between doctors and patent medicines, I had spent a great deal of money, which, if it had been given to the Lord to spread the truth, the precious Gospel of Jesus Christ, would have done some good.

Since the Little White Dove has been coming to my home I have done with doctors and drugs and pork. I have been blessed in body, soul and spirit, thank God.

I use no tobacco. The Lord delivered me from that dirty weed many years ago. The Lord saved me also from drunkenness at the same time. I have at times taken a little strong drink as medicine.

But no more medicine for me henceforth, thank God.

Whenever there is anything the matter with me now, I pray to God the Father in the Name of the Son, as your paper directs, and He hears and does me all the good I need. Praise His Name.

### The Macedonian Cry Comes From India.

From India, a native of that country writes:

I am so glad to receive and read LEAVES OF HEALING.

Its contents appeal most forcibly to my heart, for the Power of Christ runs through all of its pages. This every honest-minded Christian must confess.

I receive its teachings as being the only true teaching. It and the Zion tracts and pamphlets are next to my Bible.

I prefer no other books to them. They help me in my daily duties and in my family life. This I feel every day.

Sometimes its pages detect all of my weaknesses and feebleness in my Christian life.

They help me to grow in grace and strong in faith.

How I thank Dr. Dowie in my heart God only knows.

Zion teaching is quite foreign to the Christians here. Its teachings seem to them so strange that some resent it at once without thinking about it. Some take it in a reasonable way whenever I tell them to go to the Bible, which is the only standard to judge it by.

The name of Dowie is a household word in some quarters here.

Our ministers do not seem to believe this kind of teaching. Many Christian young men are very anxious to know Zion's real teaching and to see Dr. Dowie himself, if possible.

When is Dr. Dowie to come to India? Evangelists, Elders, etc., have gone to China and Japan, why do they not come to India?

India urgently requires the services of a man like Dr. Dowie. There are many hearts in India which long to accept the true teaching which is found in Zion. How greatly such a man's services are needed here God only knows. Let him come quickly.

You are aware of the fact that the plague in India is very severe. There are many so-called physicians here, yet the death-rate is terribly high. They are physicians of no value. If Dr. Dowie were here, how

many would come to worship at the feet of Christ, the Great Physician and Healer!

I hope all of the members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion will remember us in prayer. Will you please ask them to?

I always remember Zion in my prayers.

Will you remember me, my wife and children in your prayers?

I do not know what the future will be. Trusting in God, I will be safe.

From another part of India, a missionary writes:

I am astonished at the change in myself wrought by the Spirit through Zion's blessed literature. It is the most powerful reading that ever I saw.

God has been so sensibly near all day! How blessed to be in His hands, dwelling with the King for His work, ready for whatsoever He shall appoint.

We feel that we must have an Overseer and Zion missionaries and a Zion Home and Zion Cities for India. The friends here are crying mightily to God for this.

Brother — was not favorably impressed by the LEAVES at first, but is now strong in the faith and has had two answers to prayer for healing the sick.

I read this noon the testimony of Mrs. Myrtle Dawson and Brother Graves' experience in killing hogs in Minnesota. How I did enjoy it; and then I saw more plainly than ever what it will mean to be a Messenger for Zion. But I thank God He gives His Spirit and makes us bold and true.

### Goats' Feet and Wasp Waists.

A lady in Australia writes to Overseer Mason regarding his article on "Goats' Feet and Wasp Waists," which appears in LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume VII, Number 10, as follows:

DEAR BROTHER IN CHRIST:—I rejoice to see the above article, and I feel I must write to thank you.

The doctors say that this favorite article of feminine apparel is the cause of the multiplied physical troubles which afflict womankind.

God led me to lay aside the corset, and I have been used to influence other women to leave it off, when marked improvement in health followed in each case.

One case, that of a physician's daughter, was remarkable.

Her testimony was, "I am a new woman."

No woman ever admits that she laces tightly, and yet there is pressure enough to cause disease, more or less.

Indeed, this thing designed by the Devil is a defiler and destroyer of our bodies. God in His mercy is warning the people to repent and forsake it. Many of us think the cartoons in LEAVES OF HEALING are very good.

Reader, Zion Literature Mission needs your help to send out the Full Gospel. Will you not cut out or write the following form and send your contribution?

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—Mark 16:15.

### Zion Literature Sent Out From a Free Distribution Fund Provided by Zion's Guests and the Friends of Zion. Report for the Week Ending November 3, 1900.

16,972	Rolls to.....	England.
13,215	Rolls to.....	Various States in the Union.
814	Rolls to.....	Various Foreign Countries.
800	Rolls to.....	Africa.
650	Rolls to.....	Denmark.
197	Rolls to.....	Germany.
	Number of Rolls for the week.....	32,678.
	Number of Rolls reported to November 3, 1900.....	795,665.

## ZION CITY BANK.

By DEACON W. S. PECKHAM.

I LOOK for the Church and I find it in the World;  
I look for the World and I find it in the Church.

THESE words were true when first spoken and are even more sadly true today. Members of the Church cannot be distinguished from those outside the Church.

Worldliness reigns supreme in the Church which has lowered the standard to the world, instead of demanding that the world come up to the standard of Christianity.

Popular entertainments have taken the place of the prayer meetings. Popular lectures have replaced the Gospel sermon. Operatic music has driven out the anthem of praise. Choirs are filled with unsaved and wicked persons.

Trustees and other officers are often men of bad reputation. Men of piety are set aside for men of wealth.

Simple faith in God is supplanted by higher criticism. Enthusiasm has been decried and apathy and indifference abound instead.

The revival spirit is dead, and there is no great spiritual power.

Credes have been brought in and taken the place of the Bible.

Brotherly love has vanished and classes or sets exist. Real worship in the spirit has largely ceased and cold formality prevails.

The ministers are no longer shepherds, but have become hirelings. They feed themselves, and not the sheep.

The sheep rule the shepherd, and there is no power in the ministry to control. The mob spirit is in both Church and State. The "perilous" times have come.

God has "spewed" this apostasy out of His mouth.

The Church which should be the Bride of Christ has become the harlot of the world.

I pray not that Thou shouldst take them from the world, but that Thou shouldst keep them from the evil one.—John 17:15.

Pure religion and undefiled before our God and Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.—James 1:27.

I look for the Church and I find it in the Political World;

I look for the Political World and I find it in the Church.

The Church has gone to the world in the matter of government. The Rule of God is set aside and the methods of the political ringster control. Conventions are packed, and the wire-pulling and disorder of ecclesiastical bodies cannot be outdone in the vilest scenes of partisan politics. Selfish ambition for place and power inspires, instead of unselfish humility and desire to serve.

And whosoever would be first among you shall be your servant: even as the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many.—Matthew 20:27, 28.

In love of the brethren be tenderly affectioned one to another; in honor preferring one another.—Romans 12:10.

I look for the Church and I find it in the Theater;

I look for the Theater and I find it in the Church.

The Church turns to the world for its amusements. Theaters, horse races, card parties, dances, wine suppers, saloons, and countless worldly pleasures are all indulged in, and no voice of protest comes from the Church.

The following clipping (one of many) from a late copy of a Chicago paper, tells part of the terrible depths to which the Church has fallen:

CHURCH WOMEN HEAR RAG-TIME.—A minstrel performance was given in the Masonic Hall, Sixty-third Street and Wentworth Avenue, last night, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid and Earnest Workers' Societies

of the Normal Park Presbyterian Church, Sixty-third Street and Yale Avenue. The performance opened up with the regular "first part," in which ballads were sung, jokes were cracked at the expense of members of the Church congregation, and "rag-time" songs were sung. The entertainment concluded with a cakewalk.

Time and space would fail us to tell of the shameful grab-bags, lustful bare feet and kissing acts, lotteries and gambling, progressive euchre parties; also of the suppers where the unclean hog and oyster hold a prominent place on the bill of fare. Invitations are sent out to the public, and young men who spend their nights in dens of vice and infamy come into the presence of pure young women; are admitted into close relations and lead many away to lives of shame.

I look for the Church and I find it in the Lodge;

I look for the Lodge and I find it in the Church.

Jesus answered him, I have spoken openly to the world; I even taught in synagogues, and in the Temple, where all the Jews come together; and in secret spake I nothing.—John 18:20.

Not only has the Lodge taken the place of the Church with many Christians, but the Lodge controls in the Church, and members of lodges get appointments over godly and capable men, who are relegated to the backwoods. Secretism belongs to the Devil and is destroying the true worship of God and bringing in the false worship of Baal.

The oaths of all the thousands of secret lodges have death penalties. Men and women have been bound by these awful pledges, and made familiar with murderous thoughts and feelings until the whole world is reaping the results in mob violence and lawlessness, which threaten the life of all nations. Away with these awful murderous oaths!

Would Jesus Christ take upon Himself a murderous oath? The ministers or the Church members who belong to secret lodges are false to Jesus Christ.

If we say we have fellowship with Him, and walk in the darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: but if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanseth us from all sin.—1 John 1:6, 7.

I look for the Church and I find it in the Medical World;

I look for Doctors, Drugs and Druggists and I find them in the Church.

The Church no longer believes in the prayer of faith which saves the sick. Belief in the supernatural is relegated back to old Bible times, and to the days of Jesus the Christ, the disciples, and the early Church.

The Church has forsaken the way of the Lord, and turned to the arm of flesh. Jesus sent His disciples forth and said, "He that believeth shall be saved," and He that believeth shall lay hands upon the sick and they shall recover.

But the Church no longer believes Jesus. She trains up medical missionaries, and sends them forth with the Bible in one hand and the medicine chest in the other. The "heathen" read, "I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26), and at once see the falsity of the position of the Church.

The failure of missions and the failure of the Church date largely from the time the Church rejected the Lord as Healer, and turned to doctors, drugs and druggists—the Devil's way of attempted healing.

For many centuries the Church has been apostate, but the darkness deepens, and Jesus may well ask, "When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?"

The leaders of all the great movements in the Church have believed in Divine Healing.

Nearly all the great reformers held this faith.

Martin Luther's writings abound in facts supporting this truth. Through the prayer of Martin Luther, Melancthon was brought back to health when dying.

George Fox, of the Quaker Church, and John and Charles Wesley, of the Methodist Church, all defended this truth. They each one sought the Lord for healing, and were wonderfully healed. But the churches have departed from the faith of their founders as well as from the Lord Jesus.

The Church or the pastor that fights Divine Healing will die. Zion will restore the Church to its primitive faith and power. But the faith and power of the primitive Church means the persecution, trials and sufferings of the primitive Church.

This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

The Church has gone to the world in the matter of raising money for its support. All kinds of schemes are concocted to pull money out of the public. The character of the entertainment does not matter so long as it will draw the people and bring in the shekels.

Beggars from Roman Catholic and Protestant churches are constantly appealing to the world for alms.

It is a disgrace to any Church to go around begging for money. A Church whose members cannot support it ought to die—it is not a Church of the Living God.

The world holds the begging Church in contempt. God is not blessing, and the churches are dying. The giving of a tenth to the Lord would provide any Church with all the funds needed to carry on aggressive work.

Zion never has gone to the world for a dollar for her vast work. Our beloved General Overseer has seldom called upon his own people to give, but he demands that all obey God's command and pay their tithes and offerings. And the worldwide work of Zion goes smoothly and rapidly forward with God's own money.

Will a man rob God? yet ye rob Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with the curse; for ye rob Me, even this whole nation. Bring ye the whole tithe into the Storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.—Malachi 3:8-10.

This promise has been made good to Zion. God is pouring out His blessing, and there is not a day or an hour in which Zion is not going forward in every department.

If we continue faithful, God will continue to bless us in a marvelous way.

As Zion has never appealed to the world for money for her spiritual work, no more must she appeal to the world for any money to build up Zion City and her many great industries.

Let Zion be established with the money God has put into the hands of His own children. We believe that God does not want us to go to the world for money. He will bless Zion and each individual member of Zion just in proportion as we assist in a financial way.

It would be an easy matter for our beloved General Overseer to borrow money from the world, but we believe this would displease God; and if we fail to let our resources be used, God will surely hold us guilty.

Count it not only a duty, but a great privilege to help build up Zion. This is God's Zion, and not only does our General Overseer know who are failing to do their duty, but God also knows.

Some are waiting to see whether this work will succeed. The world says our General Overseer is the best business man in Chicago. He never fails in anything he undertakes, for God is with him.

God says when His people become a willing people that He will manifest His power.

God's cities must be built with clean money, by clean hands, for a clean people.

Many are sending in requests for prayer who ought also to send in application or stock. Those who trust Zion in the

time of sickness and trouble, and refuse to help when God calls for means to build up Zion, will not keep their blessing. The time has come when all that we have must be used for God. We must not only come into Zion, spirit, soul and body, but all that we possess must be in Zion, too.

Many are not perfectly healed because they do not fully trust all to Zion. We call to mind a case recently where a woman could not get her healing. She had some property, and just as soon as she invested it in Zion, she was quickly healed. We show our faith and trust in God by our faith and trust in Zion.

Our people must change all their investments in the world to Zion, and do all their business, as far as possible, with Zion's institutions.

Many have responded, but there must not be one buried talent or one unfaithful steward.

Have you committed all to Zion? Hear the call of God, through His Messenger, "Let us build Zion City—a City of God."

Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity builded a temple unto the Lord, the God of Israel; then they drew near to Zerubbabel, and to the heads of fathers' houses, and said unto them, Let us build with you: for we seek your God, as ye do. . . . But Zerubbabel, and Jeshua, and the rest of the heads of fathers' houses of Israel, said unto them, Ye have nothing to do with us to build an house unto our God; but we ourselves together will build unto the Lord, the God of Israel, as King Cyrus the King of Persia hath commanded us.—Ezra 4:1-3.

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REV. JOHN G. SPEICHER.

Dear Brother in Christ:—It is nearly four years since God saved me. I am a member of Zion. I was always sickly. I always used medicine before I came to Zion. I was sick for the last three weeks. I had lung trouble. God healed me. I am saved from many kinds of sickness. I thank God that I can go to school again.

Your Sister in Christ,  
(MISS) LIZZIE HANSEN.

# CHEERING WORDS FROM ZION'S QUESTS

NOTES FROM ZION HOME

THE regular Praise and Testimony Meeting held in Zion Home, Saturday evening, November 3, 1900, was conducted by Deacon A. F. Lee.

After the usual opening exercises, the States represented were enumerated and found to be seven in number, as follows: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Tennessee. The following foreign countries were represented: Canada, China and England.

The meeting was then thrown open for testimony.

JOHN SINGLETON, 73 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I thank God in behalf of my niece. About three months ago she fell, cutting her leg badly. She wrote asking for prayers. I wrote and told her if she would quit doctors and medicines, I would have Zion pray for her. She did so, and in eight days after prayer she was much better, and in a week from that time she was perfectly healed.

"I also thank God for what He has done for me. Six weeks ago I went across Lake Michigan to spend Sunday. I wore my summer clothes and on the way it turned cold. I came back with a very bad cold. It settled in my bronchial tubes. I became quite sick and sent for an Elder. I had a raging fever, but the next morning after Elder Fockler prayed for me I was much better. Afterwards the cold settled in my lung and I had Overseer Mason pray for me. In a few days I was perfectly healed. Before I was in Zion I would suffer for months with such an attack.

"I thank God for the truths which are proclaimed in Zion for Full Salvation for spirit, soul and body."

DEACONESS MARY SPEICHER, Zion Home, said: "Two weeks ago I started for Brooklyn, New York. It was quite an undertaking for me. I thank God for another Zion baby. This was quite a peculiar case, as the lady was paralyzed, and had been for years. There was some opposition in the family because we did not want a physician, but I praise God we got along without a physician and she has a nice healthy baby. The mother said she felt better than she had for five years. Some of her friends and neighbors thought it was wonderful, but it is only a natural result in Zion.

"The Word of God says, 'If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you.'

"We do ask in Zion and expect to receive. I praise God that He brought me safely home again."

MRS. MARY TANK, Harmon, Illinois said: "I rejoice that I am with you in Zion Home tonight. I had been unable to walk for three months. I could stand, but I could not walk. Last week I could not walk to the street car, but now, praise God, I can walk without any help.

"I am so thankful for what I have received in Zion."

MRS. MAGGIE COSGROVE, Harvey, Illinois, said: "I am thankful for what the Lord has done for me during the past week. I tried to put down carpet, and, of course, that was far beyond my strength. I had quite a battle, but the Lord has delivered me. I came here last Sabbath with a high fever. That was unusual for me, as my temperature is seldom above normal. I knew that God would deliver me, and He did. I desire to live for God's glory."

MRS. ADELINE TURNER, Dekalb, Illinois, said: "I came here last Sunday evening. Before I got on the cars at Dekalb

it had been raining, and I slipped and fell, spraining my knee in such a way that I could hardly stand. I got better before I arrived here, but about 11 o'clock at night I was taken with a dreadful pain, so bad I could hardly stand it. I got up, but I could not take a step. I began to think I was very bad. Deaconess Robbins and some others prayed for me, and the Lord has healed me entirely.

"My object in coming here was to get the teaching of Zion and more light on some subjects. I thank God that I have received much blessing and help since I have been here. I take LEAVES OF HEALING, and have distributed a good many copies."

DEACONESS SOPHIA HERTRICH, Zion Home, said: "I feel like praising God more and more for the teaching of Zion, especially as I go out and get acquainted with Zion people, those who have been in Zion for some time. When I hear the testimonies of families who had been Roman Catholics, Lutherans, etc., how thankful they are for Zion, it makes my heart rejoice.

"I love to hear the testimonies of the children. Not long ago in a cottage meeting a little boy testified to his healing of sore eyes. His teacher had sent him home from school and said he could not come any more, and that he ought to be sent to a dispensary. He had Elder Stith pray for him and he received healing. He went back to school and his teacher would not believe that he was healed. She soon found that his eyes were all right.

"The children of Zion always have some little story of blessing and healing to tell. I thank God for the blessings which have been received through the teachings of Zion."

JOHN H. JULIAN, Ellwood, Indiana, said: "I thank God for the privilege of meeting with you. I have been reading LEAVES OF HEALING for some time. About eight months ago I was healed of the tobacco habit, and since that time I have been trusting Jesus as my Healer, and have not taken a drop of medicine. Before that time there was scarcely a day when I did not take medicine.

"Through the prayers of Zion and a brother who was healed in Zion, I was brought nearer to Christ than I had ever been before. I was one of the worst stinkpots who ever used tobacco. I was never condemned for that habit until I came in contact with the teaching of Zion. I soon found out that I was not what I ought to be.

"There was another thing in the way. I was a Mah-hah-bone, and I gave that up. I have not been in a Masonic Lodge since that time.

"I had a desire to come to Zion after I read LEAVES OF HEALING. I thought if it was as I read in that paper, my wife and I would unite with the Church. I was a member of the Christian Church for a number of years and tried to live a Christian life.

"I have received great blessing through the teaching of Zion. I was healed of stomach trouble and have had good health ever since.

"My wife has also received much blessing. She was healed, after being sick for three years."

T. B. KETTELL, Zion Home, said: "I feel grateful to God that I was ever brought in contact with Zion teaching. I have been reading LEAVES OF HEALING and attending a good many



of the meetings, and I notice that, during the last few months, peace and joy have been increasing in my heart, which I knew little of before I came to Zion. I realize that the teaching we receive here takes a deeper hold of a person than the teaching of the old churches.

"I especially enjoy the early morning meetings. I thank God that He has raised up a people in Zion who teach the Full Gospel."

MISS MABEL BURKE, Zion Home, said: "It has been my privilege to be in Zion Home almost a year. I have received many blessings and have been healed of colds without the use of remedies, for which I thank God.

"I count it a great privilege to be in Zion Home. The atmosphere is good here. It is a house of prayer and praise and song. No matter in what part of the house you are, you can hear strains of song and praise, and you are met with a smile and a word of encouragement. It is a great blessing to be here.

"I thank God that the Bible is a new Book to me since I came to Zion. In this I voice the sentiment of many others. God is a new God to me. He is my Father, and I thank Him for the many blessings He has bestowed upon me."

MRS. FLORENCE DAVIS, 2143 West Lake Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I have a great many reasons to thank God which I cannot enumerate. I thank Him first of all for bringing me to Zion, and that I have the privilege of visiting Zion Home, which I have always had the desire to do. I was healed five years ago, and I have never been sick since. I used to be an invalid, was always sick, and was seldom out of bed two weeks at a time. Since God healed me, He has kept me. I praise Him for His keeping power."

D. W. DAVIS, 2143 West Lake Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I thank God I am here. I thank God that I was forced to come. I was a terrible stinkpot and beerpot, but by the help of God I was brought to Zion. I know my peace is made with God."

E. D. BERGMAN, Glenburg, Ohio, said: "I have been here over three weeks, and have received blessing and healing every time the Elders have prayed for me. In many ways God has shown His love for me. I thank God for the wonderful blessings He has given to me."

JOHN FIDDIS, Zion Home, said: "I thank God for the blessings I have received in the last few days. For some time back the flesh has been rising and fighting for victory. I thank God that the flesh is being conquered and that the spirit is conquering. I had a talk with Overseer Speicher, and when he laid hands upon me and prayed for me I received a great blessing. I never hated sin so much as I do now. I desire to live a pure, godly life the remainder of my days."

MISS TERESA DAY, Zion Home, said: "I thank the Lord tonight for the privilege of being in Zion Home. I feel it a great help to my spiritual life. God has been with me, and I know that He is helping me every day and giving me strength in many ways. I have received blessing and healing, and I thank Him for keeping me so well and strong."

J. C. KRAUS, 1635 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I thank God for two years of blessed fellowship in Zion. They have been the best years of my life. I had the pleasure of staying two weeks in Zion Home, and I shall never forget those two weeks. I came here from the hospital.

"I thank God for the many things He has done for me. I have been delivered from bad habits, and I also thank Him for the strength which He has given me. I have been able to work for nearly twenty-five months without losing a single day."

MISS EMILY DAUBNEY (formerly of Beeston, Notts, England), Zion Home, said: "I have received great blessing since

I came to Zion. I remember before I came to Zion how we would count the days when LEAVES OF HEALING would come. If the boat was late we would be so disappointed, and when it would come we would take it around to the houses where they had not received it. We were always eager to read 'Cheering Words From Zion's Guests.'"

MRS. ELLA B. WELBORNE, Washington, District of Columbia, said: "I thank my Heavenly Father that He led me to Zion a little over a week ago. I have been spiritually and bodily benefited. For the last seven or eight years I had been a victim of drugs. Many nights I could not sleep without morphine. I am thankful to God that he spared my life."

GEORGIA ALAHTA BAUMGARTNER, 180 East Twenty-third Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I thank God for what He has done for me. Elder Fockler prayed for me when I was very sick with fever, and God healed me. I have been gaining in weight ever since."

The meeting was closed with the

#### BENEDICTION.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you, keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

#### OVERSEER MASON'S VISIT TO NEW YORK STATE, NEW ENGLAND AND PENNSYLVANIA.

At each place the meetings on the Lord's Day will be at 10:30 A. M., and at 2:30 and 7:30 P. M. The other meetings will be in the evening; in some cases also in the afternoon. Only evening services can be promised, unless otherwise stated.

The ordinance of Triune Immersion will be administered where there are candidates.

There will be teaching on God's Way of Healing, and prayer with the sick.

Let all the Friends of Zion notify friends in neighboring towns. Let all be much in prayer, that the meetings may glorify God.

For the place of meeting, inquire of the person named.

Providence, Rhode Island, Saturday and Sunday, November 17th and 18th; Walter Jones, 59 Cranston Street.

Binghamton, New York, Tuesday, November 20th; C. J. Cook, 218 Oak Street.

Ithaca, New York, Wednesday, November 21st; D. W. Fish, 107 Fourth Street.

Bluff Point, Yates County, New York, Friday, November 23d; Frank Purdy.

Hornellsville, New York, Sunday, November 25th, to Wednesday, November 28th; C. H. Osborn, 19 State Street.

Port Allegheny, Pennsylvania, Friday, November 30th; Mrs. G. W. Berfield.

Bradford, Pennsylvania, Sunday and Monday, December 2d and 3d; B. S. Love.

Warren, Pennsylvania, Wednesday, December 5th; Mrs. A. H. McKelvy.

Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, Thursday, December 6th, to Monday, December 10th; Charles W. Wright, Box 45, Station D.

DO NOT write letters to the heads of departments for news concerning the progress being made at Zion City, when you can find it all in THE COMING CITY. Send in your subscription to Zion Publishing House, 1207 Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

FOR TOPOGRAPHIC MAP of Zion City Site, see THE COMING CITY of August 22d. Price, ten cents, by mail, postpaid.

# NOTES OF THANKSGIVING TO ZION'S GOD

## Baby Healed When Dying of Cholera-Infantum.

NORTH SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT, October 27, 1900.

OVERSEER J. G. SPEICHER.

*Dear Brother in Christ:*—It is with gratitude and praise to God that I write you an account of what God in His love and mercy has done for us in healing our baby.

He had always been a very healthy child.

He was one year old the 16th of August, 1900, and about the 1st of September his bowels began to be bad.

On the 7th of September his bowels were very bad, and I wrote to you requesting prayer.

In the night he was very much worse, vomiting.

The discharge from the bowels was very bad and very frequent.

He seemed to be in such distress I had to hold him nearly all the time.

In the morning he could not hold his head up. One would not think he was the same child by his looks, his eyes looked so dull and lifeless.

We went to God as best we knew, asking Him to show us if anything was in the way to prevent His healing the child.

Some few things were shown us which we made right, and on the 9th he was more comfortable.

I wrote you again the 10th. On the 12th there was a change for the better. On the 16th of September his bowels were well.

We did not give him any medicine.

We trusted God and He healed him.

To God be all the glory.

We did not have any physician to name the disease, but I think it was cholera-infantum. Call it what you may, I know my baby was very near death's door, and nothing but the power of God saved him.

I praise God, for I am sure if we had not obeyed God he would not be with us.

I thank you for your prayers, also for your kind, encouraging letters.

Your Sister in Christ, (MRS.) F. A. HALL.

## Healed at Time of Prayer.

FULTON, ILLINOIS, October 30, 1900.

OVERSEER W. H. PIPER.

*Dear Brother in Christ:*—I write a few lines to the glory of God.

I wrote you a request for prayer October 18th.

Your reply showed that you received my letter on the 19th, and that you had prayed for me.

I do not know at what hour you prayed, but I do know that in the afternoon the pain all left my foot, and I have not experienced any pain since.

I had not had my shoe on for nine days. The morning of the 20th I could put my shoe on.

I am happy to say that God has heard and answered my prayer this week.

I took a very severe cold. I prayed and received almost instant relief.

I praise God for His goodness to me, for His great love toward me and for His healing power.

I also thank you for your kind sympathy and for your prayers.

May God richly bless you and Zion everywhere.

Faithfully your Sister in Christ, (MRS.) ANNIE TREACE.

## Many Healings and Blessings in Answer to Zion's Prayers.

TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI, November 2, 1900.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*Beloved Overseer:*—We do "praise God from whom all blessings flow." Forgive us in not communicating the same sooner.

My dear wife for nine days had burning fever, with congestion of the liver and inflammation of the stomach. For three days not a particle of nourishment nor a bit of water could she retain on her stomach.

But now we are praising God our Father and rejoicing in the Holy Spirit, in the Name of Jesus, that all fever, congestion and inflammation are gone, in answer to your prayer and help from Zion.

Our little Hattie, for whom we had you pray, is at school today, delivered from chills and fever.

After becoming overheated in working with hay, about two months ago, I became very bilious. My very system filled with malaria, followed with chills and fever.

When my wife wrote to you and you prayed, the Devil's shackles were stricken off and I was liberated for the glory of God.

Last, but not least, God answered in the case of our dear little daughter Nellie, whom we brought to Zion in Chicago, in July last. We had no hope for her but in the Lord.

When you came into our room and rebuked the spirit of fear in our hearts and laid hands on her and prayed, we believed the head of the serpent was crushed. He writhed a few days after and was no more.

Now our dear Nellie is very well and going to school, walking one mile. She has not missed a day.

For all these blessings we praise and glorify God, thank John Alexander Dowie, our General Overseer, and bless all Zion.

We thank God for the privilege of belonging to the Christian Catholic Church, if we are very feeble members.

Your Brother in Christ,

L. G. BOGGAN.

## Cleansed From Sins and Healed of Diseases.

251 HASTINGS STREET,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, November 5, 1900.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—It is now about two years since God brought me out of the Methodist Church into the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

I feel it to be my duty to testify and tell of the many blessings which God has bestowed upon me in spirit, soul and body during this time.

He has cleansed me from sins and healed me from many sicknesses; among others dyspepsia, catarrh in the head, weak eyes, and lung trouble.

My wages have also been increased six times since I began to pay my tithes, which proves that God's promises in Malachi 3:10-12 are being fulfilled.

I give God all the glory and praise for this, and thanks be to Him for sending us our dear General Overseer to proclaim with power the Full Gospel, teaching us to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour, Healer and Cleanser.

May God guide, protect and bless him, and every true officer and member in Zion.

Pray God to give me grace and power to obey Him, and live a holy life, that I may be a living testimony in my every-day life for our Redeemer.

Your Brother in Christ,

ABEL BURMAN.

## Healed of Severe Pain.

104 IRVING PARK BOULEVARD,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, October 30, 1900.

OVERSEER PIPER:—I feel it my duty to testify to what God has done for me.

On August 5, 1900, I was taken sick with a pain in my right cheek.

In the evening I went to bed and slept about one hour, when I was awakened with a severe pain in my stomach.

All that night I was very sick.

In the morning we sent for Elder Armstrong, but he did not come until evening.

He laid hands on me and prayed, and I received a great blessing.

I went to sleep and slept soundly all night, and was up and around the next day.

On October 27th I was taken sick with the same pain. We all prayed and I got relieved, and was up before evening.

I praise God for His healing power and for Zion.

Yours in Christ,

MABEL LAUNBRANCH.

## Little Boy Healed of Tuberculosis of Hip, Knee and Kidneys.

BERLIN, WISCONSIN, October 28, 1900.

DEAR OVERSEER SPEICHER:—My little boy is well of that weakness in his kidneys caused by tuberculosis.

He is also entirely healed of the lameness and spinal weakness caused by tuberculosis of hip and knee, which was very bad three months ago.

We thank you for your prayers.

Our prayers are with Dr. Dowie and family and all Zion everywhere. We thank God for the true teaching of the Everlasting Gospel as we never knew it before.

I enjoy reading LEAVES OF HEALING and THE COMING CITY.

Your Sister in Christ,

SUSANAH M. SWADLEY

## God's Power Heals Son.

BLUE MOUND, KANSAS, October 28, 1900

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Brother in Christ:*—Your letter of the 23d at hand. In reply I would say that a little after 1 o'clock by our time, our little son revived and began to improve from that time on.

He was very bad with an epidemic which is in this country.

We are very thankful to God, and to you also for your prayers.

May God bless you and Zion.

Your Brother in Christ,

Original from J. R. AYRES.



By REV. W. F. MATTHEWS, M. A., B. D., PRINCIPAL PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT.

**T**HE quick passage of time has brought us nearly half through the first term of the present school year, but has not yet stopped the coming of new students.

On this account it might be well to remind those who are thinking of entering Zion College that they are at a great disadvantage if they come in so late in the term.

It is also a detriment to the classes to have new pupils coming in at all times in the term. It is always better to begin at the beginning of a year or a term, or as nearly so as possible.

One who comes in late cannot always take up a subject with a class which has been studying the subject for several weeks. New classes cannot be formed for every new scholar who comes in. So it is better not to enter in the middle of the term, but to wait till one can get a fair start with others and all be able to go on with work together.

An important factor in the success of school work is a proper grading of the pupils. This it is especially difficult to do in such a school as ours, where we have so many different classes of students who have had such different advantages and have been so widely different in the use of the privileges they have had, some using, and some misusing them.

**BUT HERE** as well as in other matters we can see the favor of God in bringing together those whom He has called to Zion, and in guiding their efforts so that results are attained which would be impossible under other circumstances.

**WE ARE** permitted to see remarkable advancement in short spaces of time in many who have come with an earnest purpose and determination to make up for past deficiencies, or to gain the most possible from the new and ever-enlarging opportunities offered in Zion. The most of our students realize that things are to be gained here as nowhere else, and that the time is short in which to prepare for the great work to be done. Hence they are anxious to improve each day and to make the most of the time. Such consecrated zeal God directs and blesses, and results are seen in the rapid growth of Christian character and spiritual life with intellectual power.

There are those here now who would hardly know themselves as they were when they first came, if they should be brought back to the day when they first set foot in a Zion school. And more clearly still can those who have watched their growth from the beginning see the improvement.

**THE TEACHING** of Zion College is not that her students are to have everything done for them, but rather that they have something to work out, something to do, each for himself, under God. It is only hard work which gets good results.

**BOTH STUDENTS' HOMES** are full to overflowing and still applications for room come pouring in. It looks as if more accommodations would have to be provided.

**ZION** HAS a mission of her own, and a Message to give the world.

It is a special Message, and must be rightly given to men and plainly, so that all may understand.

It is for all men, and all men must have a chance to hear it before the end can come.

So every student who comes to learn about this work and this Message has himself a duty and responsibility to the world.

The world does not understand the Message of Zion.

It cannot know its meaning.

So the Word must be made clear, and it must be proclaimed by specially trained and prepared teachers.

Every Zion student must be prepared to go out as a Zion teacher, well equipped to present the full truth to the world that lieth in wickedness.

**THE NOBLEST** ideal in modern education is that which makes its purpose to be to build up character and does not seek knowledge as an end.

**IN THIS** aim, it seems to us, Zion can join and work to build up men and women into the noblest Christian character. In this way all intellectual training becomes intensely practical, because always useful and usable.

**BUT NOTHING** can be done without hard work, and every one must work out for himself his own methods of presenting truth, because truth, although a unit, is yet seen from different sides by different individuals.

**THE BEST** work can be done in Zion College only by raising the standard continually higher and higher, and each helping the other to come up to the higher, advancing day by day. As Zion has set a high standard for the spiritual life, and bids men come and look upon it as exemplified in her followers, so must she set forth the highest intellectual standards; for with the spiritual nature thus enlarged and strengthened, and filled with God and glory, the intellectual nature must be influenced and also brought into fuller strength and power for service.

No one can have his spiritual power strengthened by right relations with God without also having a mind clearer and stronger to grasp and use whatever may be presented to its apprehension.

**WE BELIEVE** our students generally understand that to come to Zion College means to come to work and grow, and not to sit and listen and receive merely. There is a willing mind, and hence there must be good results.

**BRETHREN, PRAY** for increasing spiritual life and power and ever-advancing knowledge and wisdom to be given to all connected with Zion College and her work.





REV. F. A. GRAVES, SUPERINTENDENT.

AND THE KING said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will verily buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God which cost me nothing.—2 Samuel 24:24.

DAVID wished to offer a sacrifice to God to show his sorrow for his sin of numbering the people. Araunah wished to make him a present of the material for the burnt offering. To this David would not consent. He did not wish to offer for his sin that which cost him nothing.

Today there is too much professed Christianity with little or no sacrifice accompanying it.

It is true that Salvation is a gift. We cannot buy it. We cannot earn it. We can only accept it. "Jesus has died and paid it all; all the debt I owe."

But to those who accept this gift, Jesus said, "Whosoever he be of you that renounceth not all that he hath, he cannot be My disciple."

"God First," is the motto for a Christian.

As a Sunday School missionary in the West, I have spent many years visiting in the homes of the farmers. Many did not have family worship; some had evening worship, and some saved it all until Sunday.

I plead for morning worship.

Give God the best part of the day. The part which is the most valuable to you, give to God.

In the morning you are fresh and rested. After your morning meal, gather in the sitting room, all take your Bibles and spend fifteen minutes with God and His Word. This is your food for the day.

Have little Bibles for little people. If they are just learning to read, let them read a verse even if they have to spell it out slowly. Then sing a familiar hymn and with a few words of prayer commend all to God for the day.

"But," you say, "we hate to spare the time."

Yes, it is going to cost something. Do you hate to spare the time to oil your mowing machine in the morning before mowing? If you do not take the time, but go ahead without oiling, the first thing we hear is "hot box" and your machine is damaged.

So it is in life—too many hot boxes all over the land.

Men are anxious to get rich, anxious to pay off the mortgage, and God is neglected. Failure in health and trouble in many ways follow.

The Psalmist writes, "Thy Word have I laid up in my heart that I might not sin against Thee."

One has said of that verse:

The best thing in,  
The best place for,  
The best purpose

Here is a parable:

A rich man bought and gave to his son a very nice farm. On it was a beautiful house furnished from all that stores could produce. It was well stocked with horses and cattle and sheep.

Now when this father came to visit this son, instead of giving him a seat at his nice dining table, he sent him to the kitchen to eat by himself; and instead of filling his plate from the nice, juicy roast, he sent him the scraps and bits which were left from the table.

If the father remained over night, he put him in a little back chamber which was unfurnished and had no carpet upon the floor, and no stove to warm it in cold weather.

This is the way he treated that father, who had given him all that he possessed.

This same spirit is in the hearts of many today toward their Heavenly Father—giving God what is left. Our tithes should be paid first, not last, from our income.

Honor the Lord with thy substance,

And with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

So shall thy barns be filled with plenty,

And thy fats shall overflow with new wine.—Proverbs 3:9, 10.

God promises prosperity in this life to those who honor Him with what they receive.

"What costs nothing is worth nothing," is an old adage. Every good thing costs.

The "Beautiful Home" which we sing about has cost Jesus a great deal to get ready for us, and it has also cost Him much to get us ready for it.

He said, "I go to prepare a place for you."

But He came and suffered and died here upon the earth, that every little boy and girl might go to that beautiful home.

You know we sing sometimes:

I gave My life for thee,

My precious blood I shed,

That thou might'st ransom me,

And quickened from the dead;

I gave, I gave, My life for thee,

What hast thou given for Me?

But seek ye first His Kingdom, and His Righteousness: and all these things shall be added unto you.—Matthew 6:33.

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 Sidney P. Fogwill, Deacon, 36 East Sixteenth Street.  
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 Orren C. Kibbey, Deacon, 1201 Michigan Avenue.  
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 Mrs. Mary T. Clemons, Deaconess, 1434 Michigan Avenue.  
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 Samuel Stevenson, Deacon, Manager of Zion Lace Industries, 1201 Michigan Avenue.  
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 Rev. Fred J. Richert, Elder, 2800 Fifth Avenue.

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 C. W. Post, Deacon, 288 Lincoln Avenue.

#### South Side Zion Tabernacle.

6426-6434 Wentworth Avenue.  
 Rev. S. H. Stokes, B. A., Elder.  
 Rev. W. E. Moody, Evangelist, 6426-6434 Wentworth Avenue.  
 Herman G. Peterson, Deacon, 6336 Sangamon Street.

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 Rev. Gerald F. Stevens, Elder, 107 South Paulina Street.  
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 August F. Mueller, Deacon, 1053 West Adams Street.  
 Joshua Thomas, Deacon, 464 Fulton Street.

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 Rev. A. J. McCreery, Elder, South End Union Avenue.  
 Rev. Mary R. McCreery, Evangelist, South End Union Avenue.  
 Harvey A. Gould, Deacon.

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Zion Tabernacle, One Hundred and Forty-seventh and Des Plaines Streets.  
 Rev. W. O. Dinius, Elder, 437 Calumet Boulevard.

#### Oak Park.

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Rev. Cyrus B. Fockler, Elder.

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Rev. Archibald McFarlane, Elder, 110 High Street.

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Rev. Gideon Hammond, Elder, 2024 North Twelfth Street.  
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Helena Druzy, Deaconess.

**Lake Preston.**

George Little Helms, Deacon.

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Miss Rebecca Locke Young, Deaconess, 304 Front Street.

**WASHINGTON.****Seattle.**

Zion Tabernacle, 110 Mercer Street.  
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John Cory, Deacon, 324 East Johnson Street.

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Benjamin L. Tomkins, Deacon, Thirteenth Avenue, Mount Pleasant.  
Miss Letitia Ludlow, Deaconess, 36 Eighth Avenue.  
Mrs. C. E. Stuart, Deaconess, 507 Hastings Street, Mount Pleasant.

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Deacon Charles Moss, 327 Abercrombie Street, Redfern, Sydney, N. S. W.  
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Deacon Robert H. Stitt, Molong, N. S. W.  
Deacon Albert Sinfield, Kyde, N. S. W.

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**Timaru.**

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# FORM OF APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

— IN THE —

## CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

To all who are desirous of entering into Fellowship with the Christian Catholic Church:

MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS:—The principles of the Christian Catholic Church have been fully set forth in the Reports of Two Conferences on Organization, held in Zion Tabernacle No. 2, which are fully reported in LEAVES OF HEALING for January 31 and February 7, 1896. The Basis of Fellowship is set forth in the second section of the Resolution passed on February 5th (see LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume II, Number 17, page 267):

FIRST—That we recognize the infallible inspiration and sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures as the rule of faith and practice.

SECOND—That we recognize that no persons can be members of the Church who have not repented of their sins and have not trusted in Christ for Salvation.

THIRD—That such persons must also be able to make a good profession, and declare that they do know, in their own hearts, that they have truly repented, and are truly trusting Christ, and have the witness, in a measure, of the Holy Spirit.

FOURTH—That all other questions of every kind shall be held to be matters of opinion and not matters that are essential to church unity.

All who are conscious of fulfilling these conditions, no matter where they may reside, are invited to fill up the following blank and answer the questions contained therein.

I am, faithfully yours in Jesus,



General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church.

No. ....

To the Rev. John Alex. Dowie,

General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church,

1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill., U. S. A.

I hereby make application to be received as a member of the Christian Catholic Church, and declare my agreement with the Basis of Fellowship agreed upon at a Conference held February 5, 1896, as set forth in your circular letter of February 7, 1896.

What is your full name? .....

What is your age last birthday? .....

Are you married, unmarried or widowed? .....

If married, how many of your children are living? .....

Where is your residence? .....

What is your occupation, profession, or trade? .....

Where were you born? .....

How long have you lived in America (or the country where you are now living)? .....

When and where were you converted to God? .....

Are you conscious that you are saved through faith in Jesus? .....

Were you sprinkled or immersed in Baptism? .....

When and where were you sprinkled? .....

When and where were you immersed? .....

With what Church were you formerly connected? .....

REMARKS:

[Extra Copies of this Form will be sent to intending members, on application to the General Recorder of the Christian Catholic Church, Zion, Michigan Avenue and Twelfth Street, Chicago.

**ZION'S BIBLE CLASS.**

BY DEACON DANIEL SLOAN.

**MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS LESSON, NOVEMBER 28th or 29th.**

**Zion's God-Given Place.**

- The plan of God as unfolded.*—Matthew 20:1-16.  
Why was the eleventh hour call made?  
How long is the eleventh hour before night?  
How many calls have been made before this one?
- God has repeatedly raised up new churches.*—Revelation 1:10-20.  
What Church followed the Apostolic Church?  
Did not the Roman Catholic follow the Greek Church?  
Did not the Protestant Church come out of Romanism?
- The strength of most people is spent in vain.*—Isaiah 55:1-7.  
Are not most people nervous or physically weak?  
Are not the lives of most people soul-saving failures?  
Should the little strength that remains be used for God?
- The time to labor is short and the reward near.*—Revelation 22:6-21.  
What things are shortly to come to pass?  
Who will be able to see these plans of God?  
How soon will Jesus come with rewards?
- Night will soon be here.*—Amos 5:4-20.  
Are the times getting darker and darker.  
What does God call His true people to do?  
Has there ever been trouble like unto that to come?
- The call to supper will in a little while take place.*—Revelation 19:6-16.  
Will those who have not pure brides enter?  
Is Divine Healing making the bride ready?  
Can anything that defileth enter at that feast?
- Some enter into controversy with God.*—Ezekiel 18:24-32.  
Can a Christian defile his body like a sinner and live?  
Who charges God with sending sickness on them?  
Would a man be sick if he had not sinned in some way?
- Jesus will soon be here.*—Revelation 3:7-13.  
How many will be watching for His appearing?  
What is it to be watching for His coming?  
To whom will He come quickly?
- Then a reward will be given true disciples.*—Matthew 19:27-30.  
Must one forsake all to be Christ's disciple?  
What will the gain be if one forsake all?  
Who will we rule over in the glory beyond?  
*The Lord Our God is a Period-Defining God.*

**SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS LESSON, DECEMBER 2d.**

**Zion's Method of Evangelization.**

- The order of procedure is given.*—Luke 14:15-24.  
Whom are we to invite?  
Whom are we to bring in?  
Whom are we to compel to come?
- Many religious people are shut out of heaven.*—Luke 13:24-30.  
Does a Christian live to please self?  
How many who profess Christianity will be shut out?  
Why do they fail to get Christianity in?
- Pride and selfishness is the cause.*—Luke 14:7-14.  
Are not most Church people self-seeking?  
Who are today living humble lives?  
Who are living for the poor, the sick and the maimed?
- God put final affairs in one man's hand.*—Malachi 3:1-6.  
Before Christ comes, will He send a Messenger?  
Does the coming of Christ now draw near?  
What will this Messenger do when he comes?
- A redeemed body a necessity to enter heaven.*—Matthew 22:1-14.  
What kind of a body must the bride have?  
Is not the wedding garment a redeemed body?  
When is Christ the resurrection of the body?
- Worldly gain, sensuality and compromise the causes of excuses.*—Revelation 2:12; 3:6.  
Is not the Greek Church living for political greatness?  
Is not the Roman Catholic Church reeking with sensual sin?  
Is not the Protestant Church married to the world?
- Excuses stop when judgment begins.*—Luke 13:24-30.  
What happens to the self-satisfied?  
Are not the churches getting richer and blinder?  
Does Christ now go farther in them than the door?
- One must work without getting impatient.*—Luke 21:8-19.  
Is a Christian to ever be afraid?  
Does it not take a calm mind to hear God?  
Do men hurt Zion, or really oppose themselves by prejudice?
- A distinctive message for special classes.*—Matthew 24:16-14; 4:23, 24.  
What Gospel is Zion now preaching?  
Is it the same Gospel Christ preached?  
Is it for the poor, sick, maimed and helpless?
- The last great effort is here made known.*—Matthew 10:16-42.  
Who will we yet face in Seventy evangelism?  
Will they fight God's truth and resist reproof?  
What occurs when the cities have been gone over?  
*God's Holy People are an Especially-Sen People.*

**OBEYING GOD IN BAPTISM.**

(Continued from Page 126.)

The following-named eight believers were baptized at St. Paul, Minnesota, Thursday, November 1, 1900, by Elder J. G. Excell:

- Atkinson, Jesse C. . . . . 2019 Washington Ave. South, Minneapolis, Minnesota  
 Atkinson, Mrs. J. C. . . . . 2019 Washington Ave. South, Minneapolis, Minnesota  
 Henning, Miss Emma E. Bertha. . . . . 719 Stewart Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota  
 Olson, Rev. Hans. . . . . 2015 Eighteenth Ave. South, Minneapolis, Minnesota  
 Poate, Francis. . . . . 686 Lee Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota  
 Stotz, Mrs. Lydia . . . . . 914 Armstrong Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota  
 Thomas, Thomas . . . . . 719 Stewart Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota  
 Thomas, Mrs. Rosaline Caroline. . . . . 719 Stewart Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota

The following-named three believers were baptized in Lake Ontario, near Rochester, New York, Saturday, November 3, 1900, by Overseer George L. Mason:

- Collins, Mrs. Anna V. . . . . Victor, New York  
 McCumber, Miss Louise. . . . . Victor, New York  
 Mitchell, Mrs. Edith. . . . . Barnards Crossings, New York

The following-named three believers were baptized at Dodge City, Kansas, Tuesday, October 30, 1900, by Elder D. A. Reed:

- Clough, Ira J. . . . . Dodge City, Kansas  
 Spratt, John A. . . . . Dodge City, Kansas  
 Trickel, Mrs. Alice . . . . . Dodge City, Kansas

The following-named two believers were baptized at Toledo, Ohio, Lord's Day, November 4, 1900, by Elder J. C. Reiff:

- Bunton, Mrs. Abigail F. . . . . 704 Balfe Street, Toledo, Ohio  
 Denison, Mrs. Sarah F. . . . . 704 Balfe Street, Toledo, Ohio

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Under the Direct Supervision and Control of the

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NO SAFER or better paying investment can be found than Stock in this Association. Shares of Stock in this Association are for \$100 each, par value, upon which six per cent interest is guaranteed from the date of the Certificate, payable on the first days of January and July in each year, and a further contingent dividend of two per cent to be added, beginning from July, 1902, provided the profits of the Association warrant its being declared.

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Your correspondence is solicited. Any further information concerning this department of Zion will be cheerfully furnished upon application.

ADDRESS YOUR COMMUNICATIONS TO

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**“Baptizing Them Into the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.”**

**Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Thirteen Baptisms by Triune Immersion Since March 14, 1897.**

Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Thirteen Believers have joyfully followed their Lord in the Ordinance of Believers' Baptism by Triune Immersion since the first Baptism in Central Zion Tabernacle on March 14, 1897:

Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle from March 14, 1897, to September 14, 1900, by the General Overseer	4339	
Baptized by Elders and Evangelists	1534	
Total Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle		5873
Baptized in places outside of Chicago by the General Overseer	128	
Baptized in places outside of Chicago by Elders, Evangelists and Deacons	1889	
Total Baptized outside of Chicago		2017
Total baptized in three years and six months		7890
Baptized in London, England, by the General Overseer	50	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Overseer Speicher	25	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Overseer Piper	26	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Dinius	4	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Evangelist Fisher	20	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Fockler	27	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Deacon Fogwill	21	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Kennedy	4	127
Baptized in British Columbia by Elder Simmons	4	
Baptized in British Columbia by Elder Brooks	1	
Baptized in Australia by Overseer Wilhide	60	
Baptized in Australia by Elder Wallington	13	
Baptized in Canada by Deacon Hope	3	
Baptized in Canada by Elder Stokes	6	
Baptized in Colorado by Elder Reed	10	
Baptized in Illinois by Deacon Post	6	
Baptized in Indiana by Elder Osborn	3	
Baptized in Iowa by Elder Cabeen	12	
Baptized in Iowa by Elder Hoy	3	
Baptized in Kansas by Elder Reed	8	
Baptized in Michigan by Elder Stokes	34	
Baptized in Michigan by Deacon Kindle	4	
Baptized in Minnesota by Elder Excell	11	
Baptized in New Jersey by Elder Hammond	7	
Baptized in New York by Overseer Mason	13	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder Bouck	6	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder McFarlane	6	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder Reiff	5	
Baptized in Oregon by Elder Ernst	3	
Baptized in Pennsylvania by Deacon Kindle	7	
Baptized in Washington by Elder Ernst	5	
Baptized in West Virginia by Deacon Kindle	4	
Baptized in Wisconsin by Elder Kennedy	12	296 423
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The following-named four believers were baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle, Wednesday evening, November 7, 1900, by Elder E. B. Kennedy:

Brownwell, Mrs. G. W.	1423 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Brownwell, Miss Edith	1423 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Buehlmeyer, Rev. L. C.	Faribault, Minnesota
Copp, Mrs. Melisa	27 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois

The following-named ten believers were baptized at Wolcott, New York, Lord's Day, November 4, 1900, by Overseer George L. Mason:

Bacon, Martha	Butler Center, New York
Bishop, Alice M.	South Butler, New York
Bishop, John E.	South Butler, New York
Bishop, Miss Lulu	Wolcott, New York
Bishop, Miss Maud L.	Wolcott, New York
Burrell, E. O.	North Rose, New York
Burrell, Mrs. Cornelia H.	North Rose, New York
Clarke, Miss Myrtle R.	South Butler, New York
Gillette, Enos E.	North Rose, New York
Green, Mrs. Cordelia	North Rose, New York

The following-named believer was baptized by Elder John S. Wallington, at Farrant Street, Prospect, Adelaide, South Australia, Thursday, August 2, 1900:

Howell, Mrs. Ruby M.	Carrington Street, Adelaide, S. A.
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The following-named believer was baptized by Overseer J. Thomas Wilhide, in Port Phillip Bay, Brighton, Victoria, South Australia, Saturday, September 15, 1900:

Richardson, Robert C.	447 Annandale Street, Annandale, Sydney, S. A.
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The following-named fifty-nine believers were baptized by Overseer J. Thomas Wilhide, on Saturday and Monday, September 22 and 24, 1900, in Snails Bay, Sydney Harbor, New South Wales:

Alexander, Mrs. Elizabeth	396 Victoria Road, N. S. W.
Aspinwall, Charlotte	35 Sophia Street, Sydney, N. S. W.
Bland, Mrs. Mary Hamilton	19 Rowntree Street, Balmain, Sydney, N. S. W.
Carbery, Mrs.	Dulwich Hill, Sydney, N. S. W.
Clayton, Louisa	"Kelbourne," Linthorpe Street, Newtown, N. S. W.
Clayton, Peter	Linthorpe Street, Newtown, N. S. W.
Clements, Mrs. Emaline	Queen's Place, Sydney, N. S. W.
Collis, William	26 Boundary Street, Paddington, Sydney, N. S. W.
Cornelius, Alexander Julian	7 Hordern Parade, Croydon, Sydney, N. S. W.
Crispin, Alice Mary	Lower Taylor's Arm, N. S. W.
Devitt, John	Macdonnel Street, Erskineville, Sydney, N. S. W.
Douglass, Alfred	68 Grose Street, Camperdown, Sydney, N. S. W.
Douglass, Maggie	Grose Street, Camperdown, Sydney, N. S. W.
Edmiston, Eliza	68 Grose Street, Camperdown, Sydney, N. S. W.
Estens, Mrs.	"Charlcombe," Annandale Street, Sydney, N. S. W.
Eveson, Isabella	5 Kidman's Terrace, Woolloomooloo, Sydney, N. S. W.
Farrar, Samuel G.	14 Lewisham Street, Dulwich Hill, Sydney, N. S. W.
Farrar, Emily J.	14 Lewisham Street, Dulwich Hill, Sydney, N. S. W.
Gill, Alice	Taylor's Arm, N. S. W.
Gill, Edith Amy	Peoples Palace, Sydney, N. S. W.
Gunn, Bessie Jane	447 Annandale Street, Sydney, N. S. W.
Gunn, Elizabeth Ross	447 Annandale Street, Sydney, N. S. W.
Gunn, George William	447 Annandale Street, Sydney, N. S. W.
Gunn, Jessie Slater McCormac	447 Annandale Street, Sydney, N. S. W.
Gunn, May Elizabeth	447 Annandale Street, Sydney, N. S. W.
Hardie, Margaret	Moorehead Street, Redfern, N. S. W.
Hunter, Mary	447 Annandale Street, Sydney, N. S. W.
Johnson, Rachel Alice	Seymour Street, Bathurst, N. S. W.
Julian, May Eliza	7 Hordern Parade, Croydon, Sydney, N. S. W.
Kneale, Catherine	25 Clarence Street, Sydney, N. S. W.
Lofts, Mrs. Annie	109 Yule Street, Petersham, N. S. W.
Lutton, Joanna	117 Wilson Street, Sydney, N. S. W.
Lutton, William	117 Wilson Street, Sydney, N. S. W.
McWilliams, James	109 Cumberland Street, Sydney, N. S. W.
Milne, Eveleen	105 Crown Street, Sydney, N. S. W.
Milne, William	105 Crown Street, Sydney, N. S. W.
Morris, Alice E.	Muston Street, Mosmons, Sydney, N. S. W.
Morris, Elsie Marianne	Seaview Street, Dulwich Hill, Sydney, N. S. W.
Morris, Jane Louisa	112 Regent Street, Camperdown, Sydney, N. S. W.
Morris, Mrs. Maria	Seaview Street, Dulwich Hill, Sydney, N. S. W.
Morris, William	112 Regent Street, Camperdown, Sydney, N. S. W.
Moss, Charles	327 Abercrombie Street, Sydney, N. S. W.
Moss, Emma	327 Abercrombie Street, Sydney, N. S. W.
Munroe, Charles Arthur	116 Addison Road, Merrickville, N. S. W.
Riddle, M.	400 Pitt Street, Sydney, N. S. W.
Sinfield, Rev. Albert	Ryde, N. S. W.
Smith, Mrs.	Ryde Road, Ryde, N. S. W.
Stewart, Robert	Muston Street, Mosmons, Sydney, N. S. W.
Stitt, Rev. Robert H.	Molong, N. S. W.
Sawyer, Mrs. G. R.	25 Clarence Street, Sydney, N. S. W.
Sharpe, Eliza Susannah	189 Bourke Street, Sydney, N. S. W.
Telle, Robert Lawrence	10 Wilmott Street, Sydney, N. S. W.
Waters, J. T.	Wood Street, Manly Beach, Sydney, N. S. W.
Waters, Mrs. Emma	Wood Street, Manly Beach, Sydney, N. S. W.
Waters, Mrs. Prudence	89 St. John's Road, Forest Lodge, Sydney, N. S. W.
Waters, W. J.	89 St. John's Road, Forest Lodge, Sydney, N. S. W.
Wilkinson, Mrs. Elizabeth	Ryde, N. S. W.
Wilkinson, Samuel	Ryde, N. S. W.
Witt, Claus	10 Wilmott Street, Sydney, N. S. W.

The following-named thirteen believers were baptized by Elder John S. Wallington, at the Christian Church, Bentham Street, Adelaide, South Australia, Tuesday, September 18, 1900:

Abott, Laura	4 Gunson Street, Adelaide, S. A.
Beauchamp, George Watts	15 Elder Street, Adelaide, S. A.
Beauchamp, Sarah Elizabeth	15 Elder Street, Adelaide, S. A.
Donaldson, Sarah Ann	76 Hutt Street, Adelaide, S. A.
Donaldson, William	76 Hutt Street, Adelaide, S. A.
Edmonds, Eliza A.	Clear Lake, Noradjuha, Adelaide, S. A.
Franklin, Vida	Grenfell Street, Adelaide, S. A.
Gill, Francis Bradley	101 Carrington Street, Adelaide, S. A.
Horwood, Mrs. J. H.	Franklin Street, Adelaide, S. A.
Pannell, Mrs. E.	Avenue Road, Covington, S. A.
Scutt, Mrs. Agnes	Mary Street, Unley, S. A.
Scutt, Thomas	Mary Street, Unley, S. A.
Trimner, Bertha Emma Hermine	Kanmantoo, S. A.

The following-named seven believers were baptized by Elder John S. Wallington, at the City Baths, Adelaide, South Australia, Lord's Day, September 2, 1900:

Baynam, Alfred	11 Selby Street, Adelaide, S. A.
Chambers, Alfred Ocean	Thereasa Street, Norwood, Adelaide, S. A.
Gill, John William	101 Carrington Street, Adelaide, S. A.
Jantzen, Daria Abraham	15 Elder Street, Adelaide, S. A.
Jewell, William	Salvation Army Citadel, Adelaide, S. A.
Lander, Robert Archibald	George Street, Thebarton, S. A.
Lander, Thomas Lee	George Street, Thebarton, Adelaide, S. A.

The following-named believer was baptized at Cleveland, Ohio, Lord's Day, November 4, 1900, by Elder R. N. Bouck:

Davies, Henry	26 Mechanic Street, Brooklyn, Ohio
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He sendeth His word



and healeth them.

# LEAVES OF HEALING

I am the Lord that healeth thee.

And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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## GOD'S WITNESSES TO DIVINE HEALING.

### HUSBAND SAVED AND HEALED OF QUICK CONSUMPTION; WIFE DELIVERED FROM TERRIBLE SUFFERING.

**S**URELY HE HATH BORNE OUR SICKNESSES AND CARRIED OUR SORROWS!

This husband and wife have laid their sins, their sicknesses, their sorrows upon Christ.

There is an intense joy in thus accepting the deliverance which He died to purchase.

That joy is written in every line of their faces.

It rings out in every line of their wonderful testimonies.

It is not to be wondered at that they are happy.

The burden which He took from their spirits, souls and bodies was a mountain weight of woe and pain.

Words fail utterly to picture the horror of that burden.

They had been young, healthy, vigorous.

They had been full of hope and bright prospects for the future.

They had been happy in the anticipation of fatherhood and motherhood.

Suddenly they were plunged into deepest darkness and despair.

Their unborn child was cruelly murdered by a demon in the guise of a surgeon.

With brutal, reckless hands, that advocate of the so-called

"exact science of surgery" inflicted terrible wounds upon the young wife. Her screams of agony awakened no pity in his stony heart. The sight of his helpless victim, as she says, literally "swimming in her own blood," could not deter him.

He finished his butchery and left, instead of a proud and happy mother, a hopeless wreck, mourning her murdered child when not crazed by pain and drugs.

Although all her suffering had been brought about through doctors, drugs and a surgeon's knife, the Witness still sought for help from those sources.

Hoping against hope, tortured beyond expression, she went from one physician to another; from one hospital to another.

Each added to her agony and then turned her away with the awful verdict: "No Hope."

A surgical operation, too horrible, almost, for belief, was the climax of two years of worse than vain treatment.

She was left with a pain which no opiate could dull.

Death seemed the only avenue of deliverance.

But, praise God, there was



MR. AND MRS. F. W. COTTON.

another Way, a more blessed, more glorious Way, a Way which God provided.

Two years before an older woman had lain dying of a tumor.

She had sent to Dr. Dowie, God's Messenger to Zion, asking him to pray God to heal her.

The man of God had instantly lifted his heart to the Father in prayer, although miles away from the dying woman's bedside.

But God is not limited by distance.

His power is co-extensive with infinite space.

At the very moment, He answered His servant's prayer and Mrs. Jennie Paddock stepped from her bed perfectly healed. She is alive and well today, ten years later.

Her husband, who had witnessed her wonderful healing, met this young couple on the street.

They were returning from a last hopeless visit to a hospital. He told the wondrous Story of God's Way of Healing.

Instantly that Divinely-sent Message sent a flood of light into the despair-clouded spirit of the suffering woman.

She began at once to trust God.

God began at once to honor her trust.

She received great physical blessing.

She had found the Way.

That Way was Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Three months afterwards, the first time Dr. Dowie prayed with her, the burden of her sicknesses rolled away.

The husband, besides the terrible burden of his wife's illness, was bearing the burden of his own sin.

He was without God and without hope in the world.

The Devil was defiling and destroying him by means of alcoholic poison.

The wonderful Message which had come to him and to his wife was unlike any message which he had ever heard.

It was the Message of the Everlasting Gospel.

It told him that Jesus saved, healed, cleansed and kept those who trusted Him.

It told him that it was not God's will that any one should suffer sickness.

It told him that God was love, and that in His love He had given Jesus His Son to bear in His sinless body the sins and sicknesses of the whole world.

He saw the truth of that Message in God's Word.

He saw it manifested in his wife's healing.

He was convicted, and gave Himself to God.

In answer to Dr. Dowie's prayer, the craving for liquor was taken away with the rest of the burden of sin.

When Zion Tabernacle No. 1 was opened in the early summer of 1893, Mr. and Mrs. Cotton took up their abode there. Mrs. Cotton became a helper in Zion, selling literature, and soon after Mr. Cotton became janitor of Zion Tabernacle No. 1, the Little Wooden Hut.

Since that time both have been faithful, efficient, happy workers in Zion.

Mr. Cotton has risen from the position of janitor, to the responsible position of Steward of Zion Home and Zion Institutions throughout Chicago.

In that position he serves, with untiring zeal, God, his Father, who gave him such wonderful blessings, and the General Overseer, through whom those blessings came.

He and Mrs. Cotton have seen the marvelous growth of Zion, from 1892, when small cottage meetings only were held, up to the present time, when there is no auditorium in the world which would hold a tithe of those who meet in Zion's assemblies throughout the world.

In 1896, Mr. Cotton was seized with hereditary quick consumption.

In an incredibly short time he was apparently in a dying condition.

No human power could have saved him.

He trusted God only and fully.

God needed no poisonous drugs to aid Him in doing His work in His servant's body.

By His Almighty Power, He answered the prayer of faith.

In one week from the time of his healing Mr. Cotton was back at his work.

Now, the very picture of robust, clean, godly manhood and strength, he tells his Story.

Through all these years God has blessed the testimonies of these two, as they have told them to individuals.

May God bless them as they go on the wings of the Little White Dove to tell it beside many a bed of all but hopeless pain.

May His Holy Spirit lead the weary sufferers into the light.

May they, like these Witnesses, lay all their sins and all their sicknesses upon Jesus.

He came to bear them.

He promised to take them.

Why not take Him at His Word?

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#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF FRANK W. COTTON.

1201 MICHIGAN AVENUE,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, November 12, 1900. }

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE,

General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

*My Dear General Overseer:*—It was in November, 1891, nine years ago, that I first heard of Jesus Christ as the Healer of His people.

My wife had been sick for about two years, most of the time in bed, suffering from a complication of diseases, brought on by the physicians. She had nineteen different doctors; had "suffered many things of many physicians, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse."

One day while bringing her home from a hospital, I met a Mr. Paddock, who told me that Jesus Christ was "the same yesterday and today, yea and forever," and that if my wife would trust God for her healing, she would be healed.

He said that his wife had been healed of a large tumor through the prayers of Dr. Dowie, when he was twenty miles from her bedside, and that he knew my wife could get healing in the same way.

At that time I was not a Christian. I did not know anything about God or the Bible, but I was willing to do anything that would lead to the healing of my wife.

Mr. Paddock told me where they were going to have the meetings on Divine Healing. I took my wife to the meeting, and there made up my mind that I would live for God.

After I had taken the stand to do right, I had a hard fight with the Devil.

I tried in my own strength to give up my bad habits, and failed. I drank occasionally, although I never got drunk. While I resolved at this meeting to do right, I never got soundly converted until I heard Dr. Dowie.

He prayed that the appetite for liquor might be taken away, and, thank God, it went, and from that day to this I have been entirely free from it.

When Dr. Dowie came to Chicago (he had been out of the city when we first heard about Christ as the Healer), I took my wife to the first cottage meeting that was held.

I carried her up two flights of stairs, Dr. Dowie prayed for her, and she received immediate blessing, so that she was able to walk downstairs and ten blocks to the street car.

From this time she gradually got better until she was perfectly healed.

From this time on I attended the meetings regularly, until March 24, 1894, when I became janitor of Zion Tabernacle No. 1, the "Little Wooden Hut."

I have carried into that Tabernacle hundreds of sick people, and have seen them walk out well.

I thank God today for the blessed privilege of having been janitor of Zion Tabernacles Nos. 1 and 2.

I exposed myself at Zion Tabernacle No. 2, in carrying in the sick, in the winter of 1896, and caught cold.

I was taken down with quick consumption. Up to the time that I was taken with this disease, I had been perfectly well and strong. I weighed 185 pounds.

It was on a Friday morning that I first began to get sick. I kept getting colder all day, until when night came my body was like ice.

I grew worse, and Saturday I was not able to get out of bed all day.

The General Overseer came and prayed for me, and I received instantaneous healing. Sunday morning I felt perfectly well and went to the morning service.

On Sunday afternoon I went to the Auditorium and sat in a draft. I was taken seriously sick from this time on.

In two weeks' time I lost thirty pounds in weight, lost my voice, could not eat, coughed up thick yellow pus and blood, and was at the point of death.

The odor from my body was like that from a man who had had consumption for about three years.

The people who saw me told my wife that they did not think I would get well.

I believe that I would have died had I not known God's Way of Healing. My father and my oldest brother died with consumption. It was hereditary.

In this condition, my wife and I went to Springfield, Illinois, for a rest, so that I might get my mind from the work, and get to the place where God wanted me in order to receive healing from His hands.

We stopped over night in Bloomington, Illinois. It was terribly cold, and that night I nearly died from the exposure and the change.

I could scarcely breathe, and my lungs rattled so loudly that they could be heard all over the room—every breath I took, all night long.

My wife saw that if I lost faith for a moment I would die, but I never gave up the fight for life which God had promised me, through His Son.

The next day we went on to Springfield, and that day I received healing. I never doubted for one single minute that God would heal me, and I never took anything as a remedy.

Up to this time I could eat nothing. As soon as the healing took place, my appetite returned at once, and I was able to eat. From this time I commenced to gain.

One week after I was healed my voice was perfectly restored. I had a slight cough for several months, but I did not raise any phlegm from my lungs.

Every day I grew better and stronger. I could just feel the life and health coming back to me.

I was at Springfield one week, and went back to work the very day I came back, which was just three weeks from the time I was first taken sick.

I gained in weight from 155 pounds to 205, my present weight.

Previous to this time, every winter I had a cold on my lungs, but from the time I received that healing until this time I have never had a cough. I am healthier and stronger than I have ever been in my life before.

I am better spiritually, physically and financially.

I praise God for what He has done for me and mine.

He has saved us, healed us, cleansed us, and is keeping us.

We thank our dear General Overseer and his dear wife for the teaching of God's Word.

The eight years since I was converted have been the best years of my life.

It has been the greatest joy to work under our General Overseer. I can truthfully say that it would be impossible to have a better earthly master. He has been the kindest and most considerate of men, and looks after the interests of the humblest of his help. I am sure that he thinks as much of the dishwasher in the kitchen, as he does of the highest in office.

My heart is filled with thanksgiving to God for the great joy I have found in His service, and for the blessings I have received through Zion. I am

Your Faithful and Obedient Servant, FRANK W. COTTON.

#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF MRS. F. W. COTTON.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, November, 12, 1900.

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE,

General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

*Dear General Overseer:*—It is with a grateful heart and thanksgiving to God that I give my testimony, to be sent to all the world through LEAVES OF HEALING.

It was in the year 1800, the latter part of July, that a shadow first came across my life in the shape of sickness and disease.

Until this time my health had been exceptionally good, but this was the beginning of several years of suffering of misery, and of agony which took me down to the very gates of death.

At this time I was living in Rockford, Illinois.

One evening I was out walking with my husband. I stepped on a loose board on the sidewalk and slipped. I did not exactly fall, but I strained myself in some way.

After I reached home I began to get sick.

I found I was having what seemed to be labor pains. I went to bed and became worse and worse. About 9 o'clock that night we sent for a doctor.

When the doctor came he said an abortion would have to be brought about.

He had an instrument, sharp at both edges, to operate upon me, which was about six inches long.

First he gave me medicine to force a premature birth. This medicine made me so deathly sick I thought I was going to die until I vomited it up.

This doctor worked with me all night until 5 o'clock in the morning. He removed the child by cutting.

I suffered so the people said they heard me scream a block away.

I had lost so much blood I was simply swimming in blood.

After a few days the doctor ordered me to get up. I did so a little at a time.

Finally I was able to walk. I walked around for a little while. Then hard, heavy pains began to come. Inflammation and swelling set in.

We called for Dr. Davis. He treated me, but I grew worse continually.

During the weeks which followed, I was not able to turn myself on my side. I was on my back and had to stay there.

I was not free from pain one minute.

Other doctors have since said that if I had been let alone I would have recovered and the little one would not have been destroyed.

At first when I took morphine it would quiet me for a while, but afterwards I could take a dose every hour and it would not stop the pain.

Then they gave me some other medicine to allay the pain, but after my system grew accustomed to that I could take very large doses and it would not have any effect on me.

One day I helped myself and took an overdose. They thought that I had taken enough to kill me. I felt the effects of it for about a second. All pain passed away, but it very quickly came back again.

Almost day and night I was racked with pain, and was getting worse instead of better.

I was dying by inches.

They had to care for me like a baby; had to lift me in and out of bed. I was not able to help myself in any way except with my hands.

We then got Dr. Helm, Sr. He said that I was in a very critical condition and that it would take a long time, with tender nursing, to cure me. After treating me a few times he said that if my disease was not chronic perhaps I would get well. He treated me three times and then gave me up, saying he had to leave the city.

About a month and a half after that, I was taken to the hospital in Rockford. I was there four weeks.

Then I came to Chicago, and Dr. A. H. Burr attended me.

He said that I would have to undergo an operation in order to get well. He said then the inflammation would stop. We talked it over and decided not to have an operation.

Then we called in Dr. Seely. He treated me for one week and we gave him up for good reasons.

Then we got Dr. Ryan. He made an examination, and said that Dr. Davis ought to have been hanged for leaving me in such a condition. He said he would heal me in three months.

He did not give me medicine. I used hot water all the time. When the three months were up I was no better.

After that I tried Dr. Fitch. He urged me to go to the Cook County Hospital. He had been head physician in the Woman's Department for fourteen years, and said I would get well there.

I went there, and the first night after they took me in, they would not allow Mr. Cotton to come with me.

I did not get any care at all there. They put me upon an operating table and went at me as if they were going to butcher an animal.

All I had to eat was one slice of toast and a little milk from Friday night until Sunday.

They almost killed me there, and it was with great difficulty that Mr. Cotton was able to get me out.

If a well person should go there and undergo all their treatment, he could scarcely survive; it would seem impossible for sick people to get well.

Next I had a lady doctor, Mrs. Mary Landreth. She said she could cure me in eight months.

She treated me fifteen times, then gave me up. She then got me to go to St. Luke's Hospital.

I was there two weeks. I had three doctors there, and the way I was treated is simply unspeakable.

While I was on the operating table, there would be two or three nurses standing by, to hold me down.

They treated me every day and had a pail under the table to catch the blood.

I was so weak from loss of blood that I could scarcely speak.

I asked the doctor one day what he was trying to do, and he told me he was trying to straighten my organs. Then I told Dr. Dudley I would not be taken upon the operating table any more. He said that he would give me a rest for a week.

I had a rest from treatment for a week, except that they painted me with iodine, internally and externally.

Drs. Gavin and Dudley said that my right ovary was entirely rotted away.

They gave me some drug which was horrible to take.

They treated me with hot water, and made me use it at 118 degrees, three times a day, with carbolic acid in it.

My husband came and took me home after I had a week's rest.

They wanted to remove my ovaries, but I refused to allow them to do that.

I had then been sick one and one-half years. I was in such a condition that I did not care whether I lived or died. I had no desire whatever to live. Death would have been preferable to such weeks and months of terrible suffering.

Dr. Burr wanted me to go to a private hospital and have an operation performed, but I told him I would not go to another hospital.

If he could not perform the operation at home, I would not have him do it at all.

Then they made arrangements for an operation at my home.

I lived at 99 West Adams Street at that time. He brought Dr. Hart with him.

When they gave me the ether, they gave me so much that I swallowed my tongue. It took four people to hold me.

The doctor had to put my tongue back in place. I knew about it when it happened. It seemed as if the Devil were right on top of me choking me to death, and it seemed to me that hell was all around me.

After my tongue choked me, I was like one dead.

The doctor then began to operate upon me.

They brought in boiling water, and the doctor was supposed to cool it. But he forgot all about it until the water they had poured into the wound came out and scalded their hands.

I had internal and external blisters for weeks after that.

I never was without pain for one single minute.

They pulled my organs out through the wound and treated me in such a way that I afterwards had terrible suffering.

My uterus had not healed properly from the time the doctor had first cut it.

At this time they cut off the edges on each side and sewed it up, using hot water to stop the blood.

After the operation I had ten times more pain than I had before.

For a long time after this, I lay upon my bed, worse instead of better.

Dr. Burr said he could not do anything more for me, unless he should give me a month's rest and then operate upon the rectum for blind bleeding piles, from which I had suffered from the very first. He said that there were five or six cancerous ulcers in the rectum.

It seemed everything he had done had only tortured me and caused me agony which it was scarcely possible to endure.

For about a year before this one side of my face had been sore. It was black and swollen.

I had three little running sores on my eyelid. My eye was swollen shut. The doctor said it was disease in the blood.

I never had any disease in the blood before. Whatever blood disease I had, the doctors had given me by their poisonous medicines and treatments.

At this time I was not able to use my right limb at all. The pain would go clear down to my knees. The right limb was much affected for a long time. All this time I suffered excruciating pain. Pain, pain all the time.

I told Dr. Burr that I never would go through another operation. I had made up my mind I never would submit to it.

I was so sick and disgusted with life by this time, that I did not care whether I lived or not. I asked God to either let me die or send some medicine to heal me. They all said that there was no help for me.

Then the thought came to me that I had not yet been to the Presbyterian Hospital.

I told my husband and he took me there.

As soon as we got into the hospital, I had enough of it. I did not want to stay a minute.

My husband wanted me to see a doctor before I went out, but I would not allow a doctor to touch me.

It seemed to me that all the horrors I had gone through were right before me.

I felt if I stayed there I would die.

I felt I would never have another doctor.

Through going to this hospital I learned about God as the Healer.

As we went from the hospital, Mr. Paddock, whose wife had been so wonderfully healed, saw us, and told us about God's Way of Healing.

After we reached home, I said that if the Lord healed Mrs. Paddock, He could heal me.

This was in the afternoon. It just seemed then as if a ray of light came to me, and everything was new.

I believed that I was going to get well.

That night I ate a good supper for the first time since I took sick.

The next morning I felt very happy.

I received help immediately after I looked to God, even when I knew so little about trusting Him.

My bowels were perfectly healed.

When I started to trust God, I knew very little about God, but I was willing to obey every command and fulfil every condition, up to my light and knowledge.

I kept gaining strength all the time.

I got Mr. Cotton to burn all the old books we had, and get out the Bible. It seemed that in every chapter I read I found healing.

It was so different, because my heart was changed.

Mr. Cotton never said a word against my trusting God for healing, but did everything I asked him.

After about three days he went to see Mrs. Paddock.

She told him the story of her healing.

Then Mrs. Paddock came to see me, and told how Dr. Dowie had prayed for her and how she got well.

I felt if I could just get to see Dr. Dowie, he could tell me how to get well. I thought he must be an apostle.

She told me about a meeting they were going to have the next Sunday, and I understood Dr. Dowie was going to be there.

I made up my mind that I would go to that meeting.

They tried to dissuade me, but I was determined to go, with the help of the Lord.

In the meantime I asked the Lord to heal my face. I did not want to go out the way it was. The next morning when I awoke it was healed perfectly.

I had not walked but a few steps, and that contrary to the doctors' orders, for nearly two years previous to this time; but Sunday I walked to the street car, which was two blocks.

I still had these terrific pains in the lower part of my body.

We also had to walk two short blocks at the other end of the car line before we reached Mrs. Paddock's house.

I felt better when I had done this than I had before.

Dr. Dowie was not at the meeting and I was greatly disappointed.

At this meeting Mr. Cotton said he would give himself to the Lord and serve Him the best way he knew.

After we left, the thought came to me that Jesus was there just the same, even though Dr. Dowie was not there, and I felt it was more to have my husband saved than to get my healing.

When I first started out I could not walk alone at all. My right limb had been so full of pain that I could not use it.

I grew better right along from that time, and became stronger.

I ate three meals a day.

Three months after that I first saw Dr. Dowie.

It was at a cottage meeting on the North Side.

My husband carried me up two flights of stairs, and Dr. Dowie prayed for me.

After the meeting I walked downstairs and walked about ten blocks before I took a car.

In a short time after that an abscess formed as large as my hand. They said it was the corruption and medicine coming out.

I was stiff for three days and could not move.

Once after that I had some trouble with my eye, but Dr. Dowie prayed for that, and it was healed.

I cannot express my feelings at that time. I felt very happy. I never doubted the Lord in the least.

It was in 1892 that I was healed.

I did not know how to pray for healing, but simply left myself in His hands. As fast as God showed me things in my life which were wrong, I got rid of them.

None of the terrible diseases from which I had suffered so long ever returned.

I have never been sick since to amount to anything until last summer, when I had the grip. God healed me then.

In all I had nineteen doctors treat me, and no two of them treated me alike.

They all said that I could never get well; that I would never walk again.

I cannot express my gratitude to God and to our General Overseer for the teaching of God's Word which brought me deliverance from a worse than living death.

I would rather die tomorrow than to take any medicine. I know that medicine cannot heal.

Our General Overseer has been the means under God of showing me the Way to health.

He has been the means of leading my husband to the Saviour. His first three months of Christian life were months of severest trial, but under the teaching of our General Overseer he became strong, and was able to stand for God.

The General Overseer's coming to this city brought a joy into my life, which, before this, was totally darkened by misery and pain, and a happiness and peace which has never left me.

I also owe sincerest gratitude to Mrs. Dowie for her patient teaching and loving kindness.

I trust that these words, inadequate as they may seem to express the sufferings I endured from the hands of many physicians, and the deliverance I received from God, may be the means of bringing healing to many other sufferers who may be victims of surgeons' knives and poisonous drugs.

Gratefully and faithfully yours, Original Mrs. F. W. COTTON.

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ZION VICTORIOUS IN EDINBURGH.

The General Overseer Attacked by Mobs of Demetrian Medical Students. Protected by Police. Much Blessing. Good Beginning in Belfast, Ireland. Many Coming to Zion.

ONE of the joys and the privileges of worship in Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day afternoons, eagerly looked forward to during the General Overseer's absence, is the weekly cablegram to Zion which always arrives and is read at that time.

So greatly blessed has the General Overseer been, during his work in Great Britain, that there has always been cause for rejoicing when the cablegram was read.

On Lord's Day, November 11th, the message given below came with its greeting and cheer:

BELFAST, IRELAND, November 11, 1900.

ZION, Michigan Avenue, Chicago.  
 Read every word.  
 Christ is Conqueror.  
 Hallelujah!  
 Zion victorious Edinburgh.  
 Attacked by mobs of Demetrian medicals.  
 Large force police protected.  
 Many friends won.  
 Much blessing.  
 Read nineteenth Acts, twenty-three to forty-one.  
 Good beginning Belfast today.  
 Twenty-six Zion Lace Industries people left England thirty-first October.  
 Deacon Stevenson and wife, Deaconess Brieger and mother, sailed Pretoria November sixth.  
 Many more to follow.  
 Pray.  
 Mizpah.

DOWIE.

The passage read, referring to the mobs of the medical students in Edinburgh, was as follows:

And about that time there arose no small stir concerning the way. For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines of Diana, brought no little business unto the craftsmen; whom he gathered together, with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this business we have our wealth. And ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands: and not only is there danger that this our trade come into disrepute; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana be made of no account, and that she should even be deposed from her magnificence, whom all Asia and the world worshipeth. And when they heard this, they were filled with wrath, and cried out, saying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians. And the city was filled with the confusion: and they rushed with one accord into the theater, having seized Gaius and Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, Paul's companions in travel. And when Paul was minded to enter in unto the people, the disciples suffered him not. And certain also of the chief officers of Asia, being his friends, sent unto him, and besought him not to adventure himself into the theater. Some therefore cried one thing, and some another: for the assembly was in confusion; and the more part knew not wherefore they were come together. And they brought Alexander out of the multitude, the Jews putting him forward. And Alexander beckoned with the hand, and would have made a defense unto the people. But when they perceived that he was a Jew, all with one voice about the space of two hours cried out, Great is Diana of the Ephesians. And when the town clerk had quieted the multitude, he said, Ye men of Ephesus, what man is there who knoweth not how that the city of the Ephesians is templekeeper of the great Diana, and of the image which fell down from Jupiter? Seeing then that these things cannot be gainsaid, ye ought to be quiet, and to do nothing rash. For ye have brought hither these men, which are neither robbers of temples nor blasphemers of our goddess. If therefore Demetrius, and the craftsmen that are with him, have a matter against any man, the courts are open, and there are proconsuls: let them accuse one another. But if ye seek anything about other matters, it shall be settled in the regular assembly. For indeed we are in danger to be accused concerning this day's riot, there being no cause for it: and as touching it we shall not be able to give account of this concourse. And when he had thus spoken, he dismissed the assembly.



THIS DO, and thou shalt live.—Luke 10:28.

WHEN the lawyer came to Jesus and asked Him what he should do to inherit Eternal Life, our Lord at once referred him to the law as showing him the way and asked him what he found written there.

The lawyer answered in the words of the First Commandment:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself.

Jesus replied:

This do, and thou shalt live.

This seems a high standard of living to man, because he has lived so far below it; yet it is only a return to the state in which God created him and from which he has fallen through sin.

Spiritual life is inseparable from doing; for when man's entire being is filled with love for God and for mankind, it will impel him to work for the salvation of the world.

If man will repent of sin and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour, and let Him rule within him, he will be able not only to keep this commandment, but the Eleventh also.

Jesus said to His followers:

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; even as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

God pronounces a woe upon those who are at ease in Zion.

He is today calling for a people who shall do all they can do toward bringing the nations into the light of the Full Gospel of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living, and be willing to suffer persecution and die for the truth, if need be.

One of the most effectual ways of preaching the Full Gospel is by distributing Zion Literature.

Many letters are received in Zion telling of those who have been saved and healed through reading it.

We are commanded to work while it is called today, for the night cometh when no man can work. It may be nearer than we think.

Let us then be up and doing what we can to scatter the good seed of Zion teaching.

The letter which follows speaks for itself:

MASON, WISCONSIN, November 13, 1900.

WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

My Dear Overseer in Christ:—I received your letter, also the tract entitled "The Story of a Nickel."

I will not disappoint you, although I am but a poor man in worldly goods. I enclose you an offering for the spread of the LEAVES.

LEAVES OF HEALING found me a physical wreck in body, a sinner away from God, without hope and without God in this world.

Praise be to Him whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting, through LEAVES OF HEALING I was brought to God.

I recently became a member of Zion Free Literature Mission, but I have a son who is unsaved, so I will have you send him the LEAVES for three months.

I believe in prayer, and I am going to ask you to pray that these papers which may be sent to that boy of mine may be the means of his salvation.

May God's richest blessings go forth on the wings of the Little White Dove, which carries the Gospel of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living to earth's remotest bounds. God bless you and all Zion.

Your Brother in Christ,

MATT WHITE.

**Healed Through Reading Leaves of Healing.**

WESTFIELD, ILLINOIS, September 20, 1900.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—It has been nine months since I was healed.

I had a very bad pain in my right hip for five months.

I knew Brother Robinson had gotten his eye healed, and I went to him and asked how much it cost and what it was that healed it.

He told me it was Divine Healing and did not cost anything.

He gave me LEAVES OF HEALING, and I accepted the teaching.

I read and prayed and was healed through my own prayers.

I have been healed a good many times since.

I am thankful to God that I ever found it out and know God is with me all the time.

May God bless you and keep you.

SUSAN PRATT.

**Could Not Do Without Leaves of Healing.**

BELLAIRE, MICHIGAN, November 12, 1900.

OVERSEER WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER,

Dear Brother in Christ:—I wrote to you about two weeks ago asking you to pray for me.

I now write to you, thanking you for your prayers.

I also thank God for His blessing.

I am much better and improving all the time.

I am sixty-five years old and can work from 5 o'clock in the morning until 8 o'clock at night.

I have a good appetite and sleep well.

I have not taken any medicine for a year and a half.

I do not eat swine's flesh.

I can sing God's praises more clearly. I could not sing and would get chills if I read aloud, before you prayed for me.

I can read LEAVES OF HEALING nearly through aloud, now, and have no chills.

I praise God from morning until night.

I love this true Gospel. I am glad I heard it while I yet can live to enjoy it.

I love Zion.

We enjoy reading LEAVES OF HEALING very much. I could not do without it.

I am very thankful that God has not let any harm come to our General Overseer and his party in Europe.

May God bless all officers of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, and all Zion people everywhere.

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) M. NEW.

Reader, Zion Literature Mission needs your help to send out the Full Gospel. Will you not cut out or write the following form and send with your contribution?

.....1900.

I desire to become a member of Zion's Free Literature Distribution Mission, and, God willing, to contribute.....the sum of.....  
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—Mark 16:15.

**Zion Literature Sent Out From a Free Distribution Fund Provided by Zion's Guests and the Friends of Zion. Report for the Week Ending November 10, 1900.**

2608	Rolls to.....	Various States of the Union.
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448	Rolls to.....	Hotels of the World.
319	Rolls to.....	Germany.
105	Rolls to.....	Hotels of the United States.
	Number of Rolls for the week.....	4,114
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# A VOICE TO ZION AND GOD'S PEOPLE IN EVERY LAND.

O thou that tellest Good Tidings to Zion, Get thee up into the High Mountains Lift up thy Voice with strength: Lift it up, be not afraid; Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!  
Isaiah, XL: 9.

## FALSE SWEARERS: A REPLY TO THE LIES OF THE "DAILY MAIL."

Report of the Meeting held in St. Martin's Town Hall, Charing Cross, London, England, Wednesday, October 24, 1900. Address: "False Swearers."

REPORTED BY E. W. AND O. L. S.

THE great weapon of the hosts of hell against the servants of God in this, as in every age, has been the hell-born lie. The arch-enemy of God and of His children is the Devil, *Diabolos*, the false accuser. His insidious lies, through the false leaders of the people, stirred up the rabble to cry, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" when the sinless Son of God stood before the cowardly Roman Emperor, Pilate, on that awful dawn nearly nineteen centuries ago.

His widespread falsehoods concerning the early Christians caused thousands of them to give up their lives in martyrdom at the hands of a deceived official mob.

Every true man of God who has had the courage to stand for the truth since that day has been maligned without mercy by the so-called religious and political leaders of his day.

No sooner had God raised up John Alexander Dowie as His Messenger to Zion, than the Devil began his vile false accusations.

As the work of God in Zion has grown and increased, the lies have redoubled and multiplied in number, in bitterness and in wickedness.

So furious has this campaign of lying become that, as in former times, the deceived rabble has descended to violence and attempts to murder.

Especially rabid has been the press of London, England, since the General Overseer has been putting to rout and confusion the enemies of God in that great metropolis. The false accusations which have emanated from this brood of vipers have spread, like a noxious miasma, over all the world.

But the lies of the Devil can never prevail against the truth of God.

When the false statements of the London press were climaxed by an especially vile editorial in the *Daily Mail*, on Wednesday, October 24, 1900, the General Overseer made immediate and vigorous reply.

God was with him and gave him power.

The Reply has already been printed and sold in thousands in London and other parts of the British Isles.

It is being used of God to sweep away the foul "tissue of lies" of the English press; for they are all woven together, and when one is demolished the whole fabric falls to pieces.

It now goes forth on the wings of the Little White Dove.

We pray that it may run the lies to earth wherever they have gone. We know that the falsehood has had a long start, but the truth is eternal, and this reply will live when the lie and those who have brought it forth and passed it on are destroyed and forgotten.

A. W. N.



St. Martin's Town Hall, Charing Cross, London, England, Wednesday, October 24, 1900.

The evening services were opened by the congregation singing "Faith is the Victory."

The General Overseer then read from the third chapter of the Book of Malachi; also from the twenty-first chapter of the Book of Revelation. After a few comments on the Scripture lesson, prayer was offered, the announcements made, and the offering received.

The General Overseer then delivered the following address:

### INVOCATION.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, and profitable unto this people, and unto all to whom these words shall come, and be the means of removing false and wicked impressions that have been created by false and wicked statements, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer.

In the course of this series of lectures I very singularly come tonight to the "False Swearers."

You remember what my text is. I told you that I would deliver this week a series of discourses such as I had delivered last year

in Chicago on this text. It is in two verses, the fifth and sixth of the third chapter of Malachi.

It took me three months to get through these Witnessing Sermons in Chicago, and I am now trying to get through them in a week; so I have to hasten.

I want to illustrate the "False Swearers" tonight by some-

thing that has occurred today in London. God said, through Malachi the prophet:

And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift Witness against the Sorcerers.

You will remember I told you the Hebrew word was *Kashaph*, and the Greek word *Pharmakoi* (*φαρμακοί*), in Scripture for sorcerers; and that it means in both languages makers of and dealers in deadly poisons. It has the idea not only of enchanting with these drugs, but of being under the dominion, and being made foolish and sick, and even insane, by means of them.

Now, the idea is therefore carried right through into our English tongue by the word "Pharmacist," which you see on every druggist's shop, which means a maker, dealer, or vender of poisonous and deadly drugs.

The word translated "Sorcerers" in the twenty-first chapter of Revelation is *pharmakeus* (*φαρμακεύς*), just the English word "pharmacist."

All "Sorcerers" shall "have their part in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death."

I do not hesitate to say to you that the use of nicotine, alcohol, cocaine, and all these drugs, and the selling of them, is a wicked thing. And God said He would be a "swift Witness" in the latter days against them; and so I witness.

I, therefore, witnessed against the "Sorcerers" in this Hall on Monday night. They witnessed against themselves in their riotous assemblages outside.

I will be a swift Witness against the Sorcerers, and against the Adulterers—

I dealt with the Adulterers last night.

—and against False Swearers; and against those that Oppress the Hiring in his Wages, the Widow, and the Fatherless, and that turn aside the Stranger from his right, and fear not Me, saith the Lord of hosts. For I the Lord change not; therefore ye, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.

It is a glorious thing that God does not change.

We change in all sorts of ways, but it is a very blessed thing that God does not change.

Now the third class—those whom God will witness against in the latter days—are those who are False Swearers, who produce things that are not true, who give false witness, who lead people astray by false testimony, not only in law courts, but in the pulpit, and on the platform and in the press, through each of which the people are either enlightened and helped, or deluded by deceitful words.

#### The Curse of a Lying Press.

One of the worst things that can possibly happen to a nation is that it shall have a venal and corrupt and lying press.

In these days, when the tongue of a single man can reach at the most only a few thousands, it is of tremendous importance that the press, which reaches millions, shall be written by men who feel the responsibility of what they write, and write that which is true. (Applause. Cries of "Hear, hear.")

One of the things that must be done both in America and in England is to curb the power and to superintend the actions of the press; for individuals have but little chance with a malicious and powerful press.

It is only now and then that a man can be found who will in Christ—if I might humbly say it, like myself—stand up and say he does not care what the press say, do, think, or threaten.

I have had that fight in America, and I came out on top; and now I have my own press, and LEAVES OF HEALING every week, and THE COMING CITY every fortnight, and A VOICE FROM ZION and German LEAVES OF HEALING every month, are rising in circulation.

We have several times printed a hundred thousand copies of one issue of the LEAVES, although our average circulation is much smaller. But I want to see a million LEAVES OF HEALING go forth every week; then I want to see ten millions, until *Leaves of Healing from the Tree of Life* shall reach every land, and go forth in every language of earth.

I have got it now in English; I have got it in Dutch. I have got a little paper published away down yonder—in fact, it has sprung up itself in Arabic, in Alexandria. I have done a little printing in German, French, Danish, Swedish, Japanese, Chinese, and in a number of other languages.

I have more than twenty nationalities represented by students in Zion College in Chicago today, and they are preparing, I trust, to use their pens in the presses of the various nations they represent.

So I am not against the wonderful institution we call the

press, but against a corrupt press, whose favors are for sale, like meat in the shambles or like harlots in the streets, to those who will give money for falsehoods and for the hindering of truth.

Now I want to speak calmly tonight regarding the False Witnesses and the False Swearers that have appeared in the London press from day to day and night to night, vilifying myself and Zion.

I think you will feel with me that the time has come, after the leading article today in the *Daily Mail*, for me to devote a little time to an answer.

A Voice—"Yes!"

General Overseer—I think every honest person will see that I am justified in doing it.

#### Wicked and Unfair Attitude of the London Press.

Months before I left Chicago—from the time I announced my coming, in fact—there began to appear in the London press premonitory paragraphs indicating that there was going to be an attack upon me, principally in connection with Zion's Industries.

I reached London early in September, having landed first at Cherbourg and attended to my work in Paris.

I was in this city for about four days, and I went to Scotland and Ireland for the only extensive holiday tour that I have had for twelve years and two months.

During these three or four days in London I lived in the Hotel Cecil, where reporters in large numbers waited upon me. I could not see them all, and asked to be excused. I did not want to talk. I said, "I am coming back to London in a month, and that is all I have to say." But reporters are very persistent, if they can get a chance, in their endeavors to get interviews with me.

They do not get a chance in Zion, in Chicago, because they never get near my offices. They are kept downstairs, and we believe that it is a good thing to remember that the Scriptures say of the Holy City, "Without are dogs."

The great majority of newspaper reporters behave worse than dogs. Dogs would not behave as they do. You cannot get a dog to drink liquid fire and distilled damnation, and stink with the fumes of alcohol and nicotine as they often do. I had to air out the room often after they had gone. You could not get a dog to live the life that many of them do.

And yet they presume to "judge all things," and to impose lies upon the people for truth.

It is beyond all question true that the lives that the mass of the press men live are not Christian, but sinful lives; that the mass of them are not living for God or for humanity.

What paper is there in London that writes its leading articles from the standpoint of faith in Jesus Christ?

You tell me that the *British Weekly* is a Christian paper, perhaps.

I will take that paper's conduct up some night, and consider it, with some other so-called "religious" papers which are really worse in some respects than the secular press.

You will remember that the interruptions in these meetings began with Christian ministers, and people belonging to these so-called Christian papers. You know that was so.

Voices—"Shame!"

General Overseer—It is a shame.

#### Lack of Honor of London Reporters.

But to return to my few days in London at the beginning of September. I yielded to the pressure of my financial secretary, who is a Scotch-Londoner. He begged me to see some of these young men, who had promised him to write the truth. Well, I gave some of them interviews. They deserve that I should publish their names, and I will if my statements are falsely challenged by them. One of them was —, and the other one was —, who represented the *Daily Mail*, and —, who represented the Associated Press and, therefore, many American papers.

Not a single one of them did what they said they would. They said they would fairly report my interview, Mr. H— especially. I have an exact record of these interviews, because my own stenographers took them all down.

Several of these reporters had worked upon American papers.

I said to one of them, "Young man, you are not writing. You have come for an interview, and you are not taking it fully down."



"Well," said he, "I do not write shorthand, but I give a good general idea."

I said, "I do not think you can carry all these facts in your mind."

However, I impressed upon his mind the principal points of the interview.

But the next day villainously false reports appeared, especially in the *Daily Mail*.

When I saw that report, I saw it was a wilful mass of lies, and the exact opposite of what I said all through that interview.

Well, I asked the *Daily Mail* to correct it, and they would not do it. They simply continued to abuse me, and to manufacture lies about me daily.

While I was away in Scotland, I began to find from my press clipping bureau that there was a simultaneous attack being made upon myself and God's work in Zion in Glasgow, in Liverpool, in Manchester, and in London and elsewhere. The same paragraphs, identical in words, were appearing in Nottingham, and in Beeston especially, and I began to see what the object was. The London *Financial News* also stuffed its columns, and its readers, with the same lies concerning Zion's Lace Industries especially.

#### The Attack of the Press Directed Against Zion Lace Industries.

They were afraid that I was going to succeed in my enterprise as the founder, under God, of Zion City. Of course I am going to succeed. God is giving us, and will give us, success.

They were afraid I was seeking for British capital.

I have not asked for a dollar of British capital, although it will be a "good thing" for capitalists to lend money to Zion should they get the opportunity.

We have more money as a people, however, in the United States than we really know what to do with, and we have been lending you money in England lately. When the last war loan was called for, one-half of it, I am told, was immediately subscribed from New York; and Mr. Lyman Gage, Secretary of the Treasury, says he has several hundred millions of dollars too much gold in the National Treasury.

The fact of the matter is that the United States of America never was in better condition financially than it is today, and there is no difficulty in getting capital for good enterprises.

I have never sought for a dollar of capital in London, and you will have to seek me when you want to invest in Zion.

I call you who have in hundreds attended these meetings daily to witness, have I said one word pleading for money? Audience—"No."

General Overseer—I have not said one word.

I paid all the expenses of the Mission out of my pockets before I started, and the offerings have not begun to meet the expenses.

But I was very glad today that a Nottingham lace manufacturer came up to me and said: "Doctor, I have only been two days in town, and I want to thank you for the blessing I have received, and when I get back I want to send you a check for ten pounds toward the expenses of this hall." He also said that what I said was quite true as to the Nottingham lacemakers being jealous, but added, "We are not all that way. I am a Nottingham lace seller and merchant, as Mr. Stevenson knows very well, and I have a great admiration for what you are doing, and I believe you are going to be successful."

#### Zion Lace Industries Will Succeed.

Yes, Zion Lace Industries will be firmly established, and be immensely profitable.

Last Saturday I lunched in Nottingham with eighty-two persons whom we are sending out to America. A large quantity of machinery has gone out already.

Buildings are in course of construction in Zion City, and twenty-six persons are going out immediately, and another party of about sixty in a month.

This is the thing that makes them afraid. Some of the Nottingham lace manufacturers are afraid that if we establish this industry near Chicago, in Zion City, it will seriously affect their American trade, as ninety-eight per cent of the machine-made lace consumed in the United States is made in England or on the Continent.

We have a protective duty of sixty per cent in our favor in the United States to start with; so we are, allowing forty per cent for buyers' and importers' charges, at least a hundred per cent ahead of Nottingham. When I was looking out for indus-

tries which would be profitable to my people, I was guided to this beautiful industry, of which the Forty-fifth Psalm speaks: "She shall be brought unto the King in garments of fine needlework."

I looked around and secured a good man in Nottingham who was a Christian and a member of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, and appointed him Managing Director. I bought his factory, and his two skilful brothers have also joined us, with their wives and their families, and many skilled workmen in all departments of these industries, who are competent to instruct others in Zion City, and they are all splendid people.

You can see now why interested parties are troubling about this. Their fears led them to begin a series of attacks. They in some way secured paper after paper in London to help them in deriding us, in saying that we were deceiving every one, and that Zion City itself was only on paper.

Well, you can see the photograph out there in the entrance hall of the scene at the Consecration of Zion Temple Site at Zion City, on July 14th, in the presence of about 10,000 people.

It is one of the largest photographs that has ever been made, by the largest camera in the world, and is eight feet long—less one inch.

It was made by one of our own people.

That immense camera—the property of Mr. George R. Lawrence, of Chicago—and the sun did not lie, although the *Daily Mail* did.

The fact of the matter is this: Zion City is a very real thing, but it is only in its infancy. We are only laying out the 6500 acres upon which we secured options on the 1st of January of this present year. That is all we said we were doing. We have made a perfect topographical survey of it by our own Engineer and surveyors, and are now platting it out, and getting it ready for selection. We intend to gather tens of thousands of our people there.

We intend to shut out the tobacco (or "stinkpot") manufacturers. We intend to shut out beer and whisky, and all kinds of liquid fire and distilled damnation. (Applause.) We are determined to have a clean and beautiful City, where God's people may find profitable employment, where their children may be thoroughly educated amidst good influences, and where we may train thousands of Zion Messengers for service in all parts of the world.

There shall be no swine there.

We believe that the Word of God is true which said about the pig, "Their carcasses ye shall not touch, and their flesh ye shall not eat. They are unclean unto you."

We take notice of Jesus Christ having sent the devils into the pigs, thus showing his abhorrence of swine's flesh, and we tell our people that if they want scrofula they will eat swine's flesh.

We also teach, and live, the Truth that God's Covenant assures His people of Salvation, Healing and Holiness through Faith in Jesus Christ. Hence Divine Healing takes the place of Doctors and Drugs, and many thousands of our people have been gloriously healed.

The consequence is that tens, and possibly hundreds, of thousands friendly to or actually in Zion abstain from poisons of every kind, and from swine's flesh, and many other bad things which produce disease.

I do not know really how many we have—we have doubtless 50,000 in actual fellowship with the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, and there is not one of these who eat or drink these unclean things, nor their families, for the most part. Not a single member of that Church, so far as I know, belongs to a Secret Society. They go home to their wives and children instead. They are members of the Home Lodge.

We remember Christ said, "In secret spake I nothing"; and we hold Secretism to be unchristian and often absolutely Antichristian: for instance, Freemasonry, which is simply Baal-worship.

Now, all these things, you know, set many people by the ear; because it is contrary to their opinions and practices, they do not like it; and if I were the Devil I would not like it either. (Laughter.) If I were the Devil, I would not howl like a fool against Zion in the streets. I would not let anybody know when I was badly hurt. I would try to conceal it.

But now, all these and other things are at the bottom of the attacks of the medical students' riots, and of the *Daily*

*Mail's* lying, and the falsehoods of the other papers which have foolishly followed its lead.

**Wickedness of the So-Called Religious Press.**

The "religious press" must needs come in to help Zion's enemies.

I ask this question, which Nicodemus asked in the Council of the Sanhedrin in Jerusalem when they were attacking Christ in His absence, unheard and unrepresented: "DOETH OUR LAW JUDGE A MAN EXCEPT IT FIRST HEAR FROM HIMSELF AND KNOW WHAT HE DOETH?"

Audience—"No!"

General Overseer—Then was it right of the "religious press" of London to charge me, and try me, and execute me, and consign me to perdition before I had opened my mouth?

Audience—"No!" (Great and continued applause.)

General Overseer—Ah, you denominational apostates, I have got some of your people now; I am getting more and more daily. They were slow coming, too; but they are coming to see the Truth in London.

I get them because the hearts of people know when a man is speaking the truth.

Voices—"Yes!"

General Overseer—And I am speaking the truth. I have been holding back a little and treating the attacks with contempt. But I will leave the religious press for another time—probably next Wednesday night, October 31st, when I close this series of meetings in St. Martin's Hall.

A Voice—"Give it to them."

General Overseer—Oh, yes, I will give it to them at the right time, in the Name of the Lord, whose Kingdom they hinder, whose minister they shamefully malign.

A Voice—"They are jealous of you."

General Overseer—What I complain about is this: It is not fair to any writer or any speaker to take isolated and detached pieces from his writings, and put them in a wrong setting. You have to take the whole thing fairly. They have not done this, and that is what I disagree with. I have been most unfairly presented as harboring thoughts and intentions which I hate and abhor. Therefore, I have ordered from Chicago a large supply of Zion Literature, and I have got several cases in London tonight, thirteen more are on the water, and I will have fifty cases more sent at once, if necessary. (Loud applause.)

I am filling you up with knowledge! (Laughter and applause.)

Well, now, I have stood these attacks for weeks and weeks in the press, and I have said very little; but this article in the *Daily Mail* today has made me more angry than ever I have been in my life.

I believe it is a Divine anger and a righteous anger.

I was talking to a man in a bank down town the other day, and I said, "What on earth is this *Financial News* doing this for?"

He replied, "The *Financial News*! Nobody takes any notice of it."

Then I said, "But what about this *Daily Mail*, *Express*, *Leader*, *Star*, etc.?"

He said, "Doctor, you must not be troubled by anything they say."

I said, "What is the opinion about those papers down here in the city?"

"Opinion down in the city?" he said. "I will tell you what we call them. WE CALL THEM THE 'HA'PENNY SHANGHAI LIARS.'" I said, "Why do you call them that?"

"Why," he said, "don't you know what they did? A number of these papers 'faked' up all kinds of false telegrams in Shanghai about the legations in China being chopped up and burnt in oil at Peking by the Boxers, and all kinds of things, and fed the British public with that for weeks and weeks. They were never able to prove that the telegrams were received, as alleged, from 'Chinese sources.' It was all a lie to catch the ha'penny."

Well, I believe that; and I can tell you this—that they are not merely Shanghai daily liars, but they are American and London ha'penny liars. (Applause. Cries of "Hear, hear.")

**Outrageous Effrontery of the Daily Mail Article.**

The article in the *Daily Mail* today is one of the most outrageous pieces of effrontery that I have ever seen.

If this article had appeared in Chicago, I know what would

have happened. If this insult to Mr. Fenwick, the Magistrate of Malborough Street, had appeared there, they would have been brought before the Court for contempt.

But when I said that today, a gentleman who knew Mr. Fenwick very well said to me: "If you knew Mr. Fenwick as I know him, you would know that he thinks that paper beneath contempt; but when he does hit, he will hit hard."

It begins by telling Mr. Fenwick that he does not know his business; that he is under a misapprehension. If he had known all about me, he never would have fined these amiable young medical students who smashed the furniture of this hall, broke windows, dragged an Inspector of Police over the tops of a row of chairs, threw him down twelve stone steps, kicked and fought the police like demons, trampled an aged lady who was seated near this platform beneath their feet, covered two aged men with rotten eggs, and, after I had closed the meeting, rushed forward crying, "Kill him! hang him! smash the piano!" etc.; added to all which they rioted daily for hours in the street to the number of nearly 2000, and drew thousands of the rabble into their train.

But the *Daily Mail* says: "Surely the worthy magistrate was somewhat harsh with these young men, who allowed their natural indignation to get the better of their discretion."

All this riotous disorder is called "natural indignation!"

Then it says: "We presume it was the intention of the hot-headed medical students and others who were so heavily fined for annoying this notorious impostor"—

Now, whom have I imposed upon?

A Voice—"You do not look like an impostor." (Applause.)

General Overseer—And I am not one, either.

How easy it is to use these shameful words, which are utterly false.

So-called Christian ministers in England called John Wesley an "impostor," and you know they have used that word about others.

A Voice—"Spurgeon."

General Overseer—I remember the time when Spurgeon was called an "impostor." I remember the time when William Booth was called an "impostor." I remember the time when many now living and greatly honored were called "impostors."

It seems to me to be inevitable, as things are now, that a true man should pass through that.

Did they not call Jesus Christ an "impostor"?

Voices—"Yes."

**Murderous Intent of the Daily Mail Article.**

General Overseer—Now, what were they going to do with me?

"To give Dowie a ducking in the ornamental waters of Trafalgar Square."

Friends, if I had gotten into the hands of 1500 or 2000 students, and they had gotten me into the waters of the large fountain in Trafalgar Square, close to this hall, I would never have come out alive.

And tonight there would have been many aching hearts. My wife would be a widow, and my daughter and my son fatherless; and my people, who love me in thousands dearer than they do their own lives, would be heartbroken.

But then my murder would only be the outcome of the "natural indignation" to which the *Daily Mail* so touchingly refers.

I have lived fifty-three years, forty-six of them consciously God's child, and I am not afraid to leave this earthly body. My mistakes His free grace has covered; my sins He has washed away; and my feet shall pass through the gates of that city above, of which I often think, and for which I long. I am not afraid.

I know whom I have believed. And whatever mistakes I may have made, I know that He has forgiven me, and that God will receive me.

I have been His servant, as truly as I knew how, and I am not afraid. I do not plead my merits or my works—I rest in Christ's work and merits.

Oh, I tell you there have been times these last few days when I have said I just felt like stepping out from my carriage into the midst of the howling mob, and letting them do what they would. It was only the thought that God wanted me a little longer that seemed to keep me back; because I would rather be in heaven. I would rather wake up in heaven than in London.

I think the Lord may have some need for me, and I think the people can get a little benefit; at least I hope they can. (Applause.)

They say, "Public opinion is strong against him."

Well, I went down to Camberwell Saturday night. I thought I would test public opinion. I got amongst the working people, and they crowded the Mansion House Mission Hall. We had a delightful meeting. There was nothing heard but blessings upon my head. I was there among "the people"; and they were with me to a man and woman.

But here I am amongst the educated "Hooligans" of London; colleges and hospitals are all around us, and—*newspapers*. I will say it again—educated "Hooligans"! (Loud applause.)

A Voice—"They are not so very well educated either."

General Overseer—No; that's right. (Laughter.)

Now the next thing.

After severely reproving Mr. Fenwick, this paper severely reproves the police.

They tell the police that they do not know their duties; that the duty of the police is to suppress these meetings; that the duty of the police is to come and stop these meetings; that the duty of the police is to let the "natural indignation" of the would-be murderers have full sway.

What for? Who is it that wants these meetings stopped?

A Voice—"The Devil." (Laughter and applause.)

General Overseer—I think our brother is right: I think that man is a Salvationist. (Applause.) Long ago, in Australia, I used to sing a Salvation Army ditty to a tune of my own:

The Devil and I we can't agree;  
I hate him and he hates me.  
Glory, hallelujah!

I am very glad that the Devil and I cannot agree. I think it is only the Devil who wants me to stop, and I will tell you the doctors want me to stop.

"Great is Diana of the Ephesians!"

What is the trouble?

"Great is Diana of the Ephesians!"

What is the row?

"Come along, silversmiths; we want to kill Paul! If we don't, Christ will conquer Diana, and our silver shrines will no longer be sought for!"

"Great is Diana of the Ephesians!"

What is the trouble? The trouble is this: that Demetrius and his fellow-craftsmen live by making shrines for the heathen goddess, Diana, and Paul is preaching Jesus Christ, and the people are throwing away their idols, and their shrines are being melted into dollars.

The fact is, the silversmith's craft is in danger. It has been set at naught, and we must get rid of Paul and Silas.

And so with these young "sons of Belial" who have disgraced London.

Listen to their cries: "Great is Homœopathy! Come on, Guys!" (Laughter.) "Come on! Great is Allopathy! Down with Dowie!"

What is the trouble? The same thing as in Ephesus nineteen centuries ago: their craft is in danger. (Applause and laughter.)

It is the old story.

Why, you know, in Chicago we have thousands upon thousands of people who do not call for any doctors now, and do not take any drugs; and they do not see as many devils as they used to see. (Laughter.)

Of course, after a little while the people begin to see.

As Abraham Lincoln said: "You can fool all of the people some of the time, and you can fool some of the people all of the time, but you cannot fool all of the people all of the time."

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—And it is coming out. It does not need much reading between the lines to see the animus and bitter wickedness of these attacks. I am coming to the most important part now.

#### Should Civil and Religious Liberty be Protected?

The *Daily Mail* says: "Still, at the bottom the question is not the manner in which Dowie has been protected, but whether he deserves protection at all."

Well, friends, surely that question has been settled in England long ago. Surely it was settled by the last martyr fires

of Smithfield, the last executions of Christian heroes on Tower Hill.

Surely it was settled when the crown of Great Britain and Ireland was taken from the brow of James II and put upon the brow of William of Orange. (Loud applause.)

Surely it has been settled in Protestant England when the Queen's Coronation Oath is taken with her hand on the Holy Scriptures, and she swears that she will rule in accordance with the Holy Gospels, which declare that Christ is with us always, and that He is still the same Healer as well as Saviour.

Surely Magna Charta is not a dead letter.

Surely the rights of free speech belong to free men in free England. (Applause. Cries of "Yes.")

Surely one poor little man who so many "mighty" papers say is "beneath contempt" may be permitted to go on with his "twaddle and nonsense," inasmuch as there are no less than 75,000 highly dignified, philosophical and scientific gentlemen in the medical profession in Great Britain to counterbalance his teachings—men of calm, philosophical temperament, dignified "men of science."

Surely one man may be allowed to speak when there are so many on the other side.

But let me tell you that the Press and Physicians, with all their attendant Pills and Pigs, see a cloud rising no bigger than this man's hand, and they have a well-founded fear that it is going to spread over all the sky, and that the blessed reign of "the old-time religion" is going to come back again. (Applause.)

That religion tells us that Jesus saves us, that Jesus heals us, that Jesus cleanses us (Amen), that Jesus keeps us, and that He is just the same Saviour and Healer of spirit, soul and body yesterday, today and forever. (Loud applause.)

#### Dr. Dowie's Career.

Now, I am sorry to ask you to give your attention to the last paragraph, because there is a proverb which says, "He who excuses accuses."

To my mind this attack is utterly beneath contempt. But I yield to the opinion of friends, and I answer this last paragraph with its false allegations.

"What Dr. Dowie's career has been we have already pointed out in the *Daily Mail*. He is a Scotsman, born at Edinburgh in 1847."

That is the only true thing in the whole article. (Laughter.) I am a Scotchman; I was born in 1847 in Edinburgh; and I am neither ashamed of my city nor my nation. (Applause.) And may Scotland never have cause to be ashamed of me.

"He went to Australia and announced himself as a Divine Healer."

A Voice—"That is a lie."

General Overseer—The gentleman who just spoke was in Australia when I was there, and I did not know it until the other night. He knows that is a lie.

I went to Australia when I was only thirteen years old.

I must have been a most prematurely precocious young gentleman to "announce myself" as anything when I was only a schoolboy.

In December, 1860, I arrived in Australia. I went into business pursuits very early, because there was no school in Adelaide, South Australia, better than the academy which I had just left in Edinburgh. In consequence I went to work for my daily bread, and God blessed me in business.

The *Daily Mail* says, in a villainous article of October 19th, that I was a "grocer."

That is a very honorable trade, if you do not mix sand with the sugar, etc. (Laughter.)

But I never was a grocer, and never handled groceries in my life, except to eat them. I know almost nothing about the trade, and I never handled any goods in my life.

I will tell you what I was. I was a clerk in the counting house, and financier almost from the beginning.

But I passed through the mill of toil, and had about four months on the humblest steps of the ladder. My uncle thought he would engage me as a boy-of-all-work in his shop. He was, and is, a large importer and maker of boots and shoes. I had to clean stock, sweep floors, currycomb a horse, clean out a stable, and do many things of that kind, and carry around the leather at night. I got eight shillings a week. After I had been there three or four months I said, "I can do better than this. I am going to resign." (Laughter.) And I resigned.

The very next week I obtained a situation, and very soon

I got a pound a week as a clerk in a large wholesale draper's; and I went on and on, and my career is very well known as a young business man.

It is not very difficult to make money, if you know how. (Laughter.) There are many people who never know how. I think that I always knew how to make it honorably. I know how still.

I remember once, in the City of Adelaide, in the sixties, all our gas works blew up one night. It struck me, "This city will have to be lighted." We quietly went around the little city, and bought up all the kerosene, and all the lamps of a certain pattern.

When they wanted to light the city, we had the most of the kerosene, and the lamps, and we gave light to the city for that winter, and made a great deal of money; but we made it honorably, and did not take undue advantage of our prevision. That was all right, was it not?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—I never knew a time when I could not make money. I could make money while the other fellows were smoking and drinking and gossiping around the town. I could make it now. I have made it in Chicago for my people. I recently bought, near Chicago, 6500 acres of land, and although it became evident that a big deal was in progress, no one could find out who was behind the clever and good agent employed.

The Chicago press and real estate men were at their wits' end. They knew nothing, and guessed wrongly. They thought it was Rockefeller. They thought it was Carnegie. And all the time it was this little parson, who was preaching at least ten sermons a week throughout the months it took to buy from many owners. They never found it out until I had finished the entire transaction.

Within a week I was offered half a million dollars for my bargain.

Well, it is all right. I can do business for God; and why should I not? I attended to my own business as General Overseer, Editor, etc., all the time. I simply employed excellent Christian men as agents, lawyers, financiers, etc.

"Oh, but a minister should never touch secular business," cry a certain class of "I-am-holier-than-thou" people, with whom one would think wisdom would die.

"Is God in business?"

If God were not in the coal business, where would your coal be? If God were not in the fish business, where would your fish be? If God were not in the grain business, where would your grain be?

There is nothing "secular."

All things God has made are "sacred," if used aright.

I have seen for a long time that the Kingdom of God covers all the concerns of life, home, business, and everything else in the Church, the Nation and the World.

I never neglect my ministry as a teacher and preacher, and as General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

But I attend to business of all kinds connected therewith.

Now, I never announced myself as a "Divine Healer," as the *Daily Mail* falsely alleges; because there is only one Divine Healer. Who is that?

Voices—"God."

General Overseer—Did I ever tell you I could heal you?

Audience—"Never."

General Overseer—I never said it, never thought it, and never wrote it. God heals. His is all the glory.

I could not heal you any more than you could heal me. God used apostles and others long ago. He uses others, and myself, today.

#### A Horrible Fabrication.

The *Daily Mail* says: "He amassed money, and his dupes consulted the police, with the result that he presently made the acquaintance of an Australian prison."

*That is an infernal lie in every word and letter of it; a lie born in hell, and if it was begotten and born in the "Daily Mail" office, then that is Hell.* (Loud applause. Cries of "Hear, hear.")

I defy the *Daily Mail* to produce its proofs for this shameful fabrication.

#### An American Story.

I will tell you that once the doctors of Chicago got so angry, in 1894, that they got together and induced a low scoundrel, from whom I never received a dollar, to swear to a false declaration that I had taken money from him by false

pretenses, and a wicked magistrate issued a warrant for my apprehension.

The intention was to get me arrested late at night; then to get the "Hooligans" to strike me in the darkness and kill me.

I was arrested as they had planned; but my people were on the watch, and went seven miles with me and gave bonds.

I could never get the Attorney for the Doctors to bring up that case.

I would tantalize him in Court openly, just as Elijah did the priests of Baal at Carmel, and I would say: "When are you going to bring it up, you miserable Board of Death Persecutor? Why don't you bring it up? Where is your perjured villain of a tool who made that perjured declaration?"

After two years they sneaked into Court one day when my attorney was not there, and said: "May it please the Court, we want that case stricken off the Calendar."

Voices—"Cowards!"

General Overseer—Yes, they were cowards; and so were the cowardly doctors who employed them.

But this statement of the *Daily Mail's* is wholly a lie.

No person has ever brought into Court a charge against me at any time that I have "duped" any one.

Never have I seen the inside of an Australian prison on such a charge.

It is a lie "made out of whole cloth," as we say in America, and the man who manufactured that lie ought to have the policeman's grip on his collar, and to be taken to the criminal cells. (Loud applause.)

He is the worst kind of a thief.

I am not well up in Shakespeare, but he very truly makes one of his characters say words like these: "He that steals my purse steals trash; but he who filches from me my good name steals that which not enriches him, but leaves me poor indeed."

I say tonight, and I want the *Daily Mail* to read it, that the man who wrote this is a cheat, a liar, a thief and a scoundrel.

Now let them begin an action for libel if they know they are right. (Loud applause.)

Now, the next thing:

#### Another Baseless Fabrication.

The *Daily Mail* says: "They were not unduly tender to him over the water, and Australia grew so hot that he had at last to leave it."

I say again that that is a lie in every letter and every word of it. I never had to leave.

When I left Melbourne in March, 1888, I had a great open Farewell Meeting in my own Tabernacle.

It had been publicly known for months before that I was going to leave.

A beautiful illuminated address representing many thousands of friends in all parts of Australasia was presented to me, and a large sum of money in gold.

It was difficult to get near the Tabernacle on the night of our farewell; the streets were blocked, just as they were when I left Chicago, and the people gathered around me in thousands, and the day that I sailed from the River Yarra at Melbourne I will never forget. My people thronged the steamer, and the Captain had to ask me to get them away to let the ship sail. Then they went down the river side, and threw themselves upon the banks. They wept, and I wept, too; for I loved my people. I little thought that I should be away so long from them, but God willed it otherwise.

When they asked me when I was coming back, I said, "Perhaps in five years, perhaps in ten, perhaps never. I cannot tell. I will make no promises."

I had announced my leaving Australia for three years, and you will find the announcement in a public document in this city, which many of you perhaps have—the report of the International Conference on Divine Healing in 1885, presided over by Dr. Boardman, in Islington Hall.

My letter was appended, with Dr. Asa Mahan's, to that report, and in it I stated, in 1885, that I would leave Australia in 1888; and I did.

At Sydney, New South Wales, great crowds greeted us, and many hundreds accompanied us in a harbor steamer out to the ocean. A gift and address were also presented there.

I went down to New Zealand on my way to America, and there, in Dunedin, Christchurch, Wellington, and Auckland, I received public addresses, and large gifts in gold, because I

had labored with them and helped them, and I had spent money freely upon them.

I expended time and money, and strengthened the work of God there, and I left with less money than I had come with into New Zealand.

The record of all these facts is there, in the first series of my paper, *LEAVES OF HEALING*, published in Christchurch, New Zealand, in 1888.

This is a lie made out of whole cloth, for I never "had to leave" Australia; and I brand the editor of the *Daily Mail* again as a liar, a thief and a scoundrel. (Cheers and applause.)

Now, then, let us have their action tomorrow.

#### Another Falsehood.

"He then set his sails for the United States, where he pursued his healing art with immense profit to himself."

I have no "healing art"—God alone is the Healer.

And as to "profit," the fact of the matter is this—that for many years in the United States I have given again and again my last nickel to promote the work.

I made a statement in Central Zion Tabernacle, Chicago, publicly, a little over a year ago, and I made it with the full knowledge of my financial assistants, that out of a million dollars that I had received in ten years, I had put back into the work of God \$975,000; that all I had taken in these ten years for the support of myself and my family was less than two and a half per cent, or about \$25,000. (Applause.)

Today my own people know that I am the largest giver to my own work. I thank God that I am, and I desire still to keep at the head of that procession. (Cries of "Hear, hear.")

Gifts have been made to me in thousands and tens of thousands of dollars from those who have been blessed under my instrumentality, and have been raised up from death, and would give their lives for me, and I have given that money for the most part to the general funds.

Today my attorney in Chicago holds the wills of many persons who, when they die, have willed every dollar that they have to me, that I may use it for God in Zion.

I am thankful for the confidence of my people.

They demanded again and again that I should be sole trustee of Zion, and I am sole trustee of Zion by the unanimous approval of my people. You could not find a vote against me among the whole of my people; and whose business is it but my people's business? (Applause.)

A Voice—"Just so."

General Overseer—I do not say I am poor. I do not say I am rich.

Before I left America I turned to my good wife, and I said: "If I had gone into business, if I had devoted my talents to business, you would possibly have millions; but, Jeanie, I want you, in the event of my death, to renounce your dower rights, and to accept certain sums of money as sufficient."

She said, "I will do it gladly."

The consequence is that she has renounced her dower rights which, under the laws of the United States, would give her a third of everything that I control, and she has accepted a comparatively small sum in my will, and all the rest of it would be absolutely and irrevocably the property of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion if I died tonight. (Applause.)

This is my answer to hundreds of false accusations.

I do not like to say these things, but since false statements are persistently circulated in the press, it is just as well to talk plainly.

#### The "Blackmailing" Lie Revived.

Now, then, I will go on again with further calumnies in this article in the *Daily Mail* of October 24th:

"In California he 'laid hands' upon two rich and weak-minded women, and incidentally relieved them of their wealth. He was ultimately compelled to disgorge, but not until he had exhausted every quibble and artifice."

This is another outrageous lie.

All the facts are well known to all my people, and the false accusation has been again and again proven to be without foundation.

Briefly, the story is this:

There was an attempt by two women to blackmail me, and I would not submit to the blackmailing. I fought the case, and they won upon a technicality, and stole from me some thousands of dollars by telling a deliberate lie upon oath.

Then they brought another case, and tried to get more money; but this time my lawyer was ready for them, and we won that case, and swept them out of Court by a decision from the Appellate Court.

The whole story is told in a pamphlet entitled, "Fighting Blackmailers," and in later issues of *LEAVES OF HEALING*.

There is not a man in Chicago or America who knows the facts, and would repeat that story today, but would be branded as a liar.

#### A Lie About the Melbourne Tabernacle.

However, there is another false charge which the *Daily Mail* made on October 19th. They did not dare to bring it up in this article of October 24th. Why did they not bring it up this time? They feared my exposure.

They brought up a charge that I had ruined a man named Thompson in the building of a Tabernacle in Melbourne. Why, that is one of the biggest lies that was ever invented.

Mr. Johnson (late of Melbourne)—"That's true."

General Overseer—My friend knows it, for he was in Melbourne during that time.

I will tell you that story.

In the year 1884, the trustees of the Free Christian Church, of which I was pastor, were guilty, in my opinion, of the gravest errors of judgment they could be.

We had a large congregation meeting in the large Fitzroy Town Hall, which was frequently too small. So they said, "Oh, let us build a Tabernacle."

I said, "You have not enough money."

"Oh," said one of them, "there is Mr. Thompson, who wants to buy the land for you and lease it at a moderate rental with right of purchase."

"Well," I said, "where are you going to get the money to build?"

"Well, that is harder."

They leased the land, with rights of purchase, from this man, and when they tried to build they could not get enough money.

Mr. Law Oldfield, of Nicholson Street, Carleton, Melbourne, came to me and said, "Mr. Dowie, I hear your people want to build, but they haven't enough money."

I said, "That is true."

"Well," he said, "if you will personally give me the order, I will find the whole of the material, I will build the Tabernacle to your order, and I will wait a reasonable time for the money."

He was, probably, the largest and richest builder and lumberman of that time in the whole of the Colony of Victoria. He had asked me to abandon my ministry and to join him in his business. I said, "No!" without a moment's hesitation.

The Tabernacle, which was very large, was duly built. Immense congregations filled it to overflowing, and for some time all went well.

Then this man Thompson quarreled with some of the trustees, and when I would not permit him to have his own way in the Church, he seized the Tabernacle one day without an iota of justification.

The trustees were in a tight corner.

"Now," I said, "you have a bad man in hand."

A large payment to Mr. Oldfield was due, and I paid it without hesitation, although for the time being the Tabernacle was not in our possession.

An excellent old lady in my Church came to me—Mrs. Hannah Davies—and said, "Mr. Dowie, you want about so many thousand pounds in order to buy this land outright?"

I said, "Yes."

She said, "If all the other trustees will resign and you become the sole trustee, I will find that money at once, and lend it to you."

I said, "You must go and tell these trustees what you say."

So she went around and told the whole of them, and that night she brought me back their resignations, and I was sole trustee.

What did I do?

I offered Mr. Thompson the money for the purchase of the land under the agreement which he had made with the Church. He refused it, and also refused the rent, which was tendered to him in gold.

He said, "No; I am going to have the Tabernacle and the land, too."

I said, "You shall not."



I went into the Equity Court, and got a decree from Judge Molesworth, and I swept him out. (Applause.)

I bought the land and I paid for the Tabernacle; and if you like to write to Oldfield & Lindley, Nicholson Street, Carleton, Melbourne, you will find that both land and Tabernacle were fully paid for. (Applause.)

Thompson was not "hoodwinked," nor "deprived of his legal rights," and I was not under the necessity of "finding it beneficial to travel"; for I continued to preach there until I left Melbourne in 1888.

I want again to say that the man in the *Daily Mail* office who invented these articles of October 19th and 24th is a liar, a thief and a scoundrel, and ought to be in prison. (Cries of "Hear, hear.")

A Voice—"Tell them that after you left, Mrs. Davies was true to you and continued to be a member of the Church."

General Overseer—Of course she continued to be a member of the Church, and before I left Melbourne I paid her back every dollar that she had loaned the Church. (Applause.) I have the acknowledgment in her own handwriting, and the man who says the opposite is a wicked falsifier.

#### The Mormon Lie.

Now the next thing in the *Daily Mail's* article of October 24th is this:

"Finally he established in the Church of Zion a pinchbeck imitation of Mormonism, and obtained from dupes large sums to found this new Utopia."

Now listen! You have heard me, you have seen me, and many have read my writings for years in LEAVES OF HEALING. I now ask you, have I said one word to make you think I believed in Mormonism?

Audience (unanimously)—"No!"

General Overseer—I hate it! I scorn and abhor it as a religious system. I have been in Salt Lake City.

Every man who comes from Australia via San Francisco crosses America by the overland railway, and can easily pass close to it.

With my wife and family, I spent about three days there, and they were with me all the time.

The *Daily Mail* falsely says that I "made myself thoroughly conversant with all the tricks and wiles by which that prince of swindlers, Brigham Young, had founded his communistic Mormon sect. Zion is a plagiarism of Mormonism."

Every word of that is a lie.

One Mormon lady of good position was very courteous to me and to my family, because once, when her husband, a Mormon Elder, was being persecuted in Australia, I said, "Stop this! Men have no right to be treated with violence. If they break the law, punish them. But do not do them violence."

I pleaded for them publicly, as I would do for any who were ill-treated, and they never forgot it.

But I took no stock in Mormonism. I do not believe that Joseph Smith was a prophet of God. I have not the slightest faith in the Book of Mormon. I have an excellent wife, and my opinion is that one wife is as much as any decent man needs. (Laughter and applause.)

I tell you I have no more affinity with Mormonism than any one in the world who is most violently against it.

And now I must close my witnessing tonight against these False Swearers in the London press.

Will you pardon me for having taken up so much time? But, friends, my reputation is dear to my own people, and I think it is of some value to the Church of God.

#### An Incitement to Murder.

The entire object of this article in the *Daily Mail* is what it says here at the end:

"He terrorizes his victims, by means of his trained pugilists; their property has to be made over to himself."

In that sentence are three lies: (1) I have no victims; (2) I have no pugilists; (3) every one's property is absolutely under his own control, and I never asked any one in all my life to make over his property to me.

Then the vile writer says: "It is this man that the police of London are protecting with such assiduity. Yet surely it would be a boon for the body politic if his meetings were rendered impossible or forbidden. He deserves no more consideration than the welsher of the race-course."

These words are an invitation to the mob, an insult to the police, and an incitement to murder.

They know more about the race-course than I do.

I never saw a horse-race run in my life. I never gambled a farthing in my life, and I do not know what a "welsher" is except that in a dim sort of a way I imagine he is a man who has not paid his bets.

A Voice—"You are wrong, Doctor. A 'welsher' is a man who gets all the people's bets and then bolts." (Laughter.)

General Overseer—Now that shows that I cannot follow the *Mail* in its horsey talk. (Applause.) I really did not know what a "welsher" was until now.

I do not know what they do to a "welsher," but perhaps they kill him, or hurt him.

I tell you this: I am no race-course welsher. I have lived a clean, straightforward life right through.

If I have wronged any man upon God Almighty's earth, and he will show me wherein I have wronged him, I will apologize, and I will restore four-fold, and ask him to forgive me. (Applause.)

If I am a fraud or an impostor, I am an unconscious one. I do not know it.

Last night a reporter of the *Daily Mail* came to this hall and asked for admission. My secretary said, "The Doctor is tired of you; you have been lying so much. You must stay outside; I will not let you in."

He said, "I will make it hot for the Doctor, then"; and so last night this *Daily Mail* vilifier was out there in the "outer darkness, weeping and wailing and gnashing his teeth." (Laughter.)

This is the result of it today—an article which proves the *Daily Mail* to be the vilest kind of "welsher" in the newspaper race-course in London.

And so, in closing, I brand once more the whole thing as a mass of malicious fabrications. I brand the editor as a liar, a thief, an impostor and scoundrel who ought to be behind prison bars. (Applause.)

Now let the *Daily Mail* take its revenge. Let them bring an action against me, and undertake to prove their charges in Court.

I brand its reporter and its editor as everything that is infernal and wicked.

The *Daily Mail* is not worthy of being in existence as a paper. (Applause.)

If you are wise, you will boycott the *Daily Mail*; you will never buy another copy of it. That is the place they feel most—in their trousers pocket.

Now may God help us always to witness against the "False Swearers"; and may God sweep every "False Swearer" out of the way, if he will not repent.

All who desire to live a godly life, rise and tell God so. (With but few exceptions the audience arose.)

Say with me:

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. Take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be, for Jesus' sake. Forgive my sin, cleanse my spirit; and wherein I may have erred unconsciously take away that sin, for the sake of Jesus, the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world. Cleanse my body. Give me power to live a holy life, and to fight the good fight against all uncleanness, and to establish the Kingdom of God in my family, in all my circles of influence and to earth's remotest bounds. Oh, Father, break down the "False Swearers," destroy the unclean press, and give us a clean press, for Jesus' sake. (All repeat the prayer, clause by clause, after the General Overseer.)

After the Doxology had been sung, the service was closed by the General Overseer pronouncing the

#### BENEDICTION.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

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THE world today has learned that there is something far beyond the ordinary in the words and works of God's Messenger to Zion, John Alexander Dowie.

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Those who know the General Overseer and have heard and heeded his teaching know that the power belongs to God. But the General Overseer is wonderfully used by God, as an instrument, on account of his mighty power in Prayer, taught him by the Holy Spirit.

Hence it was with the greatest joy that the students of Zion College received the announcement that the General Overseer would deliver a Series of Lectures on the subject of Prayer. It was an inestimable privilege to learn how to pray from a man whose whole life had become a mighty power for God through Prayer. But joyful as the anticipation was, it was more than justified by the realization.

Many members of the Christian Catholic Church also attended these Lectures and were amazed, from week to week, by the great depth and scope of the subject as it was opened up by the man of God.

Since the delivery of these Lectures there has been a loud appeal, from many sides, to have them published.

The General Overseer was reluctant, as he felt that in the great pressure of his other duties he had not been able to give the Lectures as he might have done with more time at his disposal. He also felt that he should revise them before their publication, and this he could not find time to do.

At length, however, the appeal for them being urged, he consented that they should be sent forth, without his revision, during his absence in Europe and the Holy Land.

Accordingly this wonderful teaching will be printed, almost as it came from his lips, from time to time, in LEAVES OF HEALING. In preparing these Lectures for the press, we have eliminated some allusions to topics of the time and place and have written in some headlines. We have also cut out opening and closing exercises and arranged the matter consecutively without regard to number and date of Lectures.

We pray that God will bless these wonderful truths to all who read in even greater measure than He did to those who heard.

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## THE DESTRUCTION AND REDEMPTION OF THE FLESH.

Earthly desires and sensual lust  
Are passions springing from the dust,  
But in the life beyond the tomb  
They fix the eternal spirit's doom.

### Physical and Spiritual Atmosphere.

Part of man's being comes in contact with the antagonistic, climatic and atmospheric conditions which fill the upper air with disease. That same part of man's being comes also in contact with the sweet things of nature: the sunshine, the beautiful air, and the lovely surroundings in the time of nature's fulness. It is influenced by all that makes the world so bright a place in which to live. The atmosphere is delightful to breathe, and all nature is so kind and stimulating and strengthening to man.

These two conditions which we find on the earth in the physical, have their counterpart in the spiritual nature of man.

Man comes into contact with these material influences, which so much affect his spiritual being either for depression or for exaltation; either for strengthening or for weakening.

These two classes of influence which are all around us, and all are found within the same atmospheric sphere, have their counterparts in our spiritual condition. We who permit our spiritual beings to be influenced unduly in the time of darkness and of peril by inward and evil conditions will find that the fight is always there until we conquer.

The war of the flesh against the spirit, and of the spirit against the flesh, is an unending strife, unless we get the victory.

When we have overcome, no matter what the conditions may be around us, no matter what the conditions may be below us, no matter what the conditions may be above us, we shall conquer through that indwelling Power which gives an atmosphere physical, psychical and spiritual in which we can breathe in health and life, no matter how dark the outward conditions may be.

Putting it in shorter form it is this: Satan has so fully possessed himself, by heredity, of the great majority of the world in their bodies, that they are unable to conquer because they yield to the flesh.

### Victory of the Flesh Means Defeat to the Spirit.

You notice again and again how God speaks about the corruption of the flesh.

God had given to man a splendid organism. It was so strong and so perfect that he was able to live upon this earth, in the days of Methuselah, as long as 969 years. The very prospect of so long a life in our present physical condition would be agony unspeakable to us, if we had any sense.

When a man gets to be a century old he is a physical and, often, a mental wreck. I once saw a man 108 years old. He was positively ghastly to look upon. He seemed to be a walking skeleton; something which ought to be buried, which had no right to be walking about.

He was a clear-headed old man, and a good Christian.

I asked him, "Is it pleasant to live to be as old as this?"

He answered, "It is always pleasant to obey God, and to be submissive to His good will; but I get so weary, so tired that when the time comes for God to let me pass away, I shall be very glad."

We are reaching a point in the story of the human race, in this Series of Lectures, when the wonderful vitality which made men live in strength and vigor began to be lost. You can see that we are approaching a point which is full of interest. Man has lost much of the *naphesh*, as the Hebrews would call it, and the *psyche* (*ψυχή*), as the Greeks would call it.

We have lost vigor of the soul apart from the spirit. The soul is such a weak thing! The *naphesh*, the animal life, the animal soul, is such a weak thing compared to what our ancestors had!

Yet the redemption of our Lord Jesus Christ will show us something which is a glorious fact in connection with His Mission as Redeemer of the flesh.

Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, when He was upon this earth, gave a vigorous rebuke to those who boasted that they were children of Abraham. He concentrated His anger and indignation upon them because they were the professed teachers and leaders, and yet were the bondservants of sin. They

refused to acknowledge this. They declared that they were free, and that they were not born of fornication, but had one Father, even God.

Jesus deliberately contradicted them. He said:

If God were your Father, ye would love Me: for I came forth and am come from God; for neither have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. Why do ye not understand My speech? Even because ye cannot hear My Word. Ye are of your father the Devil, and the lusts of your father it is your will to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and stood not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father thereof.

This fact which Christ affirms, is just the same fact affirmed in the sixth chapter of Genesis: that the whole world which was lost in the darkness of sin, had gone to the Devil completely by permitting the lusts of the Devil to be the will of man.

#### **The Absolute Separation of Lust and Love.**

When you adopt the world's nomenclature and permit yourself even to think as the writers of fiction think, as the great majority of people think, and as a great many Christians even still are under bondage in thinking, that the passionate desire of a fleshly and sensual lust is love, then, my brothers and sisters, students and teachers alike, you have given the Devil a tremendous advantage.

Lust and love are poles asunder.

The one is of hell, and the other is of heaven.

The one is intensely selfish, seeks for and demands constant gratification, and the other has in its very essence unselfishness.

Love seeketh not her own.

Instead of being passionate, love is not easily provoked.

Love rejoices always in the truth, and never stoops to falsehood.

Love finds its highest expression in absolute self-abnegation, utter destruction and extinction of everything in connection with oneself.

Love makes one willing to be utterly extinguished in every sense.

That Love made Moses stand before God and say:

Yet now, if Thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray Thee, out of Thy Book which Thou hast written.

That Love made Paul say:

I could wish that I myself were anathema for my brethren's sake.

That Love, above all things, brought Christ to earth to sacrifice Himself. He "pleased not Himself."

He was a Gift forever, for a poor, miserable, broken humanity. It is a wonder that He could love them at all.

The world calls lust love. God calls it hell-born lust which comes from the father of lies.

What a horrid thing it is to hear the papers say that because a man loved a woman he took a revolver and shot her! Nice kind of love, that! Delightful angel!

Because a man loved a woman and could not get her, he went away and murdered the other fellow, murdered the woman and then murdered himself.

Is there any love in that? Not an atom.

Such action is the result of the insanity of damning lust. There is not one atom of Divine Love in it. If a man has a Divine Love which God has given him for a woman, a Divine and absolutely unlustful passion, he is willing that she shall get the greatest happiness possible. If she can get that with another and not with him, he will stand aside and thank God that he has that love of God in his heart to be willing to stand aside, and that the woman whom he loves is finding some one more worthy to love than he.

That is not human. That is Divine Love.

#### **The Love Written of in Literature is Damning Lust.**

The nephilim of literature of today have no conception of any other kind of love than damning lust. Hence all the poetry

and all the literature of the day leaves out the Divine ideal and the Divine reality.

They who gratify the flesh in its passions and lusts are making their whole being subservient to its constant demands. These have not Divine Love. Their flesh will rot with the damning power of that passion.

That which we see in the world today is simply the continued although perhaps mitigated condition of the world in Noah's time.

I rejoice to know that God could find, if He were to come now, a great many Noahs. I do not believe that we are in anything like so bad a condition as the world was then.

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost was the triumph of the Redeemer in providing for the body, which had been lost through all the ages to that time, a redemption.

Notice that the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus is the liberating power from the Law of Sin and Death.

Between sin and death there lies disease.

The law given by Moses was incompetent to save man because of its weakness over the flesh, and its inability to provide a redemption for the flesh, great as the Mosaic Dispensation was.

The redemption is here, in that God sent His own Son in the likeness of the flesh.

The carnal mind is at enmity with God. The flesh is not subject to the Law of God when the mind is carnal. The soul is not subject to the Law of God when the man is carnally minded. The flesh is subject to the law of sin and death. It is not subject to the Law of God; neither, indeed, can it be.

Herein comes the need for Prayer. We really get to know what that promise of God, that the Holy Spirit should be poured out upon all flesh, means.

#### **The Wonderful Meaning of Jesus' Prayer.**

We begin to realize the meaning of that Prayer of Jesus given in that wonderful seventeenth chapter of John.

In that Prayer He declared the same truth, which so many fail to see, when He said:

These things spake Jesus: and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, Father, the hour is come; glorify Thy Son, that the Son may glorify Thee: even as Thou gavest Him authority over all flesh, that whatsoever Thou hast given Him, to them He should give eternal life. And this is life eternal, that they should know Thee the only true God, and Him whom Thou didst send, even Jesus Christ.

Following up that argument in the eighth chapter of Romans, you will see the reasoning of the apostle in the eleventh verse:

But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwelleth in you, He that raised up Christ Jesus from the dead shall quicken also your mortal bodies through His Spirit that dwelleth in you. So then, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh: for if ye live after the flesh, ye must die; but if by the Spirit ye mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

We are to be led by the Spirit of God in this matter. Here is the Spirit; not the spirit of bondage, which the Devil gives to his children.

To whomsoever people are servants, they are bondservants; hence those who serve the Devil are bondservants to the Devil.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For ye received not the spirit of bondage again unto fear; but ye received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ.

The question about the sufferings of the present time comes in here.

Here is a man in the flesh. He is living in the Spirit. He has a body, and that body is not the same as some other people's bodies, because he says, "The sufferings of this

present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed to usward."

For the earnest expectation of the creation waiteth for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to vanity, not of its own will, but by reason of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also shall be delivered from bondage of corruption into the liberty of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only so, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for our adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

That was nineteen centuries ago, and the redemption of the body had not yet come. We are waiting for the fulfilment and the possibilities of that redemption.

The men of the First Century realized the glorious truth that the Spirit of God which raised up Jesus from the dead dwelt in them, quickened their mortal bodies, delivered them from the bondage of corruption and led them into the liberty of the glory of God, and that these bodies would be redeemed.

This made them a tremendous power.

Bondage to the Devil made the antediluvians a horrible and unspeakable curse, so great that God had to sweep them away into hell, and destroy everything about them; and indeed, later, the whole situation of the earth. I imagine that it was at that time that the earth changed its position in the heavens.

#### **Cause of the Earth's Change of Position in the Heavens.**

You understand something of the laws of attraction and cohesion, and of centripetal and centrifugal forces, I dare say. Nature makes an equipoise of the forces which keep the earth in its proper orbit around the sun, not letting it get any higher or any lower.

Take a kite, for instance, as an illustration. In order to send it away up into the air you have to attach to it a tail of a certain weight. It ascends until it reaches the position where it can go no higher. No amount of string that you can attach will cause it to go higher. But if you pull in that kite, and cut off some of the weight of its tail, it will go higher.

So it would be with the earth at the time the Flood took place. There were great bodies of water on the earth. There is no evidence of fire.

The fountains of the deep broke up. The water no longer kept to its place in the earth, but overflowed the earth. God opened the windows of heaven, as it were, and filled the earth and skies with moisture.

The whole earth was then floating along inside of an aqueous envelope. Until that subsided the earth could not be seen.

When the Flood was over, the earth was not in the same position. That which had been the North Pole was at the Equator, and that which had been the Equator was the South Pole.

"How do you know that?" you ask.

Because in the frozen regions they have found the bones of the pachydermatous mammalia of the post-pliocene era; the great thick-skinned animals which lived before the Flood.

#### **Longevity Impossible After the Flood.**

I hold to that theory. It is my opinion, at least, that the earth's position was entirely lost. The longevity which was possible before the Flood was impossible after the earth came into this zone.

The earth lost its aqueous condition and lost its fire. The fury of these fires none of us know, but I have seen the effects of them in New Zealand in a beautiful lava district.

A painter once said to me before I went to New Zealand, "Doctor, I have to soften the colors in my pictures of this district, because the people will not buy them if I make them as bright as in nature. They simply say that they are too

bright; that the blues are too blue, and the greens are too green; that they are altogether too brilliant."

I said to my artist friend, after I returned from New Zealand, that the painters had never painted New Zealand too brightly; in fact, that the colors were infinitely brighter than they had painted them.

It was a wonderful sight to pass through that district. Its beauty was amazing. It was famous because of its white and pink terraces.

As you went up the side of the mountain you would begin to wonder whether you were not entering a furnace of fire. On every side were foaming, bubbling springs, in a volcanic condition all the time.

At the head of a little lake, a great mountain stood. One night it began to smoke. Within a few hours the volcanic fires began to work. Then day after day the lava poured down the mountain's side.

The Maori began to get frightened, and to get ready to remove.

Multitudes came into the district to look at it. Suddenly, one night, a terrible explosion took place.

The internal fires had come up. They tore the side out of the mountain. The lake flowed into the interior of the mountain, and then you may imagine what happened. The water was transformed into steam. For sixty and seventy miles around the ground was completely covered with volcanic mud to the depth, in many places, of thirty to forty feet. Whole villages of the Maori perished, as the people perished in Pompeii and Herculaneum.

Does that not show you what we know is the case, that the interior of this earth is filled with volcanic fire?

The point I wish to make is, that we have affliction upon affliction, and if we cannot get redemption in Christ which will set free our bodies, and make them temples of the Holy Spirit, I do not see but that we are the most miserable wretches who could be put upon God's earth.

I do not see how we would ever be able to do the work of God.

#### **The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit Gives Power for Service.**

I have been able to do a little work in my life since my body became consciously indwelt by the Holy Spirit. If it were not for that indwelling Power, I should have worked myself out, I should have been dead long ago, because I have worked against conditions.

We are to pray that we may realize within us the Spirit who raised up Jesus Christ from the dead. We are to ask God that our mortal bodies may be quickened; made to live by the Spirit who dwelt in Christ, and made His body such a tremendous instrument of power.

When we have risen, by the Grace of God, above the lusts and the passions which contaminated the body when it was still unclean, when the blood was still unclean, and when we have let God the Holy Spirit take possession of our spirits, and our souls, and our bodies, then we will be able to pray in such a way that God will use our mortal bodies. God can then use our tongues, our eyes, our fingers. His Holy Spirit will flow through your body, and will be communicated to others.

The word of Jesus will be fulfilled, in which He said:

If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink. He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. But this spake He of the Spirit, which they that believed on Him were to receive: for the Spirit was not yet given; because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The meaning of Christ's words was that the Holy Spirit should flow through the body.

The children of God will have to fight the nephilim again. These giants are saying, "Your teaching is not true." We

must demonstrate that it is true. There is no use saying a thing and not demonstrating it.

Men may call one another liars, but that does not settle anything.

If you say that Jesus Christ is the same Healer, and another man says that He is not the same, that does not settle anything. If, however, you begin to produce evidence in yourselves and in others, and pile up the facts as they are being piled up in Zion, that demonstrates it.

That antediluvian race was fallen, because spirit, soul and body were given up to the Devil, and the flesh corrupted.

The generation of God's children who live today, if they yield to the flesh, will go to the Devil.

**We Must be Among Either the Wise or the Foolish Virgins.**

If we are foolish we will have no Oil; none of the Holy Spirit in our bodies. Our lamps will be going out when the Bridegroom comes. If we are wise, the Holy Spirit's power will be in our bodies, in our vessels. The Oil will be there, and that is the place where the Oil is needed.

You need Oil in your spirit that the great balance wheel may go properly.

In these splendid "liners" which cross the Atlantic, they pour the oil by the gallon and by the hogshead into the machinery.

What we need is Oil. We need it in gallons and in hogsheads. We need a pipe-line from heaven. We need the Oil to be in us all the time.

Some say, "Do not talk to me about the Holy Oil in my body. Let me have some digitalis; some pink pills; some nux vomica.

There is none of the Oil of the Holy Spirit in such poisons. That is practical.

There is another kind of oil. That is serpent oil. Do not have anything to do with snake oil. Do not have anything to do with that, whatever you do. The world has it. It uses it.

You will find it down in New York in the Christian Alliance. They have snake oil by the gallon. You will find it in Christian Science.

These people are very "oily," until you get beneath the smooth surface, then they show the Devil. Talk to them about Zion. Talk to them about Dowie. Then you will find that what they have is not the right kind of oil. I only say that to you in passing. Be sure that you have the right kind. Be sure that the Spirit who is in you is the Holy Oil.

The oil of expediency is another counterfeit.

"Do not be too hard. Do not be like Dr. Dowie. Be expedient. Wash your hands in invisible soap and water.

"God's children of every kind have to be considered," is the talk of those who have the oil of expediency.

It is that oil of hell, which leads you to be at peace with the Devil.

"Do not fight sin," says the "expediency" preacher, "but love it to death."

That is the most unmitigated humbug I ever heard. Is that not all the Devil would ask?

Hate sin. Get the Holy Oil within you which throws out sin and leaves you pure and holy.

Beware of that oily talk with its illustrations. Damnation and hell are in them.

Fight sin, but love the sinner.

I will die for the sinner, if need be, but I will fight sin, disease, death and hell, and will do it with a happy spirit. I will not let conformity to and acquiescence in sin be in me. I will not love sin to death. Let me get it out. Oh God, take it out, every bit of it.

Beware of false doctrine, smooth talk, the philosophies

which have wonderful attractions. There are some parts of them which are most attractive.

**We Must Have This Holy Oil to Rise Above Physical Conditions.**

We must have it to rise above disease and to rise above death. We must have it so that we shall be in the world and not of it; that we shall bless the world, and not belong to it; that we shall be God's children in the world shining as lights, and in no degree deceived by these diabolical counterfeits of the Holy Oil.

Let us have purity, and let us have a good, sound, reasonable religion. Above all things—let me go back to where I started—let us have victory over the flesh, God helping us.

Let the body be made what God wants it to be, pure and holy.

Let the body be the servant of a purified spirit, and of a redeemed soul. Then you will be pure and every power of your body will be used. Then when the scourge shall come, you shall pass through the fires as Noah passed through the Flood.

**Zion's Panoramic Tours.**

THESE TOURS are conducted by Deacon Daniel Sloan, of Chicago. They present to the unprejudiced, teachable and fairminded the Principles, Purposes and Practices of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

Conferences and personal interviews are held with members and friends at places visited. Information is given concerning Zion City and the Truths and Requirements of Zion, as well as counsel and direction pertaining to personal, business and domestic relations which may effect one's spirit, soul and body. These interviews are always spiritually helpful.

Some of the following lectures are given: Panorama of Zion, Exhibit of Zion City, The World as It Is, God's Rescue Call, Spiritual Mastery, The Bible a New Book, Prophetic Sidelights, Zion's Place and Methods, Glimpses of the Christ of God.

Within the past months visits have been made to members and friends of Zion, touching in travel seventeen States, and stopping at points in eleven different States.

The Panorama of Zion and Exhibit of Zion City, a stereopticon exhibition of the greatest work of the age and the Coming City of the age, has been presented to interested audiences of hundreds.

The expense for each place is about \$10 or \$15, in addition to the hall rent, if any, entertainment always being provided for the Deacon and his operator in some Zion family.

Visitation may possibly yet be made to other points where there is a Zion Gathering or a Branch Church, at such times as five or eight places centrally located can be arranged for in a trip, and when time can be given to this work aside from other duties.

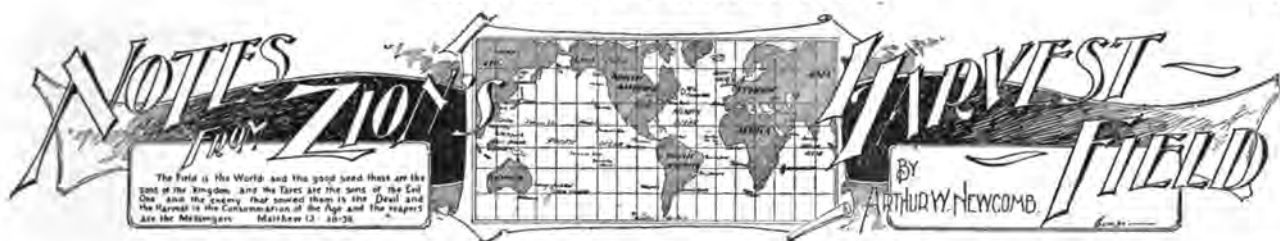
Persons who desire to help build up Zion through such exhibitions, conferences and interviews should immediately write the Deacon for a visit at such date as he may later arrange, even if his coming be delayed for months.

Interest in the meantime may be awakened and the fact of his coming, though the date is unsettled, can be used to stimulate interest in favor of Zion, Zion Literature and the Zion Seventy work which is being done.

Trips cannot extend beyond two weeks, and then only to places where several members and friends and the spirit of interest shown warrant such visits.

Do NOT write letters to the heads of departments for news concerning the progress being made at Zion City, when you can find it all in THE COMING CITY. Send in your subscription to Zion Publishing House, 1207 Michigan Avenue, Chicago.





## VICTORY IN MANSFIELD!

**Elder J. C. Reiff, of Toledo, Ohio, Holds Two Blessed Meetings in Mansfield, Ohio, Without Molestation. Threatened Legal Proceedings Stop Mayor's Persecution.**

**Mansfield, Ohio.**

Rev. Cyrus B. Fockler, Elder-in-Charge.

**ZION'S** complete triumph over the Devil in Mansfield is at hand.

God is giving greater and greater Victory.

The outcome is not a matter of conjecture.

It never was a matter of conjecture to Zion.

God has always given the victory to His people, when they were true to Him.

Zion keeps close to God, hence she knows, beyond peradventure, that He will sustain, support, protect and aid her by His Omnipotent strength.

Zion rejoices and sings praises to Him, that He has given and is giving Victory in Mansfield.

Zion prays that God will now give her grace and power, by His Holy Spirit, to win Mansfield for Him.

Zion goes forward, believing that He will answer that prayer.

Mansfield for Christ!

That is Zion's watchword in the matter.

That has been her watchword through all these months of fiery persecution.

That will be her watchword in Mansfield until that glorious end shall be attained.

Rev. J. C. Reiff, Elder-in-Charge of the Branch of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion in Toledo, Ohio, was directed to minister to the Branch in Mansfield on Lord's Day, November 11, 1900.

He arrived in that city at 1 o'clock on Lord's Day morning.

He registered at the Vonhof Hotel and retired.

After breakfast in the morning, he went to the home of one of the members of the Church, where he was kindly received.

Soon the other members of the Church began to appear, and Elder Reiff conducted a meeting in which God's Spirit was present with power and blessing.

Another meeting, likewise blessed of God, was held in the afternoon.

Both meetings were well attended and there was much joy and rejoicing.

When the afternoon meeting was over, Elder Reiff was taken to Vernon, Ohio, in a conveyance driven by a Zion man.

There was no mob.

No police or deputy interfered.

The jeers, the yells, the ribald insults, the threats, the outrageous indignities, the illegal arrests and deportations, the murderous violence which have marked all attempts on the part of Zion to meet for worship in Mansfield during the last four months had at last ceased.

What a joy it must have been to hold a quiet meeting!

All Zion everywhere will greatly rejoice with persecuted but victorious Zion in Mansfield.

In a letter written on Monday, November 12, 1900, Elder Reiff states that he believes the presence of Judge Wolff in Mansfield has put a quietus on the mob spirit.

The Elder also thanks God for great peace and calmness of spirit and for freedom from worry on the part of his faithful wife.

The foolish and false Mansfield *News* stated on Monday that no Zion Elder had visited Mansfield on Sunday. Either they lied or the boasted "nose" of the newspaper reporter had lost its sharpness, for Elder Reiff was in the city nearly eighteen hours, and held two services inside the city limits.

Overseer Piper made a few pertinent remarks concerning the situation in Mansfield, from the platform of Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day afternoon, November 11, 1900. They were received with enthusiasm by the audience of 2000 people. We give a partial report of them:

I should like to tell a bit of news.

Mayor Brown has been converted! (Applause and laughter.)

Two meetings were held last Lord's Day in Mansfield: one in the morning by Elder Matthews and wife, and one in the afternoon by Elder Armstrong.

Last night at midnight Elder J. C. Reiff, of Toledo, Ohio, reached Mansfield and went to the Vonhof Hotel. I have just received a telegram which reads as follows:

"Held two blessed meetings unmolested. Praise God." (Applause.)

Let us be sure that we rejoice in the Lord. (Amen.)

Let us be sure that we do not rejoice in any other way.

Of course it is possible that more violence may in future be done in Mansfield, but I do not believe it.

Rejoice in the Lord this afternoon.

The Mansfield persecution has been the longest and the severest, perhaps, of anything in the history of this country along religious lines.

Certainly there has been nothing like it since the days when the Puritans, after having left old England because of religious intolerance, excommunicated all who did not believe as they did, and drove them out of Massachusetts Bay Colony, threatening, if they returned, to cut out their tongues and to bore their ears with red-hot irons.

Perhaps not from that time until this has this country seen so outrageous and so persistent a religious persecution as the one we have just gone through and are going through in Mansfield.

But all glory belongeth to God.

It has not been easy to sit in my office in Zion Home and say to this man or that man, "Go down to Mansfield."

It has not been easy to send out telegrams like that which got there too late to be carried out, which I sent when Elder Moot and Elder Dinius were there, when I said, "Stay, and, if necessary, seal your testimony with your blood."

I know that I spoke the truth, I know that I lied not, when time and time again I said in my heart and to my wife, "I would rather go myself than to have to send somebody else."

If you imagine that my task has been a bed of roses during the last three months, I will tell you I have found there were more thorns than roses. But the odor of your prayers has been sweeter than the odor of roses.

God has given us victory, too.

A weaker organization would have been whipped long ago. It would have retired from the battlefield after the first skirmish.

I cannot say anything too strong. I cannot say words of sufficient commendation for the men who have been willing to obey my instructions. They have been noble men of God.

I might tell you in just a word why Mayor Brown has ceased his persecutions.

He had a high hand for most of the time, because there was nobody in Mansfield on the bench to stand for law and order.

In the light of the charge which Judge Campbell delivered to the Grand Jury the day after Elders Moot and Basinger were mobbed, he would get

his just deserts if he were impeached. He simply told the Grand Jury not to indict the leaders of the mob, almost in so many words.

Judge Wolff has been away from the city for a month and a half; nearly two months.

I have said all along that it has been Mayor Brown's sympathy with the mob which has allowed these persecutions to continue.

Mayor Brown knew last Saturday that we had drawn up and had placed in the hands of Judge Wolff papers praying for an injunction against the Mayor and his police. The Mayor knew that which he had known all the way through, that he had no legal authority for sending our men away as he had been doing.

He thought that it was better to back down gracefully, and so he allowed the two Elders to hold their services last Lord's Day rather than have a legal decision rendered against him.

There is no manhood or Christianity about Mayor Brown. A man who does right because he must is a scoundrel just the same.

When Elder Fockler was so horribly outraged and marched through the streets of Mansfield in broad daylight without any clothing on, save his shoes and stockings, Mayor Brown thought that that would be the last of Zion in Mansfield.

He found out his mistake, but the lesson has been a very bitter one for him to learn.

Words of cheer, confidence, commendation and sympathy; expressions of determination to sustain and support, by life and means, the fight in Mansfield, come to Zion from members, friends and strangers all over the land, many of them with substantial enclosures.

The following is one of many:

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, November 4, 1900.

REV. W. HAMNER PIPER,

Overseer Zion Church, Chicago.

*Dear Sir:*—I have read LEAVES OF HEALING, have seen something of the workings of Zion and the good influence of Zion Home, and I have been through it from cellar to garret.

There is no kind of doubt in my mind that much has been accomplished through your Church for God.

My sympathy is with you concerning the conflict at Mansfield, Ohio, and I believe the time will soon come when God will overcome Satan at Mansfield.

I enclose \$— to you and ask that you use it in any way you may think best.

Sincerely yours,

A METHODIST.

Vineland, New Jersey.

Rev. Isaac Leonard, Elder-in-Charge.

On October 27th there appeared in one of the daily papers of Vineland notice of a lecture entitled, "Dowieism, Great Deception of the Age," to be held in Temperance Hall, Tuesday afternoon and evening, October 30th, by Stockton Bassett, of Philadelphia, a man who has, in all probability, been hitherto unknown and thought to make himself famous by attacking the strongest power for good in the world today.

The lecture was also advertised by posters scattered over the town.

The little mission in Vineland prayed that this enemy of Zion might be brought to confusion. Overseer Piper also prayed on October 30th that he might be confounded and the lecture come to naught.

At the afternoon appointment only three people were present and the lecture was not delivered. In the evening there were but fifteen, and one of the leading business men of the town, not a member of Zion, became disgusted and left.

Surely it was a case of "confusion worse confounded." May all the enemies of Zion be thus defeated!

Vancouver, British Columbia.

Rev. R. M. Simmons, Elder-in-Charge.

Vancouver, British Columbia, newspapers are preparing for a very anxious time and some very bitter experience for themselves as well as others.

By a flood of lies and misrepresentations they are doing all they can to stir the lawless element of Vancouver into mob violence against Zion's faithful Elder there.

Should they be successful, the civil authorities and citizens of that place may find themselves face to face with a problem such as has made the name of Mansfield, Ohio, so malodorous in all the civilized world.

Then the hypocritical press will begin loudly to accuse Zion, the police, the people, any one, for the trouble, rather than themselves, the real culprits, in a large measure.

In Vancouver, as at the beginning in Mansfield, the press is openly siding with the Masonic mob which is disturbing Zion meetings. Such an attitude on the part of the press only makes the cowardly ruffians less afraid of consequences and bolder in their sin.

May God overrule the folly and sin of these modern scribes; but if He permits them to fill up the measure of their iniquity, may He give Zion grace and courage to fight and win.

He has crowned Zion with victory in many battles, and we have no misgivings about the result in Vancouver, should the Devil be so foolish as to try conclusions with Zion there.

Elder Simmons gives the following spicy account of the occurrences in his field on Lord's Day, November 4th:

This morning finds us happy. We had a good big fight with the Devil last night.

We delivered a discourse yesterday evening on the "Iniquity of Freemasonry and Other Secret Societies."

Our audience was only limited by the size of the building; even standing room was at a premium.

For an hour and more we fired into the ranks.

How the enemy did howl and rage as volley after volley was hurled from the battery of God's eternal truth into their hypocritical and sacrilegious performances!

It took the presence of a police officer to keep them within bounds. At the close of the service all Christians were invited to remain and celebrate with us the Lord's Supper.

We had a blessed time and gave the right hand of fellowship to four new members, while the rowdies stamped and raged without, pounding and rattling the door and doing all they dared to do by way of annoyance.

This city is honeycombed by Secretism.

We have located our worst enemy and will fight him to a finish with the "Sword of the Spirit."

One of the papers makes no effort to report the service, but simply misrepresents us to the public.

It says nothing about our exposure of Freemasonry, although we revealed plainly the worst of the three degrees of the Blue Lodge, together with the Royal Arch and Knight Templar degrees.

It was a great surprise to them.

Six weeks ago our congregations had greatly fallen off in numbers. Now we cannot get the people into the Tabernacle. We will enlarge the room by moving the partition further back as soon as the lease is signed.

Several have been blessedly saved and healed and we will have another baptismal service next Sunday evening.

I notice that the more the Devil fights, the greater is our victory.

Elder Simmons also encloses clippings which show the fierce, intolerant spirit of the press.

#### Zion in New York State.

Rev. George L. Mason, Overseer for China in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, is being greatly blessed in his tour of visitation of the Gatherings of the Friends of Zion in the great State of New York.

He sends us the following very interesting report of his work, under God, in these places:

In Buffalo and Hamburg the struggling friends of Zion were much encouraged by the meetings.

In Leroy, Brother George W. Sperry and wife have faithfully circulated LEAVES OF HEALING, and our meetings in an old church were fairly well attended, notwithstanding the opposition of apostate preachers.

Leroy is the home of the Rev. Dr. Parkhurst, the high Mason who raged when Brother Sperry left the Methodists.

Parkhurst was advertised to sing in a Roman Catholic fair, and at a frolic in his own church he is said to have danced the cakewalk. No wonder he fights Zion.

In Rochester, at the home of Brother O. A. Chillson, two rooms were filled afternoon and evening with earnest listeners. Several received Triune Immersion in Lake Ontario.

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In Wolcott, Brother Joel Bishop and Mrs. Bishop are the capable leaders and much taught of the Lord.

Recently in answer to their prayer of faith a Miss Baker was miraculously raised from a bed, where for more than nine years she had been so helpless with paralysis that she could not even be dressed.

She was one of the happiest and bravest of the ten whom I led into the baptismal waters of the brook. They all came out with radiant faces, shouting the praises of God.

The meetings were held in a hall, and God was with us in power.

In Gloversville the members were taught and confirmed in the faith and the prejudice of others removed.

Five were much blessed in Triune Immersion.

Let all Zion pray for these members in all these places, who, like their Master, are hated without a cause, and need prayers.

#### Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Rev. Edward Williams, Elder-in-Charge.

Elder Williams sends the following interesting report of the work which God is doing, through Zion, in Benton Harbor and its sister city just across the St. Joseph River, St. Joseph:

God is blessing His work in Benton Harbor.

The Churches are beginning to find it out.

The press is taking the thing up.

The saloonkeepers say that we are ruining their business. One of Zion's Seventies said, "Yes, that is just what we are here for."

Zion people have been very faithful all through the summer.

Many of the large churches have been closed during the summer months, and those which were not closed averaged only twenty-five at their Lord's Day evening congregation.

Zion Tabernacle was full.

The Baptists have just closed what they call a very successful Church "rummage sale." All the old things that they could get from anybody were given to the Ladies' Aid Society and then sold to help the so-called cause of the Lord.

They are now finishing up with a so-called revival.

What a combination!

We have been preaching Repentance to the prisoners at the St. Joseph jail on Lord's Day afternoons.

We also give them LEAVES OF HEALING.

They are very glad to get the papers.

Their faces brighten when we go into the prison.

We were told last week that when prisoners were tried a few weeks ago, people in the court-room not only noticed it, but some remarked how penitent most of the prisoners were and how many of them confessed their guilt and asked the Court for mercy.

God's Word, we believe, had reached their hearts.

We have cottage meetings in different parts of the city.

We are praying for you at Headquarters, and also for our beloved General Overseer in Europe.

We know that you are praying for us.

#### Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Gideon Hammond, Elder-in-Charge.

Mrs. M. A. Putnam, 1241 Somerset Street, Philadelphia, a member of the Branch of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion in that city, sends the following testimony to healing in answer to Elder Hammond's prayer:

I have felt it my duty to give my testimony to the wonderful healing I received, in answer to prayer and "the laying on of hands," about six months ago.

I contracted a very severe cold. It settled on my lungs and I coughed night and day. I could neither sleep nor eat. The family began to despair of my life; but I did not realize that I was in so much danger.

I sent for Elder Hammond, and he kindly answered my call at once.

After prayer, my cough left me in about an hour.

The next day Elder Hammond prayed with me again, and from that time I made rapid improvement. My sleep returned, appetite came and I am gaining in flesh.

I have had no return of the disease. I praise God He keeps me.

I have been in Zion for over three years. My heart goes up in prayer for your prosperity.

I would like to visit you in Chicago. I hope it may be my good fortune to do so some time.

Zion Junior School in Zion Tabernacle, Philadelphia, now has twenty-six pupils, and is a great blessing. It is in charge of Miss Mary S. Ortman.

#### Zion's Holy War Against the Hosts of Hell in Chicago.

ON OCTOBER 1, 1899, the General Overseer and Zion entered upon one of the most remarkable religious campaigns in the history of the City of Chicago.

It was very admirably called "Zion's Holy War Against the Hosts of Hell in Chicago."

By that name it has become famous the world over.

No sooner had the "Holy War" been announced than the enemy began to make active preparations for the onslaught, so that when the war began, it was real. The "Hosts of Hell" fought back with an energy and desperation which made the echoes of the fighting reverberate from Ocean to Ocean in this Continent and across the seas.

The lying press, the pulpit, the medical and pharmaceutical professions, the Secret Societies and many others, whose pet sins had been assailed, joined the forces against Zion and her Divinely commissioned leader.

The West Side Zion Tabernacle riot, in which 3000 medical students participated; the Hammond, Indiana, riot, in which the General Overseer and a number of his faithful attendants were bruised and wounded by flying missiles, and the Oak Park, Illinois, riot, when the General Overseer and 300 members of Zion were besieged in Zion Tabernacle, Oak Park, by a howling mob until 3 o'clock in the morning, when they were rescued by a squad of Chicago police, were some of the exciting incidents of Zion's Holy War.

During this War, the General Overseer delivered his now famous series of addresses on the text found in Malachi 3:5:

And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift Witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers; and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not Me, saith the Lord of hosts.

He also delivered a series of powerful addresses "Against an Unclean, Ungodly and Criminal Press," and a sermon warning the people against Bad Books and Bad Pictures.

These sermons not only aroused the most bitter antagonism of "The Hosts of Hell," but were greatly blessed of God in bringing men and women to Repentance, Faith, Obedience, Salvation, Healing and Holy Living.

Their influence still goes on.

They were first published from week to week in LEAVES OF HEALING, at the time when they were delivered.

They have now been published in book form and are for sale at Zion Publishing House.

The book is a handsome one, of over 300 pages, substantially bound with a neat paper cover.

It contains forty-one preludes, sermons and addresses, a portrait of the General Overseer, and thirteen of Mr. Champe's striking cartoons.

It makes not only a powerful witness against sin, but, in the spicy, graphic preludes by the General Overseer, a most entertaining and valuable history of that remarkable campaign.

Price 50 cents, postpaid to any point in the United States.

Address all orders to Zion Publishing House, 1207 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A.

**Dig Deep Into God's Word.** On the surface of the Bible you will find the letter which killeth, and associated with it is the *physical strata*. This deals with narratives, incidents, records, customs, places and people. One may know all these things and be able to repeat from memory much Scripture, even knowing the Bible by heart, as some say, and yet be ignorant of God in the might of His salvation.

Underneath and associated with this is the *intellectual study of the Bible*. This leads one into mental pursuits and pleasures, where literary and ethical subjects, together with maxims and examples for this life, may, no doubt, give delight to many. Yet this may prevent one having fellowship with God in spirit.

*The Spirit of God guides into all truth*, leading one directly to Christ as Lord and Saviour, as well as Teacher and Leader.

*This last strata brings one to fine gold and that which is sweeter than honey in the homecomb.* Get this spiritual insight and understanding of Jesus Christ our Lord, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Through your study of God's Word, do not let the physical and psychical so attract and occupy you that you cannot see *this under-vein in which God is ever real to you. It makes His will plain concerning every duty and relation in life. Keep on digging deep in study, ever comparing spiritual things with Scripture!* Then you will know the mind of the Lord, and will never walk in darkness, but will have the *Light of Life*.

# CHEERING WORDS FROM ZION'S GUESTS

## NOTES FROM ZION HOME

THE regular Praise and Testimony Meeting held in Zion Home, Saturday evening, November 10, 1900, was conducted by Overseer Speicher.

After the usual opening exercises, the States represented were enumerated and found to be thirteen in number, as follows:

Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee and Wisconsin.

The following foreign countries were represented:  
Canada and Japan.

The meeting was then thrown open for testimony.

EVANGELIST SARAH L. KENNEDY, Detroit, Michigan, said: "I praise God tonight, not only that He has wonderfully healed me, but for the strength He has given me during the last two years. I also have a greater hold upon God and I trust Him for everything."

MRS. E. H. SATTERLEE, Kenyon, Minnesota, said: "I am glad that I have this teaching.

"I have been greatly blessed in spirit, soul and body.

"I came here two years ago last spring and was wondrously healed of some troubles from which I had suffered for forty-eight years, and of others which had troubled me for sixteen or seventeen years.

"I have received great spiritual blessing here in Zion Home and in Zion Tabernacle, for which I praise God."

DEACON HOMER KESSLER, Zion Home, said: "I praise the Lord that in connection with my Mansfield experience I found God's Grace sufficient.

"Not only did He deliver me from all fear, but took all pain away when I was struck by the stone which the mob threw. I realized great spiritual blessing. I know that I shall be able to do more for God, to enjoy more, and also to be a better, more faithful and truer servant of His because of this experience and the closer walk with God which it brought."

A. C. JENSEN, Zion Home, said: "I would like to tell a little of what LEAVES OF HEALING is doing. Two days ago my sister received a letter, in which the writer (evidently a young girl living in one of the Eastern States) says: 'I saw your name in LEAVES OF HEALING among those baptized. Will you please tell me something about Zion?'"

"My grandma is now an old lady. She has always been a Christian since she was eleven years of age. She has always been a great worker in the Methodist and Baptist churches, but now she believes in Zion, and she is a greater worker than ever. She took the paper to one lady and she was converted. They, with still another lady, are the only three in this whole country who believe in Zion.

"We have just had a big Quarterly Meeting here, and the Presiding Elder preached a whole sermon against Zion and said that Dowie was a bad man, but he could not shake grandma's faith any.

"Now, won't you write and tell me something about Zion? It has only been a few months since we got the paper."

"Some time ago one of my friends and his wife were traveling in Minnesota. One morning while waiting at a small station, they saw a young lady sitting by herself reading the Bible. It being a rather unusual sight to see a young person thus engaged in a public place, my friend's wife approached and spoke to her. She told her how she, when very sick, had

received a copy of LEAVES, had turned to her Bible and found the truth in the LEAVES verified; how she then turned to God and received perfect healing. She was now waiting for a train to take her to a sick friend and to tell her of God the Healer, and she had no doubt whatever as to her being healed, too.

"These are only two out of thousands of instances where LEAVES OF HEALING has been the direct means of bringing people the blessing of Salvation, Healing and Cleansing.

"I also wish to thank God for the wonderful blessings received. He has wonderfully kept and strengthened me, and us all. My mother, who has been suffering for over twenty years, has just arrived from Denmark. She has been greatly blessed and strengthened."

MRS. MAGGIE D. COSGROVE, North Harvey, Illinois, said: "I have had too many blessings in Zion not to speak of them. The Lord has wonderfully blessed me in spirit, soul and body. I am so thankful that I am here. I shall go away better in spirit and in body."

MRS. G. W. BROMLEE, Charleston, Illinois, said: "I have been in Zion just two weeks tonight. I have been wonderfully blessed since I came here, both in spirit and in body."

MRS. MARY SEYS, 1425 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I have so often heard people speak about the early days of Zion. I do not envy them, because Zion has now reached far enough to take me in. I did not know anything about Zion then, but thank God that I do now.

"It was through the testimony of one who was healed in Zion that I was brought into Zion, and I am thankful for the wonderful blessing which I have received in spirit, soul and body. When I first accepted God as my Healer, I wore three pair of glasses to read with and one pair constantly, but I put off the glasses and asked God to heal my eyes.

"God has healed my eyes. I am receiving my sight. I am now able to read the fine print of my Bible. I thank God for what He is doing for me in spirit, soul and body. He has healed me of many other diseases."

MRS. W. S. PECKHAM, 2225 Calumet Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I have been waiting to hear those speak who have recently come to Zion. The Lord would, probably, like to have a testimony from one who knew Zion in its infancy. I think a thing which wears and grows better and better is certainly worth telling about.

"I knew Zion seven years ago. When I first came to Zion I was in a helpless condition, having been an invalid for thirteen years. I was given up by one of the best surgeons in the country.

"I came on a Saturday and Dr. Dowie prayed for me on the following Monday. I then and there resolved to give myself wholly to God and promised to do that which Zion always requires for perfect healing.

"I received an immediate healing of innumerable diseases and God wonderfully blessed me. I had a great spiritual blessing. It was so wonderfully, powerfully sweet, that I asked God to take it away for a moment; it seemed impossible for me to stand it.

"I went back home and resolved to do all I could to testify for God. I did it in a quiet way. I saw it was not very popular. God permitted me to be pushed out of our Church,

because we were faithful to Him in a great many things, even holding meetings in our home to some extent; and I think on account of this fear got into my heart, and I went back somewhat, spiritually.

"Then my eyes became affected. A year ago I had cataracts in both eyes. I was told that possibly in a few months my right eye would become blind, and in a year would have to be operated upon.

"Elder McClurkin was then in Cincinnati. I went to him and he told me that something must be in the way that I did not receive an answer to prayer. I went back home. I finally saw myself as God saw me and I gave myself, my all, to Him. I reconsecrated myself to God, and in His infinite love He restored my sight.

"Zion is making wonderful progress and God is pouring out His blessing on the work in every way, but the dear old days have never been forgotten."

ELDER S. H. STOKES, Zion Home, said: "I am so glad that I am in Zion, although I did not expect to be here tonight. I thought that I was getting along so nicely at Detroit, and it came quite as a surprise when I was called to Headquarters to take up the work at South Side Zion Tabernacle, but in Zion we are ready for anything. It used to be said that a minister was to be ready to preach, to pray or to die. In Zion it is more than that: we are ready to obey.

"I was just thinking of my work in the M. E. Church and in Zion. For six years I was in the traveling work with the Methodist Church. For eighteen months I have been in separate fields in the work of Zion. I had a little over three months in the work here before I went to Detroit. The results are far greater in the eighteen months in Zion, than in the six years of the Methodist ministry. I do rejoice that God has opened my eyes to see this wonderful Gospel.

"Men have been wonderfully saved and healed. Ties are so different in Zion from what they are in the denominations. When we go to some one's home and we wrestle, together with God, for a companion, or with the parents for a child, and God gives us a glorious victory, those ties can never be broken. It is not surprising then that when we must separate, as some said, it seemed like the losing of a friend out of the home. Some said it seemed almost like a death for the Elder to go."

Elder Stokes then related healings which had taken place in his ministry recently and then continued, saying: "I thank God that our General Overseer has called the people to this wonderful Covenant which God made. It is being realized. I am anxious to preach this Message and to tell others of the wonderful work that God has done for me and what He has been doing for others.

"I thank God for LEAVES OF HEALING. How it has gone into these wilderness places and found young men in sin! I was in Northern Michigan and baptized ten persons there. On the way to the Baptism one young man said to me, 'If it were not for LEAVES OF HEALING I am sure that I should be dead and in hell today. LEAVES OF HEALING found me when I was very near to death. I was very wicked, but the Little White Dove brought this Message of Salvation, Healing and Cleansing to me. I gave my heart to God and He saved me and He healed me.'

"I heard many such testimonies concerning LEAVES OF HEALING. I came back very much encouraged and pushed forward in the work of the ministry in every way, especially in getting the LEAVES into the hands of the people.

"I praise God that He is finding so many people who are willing to accept this blessed Gospel."

The meeting was then closed by Overseer Speicher offering prayer and pronouncing the

**BENEDICTION.**

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; our Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

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# LEAVES OF HEALING.

## ZION CITY BANK.

BY DEACON W. S. PECKHAM.

AND NOW I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this council or this work be of men, it will be overthrown: but if it is of God, ye will not be able to overthrow them; lest haply ye be found even to be fighting against God.—Acts 5:38, 39.

THAT the work of Zion is the work of God is shown by the fact that while her enemies have raged and plotted and fought, they have never been able to even retard the onward march of Zion. All that fiends incarnate in the world and in an apostate church could do has been done to shake confidence in Zion. But God is "making the wrath of man to praise Him."

The lies of the press, both secular and religious, have become so barefaced that the people no longer believe them. The press of the country has become the tool of the Devil.

But they must soon realize that they are fighting against God.

Ever since our General Overseer left this country the enemies of Zion have done everything within their power to prevent the establishing of Zion City and the great Zion Lace Industries.

They have sought to create distrust in the minds of the people, and cripple the Financial Institutions of Zion. But these Institutions have enjoyed great prosperity all the while, and are now among the best and strongest in the land. They are destined to become the greatest in the world. God has founded them to carry forward the great material interests of the Kingdom of God, soon to be ushered in with great glory.

The success of these splendid Institutions is only equaled by the rapid growth of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

Controlled by the greatest financier of this or any other age—John Alexander Dowie; officered by men of ability and highest integrity; founded upon principles of righteousness; and backed by the resources of an infinite God, Zion's Financial Institutions are as solid as the Throne of God: "For the Lord dwelleth in Zion."

THE BUSINESS of the world is largely done upon confidence. When confidence is destroyed, there is general depression and stagnation.

Very little of the business of the world is done with money. Business of every description is carried on by means of paper, in the form of bills of exchange, checks, drafts, etc. These are mere promises to pay and must be taken in confidence.

When the policy of the government is known, firms and individuals can proceed to manufacture and place orders with the confidence that values will not be changed by legislation.

The wonderful activity in the industrial world, consequent upon the election of a Republican President, is caused by business men confidently expecting a continuance of existing tariff laws, and that no great changes would be made in any laws governing trade.

Under the protective policy of the Republican party, this country has taken first place among the nations of the earth.

In the last campaign a victory was won by the business men of this country.

No one could safely forecast the results of the election of Mr. Bryan and a congress which would support his theories on finance and government. The business of the country seemed to be menaced by Bryanism, which opposed sound money, business honesty, a protective tariff and expansion.

But above everything else Mr. Bryan was a destroyer of confidence, both in the business world and in the labor world.

He arrayed capital against labor and employer against employee. Their interests are mutual, and one cannot succeed without the other.

The work of a demagogue always destroys confidence and brings disaster. It is impossible to do business without confidence. Without it the wheels of commerce soon cease to turn.

Zion always has the confidence of her members. This is what makes Zion so prosperous. Nothing that the press can say or the world or the flesh or the Devil can do ever disturbs Zion.

The General Overseer has the love and confidence of his people. Not only do we have confidence in our earthly leader, but we have this confidence that God is building up Zion, and that Zion cannot fail unless God fails, which is impossible.

VERY FEW realize how largely the element of confidence enters into every act of life. We are dependent one upon another, and no one can act entirely independent of others.

We are compelled hourly to put faith in our fellowmen, and often to place our very lives in the hands of others.

Every time we ride upon a train we commit ourselves to the care of others. Every time we deposit money in a bank, or buy stocks or bonds, we must place confidence in others.

This being true, it is only a question as to whom we shall trust, or who is most worthy of confidence.

In Zion we believe it is better to trust one man of God than to put confidence in a number of men who are worldly and fear not God. We know that God has sent our beloved General Overseer and endowed him with wisdom, power and resources above any other man of this time.

THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS of Zion are only eighteen months old, but already have several thousands of depositors and shareholders.

During the last eight months Zion City Bank has opened more than 1400 new accounts, which is more than an average of five for each working day. This shows loyalty and confidence upon the part of many.

Let the many thousands of Zion members who have confidence in our General Overseer help in this great work of Zion.

Do not hesitate, do not question about anything in Zion, but with hearty confidence follow our leader. He who has led us wisely in spiritual things, and made us victors over sin, disease and all the power of the Devil, will lead us to victory in everything.

AS THERE can be no success in the business world without confidence, so there can be none in Zion without confidence. It is absolutely necessary that every member of Zion shall have perfect faith and confidence in every department of Zion.

There is no joy in a divided heart.

To be happy, we must be in Zion all over. Zion must be in us and we in Zion. We must help in every way possible, and love Zion above our chief joy.

To trust Zion is to trust God.

To withhold our resources from Zion is to withhold them from God.

Honor Jehovah with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase.

SUBSCRIBE for THE COMING CITY, in which may be found all the news concerning the progress of founding Zion City.



BY REV. O. L. TINDALL, M. A., B. D., PRINCIPAL MINISTERIAL DEPARTMENT.

IT IS an interesting study in Zion to note the different classes of people who are being attracted to her fold. We are glad that Zion is not for the rich nor for the poor; for the learned nor for the ignorant; for the Jew nor for the Gentile, but for "whosoever will."

It illustrates the molding power of a true Gospel to make all men and women one in Christ. Zion proposes, under God, to manage all mankind without distinction of race, color or previous condition.

WE TRUST Zion College is and ever will be, by the Grace of God, a hand which will shape the plastic clay into vessels of honor. We are glad to see the young people coming.

We have not flung out our banner, inscribed with art and music, esthetics, science and honor as the chief incentives to learn. In our school room, at the beginning, was written above our heads, "In the Beginning God." Yet we teach art, and none can boast a better leader than Zion has at the head of her Musical Department.

WE ARE glad to announce that we have a very competent teacher in Mrs. J. H. Harnley, who has taken the work in Elocution for all the departments. Mrs. Harnley is the wife of Prof. Harnley, who is teaching in the Business Department and taking the ministerial course. Mrs. Harnley is a graduate of the School of Oratory in Chicago and has had experience in teaching. We are glad to welcome her into our ranks of instructors.

The old saying that it was a teacher's office "to teach young ideas how to shoot," is especially appropriate for the teacher of elocution. The work of other teachers is largely to give the pupils ideas; to fill up their quivers with arrows. The trainer in elocution must teach them how to shoot them to make them do effective work.

It is not only what a man says, but how he says it, that makes it effective. Many a good discourse has been lost by the bungling way in which it has been delivered.

Hamlet's instruction to the players has a great deal of good sense in it and may be applied very appropriately to the ministry and other public speakers:

Speak the speech, I pray you, as I pronounced it to you, trippingly on the tongue; but if you mouth it, as many of your players do, I had as lief the town-crier spoke my lines. Nor do not saw the air too much with your hand, thus, but use all gently. . . . Suit the action to the word, the word to the action.

Pretty good advice, whether it be applied to speaking or to living. Some would have us discard elocution or the art and science of speaking altogether, saying it makes men only mechanical, unnatural and artificial. One might as well say that training can do nothing for singing. The same principles hold good in training the voice for speaking as for singing.

The Devil and his emissaries have been quick to see this. They have seen the power of good speaking and acting.

They have taken hold of it and brought it to a high degree of perfection. By it, largely, they draw and hold large audiences week in and week out the year round, and make their devotees pay even more than their tithes—the great bugbear to many concerning Zion—for the privilege of seeing and hearing them.

Some one has said, when comparing the theater with the pulpit, "The actor plays his farce and speaks his fables with an earnestness which makes one think they are truth, while the minister speaks the tremendous truths of eternal life in such an indifferent way that you would think they were false."

Sam Jones very quaintly said to an old lady, who had remarked to him that she liked what he said well enough, but the way he said it did not please her, "Why, madam, the way I say it is the only thing I have a patent on."

Cannot that be said of Zion largely? Other ministers say they have preached the Gospel of Repentance, Faith, etc., and yet people cry out that we have a new Gospel.

The same principles hold good in all effective speaking, whether it be in the theater, in the drawing room, pulpit, or on the Day of Pentecost when Peter stirred all the multitudes with his burning words and made them cry out, "What must we do?"

The actor forgets his art and himself and enters into the spirit of his character, or else he is a failure.

The minister must enter into the spirit of his words. He must be moved by the inward impulse. That is what Paul meant when he said:

My speech and my preaching were not with enticing words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the spirit and of power.

He also said:

If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am become sounding brass.

ON FRIDAY evenings we are to have public exercises. From 7 o'clock until 8 will be a social. This will be followed by a literary and musical programme. All Zion College students are expected to take part, and their friends are welcome to come in and enjoy the evening with them. This will be held in Zion Hall of the Seventies.

WE WERE quite interested in the story of a young man who applied for admission into Zion College a few days ago. He had been a student of pharmacy in one of the large universities in Chicago.

Up to about a week previous he had been pursuing the even tenor of his way, deeply interested in his studies and bright prospects of being a druggist in the near future, as he said.

He happened, or better, he was providentially led to get a room in a Zion family, not knowing or caring what the religious views of his landlady might be. But Zion people do not keep their lights under a bushel, and he soon found that she belonged to "Dr. Dowie's Church," as he called it.

Next, Zion Literature went into his hands. Among the tracts was "Doctors, Drugs and Devils." This proved to be an allopathic dose and knocked out all the drugs and a good many other things which he had been imbibing from his youth. It demonstrated fully their favorite maxim, "*contraria, contrariis, curantur*": the contrary is cured by the contrary.

He was baptized as the Lord directs by Triune Immersion on Sunday, and is now a student in Zion College.

May God bless the *φάρμακός*, sorcerers, and all those without, and bring them in.

ZION COTTAGE MEETINGS.

BY REV. JOHN G. SPEICHER, OVERSEER IN THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ZION FOR CHICAGO.

TO ALL them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in all sincerity, To all the Members and Friends of Zion, and To all to whom these words shall come: Peace be with you, and love and faith, from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We invite your hearty cooperation with us in the Cottage Meeting work.

God is wonderfully blessing these meetings in the salvation of lost humanity, in the healing of the sick and suffering, and in building up in the most holy faith those who are redeemed by the precious Blood of Jesus.

Do you desire these blessings to come to your home? Will you not open your doors for a weekly Cottage Meeting? Let every member of the Christian Catholic Church enter into a loving rivalry, striving to make each home the greatest possible blessing to their own communities.

We solicit invitations from those who are not in Zion, that we may enter their homes with weekly Gospel meetings.

Will you not write to the above address if you desire us to come?

We will not be content until we place a meeting in every home in Zion, and in every home where there is a desire to know honestly the Full Gospel.

Below we append a list of Cottage Meetings. Attend those nearest your own homes. There are now 200 Zion Cottage Meetings in Chicago, in eight different languages: English, German, Swedish, Danish, Norwegian, Bohemian, Chinese and Italian, besides in the homes of our colored people.

Central District.

South of River to Forty-seventh Street. Rev. Cyrus B. Fockler, Elder-in-Charge of Cottage Meetings. Central Zion Tabernacle, 1621-1633 Michigan Avenue. REV. JOHN ALEXANDER DOWIE, GENERAL OVERSEER.

Table with columns: NAME, ADDRESS, TIME, LEADER. Lists various cottage meetings in the Central District, including names like M. J. Henrich, Mrs. Sarah Monroe, and addresses like Canal St. and Lincoln St.

Southeast District.

South of Forty-seventh Street, between Cottage Grove Avenue and Lake Michigan. Rev. W. J. Stith, Elder-in-Charge of Cottage Meetings.

Table with columns: NAME, ADDRESS, TIME, LEADER. Lists various cottage meetings in the Southeast District, including names like Robert Murdock, Mrs. I. Ludwigson, and addresses like Kimbark Ave. and Buffalo Ave.

South Side District.

South of Forty-seventh Street and East of Cottage Grove Avenue. Rev. S. H. Stokes, Elder-in-Charge of Cottage Meetings.

Table with columns: NAME, ADDRESS, TIME, LEADER. Lists various cottage meetings in the South Side District, including names like D. W. Hawkins, E. W. Britton, and addresses like Champlain Ave. and State St.

West Side District.

All West of River. Zion Tabernacle, corner of West Madison and South Paulina Streets. Rev. G. F. Stevens, Elder-in-Charge of Cottage Meetings.

Table with columns: NAME, ADDRESS, TIME, LEADER. Lists various cottage meetings in the West Side District, including names like J. Black, J. Black, and addresses like 1019 N. 43d Ave. and 1019 N. 43d Ave.

West Side District—Continued.

NAME	ADDRESS	TIME	LEADER
Mrs. A. L. Heasling	822 North Artesian Ave.	Thursday evening	C. A. Kristoffersen.
H. L. Bussan	583 Lawndale Ave.	Thursday evening	C. E. Robinson.
Mrs. A. Brown	361 South Clinton St.	Thursday evening	Miss A. D. Ayer.
Mr. Lombardi	430 S. Desplaines St.	Friday evening	R. A. Boccasin.
K. McDaniels	472 Oakley Bld.	Friday 3 P. M.	Elder Stevens.
Mr. Winchester	141 South Halsted St.	Friday 3 P. M.	James Williams.
K. McDaniels	472 Oakley Bld.	Friday evening	Mrs. L. Van Horn.
Deacon Wm. Hamilton	627 Ashland Ave.	Friday evening	Elder Stevens.
M. A. Franklin	186 N. Trumbull Ave.	Friday evening	Deacon Kibbey.
Mrs. Anna Paulson	166 West Huron St.	Friday evening	C. A. Kristoffersen
Wm. Valkuar	818 North Talman Ave.	Friday evening	A. W. Chambers.
J. Adams	642 North Avers Ave.	Friday evening	Mrs. Thomas.
Mrs. K. Tooke	1014 Washington Bld.	Friday evening	Deacon H. Kessler
Deacon A. F. Mueller	195 West Adams St.	Friday evening	Deacon Peckham.
Mrs. Cora Donich	586 Park Ave.	Friday evening	Mrs. James.
A. Bergman	585 Carroll Ave.	Friday evening	Deacon A. F.
M. A. Cartwright	1573 Monticello Ave.	Friday evening	J. H. Lamond.
Mrs. Muth	1050 West 18th Place S.	Friday evening	John Kanera.
A. G. Randolph	1080 West Polk St.	Friday evening	M. R. Van Horn.
Mrs. G. Venning	601 West Twentieth St.	Friday evening	A. L. Angell.
Mrs. Maud Fox	297 S. Desplaines St.	Friday evening	C. E. Clark.
C. A. Kristoffersen	665 West Adams St.	Friday evening	N. A. Robinson.
L. Wickan	200 N. Artesian Ave.	Friday evening	A. Cornell.
John Kanera	590 Throop St.	Saturday evening	John Kanera.
Mr. Castle	694 Eighteenth Place S.	Saturday evening	John Kanera.
F. L. Knepper	2490 West Erie St.	Saturday evening	Elder Stevens.
E. Garner	1501 N. California Ave.	Saturday evening	Elder Armstrong.

North Side District.

North and East of the River to Lake Michigan.  
Rev. A. W. McClurkin, Elder-in-Charge of Cottage Meetings.  
Zion Tabernacle, corner of Belden and Lincoln Avenues.

NAME	ADDRESS	TIME	LEADER
Mrs. L. D. Oliner	415 Cuyler Ave.	Monday evening	Deacon Fogwill.
Mrs. Anna C. Bennett	32 Grove Place	Monday evening	Z. McNew.
Mrs. P. K. Dibeliss	34 Diversey Court.	Monday evening	Deacon Post.
Mrs. G. W. Rogers	236 Burling St.	Tuesday 2:30 P. M.	Deacon Fogwill.
Mrs. D. M. Kohler	116 Diversey Court.	Tuesday 2:30 P. M.	Mrs. E. Kasch.
Mrs. Ellen Smith	455 Wolfram St.	Tuesday 2:30 P. M.	Deac's Culbertson
F. H. Forshall	207 S. Desplaines St.	Wednesday evening	Deacon Post.
John W. Swanson	106 N. Hermitage Ave.	Wednesday evening	Elder McClurkin.
George J. Blonn	1140 George St.	Wednesday evening	H. P. Gabbert.
Mrs. A. S. Lashley	533 Seminary Ave.	Thursday 2:30 P. M.	Deac's Hertrich.
Mrs. M. N. Doose	163 Larabee St.	Thursday evening	Elder Armstrong.
Mrs. A. Schmalgreiner	109 Best Ave.	Friday 2:30 P. M.	Mrs. M. Cosgrove.
Mrs. Ernestine Kasch	361 Orchard St.	Friday evening	C. Thauer.
C. Friesse	501 Wolfram St.	Friday evening	Elder McClurkin.
J. W. Ries	481 Summerdale Ave.	Friday evening	C. J. Westwood.
G. L. Rav	306 Webster Ave.	Friday evening	Z. McNew.
E. P. Piehl	628 Belleplaine Ave.	Friday evening	Supply.
L. Schwartz	38 Fremont St.	Saturday evening	H. P. Gabbert.

Evansont District.

NAME	ADDRESS	TIME	LEADER
Mrs. J. J. Wall	217 Kedzie St.	Friday 2:30 P. M.	Deac's Culbertson
Charles Kelling	Samson St.	Friday evening	Deacon Fogwill.

† German. † Norwegian. § Swedish. † Danish. § Bohemian. † Chinese. ★ Italian.

GERMAN COTTAGE MEETINGS.

SOUTH SIDE DISTRICT.

NAME	ADDRESS	TIME	LEADER
Fred Richert	2800 Fifth Ave.	Monday evening	F. J. Richert.
Julius Kades	3607 Lincoln St.	Tuesday evening	F. J. Richert.
E. Hultz	536 Bishop St.	Wednesday evening	F. J. Richert.
D. Kemman	4540 Washington Ave.	Wednesday evening	C. Thauer.
L. Simon	450 Lock St.	Wednesday evening	Cb. Glanitz.
Mrs. Conrad	2339 Loomis St.	Thursday evening	F. J. Richert.
F. Stoefler	5015 Carpenter St.	Thursday evening	F. Berchtold.

WEST SIDE DISTRICT.

NAME	ADDRESS	TIME	LEADER
Mrs. Rosow	741 West 21st St.	Tuesday evening	C. Thauer.
Mr. Bartholomew	613 Cornell St.	Monday evening	W. Jans.
Mr. Klein	852 North Campbell St.	Monday evening	Mrs. Sweichler.
M. Goldswitz	20 West 17th Place	Thursday evening	C. Thauer.

NORTH SIDE DISTRICT.

NAME	ADDRESS	TIME	LEADER
Mrs. Kasch	361 Orchard St.	Friday evening	C. Thauer.
Mr. Blonn	1140 George St.	Wednesday evening	H. P. Gabbert.
Mr. Schwartz	83 Fremont St.	Saturday evening	H. P. Gabbert.

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DO YOU KNOW GOD'S WAY OF HEALING?

BY THE REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

Let it be supposed that the following words are a conversation between the reader [A] and the writer [B].

A. What does this question mean? Do you really suppose that God has some one special way of healing in these days of which men may know and avail themselves?

B. That is exactly my meaning, and I wish very much that you should know God's Way of Healing, as I have done for many years.

A. What is the way, in your opinion?

B. You should rather ask, WHO IS GOD'S WAY? for the Way is a Person, not a thing. I will answer your question in His own words, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; no one cometh unto the Father, but by Me." These words were spoken by our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, who is both our Saviour and our Healer. (John 14:6.)

A. But I always thought that these words only referred to Him as the Way of Salvation. How can you be sure that they refer to Him as the Way of Healing also?

B. Because He cannot change. He is "the same yesterday and today, yea and forever." (Hebrews 13:8.) He said that He came to this earth not only to save us but to heal us (Luke 4:18), and He did this when in the flesh on earth. Being unchanged, He must be able and willing and desirous to heal now.

A. But is there not this difference, namely, that He is not with us now? B. No; for He said "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world"; and so He is with us now, in Spirit, just as much as when He was here in the flesh.

A. But did He not work these miracles of healing when on earth merely to prove that He was the Son of God?

B. No; there was still a greater purpose than that. He healed the sick who trusted in Him in order to show that He came to die not only for our sins, but for our sicknesses, and to deliver us from both.

A. Then, if that is so, the atonement which He made on the Cross must have been for our sicknesses as well as our sins. Can you prove that is the fact from the Scriptures?

B. Yes, I can, and the passages are very numerous. I need quote two only. In Isaiah 53:4, it is written of Him, "Surely He hath borne our griefs (Hebrew *sicknesses*), and carried our sorrows," and with His stripes we are healed." Then in the Gospel according to Matthew, this passage is quoted and directly applied to the work of bodily healing, in chapter 8, 17th verse. "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our diseases."

A. But do you not think that sickness is often God's will, and sent for our good, and therefore God may wish us to be healed?

B. No, that cannot possibly be. The diseases of every kind are the Devil's work, and his work can never be God's will, since Christ came for the very purpose of destroying "the works of the Devil." (1 John 3:8.)

A. Do you mean to say that all disease is the work of Satan?

B. Yes, for if there had been no sin (which came through Satan) there never would have been any disease, and Jesus never would have come to this earth, since sickness was God's work or will, but the very contrary.

A. Can you prove from Scripture that all forms of sickness and infirmity are the Devil's work?

B. Yes, that can be done very easily. You will see in Matthew 4:23 and 9:35 that when Jesus was here in the flesh, He healed "all manner of disease and all manner of sickness among the people," and with His stripes we are healed." Then in the Apostle Peter declares that He [Jesus] "went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the Devil." Notice that all whom He healed, not some, were suffering from Satan's evil power.

A. But does disease never come from God?

B. No, it cannot come from God, for He is pure, and disease is unclean; and it cannot come out of Heaven, for there is no disease there.

A. That is very different from the teachings which I have received all my life from ministers and in the churches. Do you really think that you are right, and that they are all wrong in this matter?

B. It is not a question as between myself and them. The only question is, What does God's Word say? God has said in all the ages to His Church, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." (Exodus 15:26), and therefore it would be wicked to say that He is the defiler of His people. All true Christians must believe the Bible, and it is impossible to believe that good and evil, sickness and health, sin and holiness could have a common origin in God. If the Bible really taught that, it would be impossible to believe our Lord Jesus Christ when He says, "A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit." (Matthew 7:18.)

A. But even if I agree with all you say, is it not true that the Gifts of Healing were removed from the Church, and are not in it now?

B. No, the "Gifts of Healing" were never withdrawn, and can never be withdrawn, from the true Church of God; for it is written, "The gifts and the calling of God are without repentance." (Romans 11:29.) There are nine gifts of God to the Church (enumerated in 1 Corinthians, 12:8-10), and all these are in the Holy Spirit. Therefore, so long as the Holy Spirit is in the Church, all the gifts must be there also. If they are not exercised, that does not prove that they do not exist, but that the faith to exercise them is lacking in God's servants. The gifts are all perfectly preserved; for the Holy Spirit, not the Church, keeps them safely.

A. What should a Christian then do when overtaken with sickness?

B. A Christian should obey God's command, and at once turn to Him for forgiveness of the sin which may have caused the sickness, and for immediate healing. Healing is obtained from God in one of four ways, namely: First, by the direct prayer of faith, without any aid from the officers of the Church, praying as the Centurion did, in Matthew 8:5 to 12; second, by two faithful disciples praying in perfect agreement, in accordance with the Lord's promise in Matthew 18:19, and by the anointing of the elders and the prayer of faith, according to the instructions in James 5:14 and 15; and fourth, by the laying on of the hands of them who believe, and whom God calls to that ministry, as the Lord commands in Mark 16:18, and in other places.

A. But are people healed in this way in these days?

B. Yes, in thousands of cases. I have myself laid hands upon many hundreds of thousands of persons, and I have seen the Lord's Power manifested in the healing of great numbers, many of whom are living witnesses in many countries, who have testified publicly before thousands, and who are prepared to testify at any time. This ministry is being exercised by devoted Christians in many parts of America, Europe, Australasia and elsewhere.

A. Is it not the same as Christian Science, Mind Healing, etc.?

B. No. Divine Healing is in direct opposition to them. Diabolical counterfeits, which are utterly anti-Christian. These impostures are only seductive forms of Spiritualism. Trance Evangelism is also a more recent form of this delusion, and it deceives many.

A. But how shall I obtain the necessary faith to receive healing, which faith I am at present conscious I do not possess?

B. It is written, "Belief cometh of hearing, and hearing by the Word of Christ." (Romans 10:17.) Our Missions are held for the express purpose of teaching fully the Word of God on this matter, and I very heartily invite you to attend the meetings which are announced for Zion Tabernacle. All are welcome and there are no charges of any kind made, for all God's gifts are free gifts. Salvation is the first of these, without which you cannot be healed through faith in Jesus. All the costs of this work are covered by the free-will offerings of the people who attend these meetings, and others whom the Lord leads to help; but the poorest who have any faith are heartily welcome as the richest.

A. Do you see the sick and lay hands upon them in this Mission?

B. Yes; after we feel satisfied that they are fully resting in the Lord alone for the healing, we see privately, so far as time permits, those who attend; but under no circumstances do we claim the power to heal any; for "power belongeth unto God."

A. Have you any other subject which can be purchased?

B. Yes; these can be obtained at the office of Zion Publishing House, 1207 Michigan Avenue, or at Zion Tabernacle, 1621-1633 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill. But the best book on Divine Healing is the Bible itself, studied prayerfully and earnestly.

We extend to you a hearty invitation to attend the meetings, which are free to all. Our prayer is that you may be led to find in Jesus Christ our Lord and God, your present Saviour from all sin. Having found Him, you will learn to find Him in all things, and so go to Heaven, your Friend, and your All for Time and Eternity. We pray that these words may help many who read, and that our little conversation may bear fruit in leading many readers to look to Jesus only.

"The Healing of Christ's seamless dress  
Is by all beds of pain;  
We touch Him in life's throng and press,  
And we are whole again."



# NOTES OF THANKSGIVING TO ZION'S GOD

## Immediate Healing at the Time of Prayer.

MASON, WISCONSIN, November 7, 1900.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*My Dear Overseer in Christ:*—I was much pleased this evening to receive your letter, stating the time you prayed for me on Monday, November 5th, in accordance with the request in the telegram which I sent you.

On Monday morning at about 8 o'clock I was taken with dizziness.

It grew worse in a short time.

I sought my room and took it to God, but did not get the desired relief. I rather grew worse.

At about 10 o'clock I began to vomit. I was very sick. I could hardly stand on my feet.

I still trusted to God through my own prayers.

I thought about sending a message to you, but Satan was there also and said that it was too trifling a sickness to warrant sending for prayer to Chicago.

But thanks be to God, my Heavenly Father, He overruled. I arose from the bed on which I was lying, picked up a pencil and wrote a short message to you. I handed it to one of the girls who works where I board and asked her to send it.

At about 11:30 o'clock I began to feel better. At about noon I fell asleep. I slept until about a quarter to 2 o'clock.

I then awoke, feeling well as usual, only a little weak.

I thanked God and went about my work.

I thank God for His healing power and I thank you for your prayer.

I praise God that He has a Church whose Elders can pray the prayer of faith.

Your Brother in Christ,

MATT WHITE.

## God Answers Prayer for Healing of Stomach Trouble.

WINAMAC, INDIANA, November 7, 1900.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Brother in Christ:*—I am glad to say that Jesus has made my mother well and happy.

When I first saw my mother sick, she had sinking spells and would not revive for five minutes.

Stomach disorders caused the trouble.

She requested me to send a request for prayer.

When I left her home I felt a blessing and hurried to send the dispatch.

When I returned Sister Stewart was there and was talking with my mother.

All pains were gone. The faintness and sickness left at about the time I sent the telegram.

Mother was well and came out and ate a good dinner the next day. On the following Monday she did a big washing. ERNEST LITTLE.

DEAR OVERSEER:—My son's statement is true. I am well and happy.

I give God all the glory.

Thanks for your faithful prayers. (MRS.) ELIZA LITTLE.

## Little Girl Quickly Healed of Injury to Foot.

GALESVILLE, WISCONSIN, November 9, 1900.

DEAR OVERSEER SPEICHER:—I received your answer saying you had prayed for us at my request for prayer.

I thank God for answering your and our prayers, and thank you for your prayers for us.

Our little girl was relieved of all pain and in a few days the swelling and inflammation were all gone. She could wear her shoe and stocking.

The nail which she ran into her foot was very rusty and went very nearly through her foot. We could see the nail point on the top of her foot.

We thank God, who hears and answers the prayers of faithful ones. We give Him all the glory.

Faithfully for Christ, (MRS.) CLARA SUTTON.

## Blessed Deliverance in Childbirth.

SHANNON, ILLINOIS, October 31, 1900.

REV. J. G. SPEICHER.

*Dear Brother in Christ:*—I desire to glorify God in sending in my testimony.

We thank and praise Him for His great mercy and love shown to us during my confinement.

God gave us a strong nine-pound girl. We had no doctor. All well.

The promise given me a few months before was,

"Call upon Me in the day of trouble;

I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me."

God truly kept His promise.

I thank you and all who prayed for me.

During delivery those who were with me prayed and I could realize the help every moment.

How good God is!

May all His handmaidens be as the Hebrew women of old.

Yours in Christian Love and Fellowship,

(MRS.) DELILA KREIDER.

## God Answers Prayer for Sick Animal.

LAPORTE, TEXAS, November 1, 1900.

REV. WILLIAM H. PIPER.

*Dear Brother in Christ:*—I wrote you on September 14, 1900, to pray for my cow, which was giving bloody milk very badly at that time, and had been for about three months.

You answered me, saying that you had prayed on the 22d of September. She began to improve at that time, and in a few days was well.

This may seem a small thing to some, but to me it calls forth praise to our God for His loving kindness to us who are His unworthy but trusting children.

O, how I thank Him that He has raised up Zion where the humble and believing ones can find help.

May God Himself abundantly bless you and all Zion everywhere and all the time.

Your Sister in Jesus,

(MRS.) MARY E. THOMAS.

## God Prospers Those Who Love Him.

HANNAH, NORTH DAKOTA, October 31, 1900.

OVERSEER W. H. PIPER.

*Dear Brother:*—We enclose you \$— of tithe money for Zion.

This is the first fruits of this year's crop. While many of our neighbors have scarcely any crop, the Lord has blessed us with a splendid one. They are all wondering why it is.

A number of them were talking about it a few days ago, when one of them spoke up and said, "I know why it is: he is working for the Lord and the rest of us are not."

It is a blessed thing to so live that others can see that it pays to serve God.

Your Loving Brother,

D. W. HINES.

## God Heals Sore of Three Years' Standing.

LOMAX, ILLINOIS, November 12, 1900.

DEAR BROTHER IN CHRIST:—I praise God for the perfect healing of daughter Tillie's foot.

I wrote you in August or early September. The toe was then a dark purple and very painful. It had been sore for three years.

She can now wear her shoe with perfect comfort.

Thomas Smith, of Lomax, who went to Zion a year ago, is perfectly well of all his stomach trouble.

We hope we may yet have an Elder come out and start a church here. Sincerely yours in Jesus, (MRS.) L. A. KING.

## Chills and Fever Cured in Answer to Prayer.

RURAL DELL, 2 CLAY AVENUE, FRESNO, CALIFORNIA.

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—I am healed entirely of my chills and fever, and am going to school.

I give God all the glory.

My cousin sent me a Zion button, which I wear every day.

The boys call me a Dowieite.

Thanking you for your prayers, I am

Your Friend in Christ,

HOMER L. NORTON.

## God Speedily Heals Little Boy.

CORNING, KANSAS, November 12, 1900.

REV. W. H. PIPER.

*Dear Brother in Christ:*—Your letter, stating that you prayed for our little boy on Friday, October 12th, is received.

He began to mend that day, and ate a hearty dinner of solid food the next day, which was the first solid food he had taken for six days.

He is well and hearty.

We thank you for praying, and thank God for His goodness to us.

Yours in our Master's Service,

H. C. STAHN.

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**Marks of Being a Christian.**

1. *The truth outlined.*—John 10:1-9.  
Is to be a Christian to rely on Christ for everything?  
If Christ is Saviour, can one come to want?  
Is Christ the Door to health, wealth, etc.?
2. *Being in Christ is a necessity.*—2 Corinthians 5:16-21.  
Is to be a Christian to live a new life?  
If in Christ, is one not a new creation?  
Are we called on to seek the things which are above where Christ is?
3. *Hearing His Voice should be a reality.*—Matthew 7:24-29.  
Can one be a Christian and not be in fellowship with Christ?  
What time daily do you seek Him to speak to you?  
Do you spend more time daily on the papers than on the Bible?
4. *One should certainly know Him.*—Matthew 7:21-23.  
Does Christ know you if you work iniquity?  
Will not Christ know you if you do His Father's will?  
What rewards come from obeying God's will?
5. *One can be led by Him unvaryingly.*—Psalm 23:1-6.  
Can He lead those who do not willingly follow?  
Does He not lead into peace and contentment?  
Does He lead into sickness and want?
6. *Willingness to follow Him must be positive.*—John 10:10-18.  
If we seek the abundant life, will we find it?  
Will He forsake those who follow Him?  
Does not Christ lead out of one Church into another?
7. *Knowing His Voice should be unquestioned.*—1 John 2:12-20.  
Do you know when God speaks to you?  
How can you know it is God speaking?  
What other voices are ready to speak to you?
8. *You must forsake fellowship with strange spirits.*—1 John 4:1-6.  
Are the spirits of the evil one all about us?  
Do good spirits surround us for our safety?  
Do not good spirits exalt Christ ever as Saviour, Healer, Cleanser, Keeper and Coming King?  
*The Lord Our God is a Safe-Keeping God.*

**SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS LESSON, DECEMBER 9th.**

**Tests of Integrity With God.**

1. *Comprehensive survey.*—Matthew 13:1-23.  
What seed are we to sow?  
Will it all prove alike fruitful?  
Where are we to sow the seed?
2. *An understanding heart is a necessity.*—James 1:21-27.  
Why is not the Word of God understood?  
Why does the Devil steal it out of the heart?  
Is not such a heart full of something else?
3. *Joy is possible amid persecution.*—John 15:13-20.  
Do some seem to be happy only at times?  
What is the test, whether one has Christ or not?  
Must not one be willing to die for his convictions?
4. *Freedom in growth is imperative.*—Luke 21:29-38.  
Do worldly pleasures check growth?  
Does worry over business check growth?  
Will household cares check growth?
5. *God demands increased fruitfulness.*—John 15:1-11.  
Is God satisfied with the least one can do?  
How fruitful does He want us to become?  
If fruitful in a measure, will He not purge us?  
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**OBEYING GOD IN BAPTISM.**

(Continued from page 160.)

The following-named six believers were baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle, Wednesday, November 14, 1900, by Elder Cyrus B. Fockler:  
Connof, Michael.....Soldiers' Home, Danville, Illinois  
Donohoe, Lillie Belle.....Odell, Illinois  
Gentleman, Miss Catherine.....5433 Bishop Street, Chicago, Illinois  
Hills, Miss Anna.....Lamoille, Illinois  
Hughes, Miss Mary E.....1628 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois  
Olling, Peter.....5948 Throop Street, Chicago, Illinois

The following-named five believers were baptized in Detroit, Michigan, Tuesday, November 6, 1900, by Elder S. H. Stokes:  
Jakel, Mrs. Jessie.....826 East Fort Street, Detroit, Michigan  
Flagler, Mrs. E.....827 Champlain Street, Detroit, Michigan  
Robinson, Miss Lucilla T.....Gobles, Ontario  
Van Brocklin, William N.....66 Thirty-Third Street, Detroit, Michigan  
Van Brocklin, Mrs. Effie B.....66 Thirty-Third Street, Detroit, Michigan

The following-named seven believers were baptized at Strondsburg, Pennsylvania, Wednesday, October 31, 1900, by Elder G. Hammond:  
Flagler, Enoch.....Strondsburg, Pennsylvania  
Flagler, Mrs. E.....Strondsburg, Pennsylvania  
Laury, George E.....Strondsburg, Pennsylvania  
Laury, Susannah.....Strondsburg, Pennsylvania  
Mott, Charles G.....Strondsburg, Pennsylvania  
Mott, Mrs. Charles G.....Strondsburg, Pennsylvania  
Storm, Elmira.....Strondsburg, Pennsylvania

The following-named five believers were baptized at Gloversville, New York, Wednesday, November 7, 1900, by Overseer G. L. Mason:  
Best, Mrs. J. W.....9 Curtis Street, Gloversville, New York  
Kinsman, B. A.....Fifth Avenue, Gloversville, New York  
Scidmore, Mrs. Ida L.....9 Fosdick Street, Gloversville, New York  
Suits, Ezra.....9 Curtis Street, Gloversville, New York  
Suits, Mrs. Maggie L.....9 Curtis Street, Gloversville, New York

The following-named five believers were baptized at North Springfield, Vermont, Saturday, November 10, 1900, by Overseer G. L. Mason:  
Hall, Frank A.....North Springfield, Vermont  
Hall, John.....North Springfield, Vermont  
Hall, Mrs. Ada G.....North Springfield, Vermont  
Hall, Mrs. Jennie F.....North Springfield, Vermont  
Winchester, Mrs. Susan B.....North Springfield, Vermont

The following-named six believers were baptized at Randolph, Vermont, Lord's Day, November 11, 1900, by Overseer G. L. Mason:  
Blanchard, Mrs. D. P.....87 East State Street, Montpelier, Vermont  
Durkee, John A.....North Duxbury, Vermont  
Durkee, Mrs. Mary Frances.....North Duxbury, Vermont  
Farrand, Miss Carrie.....Montpelier, Vermont  
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The following-named thirty-eight believers were baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day, November 11, 1900, by Overseer W. H. Piper:

Aiston, Dr. E.	4502 Emerald Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Aiston, Mrs. Anna Gunn	4502 Emerald Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Ash, Mrs. Mamie	3813 Wentworth Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Baurle, M.	109 Lewis Street, Chicago, Illinois
Baurle, Mrs. Mary	109 Lewis Street, Chicago, Illinois
Bowly, Hattie	1432 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Brabec, Edward	607 West Twentieth Street, Chicago, Illinois
Brabec, Mrs. Alice	607 West Twentieth Street, Chicago, Illinois
Carr, Bruce L.	617 West Sixty-fifth Place, Chicago, Illinois
Carr, Miss Hazel R.	617 West Sixty-fifth Place, Chicago, Illinois
Conklin, Miss Kathrine	18 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois
Downey, Joe	6621 Union Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Ekuland, Mrs. Marika	752 North California Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Garner, Henry	737 Girard Street, Chicago, Illinois
Hayes, Mrs. Della	1340 Congress Street, Chicago, Illinois
Higley, Miss Florence E.	Wilmot, Ohio
Kemman, Master Edward	4540 Wentworth Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Kemman, Master David	4540 Wentworth Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Kibbey, Miss Lulu	Zion Home, Chicago, Illinois
Kilbourn, Ellen	2252 Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Klumhaus, Mrs. Augusta	12237 Wallace Street, West Pullman, Illinois
Kruger, Miss E.	429 La Salle Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Low, Miss Bessie	Steele Home, Chattanooga, Tennessee
McNeil, Miss Nanie	Steele Home, Chattanooga, Tennessee
Madgett, Miss Sadie	Steele Home, Chattanooga, Tennessee

Mansfield, Mrs. Hilda	3524 Wallace Street, Chicago, Illinois
Marshall, Alvin	2522 Calumet Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
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Novander, Victor	251 West Twenty-fourth Place, Chicago, Illinois
Rintoul, Miss Susanna	3403 Parnell Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Robinson, Lee W.	Nashville Center, Minnesota
Saavannah, Miss	Steele Home, Chattanooga, Tennessee
Scott, Miss Effie	Steele Home, Chattanooga, Tennessee
Streng, Miss Emilie A.	Zion Home, Chicago, Illinois
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Ward, Mrs. E. D.	Ottawa, Illinois
West, Miss May Pauline	Winfield, Kansas
Wiley, Mrs. Nellie	18 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois

The following-named sixty-seven believers were baptized by the General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, Saturday night, October 27, 1900, at the Hornsey Road Public Baths, Holloway, N., London, England:

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Ager, Joseph F.	207 High Street, Plumstead, Kent, England
Allen, Mrs. Alice	Hamilton Street, Grimsby, England
Amos, Louisa L.	High Street, Addestone, Surrey, London, England
Baker, James T.	74 Jamaica Street, Stepney, London, England
Bildviradis, Anton (Greek)	15 Lydia Street, White Horse Lane, Mile End, London, England
Blackmore, Emily	Market Square, Aylesbury, England
Blackmore, Sarah A.	Market Square, Aylesbury, England
Bocock, John	83 Hainton Street, Grimsby, England
Bruce, Amelia	70 High Street, Poplar E., London, England
Bruce, James H.	70 High Street, Poplar E., London, England
Caistor, Ruth	53 Wetherington Road, Highbury, London, England
Caist, Valentine	22 Montrave Road, Penge, London, England
Collett, Annie	2 Montpelier Road, Dunkirk, Nottingham, England
Cove, Emily	58 Sowdren Street, Watford, England
Cowles, Annie E.	Elton, Newham, Gloucestershire, England
Cuthbert, Minnie	28 Murphy Buildings, Borough Road, London, S. E., England
Dawson, Walter M.	8 Westbourne Lee, Grimsby, England
DeValle, John	Market Square, Rugeley, England
Eustice, Mary	Carleen Breage, Helston, Cornwall, England
Ford, Nellie	52 Osbalstone Road, N., London, England
Frost, Amelia C.	Trafalgar House, Perry Street, London, England
Gaywood, Miss Sarah	46 Burgoyne Rd., Stockwell, Surrey, London, England
Goddard, Stephen	27 Edinburgh Road, Reading, Berkshire, England
Hatherell, S. E.	Elm Grove, Chipping, Gloucestershire, England
Hedderly, Elizabeth	31 Bridge Road, Battersea, Surrey, London, England
Herbert, Edward	63 Fetter Lane, E. C., London, England
Hook, Eliza	44 Lyndhurst Grove, Peckham, London, England
Howse, Henry	26 Linden Grove, Sydenham, London, England
Hutchings, Esther	Forge Farms, The Viaducts, Southborough, Kent, England
Hutchings, Margaret K.	Forge Farms, The Viaducts, Southborough, Kent, England
Hutchings, Rosa	The Ferns, King Road, Clapham Park, London, England
Johnson, A.	22 Bellenden Road, Peckham, London, England
Jones, Harriette	7 St. Michael's Road, W., Croydon, London, England
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Lindley, Marie	12 South Parade, Doncaster, England
Lucas, Laura	1 Tennyson Avenue, East Ham, London, England
Lucas, Sarah	1 Tennyson Avenue, East Ham, London, England
Lucas, Thomas	1 Tennyson Avenue, East Ham, London, England
Lucas, William G.	1 Tennyson Avenue, East Ham, London, England
Macduff, Miss Jane	70 Guilford Street, London, W. C., England
Martin, Charles J.	90 Lyndhurst Road, Peckham, S. E., London, England
Moore, Mrs. Sarah	143 North End, Croydon, London, England
Moore, Thomas	3 Derby Road, Croydon, London, England
Pitt, William	52 Newington Green, N., London, England
Price, Catherine S.	82 Loughborough Road, Brixton, London, England
Price, Llewellyn F.	82 Loughborough Road, Brixton, London, England
Ralph, Henry T.	297 Hayden Road, South Wimbledon, London, England
Ralph, Mrs. Sarah	297 Hayden Road, South Wimbledon, London, England
Reside, Alexander	20 Glasshouse Street, London, England
Resker, Arthur A.	5 Melgund Road, Highbury, N., London, England
Resker, Sarah M.	5 Melgund Road, Highbury, N., London, England
Richards, Mary A.	Peller Breage, Helston, Cornwall, England
Rose, E. A.	1 Palace Court Mansions, Bayswater, London, England
Rush, Ethel R. A.	46 Morris Avenue, Church Road, Little Ilford, London, England
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Sanders, Hannah	24 Downside Crescent, Hamstead, London, England
Scriven, Mrs. Emily	45 Cologne Road (Plough Road), Battersea, London, England
Scriven, Hilda	45 Cologne Road (Plough Road), Battersea, London, England
Sharp, George H.	41 Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent, England
Smith, Alfred	30 Millbank Street, Westminster Street, London, England
Steed, Frederick	94 High Street, Worthing, Sussex, England
Vale, Ernest W.	18 North Parade, Grantham, England
Wells, Ada	2 Wetherly Place, South Kensington, London, England
Wessen, James S.	99 The Grove, Camberwell, London, England
Wessen, Mrs. J. S.	99 The Grove, Camberwell, London, England
Wormer, Miss J. B.	207 High Street, Plumstead, London, England

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He sendeth His word



and healeth them.

# LEAVES OF HEALING

I am the Lord that healeth thee.

And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

A WEEKLY PAPER FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

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PARTY AT THE CONSECRATION OF SITE OF ZION LACE OPERATIVES' HOME.

The First Zion Building to be Erected on Zion City Site.—October 8, 1900.



BY REV. W. F. MATTHEWS, M. A., B. D., PRINCIPAL PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT.

**A**N evidence of advancement in the work of Zion College is seen in the increasing ability of her students to endure the strain of solid, steady and protracted work in various lines of effort. In this, as in all other matters, we acknowledge the power of God and thank Him for the privileges He gives and the opportunities we have for growing and watching growth in others.

Some of our pupils on returning to work after the summer vacation felt called upon to acknowledge that they had not fully appreciated the privileges of Zion. After "rustling" in the world a little, and seeing the scrambling to succeed and the difficulties of living a godly life in the midst of an ungodly generation, they felt more than ever how good a thing it was to be surrounded by the best influences and to be permitted to advance in knowledge and power by the unfolding to the mind of the highest and grandest truth in all the various departments of learning as God reveals truth to us.

**THERE CAN** be no higher gratification or pleasure than in studying truth as it is presented to us in various forms of beauty and use.

**TRUTH IS** one: it is a unit. But it has many parts, all centering, however, in God as One, and manifested in Jesus Christ, who as God is the Truth as well as the Way and the Life.

**BUT THE PARTS** of truth have become scattered, and the work of man is to gather and put them together.

**AS THE FINE** fancy of Milton has it: Truth once came to the earth in the form of a radiant maiden, fair and beautiful to behold. But when men first saw her, they seized her and hacked her beautiful form to pieces and scattered the parts all over the earth. However, seeing what they had done, since then the effort has been to restore these parts to the original unity and bring back the lovely form to delight the eye and satisfy the mind and heart.

**SO THE STUDY** of truth becomes for us most fascinating and satisfying as we begin at the center, Christ, and study out in an ever-broadening circle, whose circumference is continually growing greater and whose area cannot be limited by any exact computation.

**THE IMPORTANCE** and value of Zion's work will be seen more and more in the fact that it centers and has its root in Christ as God—Very God of Very God—as the statement of the old council has it.

**WE BELIEVE** that Jesus Christ is God; that He not only has the truth, but that He is the Truth; and that as the Living Word, and living in the Word, He is the revelation and manifestation of God to the world of all ages.

**SO THEN,** to know Him is the highest and best of all knowledge; and to be in close relationship with Him is the most desirable of all things to be desired; and to be permitted to come to God through Him in prayer, and obtain answers to our prayers, is the greatest of all privileges.

**ONE OF** the most admired sayings of the old philosophers is the watchword, it might be called, of Socrates: "Know thyself."

**BUT ZION'S MOTTO** is higher still: "Know God" as revealed and manifested in Jesus Christ and as the center of all truth, whence comes to us life eternal.

**OUR LORD** Himself reveals to us the Way of Eternal Life through the truth when He says: "And this is life eternal, that they should know Thee the only true God, and Him whom Thou didst send, even Jesus Christ."

**KNOWING GOD** as manifested in Jesus Christ, we may then learn to know ourselves and the world of nature which God has made as a special manifestation of Himself though inferior to the manifestation in Christ. What we know of God in Christ pertains to the eternal life, and teaches us the way thereof.

**OUR STUDY,** then, has to do with subjects which are alive. They are instinct with life and action and power. "Because I live, ye shall live also." As we come to a Living Christ and study a living truth and Gospel, we are made more fully alive and active with power; and the closer we come into touch with this living truth, the more fully do we realize its meaning for all the earth, and the better prepared we are to present it to a needy and sinful world.

**NOW, THIS** principle may be applied to all subjects for study and is, we believe, in Zion by those who realize most fully the true meaning of the teaching God has given to Zion for the world. It will have its power more and more fully revealed as it is seen to be the teaching of the full truth of God through the Atonement of Jesus Christ.

**WE BEGIN** our studies thus with Christ as the center, and *work out* from Him; not *separating* from Him; but always coming back to Him as the center, just as the radii of a circle all return to the center from whatever circumference they may reach. And we aim always to be in such close relation with Him that we may ask Him for the things we need every day, and be assured that we shall have the things we ask for, because we love Him and keep His commandments.

**WITH SUCH** a foundation for work, what growth and power may we expect from Zion College. If we can all come into such spirit and continue therein, there will then be no wasted energy.





# ZION'S LITERATURE MISSION

By DEACONESS SARAH E. HILL

LET US therefore draw near with boldness unto the Throne of Grace, that we may receive mercy, and find grace to help us in time of need.—Hebrews 4:16.

THE Scriptures abound in God's promises of what He will do for those who come to Him for help. But they must come in faith, nothing doubting, and they must believe, not only that He is, but that He is a Rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Paul tells us that sinners may even draw near with boldness to obtain mercy for sins.

They may obtain their pardon because it has already been purchased by the Son of God, "who His own self bare our sins in His body upon the tree, that we, having died unto sins, might live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed."—1 Peter 2:24.

We may also be delivered from evil habits of all kinds—profanity, the tobacco, morphine and liquor habits, etc., and the various vices which sin has fastened upon mankind; for Christ died that we might live unto righteousness.

The Atonement includes man's body also, to deliver it from sickness, for by Christ's stripes we were healed.

Let us then obey the apostles' injunction, and come with boldness unto the Throne of Grace and claim the heritage purchased for us and offered freely through the Son of God on condition that we forsake our sins and let Him reign over us.

#### Zion Teaching Carries Blessing into Africa.

The following letter is from a native preacher in Africa, who writes as follows:

REV. W. HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—It is now about three months since I sent in my testimony and request for prayer, addressed to the General Overseer.

I have since received perfect healing of chronic constipation, and my troublesome chest complaint is not without gratifying signs of complete healing.

Before coming across a copy of LEAVES OF HEALING in September of last year, in what I consider a most peculiar way, I was a constant sufferer from this complaint since 1890, whenever it was cold weather; say four times each year.

But thank God and His Messenger, that since the gates of Zion were opened to me through LEAVES OF HEALING I have not been a constant sufferer.

My chest bone, which was dislocated through coughing, I am glad and thankful to say is going back.

I thank God, Dr. Dowie and all Zion.

I was a sufferer from sick headache from my childhood. Now Christ takes it away as soon as it makes any appearance.

My boy, whom I used to call Zion Junior, has been considerably blessed.

The last time he was made to use any medicine dates with mine, last March

He was healed of dysentery May 23, 1900.

In the early part of June he was attacked by a severe high fever.

He began to sink.

I prayed and prayed again, and the answer did not come.

In the night, about June 5th, the fever was so high that the slightest touch made him shrink with fear.

I then offered a most earnest, importunate petition. I afterward called it impertinent.

In less than five minutes the answer came.

The boy cried out, "Papa, give me something to eat."

I cried out "Halleluia!" and gave him something. He ate it heartily. He had not been able to eat anything satisfactorily for about two days.

In the morning I praised God in that He had heard and answered my prayers.

My boy is now a stout, joyous little fellow.

Pray for us. Pray for the speedy establishment of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion in this part of Africa.

I have determined to give my all, not withholding my life, for God.

We are very thankful for the Zion Literature Free Distribution Mission and for those free givers.

#### God is With Zion and All Who Fight Her Will Perish or Fall.

A brother in Pietermaritzburg, Natal, South Africa, writes:

With what joy I pen these lines to you to tell you what a blessing LEAVES OF HEALING has been to me. I shall contribute to the Fund for sending out the LEAVES when I get home, D. V., as I expect to leave South Africa soon.

Can you send a few rolls to the address given below? I wish to do all I can to bring a lost world to Christ.

I shall give out any literature that you may send to me, and pray that the people's eyes may be opened to see the farce of doctors, drugs, etc.

I have applied for membership in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, and I hope to find a letter awaiting me when I get home, saying that I am accepted.

It rejoices my heart when I read of the perfect peace Zion has in all of the terrible persecutions through which she is going.

God is with Zion, and all who fight her will perish or fall.

I do thank God for His Messenger in these latter days, and for the blessings I receive through his ministry.

Yours till Jesus come,

ERNEST COX.

.....1900.

I desire to become a member of Zion's Free Literature Distribution Mission, and, God willing, to contribute.....the  
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—Mark 16:15.

#### Zion Literature Sent Out From a Free Distribution Fund Provided by Zion's Guests and the Friends of Zion. Report for the Week Ending November 17, 1900.

5714	Rolls to.....	Various States of the Union.
347	Rolls to.....	Various Foreign Countries.
316	Rolls to.....	Austria and Germany.
261	Rolls to.....	Hotels of the World.
141	Rolls to.....	Africa
	Number of Rolls for the week.....	6,779
	Number of Rolls reported to November 17, 1900.....	807,559

#### God Answers Prayer for Fine Weather.

CRYSTAL, NORTH DAKOTA, November 15, 1900.

REV. W. H. PIPER.

*Dear Brother in Christ:*—I wrote to you about the first part of October and asked you to pray for fine weather.

It was raining so much we could not get our grain saved. It was growing in the shock.

I sent asking you to pray for fine weather. It was cloudy for a few days, but it did not rain, except for a fine mist.

Then it cleared up and we have had a beautiful fall. Everybody is through threshing now.

We thank God and all you dear people for your prayers. We know that God has founded Zion.

(MRS.) ALEX. ROBINSON.





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#### Quickly Given Victory Over the Devil.

55 SOUTH SEVENTH STREET,  
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, NOVEMBER 16, 1900.

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—I write you this to inform you that the heavenly blessing came upon me on the next morning after I sent in to you for prayer.

I had quite a fight with the Devil, but I came out victorious.  
Now I am happy.  
I gratefully thank you for your prayers, giving God all the glory.  
I am so thankful that we have such a Healer as Jesus.  
I am, your Sister in Christ Jesus,  
HATTIE L. SPADER.

#### Death of the Disobedient; Healing of the Faithful.

Elder Silas Moot, writing from Lima, Ohio, November 15, 1900, said:

One of the young men who was at the head of the mob in Ada, nearly a year ago, died at his home in Bluffton, recently, from an ulcerated tooth. Blood-poisoning had set in.

Another Ada student asked me to pray for his ulcerated tooth, and he wrote me last week that it had not bothered him since.

### ZION TRIUMPHANT IN IRELAND.

Crowded Meetings and Miracles of Healing at the General Overseer's Meetings in Belfast, Ballymena and Londonderry. Good Beginning in Manchester. The United Kingdom Deeply Stirred.

THE General Overseer's regular weekly cablegram from Europe to Zion in Chicago and America on Lord's Day, November 18, 1900, was full of good things.

The thousands who heard it in Central Zion Tabernacle were rejoiced at Zion's continued victories in Great Britain.

The sentence "Serious conflicts ahead" caused many a heart to raise a fervent prayer to God to preserve and protect His servant and all with him from all harm.

Zion believes, with her General Overseer, that victory awaits Zion everywhere.

Hence Zion rejoices in the conflict that leads to victory. The following is the cablegram:

MANCHESTER, November 18, 1900.

ZION, Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

Banner of Zion triumphant Ireland.  
Crowded meetings overflowed, Belfast, Ballymena, Londonderry.  
Many blessed.  
Miracles of Healing testified.  
Multitudes awakened.  
Eleven baptized.  
Pigs, pills, secretism and apostasy opposed.  
Christ conquered.  
Spoke Liverpool yesterday.  
Good beginning Manchester today.  
Serious conflicts ahead.  
Victory awaits Zion everywhere.  
United Kingdom stirred deeply.  
Praise God.  
Pray.  
Mizpah

DOWIE.

#### To Teachers.

WE DESIRE to register the names of teachers who may wish to teach in our Junior Schools. None need apply except *experiential* ones, who are members of the Christian Catholic Church, and who have first-class credentials, testimonials of successful work, etc., to accompany their applications.

Each applicant must be ready to pass examination in each of the following branches: Reading; Writing; Spelling; Arithmetic; Grammar; Geography; Physiology, including the evil effects of drugs; United States History, and Bible Study.

In your application state (a) your age; (b) married, single, or widowed; (c) amount of experience; (d) kind of school taught; (e) when can you accept a call to Zion work?

Applicants must be willing to go where sent.

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This will include long life, happy heartedness and clearer insight into the purpose of life in all its relations, contributing to prosperity and financial success, as well as soul-saving usefulness.

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## ZION IN EUROPE



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"CHRIST IS ALL AND IN ALL."

## ZION, LONDON.

33 ROSEBERY AVENUE, E. C., }  
October 17, 1900. }

*To All Who Love the Truth in Europe:*

**As the Messenger of God's Covenant  
I send forth these words:**

I have brought the Banner of the Christian Catholic  
Church in Zion to the Old World, believing this to  
be God's will.

**Beneath Its Folds I will Preach:**

1. The Everlasting Gospel of the Kingdom of God.
2. Repentance, Restitution, Salvation, Healing and Holy Living.
3. Baptism by Triune Immersion.
4. Obedience, the Royal Law, and the Eleventh Commandment.
5. Christian Union in Church, Home, Business and State.
6. The Downfall of all forms of Apostasy and Tyranny in Church and State in all Nations.
7. "The Restoration of All Things, whereof God spake by the mouth of His Holy Prophets which have been since the world began."—Acts 3:21.

Faithfully thy friend and God's servant,

JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.



# ZION IN EUROPE.

## THE REV. JOHN ALEXANDER DOWIE,

GENERAL OVERSEER OF THE  
CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ZION

(HEADQUARTERS, CHICAGO, U. S. A.)

Will Conduct a Series of Meetings, as follows:

EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND Queen Street Hall, November 4th,  
5th, 6th, 7th and 8th.

BELFAST, IRELAND Ulster Hall,  
November 11th and 12th.

BALLYMENA, IRELAND Protestant Hall,  
November 13th.

LONDONDERRY, IRELAND Guild Hall, November 14th and  
15th.

PARIS, FRANCE (Hall to be announced later), December 4th.

MANCHESTER, ENGLAND Coöperation Hall, Downing Street  
Ardwick, November 18th and 19th

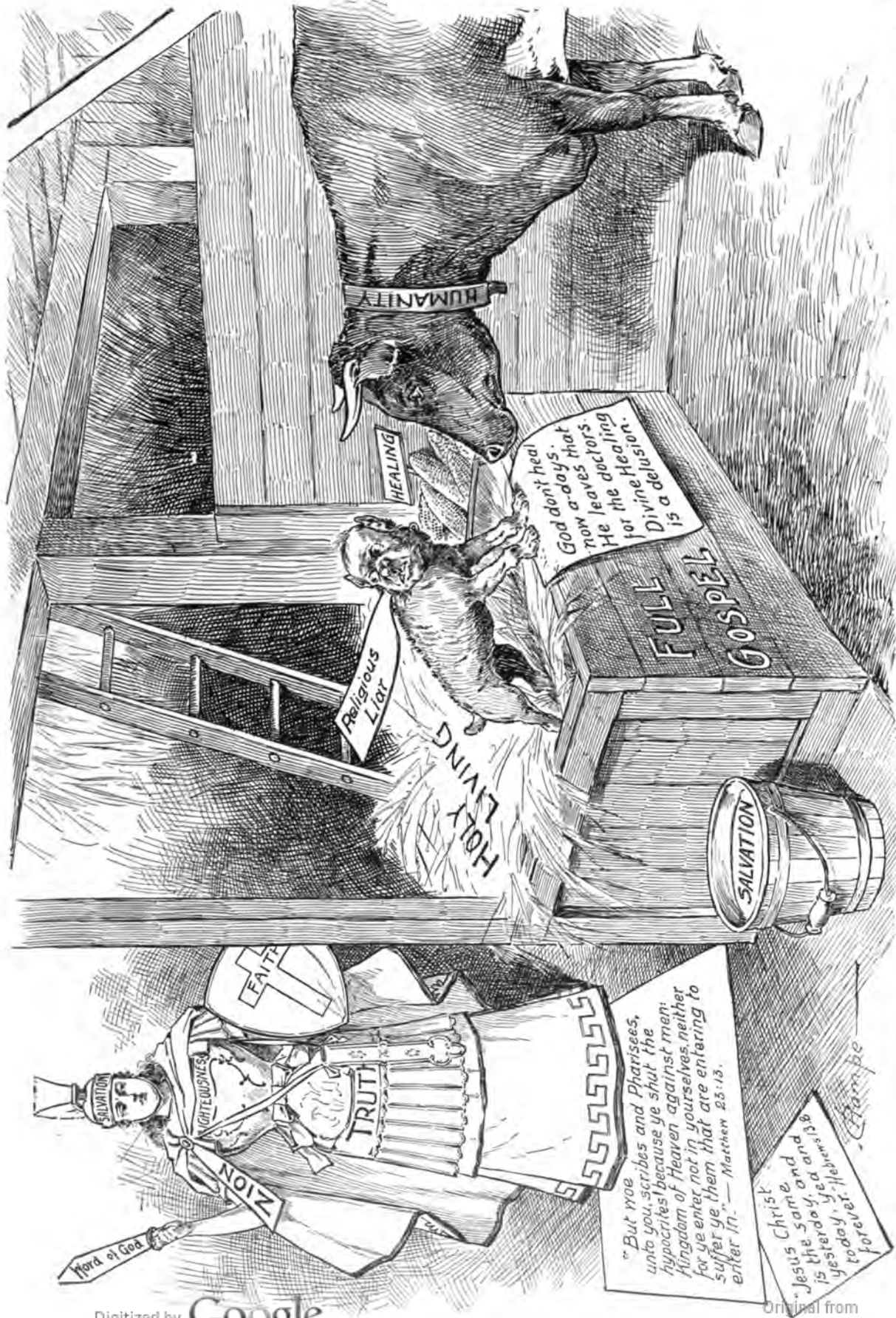
MANCHESTER, ENGLAND Town Hall, Charlton upon Med-  
lock, November 20th and 21st.

LEEDS, ENGLAND Albert Hall,  
November 22d and 23d.

LONDON, ENGLAND (Hall to be announced later) November  
25th to December 2d.

Services will be held in the above places on Lord's Days at 11 A. M., 3 and 7 P. M., and on Week Days at 3 and 7:30 P. M.

The Christian Ordinance of Believers' Baptism by Triune Immersion will be observed, if possible, in London, Edinburgh, Belfast, Manchester, Leeds and Paris.



"The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again the lame to their feet, neither have ye sought that which was lost, but with force and with rigor have ye ruled over them." - Ezekiel 34:4.

THE DENOMINATIONAL DOG IN THE MANGER.

"My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned aside upon every mountain high, they have forgotten their resting place." - Jeremiah 50:6.



# A VOICE TO ZION AND GOD'S PEOPLE IN EVERY LAND.

O thou that tellest Good Tidings to Zion, Get thee up into the high Mountains  
 Lift up thy Voice with strength: Lift it up, be not afraid: Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!  
 Isaiah, XL: 9.

## THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL PROCLAIMED

*Report of Meetings held in Divine Healing Home No. 1, October 2, 1894. Morning Talk: "The Divinity of Christ"; October 3, 1894. Morning Talk: "God's Willingness to Heal."*

WE resume, this week, the series of Morning Talks delivered in Divine Healing Home No. 1, more than six years ago. God has greatly blessed the publication of these Talks. They contain, in simple, clear, unmistakable form, the foundation truths upon which the Everlasting Gospel of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living rests.

Especially valuable are they in the setting forth of Divine Healing, that part of the Gospel which was all but lost for so many centuries on account of unbelief.

This wonderful teaching, founded upon the everlasting Covenants of God, was at this time being brought to America for the first time with all its apostolic purity and power. God gave His servant mighty words, which quickly stirred the whole Continent.

These talks are published without the General Overseer's revision, on account of his absence in Europe.

May God continue to bless them as they go forth to the ends of the earth.

### THE DIVINITY OF CHRIST.

*Divine Healing Home No. 1, October 2, 1894.*

After reading the eighth chapter of Matthew, Dr. Dowie said: The fifth, sixth and seventh chapters of Matthew contain that wondrous teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ which is called the Sermon on the Mount.

The fifth chapter speaks of Christ ascending into this Mount, sitting down on the slope of this hill near Capernaum, opening His mouth and speaking to His disciples. It may have been that this went on from day to day, and that the outline of this teaching which we have was really the outline of a continuous teaching of our Lord for perhaps days and weeks together.

Christ did not go about healing people promiscuously, just because they were sick. On the contrary, He went about first teaching, then preaching, then healing.

### How a True Faith Comes.

Christ so laid the foundation of a True Faith.

True Faith does not come by praying for it. That is one of the great mistakes which people make. They think that they will get faith if they only pray for it.

There are many things which do not come by praying for them.

If you have Faith, it is the right thing to say as the disciples said, "Lord, increase our faith." That very word "increase" presupposes that they already had faith. It is good that Faith should be enlarged.

If I desire to get more gas from the main, I increase the size of the service from one or one and a half inches to two or three inches.

If I wish more water from the mains, I increase the size of my pipes, because the reservoir is ample, and the supply of water will be in exact proportion to the size of my pipes.

If I wish more Faith, I ask God to increase my faith so that instead of being like a one-sixteenth-inch pipe it may be a sixteen-inch pipe which connects me with God.

But there is no use putting a sixteen-inch pipe where a one sixteenth-inch pipe will do. God will not give large Faith to those who have not the capacity to use it. There must be wisdom, there must be knowledge, for large Faith in unwise, ignorant hands might cause some mischief. Large Faith is not exercised by people without Divine knowledge.

Some may lack human culture; they may lack what men call wisdom in connection with earthly things, but those who receive Divine Faith must have at all times large spiritual wisdom and large spiritual understanding. It is essential to increase Faith to increase wisdom and knowledge.

It would be a great injury for a great Faith to come to an unwise and ignorant person.

### Some of the Conditions Upon Which Great Faith is Given.

Some people say they are filled up with faith. Yes, easily. It is easy to fill up a tumbler, but not a large tank. Some people are

easily filled up, and it is quite true they are full. It is not difficult to fill them, and not difficult to empty them.

The great thing is to get a large capacity.

"Lord, increase our Faith." The Lord will increase the Faith of every man whose heart is increased, who has asked for the first thing, wisdom, who has asked for that which wisdom has inspired, purity.

Wisdom from above is first pure.



The man who asks for power is not wise. Do not ask for power. Ask for purity. Ask that your heart may be made clean. That is better than power. Power will come when the heart is clean. God will not pour His richest blessings into an unclean heart.

Faith will not come, and has not come, and never did come, in any other way than in God's Way.

So faith cometh of hearing, and hearing by the Word of Christ.

Many people have prayed for Faith to be healed, and have not gotten it.

It is the entrance of God's Word which gives light. It is the Word of God which imparts Faith. You must hear and receive the Word of God and obey God if you would have Faith.

#### **Faith in Its Very Essence is Obedience.**

There are five principles in connection with Faith, one might say five aspects of a Divine Faith, to which I wish to call your attention briefly.

Faith has five aspects, or distinct steps: Perceptive Faith, seeing Jesus; Receptive Faith, receiving Jesus; Retentive Faith, holding fast to Jesus; Active Faith, working for Jesus; Passive Faith, rest in Jesus.

The highest form of Faith is that of perfect passivity, resting in the Lord.

It is only in so far as the multitudes listen to Jesus that they can ever receive light.

Jesus said, "The flesh profiteth nothing." The fleshly preaching which men often indulge in does not profit any. Some men compose a sermon with a little bit of Longfellow and William Cullen Bryant; here and there a quotation from Tennyson; a few extracts from scientific writers such as Huxley and Darwin; a little bit of Scripture, a little bit of the man himself and a great many metaphors and illustrations and allegories. That may be a sermon as men count it, but that is not teaching or preaching.

The Word of the Living God is the only thing which will inspire Faith. You can go on with the kind of preaching I have described, and the world will go on its way. Such preaching creates infidelity.

#### **Ministers of Christ Are Not Sent to Speak Their Thoughts.**

Ministers of Christ are ambassadors who are to speak exactly what they are told to speak. They have no right to vary their words. The ambassador at a foreign court representing the United States of America has no right whatever to alter his message by one single dot of an "i."

The President and the Cabinet at Washington give absolute instructions to the Minister to England at the Court of St. James. When that Minister asks for an audience with the Prime Minister, he does so in the name of the Government of the United States. When he gets that audience, he is an Ambassador.

He does not tell the Premier what he thinks.

The Premier does not care one single iota what the minister thinks personally about one single question of State, the Behring Sea Question, for instance. He wishes to know from that minister what the instructions from his government are.

When the minister receives instructions from his government, he keeps to that and that alone. His own private opinion may be something exactly the opposite. His business is to give the message sent from Washington by his government. If he does not keep to the message given by his government, he is recalled and relegated to private life.

Ambassadors of Christ have no right to preach what they think nor what any man on God's earth thinks. The only thing which I, or any other minister of Christ, is sent to preach is what God thinks, what God says; therefore what Jesus says.

Faith will always come by hearing the Word of God.

Faith will never come by listening to the opinions of men, for there are almost as many opinions as there are men.

#### **Human Opinion is Not a Safe Foundation for Divine Faith.**

You cannot get a Divine Faith out of human opinion. Human opinion is like the wind. Human opinion is from the North one day and the South another, and boxes the whole compass, perhaps, inside of a month. Opinion is not worth a pin in itself.

The trouble with men is that they are in perpetual bondage because they are listening to this opinion and that opinion, while the mind of God is not studied.

My private opinion is in perfect accord with God's stated Word. I have no private opinion which differs from God's Word. God's Word is absolute. My opinion is of no consequence if other than God's Word.

"Faith cometh by hearing."

These multitudes sat listening to Christ hour after hour and day after day.

He did not seem to say much about Divine Healing in that sermon. He did not say much about Divine Salvation as some men preach it today. He told them of the narrow and broad ways. You will notice that the discourse, from beginning to end, is practically an exposition of the difference between good and evil, and a statement as to what is good and what is evil. The discourse closes with a parable which makes that very clear. It is the parable of the two housebuilders: the man who hears what Christ says and does not do it, and the man who does do it.

The one built on the sand a house quickly put together, but when the tempest came it was quickly and forever swept away.

The other dug deep and laid his foundation on the rock, taking pains with his building, and when the tempest came his house was not shaken. The tempest passed by and the house stood untouched, an emblem of human life.

A man who builds his life upon human opinion and what people think, who hears what Christ says and goes away and does not do it, that man builds his house on the sand and will be swept away.

But the man who builds his house on Christ the Rock will not be shaken.

He stands strong and will abide forever.

#### **The Wonderful Claim of Christ.**

Christ, in His teaching, therefore, demanded of these people that they should recognize in Him the absolute embodiment of God Himself. He made the tremendous and awful claim that He, a man, sitting there on that mountain side, dressed in the ordinary apparel of men, born of Mary in Bethlehem, was not man as other men were; that He had no human father; that He was the Son of God; that He was the embodiment in the flesh of God Himself; that He was the Wonderful, the Counsellor, the Everlasting Father, the Mighty God, the Prince of Peace; that He who sat there was the King of Glory, of whose dominion and government there could be no end.

Although He was sitting there talking to them as other men, He talked to them with a power with which no other man could talk.

He spake in words which no other man could utter.

He was a man, speaking in the language of men, and speaking with great simplicity so that the common people could understand what He said; and yet He said that He was not a man, but God Himself manifest in the flesh.

He demanded that they should recognize in Him the Messiah; that He was God; that the Father dwelt in Him; that the Eternal Spirit dwelt in Him, and that He, the Son of Man, was the preëxistent Word which was in the beginning with God.

He demanded that they should believe that He had made all things and all men; that the earth on which He stood, He had created in the beginning to come into being by the Word of His power.

He demanded that they should recognize His absolute Divinity. Unless that is clearly understood, you do not understand anything about Christ.

#### **The Divinity of Christ the Essential Thing in Divine Teaching.**

It was this claim to Divinity, and it is the claim to Divinity, which is the essential thing in connection with Divine teaching. If Christ is not God, then our Faith is in vain; then He never rose from the dead by the Holy Spirit's power; then He never could have made atonement for our sins. He would have His own sins to atone for if He were only a man.

If Christ is not God, He is not the Eternal Sun of Righteousness, but only a mere temporary light which appeared and went out nineteen centuries ago.

O dark, dark indeed would the world be to me if I thought that Christ were dead.

I read of a man who had an awful dream of the dead Christ. He was seeking for God and could not find Him. He was seeking for Christ and could not find Him. He was away out there in the starry spaces at the uttermost bounds of all



creation. There He saw the dead Christ lift up His hands and cry, "There is no God."

He looked away into the dark spaces, and heard the chaotic rumblings of matter on matter, worlds crashing on worlds. Then he awoke and was glad when he found that it was a dream.

There is nothing more horrible to think of than that Christ is not God.

There is nothing more dreadful to think of than to think that the Gospel is a lie and Christ the prince of liars.

If Christ was inspired by Beelzebub, as the Jews said, O! what a blank would this earth be; for without that life and hope of Christ, there is hope nowhere on earth and nowhere beyond it.

#### **The Awful Condition of the World Unless Christ Is God.**

If Christ is not risen, there is no resurrection; if Christ is not gone to heaven to prepare a place for God's children, there is no preparation.

If Christ did not bear my sins, then I cannot bear them.

If Christ did not bring salvation, then I cannot be saved.

If men do not recognize in Christ the Eternal God, they have no God anywhere but their bellies; they have no God anywhere but in continually changing human opinions; they have no god anywhere except the gods of the heathen, who have eyes and do not see, ears and do not hear, and feet which do not walk. Such gods have no heart, and those who make them are like unto them.

O, what a blank, what a horrid night it would be, if Christ were not God!

He is God, and only when men fall at His feet and say, "My Lord and my God," can they be blessed.

Christ lays the foundation of His teaching, therefore, in Himself. He makes Himself the Foundation of all saving and healing and cleansing and quickening and guiding and instructing and providing power.

Everything is in Christ.

All the treasures of wisdom and of knowledge are in Him. Of Him and to Him and through Him are all things.

Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end, He that liveth and was dead.

We know He lives. We know He lives with us; for His Name is Immanuel, God with us.

We know He lives; for He said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

We know He lives; for He is in us by the Spirit, the Hope of Glory.

He cannot die, and because He lives, we live.

These great fundamental truths are the foundation of everything.

Listening to Christ's Sermon, and inspired by some such thoughts as these which I have endeavored to give expression, was a man, hidden, perhaps, from observation. If they had seen him they would have driven him from their presence. He was a leper.

#### **The Blessing of Christ's Untrammelled, Open-Air Ministry.**

If Christ had not been an open-air preacher, the leper would never have been healed.

Many of His ministers today confine their ministry to two short sermons on Sunday, strictly limited to thirty minutes. If they run over the time, the dinner will get cold, and the housewife will get into a great trouble.

These ministers open what they call His churches on Sunday morning and talk mostly what they think or what somebody else thinks.

There are some exceptions, for there are many men who are faithful to God and conscientious to Christ today on earth. But the majority have entered into Christ's ministry as a profession. To them it is nothing more than a ministerial or professional office which gives them social position and money and a power of the kind they most care for.

I speak not merely of Rome, whose ministers are hypocrites, for there is not a Priest in existence who believes he can manufacture God with a pair of tongs out of dough.

There is no one in existence, not even the Pope himself, who believes in the infallibility of the Pope. Men cannot make an infallible Pope out of a fallible Bishop. You could just as easily create a man out of a woman by declaring that she was a man.

No declaration of a council of women could make any woman a man, no declaration of a council of men could make a man a woman.

No declaration of any council or election by any conclave can make a fallible man an infallible Pope.

The Church of God today is not merely apostate in the Roman Church, but it is apostate in Protestant churches. Men have created for themselves

#### **A New Infallibility.**

The Westminster Confession of Faith is so infallible in the Presbyterian Church, that if a man dares to utter a definition not in accord with that he is thrust out of the Church of God. The Lord have mercy on men who make a God out of their own definitions.

Miss Amanda Hicks, of Clinton College, Kentucky, was healed this year in Divine Healing Home No. 3. She was brought up on a stretcher, dying. She was declared to be beyond human power except by an almost impossible operation. No one knew where to begin with such an operation, inasmuch as the cancerous tumor had spread and was filling all the alimentary region.

She was instantaneously and permanently healed.

She returned and was received with enthusiasm by her students in the place where she had been twenty years principal.

She is a cousin of the late President Lincoln.

She had received no salary for these twenty years.

She had brought many donations to the college and was waiting for the time when the college could afford to give back to her something of what she had brought to it.

It was a Baptist college. That denomination is so careful to declare that it maintains allegiance to the Word of God, that you would have thought every minister there would have stood by her in her testimony.

#### **Cowardly Apostasy of Baptist Ministers.**

But when she declared with great joy that she was healed, they gathered together and, after discussing the matter, declared against Divine Healing, of which they knew nothing, and gave Miss Hicks the option of resigning the principalship of Clinton College, Kentucky, or holding her peace about Divine Healing. As she would not promise to be still, they told her to resign her position. They drove her out of the Baptist Church because she had dared to tell them that she had been healed by God, when she was dying. The ministers who joined in that are apostate just as much as the ministers who nineteen centuries ago rejected Christ.

There is more sympathy for Divine Healing among Roman Catholic priests than there is among Protestant ministers.

Frequently I hear from Roman Catholics that they have gone to their Priests and in confession have said to them, "Father, there is a good man down at Woodlawn, near the World's Fair, who is praying with the sick and they are healed. Would you advise me to go?"

Again and again, the Priest in confession has said, "My son, my daughter, he is a good man and you will get healed."

#### **Bitter Opposition of Protestant Ministers to Divine Healing.**

There is more hope today for Divine Healing among the apostate Priests of the Church of Rome than there is among many Protestant ministers. I have received less sympathy and less help from Protestant ministers than from any other class in the community.

There has not been one church in this city opened for me to preach in. I have preached in other cities, in other States and other lands, filling all pulpits. In Toronto I preached in every church except the Episcopal and the Roman Catholic.

The Protestants are intensely bitter against Divine Healing, prejudiced and wicked, making statements concerning myself and this ministry which are entirely at variance with fact; stating that I claim power to heal, which I never did.

The Foundation of all Faith is not in the Church.

The Church of God herself must rest her faith in Christ.

#### **Worship of Christ as Divine, the Key to Healing.**

The leper whom we have kept a long time waiting, was a Jew. If Christ had not been an open-air preacher, he never would have gotten this teaching. He heard Christ assert His Divinity and fell at His feet and worshiped Him.

There is the key to all the healing that followed.

Unless he had worshiped Him he would never have been healed.

The moment a man recognizes Christ as God, he has taken that step which brings him at once into fellowship with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. That is the step of a true conversion.

When the Ethiopian eunuch said, "Behold, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?" Philip said, "If thou believest with all thy heart, thou mayest." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

Philip then baptized him on his profession of absolute faith that Christ was the Son of God.

When a man casts his sins, his sorrows and sicknesses and all his needs on Christ, he finds perfect deliverance.

Now this poor leper came out of the crowd to Jesus.

The discourse was over. The crowd was going down the mountain paths back to Capernaum. This poor leper saw his opportunity would soon be gone, as he saw that Christ had closed perhaps His last discourse.

#### Jesus and the Leper.

That thought made the leper rush forth amidst all these people. With the cry compelled by the law, "Unclean, Unclean," he rushed through the crowd asking, "Where is Jesus?" Then, perhaps, seeing Him, he ran straight to where He was and threw himself on that mountain path, crying, "Unclean." The others left him. Nobody wanted to touch him except One.

There are many today who are so sick and defiled that nobody wants to touch them except the Christ of God, or one who has His Spirit within.

Sometimes I see such defilements and such loathsome diseases that my flesh would shrink. The grace within me speaks and I want to touch and want to help, so I lay my hands upon every kind of sickness and disease, including leprosy.

One case only do I know of the healing of leprosy. It was a case of black leprosy.

Jesus longed to help the leper, and the leper knew it. Through that crowd he pressed and fell at His feet and worshipped. Then he began to pray for his healing. But he prayed in a way in which no one ought to pray. Yet it was a very beautiful prayer.

#### The Word "If" Has No Place in Prayers for Healing.

There was one word in it which Christ had to take away. It is that word in his prayer, which people continue to repeat, which makes a prayer ineffectual.

The leper said, "Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean."

In that prayer everything was right except one word.

It was right to say "Lord." That recognized Christ's supremacy. "Thou canst make me clean," recognized Christ's ability.

"If Thou wilt" indicated doubt, uncertainty. He was not sure, so he said, "If Thou wilt."

The Master, who was then only developing His mission, in His infinite compassion took away that "if" by replying to him, "I will." The moment He said "I will," the "if" went out of the leper's prayer.

The "if" must go out of your prayer and you must say "Thou wilt." Take it out.

The leper never prayed "If Thou wilt" but once. The "if" was taken away by the declaration of Christ's "I will."

He who said "I will" is Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, today and forever.

He is just as willing today as He was nineteen centuries ago. If He is not as willing today as nineteen centuries ago, then He is changed.

#### Jesus the Unchanging Healer.

The Word of God is true. Christ has not changed. He is the same unchangeable and unchanging. "I am the Lord, I change not."

Under the Ancient Dispensation God said: "I am the Lord that healeth thee." "I am the Lord, I change not."

Under the New, the Word says: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yea and forever." That links the Old and New Testaments.

Jesus came to destroy the works of the Devil, and disease is one of them.

There is no other Healer. God has never provided any

other healing. You may search the Bible from Genesis to Revelation and nowhere will you find, "Is any among you sick, let him call for a doctor."

In no part of that Word are physicians well spoken of. They were referred to with contempt as "physicians of no value."

Doctors themselves, today, have no confidence in their medicine and no confidence in their conglomeration of absurdities called science.

I declare that there is only one Saviour and Healer. The Church of God has no right to turn aside and seek a system which cannot heal, but fills you with digitalis, nux vomica, arsenicum and strychnia.

Many are forsaking God, the Fountain of living waters.

I am sure that God's Word is true. If He said "I will," nineteen centuries ago, He is willing to heal you if you fulfil the conditions of a true Repentance toward God: the putting away of every sin, making a vow to do right in God's sight and keeping it.

Bring forth fruits meet for Repentance, and exercise simple faith in Christ, and in Christ alone. Then you are God's children and have a right to ask your Father for what you want and to go to Him with an unswerving faith, with absolute confidence that He is willing to heal. Then you can get healing.

#### Some Recent Healings.

This little girl received healing Monday night. She had not walked for six and a half years. Now she is able to stand and walk.

We were so glad last night to see among the men so many healings. Seven who had been suffering from rheumatism were healed.

They had been suffering from sixteen months to six and seven years. There was a very remarkable case of a man who stood who had been deaf from his childhood. You heard him get his hearing.

He had been able to talk for many years. I shouted into his ear, "God is Love," and he said in such a touching voice, "Did you say 'God is love'?"

We have a little girl here who has not heard for twelve years. She now hears and talks.

This is God's truth. I would believe that Christ is the Healer if there were not one healed in Chicago.

God said it. "I am the Lord that healeth thee." I believed it before I saw anybody healed.

I believed before He healed me, that He would heal me even when I was dying.

The Lord is the same Lord.

Thirty years have passed away, and I have been able to do something for Christ every day since.

The meeting was then closed by prayer and the

#### BENEDICTION.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

#### GOD'S WILLINGNESS TO HEAL.

Divine Healing Home No. 1, October 3, 1894.

Dr. Dowie said: In the course of our exposition of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, we have reached the eighth chapter, which is, as it happens, the very central point of all the teaching in Divine Healing. We use it again and again, hundreds of times in a year. We have found it to be the passage which in exposition has been the most helpful throughout the many years of our mission.

Dr. Dowie then read the first seventeen verses of the eighth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew.

I will begin today the discussion of the willingness of the Lord to heal, but I will not conclude what I have to say; for upon that question hinges the whole subject of Divine Healing.

#### To Know God's Will is the Most Important Thing.

The most important of all things is to know absolutely what the will of God is.

There are no more precious words to me in the Holy Word of God than these two words of God, "I will," in whatever connection they come.

It is written of Christ in prophetic Scripture, and He Himself says it:

In the roll of the Book it is written of Me:  
I delight to do Thy will, O My God;  
Yea, Thy law is within My heart.

To those who are truly Christ's, the first and the most supreme thing is to know what the will of God is. The next thing is, in so far as that will directs us either to do or to abstain, to do that will.

Unless the law of God is absolutely within the heart, the law of God will not be pleasing. But if the law of God is in the heart, the supremest joy is to do the will of God, or to abstain from doing things which are contrary to the will of God.

When the natural man receives God, he gets spiritual discernment. He gets spiritual power to see the glory and the beauty and the power of the blessed will of God and the joy and happiness which must come by conformity to that will. Power not only to discern, but power to do, and delight in doing, God's will, becomes the supreme joy of the life.

I think every one who has made any advance in spiritual life will recognize this as his experience.

#### **Divine Healing is Absolutely the Will of God.**

In this matter of Divine Healing we have nothing to teach except the absolute will of God.

Although I might not be able to see why, if God said that it was His will that I should be sick, I should want to be sick, because He would know what was best. But God has uttered no such thing.

Divine Healing is on exactly the same plane as Divine Salvation.

When a sinner comes to God for Salvation, there is no portion of the Christian Church which would say to that sinner, "Go to your Father and say to Him, 'Father, I have sinned against Heaven and in Thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called Thy son. If Thou art willing, please take me back into Thy favor, O God, and if not, then take me and send me back to the swine's trough. Send me to perdition, that Thou mayest be glorified in my damnation just as much as in my salvation. Father, let Thy will be done; and if it is Thy will to send me to hell, send me to hell.'"

You could not imagine that such a prayer as that would be a right prayer.

You could not imagine that any portion of the Church of Christ would teach such a prayer.

Why should not that prayer be offered? The answer would come back, because the will of God is declared plainly in His Word, saying:

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness; but is longsuffering to youward, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

The will of God is declared plainly that Christ tasted death for every man.

Jesus said, "Him that cometh unto Me, I will in no wise cast out."

The Word of God declares that every sinner can find salvation, and that Christ suffered not only for the sins of His own people, but for the sins of the whole world.

The desire of God is that the whole world shall be blessed.

No man is damned unless he elects to be damned. No man will find his way to hell unless he chooses to find his way there. If any one desires to find God, that man must find his way to heaven by God's Grace. God is intensely willing that he shall.

We therefore say to the man who is affected with sin, "Go to God; do not be afraid; He is your Father; you are His son. If you have spent all in riotous living and come to Him with only the dregs of your existence, if you will only cast yourself on His mercy, He has never sent away a sinner who has truly repented of his sin; therefore come and seek His mercy. He is willing to save you."

It is our duty to speak to sinners in some such way as that.

#### **We Must Prove That Divine Healing is God's Will.**

In exactly the same way are we to speak to the sick. We are to say to them, "There is nothing plainer than that it is the absolute will of God to heal you."

"Give us," they cry, "not merely the assertion, but the proof of such an assertion."

That proof it is our duty to give. It is of no use making assertions without advancing proof. There is no use of making

assertions unless you prove them to be reasonable and justified. God Himself has declared that He desires to reason with His people. He has said, "Come now, and let us reason together."

#### **We Are to Present Our Bodies to God, Acceptable for His Service.**

As declared, in this connection, by the pen of the Apostle Paul, it is His absolute will that we should present these bodies unto Him. Paul says:

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And be not fashioned according to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

The declaration is made that it is a reasonable service to present the body to God; that it is an acceptable service unto God.

God desires the body as a living sacrifice. He wishes to make it holy.

We have a right to present our bodies to God that He may sanctify them and cleanse them from every particle of pollution, so that they may be vessels unto honor, sanctified and made meet for the Master's use and prepared to be used in every good work.

These treasures of Divine grace which God has given to us in spirit are contained, like our spirits themselves, within an earthen vessel. If the communication of God's Grace is to be effective to humanity, the earthen vessel by means of which that communication is made must be clean. If the vessel is impure, it is simple common sense that, no matter how clean water you put into that vessel, the impurity of the vessel will taint and pollute the water and make it undrinkable.

So it is with the service of God. The Grace of God flowing into our spirits is impeded when we have an unclean body. There is not the same full, free, large and perfect life that there would be if that body were clean and free. Yet I will say that a Christian may live a Christian life and be sick. We know large numbers of those impure in body, unclean in body, very sick, who are truly God's children. But the Grace of God does not flow through them to others in such purity and power as it would if they were in sound bodies.

#### **A Diseased Body is an Impediment to One's Work for God.**

The spirit itself is beclouded and the thoughts are diverted, and the whole of the living stream of God's own life in you is in a manner tainted by disease. You cannot live or think or act as you would wish to.

Therefore it must be, and it is, the will of God that the body should be presented to Him as a reasonable service. There is nothing more reasonable than that if we are to serve God in these bodies, these bodies should be clean.

It makes a great difference to a man when teaching whether he has severe catarrh in the head or not. If a man's head is full of catarrh and his lungs weakened by disease and all the miseries consequent upon a tuberculous condition, that man must be impeded in giving to others the abounding life of God.

There is no use of such a man speaking of life for the spirit, life for the soul and for the body when he is scarcely able to utter the words, and is most manifestly a victim to the violence of disease. His testimony is injured.

I believe that the reason why Christian people are impeded very much in their ministry to others is because they have not presented their bodies to God and their bodies are not cleansed.

Starting with that thought, I desire to prove to you from the Word of God and from sound reasoning—because this is a reasonable service—that it cannot be the will of God that we should be sick.

I will take the negative side today; that it cannot be the will of God that His children should be diseased.

In the first place, consider this: Jesus would never have entered into this world had there been no sin.

#### **Disease and Death the Products of Sin and Satan.**

Sin is the work of the Devil. Disease and Death are the results of Sin, therefore Disease and Death are products, so to speak, of Father Satan and Mother Sin.

No one who has any belief in the inspiration of the Scriptures can seriously question that fundamental position.

Disease is simply death in an incipient form. Disease is working death. The declaration was made by God that in the day that man sinned he should die, or "dying thou shalt die."

As a matter of fact, Adam and Eve did not die for many long centuries. They both lived on beyond the Fall after being driven from the Garden of Eden. Sons and daughters were born unto them, yet the Word of God was true that in the day they ate, dying they should die; for in that very day that they ate, sin entered into them. The moment that sin entered, disease came with it. That was the form which death assumed.

Death immediately entered by means of sin, and, therefore, disease is simply death in its initial stage.

You will find that made abundantly clear by the fact that up to the time that Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of sinless innocence, they were not conscious of any climatic difficulties. But after they hid themselves from the face of God, they realized that they were naked. They were ashamed, and they needed covering because the elements were against them.

Sin had entered and sin had polluted the earth.

Sin had entered, and into the very element of the air Satan and the evil hosts had come.

#### **Satan, the "Prince of the Power of the Air."**

When sin entered, the way was opened from hell to earth and vast numbers of evil spirits trooped up from the depths of hell and took possession not merely of the earth, but of the air. In the Scripture, Satan is revealed to us distinctly as the "Prince of the Power of the Air, the spirit that now worketh in the sons of disobedience."

That spirit is not only the god of this world, but he blinds the eyes of those who believe in the light of the Gospel.

Not only has Satan very large powers upon the solid earth, but he has immense power in the very air itself and in the unseen skies above us.

That is not an assertion merely, that is a fact. You will see, for instance, in the Book of Daniel, that the prophet is told by the angel that he was impeded in coming from heaven to earth, although sent forth by God Himself, because of opposition on the way. It is one of the most remarkable passages of this kind in Scripture, and gives a very clear account of this angel having had to fight his way through:

Then said He unto me, Fear not, Daniel; for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to humble thyself before thy God, thy words were heard: and I am come for thy words' sake. But the Prince of the Kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days; but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me: and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

That "Prince of Persia" was not an earthly prince, because he had to get some help of another kind. It was a withstanding in the heavens itself.

There are many indications in the Scripture that Satan has divided his kingdom very cleverly, and has appointed demons to preside over nations to tempt kings and peoples.

There were good angels who watched over Persia, as well as evil angels.

#### **A Twenty-One Days' Battle in the Upper Air.**

You see this angel had been sent forth, and it took one and twenty days for him to get there.

If the "Prince of Persia" had been a mere man, he could not have hindered the angel at all.

It would be impossible for any man to keep back an angel of God.

If any angel of God wished to get into this house, there is no doorkeeper who could keep him out. This "Prince" was the Devil, who with his hosts had power to block the way and make it a matter of great difficulty for the angel of God to get to Daniel, no less than twenty-one days of fighting having taken place.

Michael, the archangel, is always represented in Scripture as the great military angel who contended with Satan about the body of Moses. He was the great military angel in charge of the hosts of heaven. He swept the hosts of hell away to let this angel through with God's Message.

You will find quite numerous references in the Scripture to the fact that the air is in possession of the Devil. For instance, the Devil went out and wrought up a great wind out of the wilderness and brought down the house of Job's sons about their ears and killed them all.

The Devil tried to destroy Christ by a wind; for when Christ was lying asleep in the hinder part of the ship, the Devil caused a great storm. The apostles and Christ Himself were in great danger.

The Devil may have said, "I have great power in the ele-

ments, and I will drive that ship to the bottom of the Sea of Galilee."

The disciples awoke Christ and said: "Master, carest Thou not that we perish?"

Christ arose and looked around upon the winds and the waves. He did not say, "Oh waves, you are, obeying My Father's will; oh wind and waves, pile on; you are doing right." Standing in the ship, He rebuked the winds and the waves and said with a commanding voice, "Peace, be still." Therefore He rebuked the power which lashed them into fury and commanded that power, the Prince of the Power of the Air, who was endeavoring to sink the vessel, to be still. That is the plain English of it.

#### **Destructive Storms Not the Work of God.**

It has always been to me an exceedingly pleasant thing to know that I do not have to credit God with these terrible storms. I read the other day of a terrific cyclone, in a certain city, which tore up the buildings and destroyed men and women and children and cattle and created great devastation.

That was not the work of the Almighty God. That was not the work of a Holy, Beneficent Being.

That was the work of demoniac power.

The atmosphere is in a distorted and horrible condition for the most part. It is either too hot or too cold much of the time, and when we have a nice day and begin to feel that the weather is beautiful, up comes the Devil with another storm and some trouble somewhere. Hence it is a joy to me, and has been in my voyages across the great wide sea, to know that in every storm and in every tempest I could hear the voice of demons, high above the storm and tempest, but I could call upon my God and hear His Voice across the waters and above the tempest saying, "Peace, be still."

#### **God Delivers From the Power of the Storm Demon.**

I have cried to Him often and often in the midst of the sea, and He has heard.

Our vessel once had been dismasted, through the carelessness of one who had neglected it. The vessel was also on fire, and the fire was nearing the powder magazine.

In one case, on the coast of New Zealand, our screw broke. We were approaching the rocks not far from where a great mountain lifts its head. There, where steamer after steamer and vessel after vessel had been wrecked, we were in danger of being wrecked. The wind was driving us ashore toward the rocks which we could not escape. There was an absolute certainty that many would be lost unless the direction of the wind changed.

I have prayed to God in such seasons as these and He has altered the winds. I give all the glory to God.

When the first fire took possession of the buildings in the World's Fair grounds, only a few hundred yards away from Zion Tabernacle, there was a strong southeast wind blowing. The embers were driven over to this Avenue and were beginning to set fire to the sheds in many places. I took up a piece of burning wood three or four feet long. I saw very clearly that the houses on this Avenue and our Tabernacle would be destroyed by fire unless God intervened.

I called my household together in 6036 Edgerton Avenue. After having gone over to investigate the position, I said that it would be vain for us to take our things out and attempt to escape, because the whole region would be burned down unless God altered the wind.

I did not permit anything to be taken out of the house, but went in to prayer and asked God to alter the wind.

#### **God Changes the Wind in Answer to Prayer, and Saves a City From Destruction.**

When we arose from prayer about twenty minutes afterwards, the wind, which had been in the southeast, had changed to the northwest. The flames were driven out into the lake with terrific violence.

If that wind had continued, with the immense mass of inflammable material in these buildings, that conflagration might have gone on until there would not have been any Chicago.

I claim no glory, but I am simply telling what is the truth. I take that story as an illustration. There are scores of persons who know that is true.

When the next fire took place, which burned down the

greater part of the buildings, the wind was in the right quarter and we prayed God to keep it that way. It never wavered from the southwest.

Skeptical persons may say that the wind which had begun with the fire in one quarter was bound to shift around. If so, why did it not shift around the second time when we prayed that it should stay where it was? I give as much glory to God for keeping it in the same direction the second time as I did in the first time for shifting it around.

Once on the New Zealand coast, the wind was blowing strongly from the northeast and driving us toward the rocks. After prayer and a conversation with the Captain, and finding where we were, breakers in sight, we were driven by a strong northwest wind right out to sea. We were enabled to spend two days in repairing our propeller shaft. We got up to Auckland two days late, but all safe.

The question of the atmosphere being in charge of the Devil, very largely, is a very important point.

#### The Devil Carries Disease in the Wind.

This plague of grip from which many of you are suffering traveled with the wind. I watched it. I was upon the Pacific Coast at the time. I noticed by the telegrams when it had reached Russia.

When it had reached Eastern Europe I began to say, "It is coming to the West; you will find presently Germany, France and all the countries on the west coast of Europe will be included. It will reach England and come over to the United States. It will come by the road of the wind."

I watched it with great care. It came with the rate of the wind. It was not connected with the climatic conditions of any particular country. After it had passed over the United States of America and passed out of the Golden Gate, it went down into the South Seas and struck the inhabitants of islands in the warm latitudes. Then it came to Australia and went back to the home from which it had come, which, in my humble judgment, was hell.

It was filthy and horrid and most deadly in its nature. In this City of Chicago, when I came here later, there was a second attack of it in the winter of 1891. Three years ago there were 1000 persons a week died in Chicago. It was in the very atmosphere.

The atmosphere itself is laden with this disease. A pestilence walking in darkness, it is a destruction wasting at noon-day. Smallpox and cholera are nothing to it.

When it came my way, I said, "I will not fight it; because You have given me a promise: 'A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.'"

One day it seemed to strike me. I just went to God and it went as quick as a flash. I did not have it at all in the midst of all that plague.

I was able to attend to all my duties and do the work devolving upon me. Yet in going in and out from Evanston, I saw men dying. Nearly all were going about sneezing, coughing.

That was in the air. That came either from God or from the Devil.

#### It Would Be Impossible to Love a God Who Would Send Such a Pestilence.

If it came from God, I do not love God. If that came from God, I cannot love God. It would be impossible for me to love Him. I could not call Him a God of Infinite Love who would torture, fill with disease and make miserable His own creatures. I could not love one who would devastate homes as was done in this city, depriving children of fathers and depriving wives of husbands.

Strong men were laid low in a few hours, and there are weeping widows in all classes of society.

Those who have escaped death are suffering blighting disease as a result of the disease.

Why I have taken so much time this morning is to elaborate the point and make it strong, that the Devil is the Prince of the Power of the Air, and that the many diseases which come in the air have a diabolical origin. Some of them may be traced to the sin of man, but that shows a diabolical origin still.

For instance, suppose you take cholera and trace its origin, as you can, to the filthiness of the pilgrims at Mecca, who

actually drink water full of cholera germs and die in thousands beside the sacred well. These people carry on the work of the Devil, for the Mohammedan religion, root and branch, is the work of the Devil.

In one form or another, even where we cannot trace it, we can always be sure of it, the Devil is at the bottom of every disease and every pestilence.

Every storm which devastates and distorts is the Devil's work. There will be no pestilence or devastating storms in heaven.

Meanwhile the Devil has tremendous power in this world. The only ones to escape are the people who can do God's will.

#### Christ Will Usher in New Heavens and a New Earth.

Now, inasmuch as Christ came to destroy the works of the Devil, He came to destroy every atom of disease in the air. My judgment is that the day will come when the earth will be purified and the air will be purified, and the Devil and his hosts will be sent back to hell, where they belong. On that day there will be "a new heaven and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." There will be no death, no disease, no political bosses and no Board of Death. Cities will be clean.

The cities are full of disease because of the inability of the poor people to pay for cleaning which contractors are paid to do and neglect. Dirt and muck is left in the poorer part of the city, and then disease extends to the richer part of the city.

The Devil generates disease in the air in a thousand ways. Some ways are inscrutable to us.

I do not know how far volcanic action may be traced to diabolical power, but in my judgment it is traceable to that power.

The destruction, for instance, of thousands of lives in New Zealand by a volcano was a diabolical act. It was not God's act at all.

I do not believe that God creates blind forces and leaves us to be the sport of them. I believe what the Bible says, that this world is a world largely in possession of the Devil.

#### The Great Fight is for the Spiritual, Psychological and Physical Deliverance of Humanity From the Devil.

The great fight going on is not merely for the spiritual deliverance of the people, but for their psychological and physical deliverance, and the deliverance of the earth itself from the bondage of the Devil. Although the fight seems long, yet one day with the Lord is as a thousand years, and He may fight a thousand years more to drive out the Devil.

I solemnly believe, notwithstanding all the allegations of science, which would give me some materialistic origin of these things, that they have a spiritual origin, an origin in the Devil.

That is the teaching of the Word of God. That is a very important point, and the more you think of it the more you will see it.

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## THINGS COMMANDED AND THINGS PERMITTED.

I want you to think into the condition of Noah. No human tongue nor any painter's brush could ever picture that scene.

Of course the infidel rejects it as a fairy tale and declares it is not true. He tries to limit the Deluge, and in some way or other get over the fact that every living thing except Noah, his sons and their wives and the creatures that were in the ark were destroyed.

I know nothing about it beyond what is written. I have no doubt in the world that it is true; for the writing is not only upon the pages of the Book of Genesis: the writing is to be seen upon the very face of nature everywhere—the evidences of the Flood.

It is to be found embodied in the traditions of every tribe, well nigh, upon the earth. Traditions of the Flood have been found amongst people who had never seen a white face.

There are a great many things in the Old Testament which I do not understand, which no one understands.

I do not need to understand them. I do not need to understand the laws which govern electricity to believe that the telegram which I read a few minutes ago came from a very distant part of this country.

I do not need to understand how the letter from Japan, which I handled a few minutes ago, came from Japan. I do not need to understand any more than that everything which I do understand about it makes me believe in the genuineness of the letter.

It bears the Japanese postmark. It bears the Japanese stamp which was necessary. All the external evidences prove to me before I open the letter that this letter came from Japan. I open the envelope and find a letter within it. The date of the letter corresponds closely to the date upon which it was alleged to have left that country, by the postmark.

I have every reason to believe, and none to doubt, the truth of the fact that I hold in my hand a letter which left that distant land, and left there on such a date.

The internal evidence bears out the external evidence.

External and internal evidences are the things which prove the Word of God to be true—affirmative evidence continually coming from all sides.

I do not desire to enter into a geological discourse, but I say to you, be careful about geologists, and do not read their writings as if they were inspired. Geologists have made some tremendous blunders.

Geologists have made the most stupid statements. They do not agree between themselves.

### A Beautiful Analogy in the Story of Noah.

There is a very beautiful analogy here.

There are times when God shuts us in and launches us away out in the ark amidst the howling of the storm winds, the flashes of the lightnings and the roll of thunders. It seems as if we must perish.

There are long periods, perhaps, in some spiritual lives, when all one's work has to be done amongst beasts. It is very unprofitable, one might think, to be fighting beasts—slimy creatures.

You will have to get to the place, all of you, perhaps, where, spiritually, you will be shut up in your ark and go away out to minister to beasts.

Noah's ministrations to men had failed to produce any results worth speaking about, except for those who were in the ark.

But if these eight had not been saved, this great population of fifteen hundred millions in the earth today would not be here.

You must remember that you are not to calculate the importance of your work by what it appears to be.

It did not seem a very pleasant occupation for a great prophet, who had lived these hundreds of years, to be shut up with his wife and three sons and their wives, to feed animals. It must have been a very great toil to feed all these mouths: hyenas, vultures, skunks, rats, mice, and even the unutterable pig. Noah had in the ark not only the clean, but the unclean animals.

I am glad I was not Noah. Some time you will have some work to do which is so distasteful and so unpleasant that it

will be nauseating. But when you are about to complain I wish you would just sit down and think how that ark smelled after all these months: even supposing there was some provision for getting rid of the filthy matter, which I suppose there was. It would take quite a good deal of skill to do that.

Just think of the horrible toil of it! Just think what it was to be shut up to this work alone. Yet all the beautiful birds, the flowers, all the useful beasts that live, and, in the economy of nature, the creatures which have their place as scavengers were kept alive in that way.

Sometime, somewhere, you may be shut up for long months together. I am asked even now to send Elders and Evangelists where the filthiness of the people, moral and physical, is so great that only infinitely loving grace can give strength to live.

Some of my brethren who had been in China recently described to me the minute conditions of the Chinese. Instead of the filth in the streets being washed away in sewers, it is all carefully preserved and spread out upon the soil. Such customs make the fertility of the land in China.

#### The Nature of Real Work for God.

You will find that work, real work, will mean the removal of real dirt. Real work will mean the ministrations of real business to men and women who are worse than the Chinese; for they know better and do worse.

I think that often in this city it would not be difficult to find a few places like the Chinese cities.

You will go to distant places, some of you, where you will not be able to escape from these conditions until, by the Grace of God, you reform them.

Think of this man Noah, when you are floating on your ark somewhere, away, far away in distant years. This man, his wife and family were rich, noble and accustomed to all the refinements of that time. Although the earth was wicked, you must remember that a great deal of refinement had come into it.

If God does shut you up, for a while, to conditions which seem to be so hard, remember that these are but a preparation for conditions which are infinitely better. Thank God that you did not perish in the Flood; that He saved you, and that He has been preserving you, and that He is preserving you amidst the delusions and floods of iniquity around you.

Patiently send forth until you have found when the waters have abated.

Noah sent forth a raven first. Then he sent forth a dove. She could find no rest, and he took her back into the ark.

But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him to the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth: and he put forth his hand, and took her, and brought her in unto him into the ark.

#### The Analogy of the Little White Dove.

I wish to make a little analogy here. I sent forth a dove once on the coast of New Zealand. It was the little Dove which we have now bearing the Olive Branch and the beautiful motto, "Patience."

I sent forth LEAVES OF HEALING from Christchurch, New Zealand, in 1888. My dove came back to me.

I sent her forth once again in this country, and this time she came back to me with the conviction that the waters were abated. The waters of prejudice all over the world were abated.

I saw that I must prepare and send forth the Little White Dove in a more permanent form. So I asked God to give me the printing presses, beautiful and new, and the clean type, and He gave it to me. I sent forth the Dove, and it keeps going all the time now, for the waters are abated.

I have come down from my Ararat, and there are thousands and tens of thousands of humble hearts everywhere who welcome the Little White Dove as a Message from God. They

take it to their hearts. I hear of little children in hundreds of homes who, when LEAVES OF HEALING comes, say, "Now where is my Dr. Dowie?" They turn to where my picture is and they kiss it. I hear of how they love me. I oftentimes think, when I read this story of the dove, what it means.

I do not know why my ancestry was given that for an emblem; but in the ancient Book of Heraldry in Scotland we found that that motto had been in the Dhui family for centuries, and probably could be traced back to Israelitish sources, away back as far as several centuries before Christ. That is the tradition in the family.

Whether I do or do not belong to that Israelitish line, yet we are in Christ. There is one thing certain: the whole world may truly take the little white dove for its emblem of love; for we all came from Shem, Ham and Japheth and from Noah. It is a lovely emblem.

#### The Dove in Contrast With the Eagle.

I wish that all the eagles could be taken from their poles, and that the dove could be placed above the flag and supersede the eagle.

The eagle is the emblem of paganism. Where the eagle comes there are carcasses dead and rotten.

The eagle is a thief.

The eagle is a vulture.

The eagle is unclean.

Christ said that the day would come when the eagles would surround Jerusalem, and where the eagles were there were the carcasses.

Wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

That day came.

I think, if you look at the pictures of Vespasian and Titus as they are preserved to us upon coins, you will find that they look more like vultures than human beings.

The "Roman beak" has so much of the vulture in it. All the men who delight in blood have something of the eagle-look about them.

I am so thankful for this beautiful emblem of the Little White Dove.

I am so thankful that our Little White Dove goes out. I am so thankful that we are preserved, and that amidst the storm into which I have sent out my Little White Dove the waters have abated.

There is a great deal of beautiful spiritual analogy in that wonderful story of Noah.

I wish to call your attention to the words spoken by God to Noah:

Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee. Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee of all flesh, both fowl, and cattle, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth. And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him: every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, whatsoever moveth upon the earth, after their families, went forth out of the ark. And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And the Lord smelled the sweet savor; and the Lord said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake, for that the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living as I have done. While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

#### The Sin of Eating Blood.

I desire to call your attention to the fourth verse of the ninth chapter:

But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.

To eat blood is sin. The Apostolic Church gave also that commandment.

At a council held in Jerusalem, the Apostles and the Elders came together and decided concerning some things which had

been in dispute at Antioch. Then they wrote a letter to the Christians in Antioch and sent it by Paul and Barnabas, Judas and Silas. That letter closed with these words:

For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things; that ye abstain from things sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication; from which if ye keep yourselves, it shall be well with you. Fare ye well.

Blood, things sacrificed to idols, things strangled and fornication are all put together.

The eating of blood is a sin. The blood is the life, and you must not eat blood.

I never knew any one who ate raw meat whose piety I had any use for.

Such people are wolfish in their characteristics, unclean, unholy. Christians they may be, but they have the animal nature which keeps them constantly fighting with the uncleanness which has gotten into their blood.

Look at the people who eat blood in this city, or in any city. They are brutal, filthy, unclean.

God said at the beginning:

Flesh, with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.

We will have to pray hard one of these days because of the violation of this law against blood-eating.

Perhaps it goes further than any of us have seen.

I do not wish to dogmatize about matters which God permitted, but the fact that God permitted a certain thing for a time being, does not make it right for all time; does not make it the best thing.

God permitted polygamy for a great many ages. Polygamy is almost the prevailing thing in this world today. The non-polygamous nations are very small compared to the polygamous nations.

#### Concerning Polygamy, Second Marriages.

When our Lord Jesus Christ lived, He laid down the glorious principle, the true principle of marriage, when He said, "from the beginning it hath not been so," speaking of divorce.

We might argue against not merely polygamy, but against more than one marriage.

There were Early Fathers, who would expel from the Church a widow or widower who remarried.

I think that is not in accordance with the Word of God. Paul says that they are free when death sets them free. He, also, at the same time, tells them that they will have troubles in the flesh.

Second marriage is not, as a rule, good. But sometimes they seem to be better than the first ones.

Second marriage is unnatural in a sense.

Men and women should live out their lives together in marriage.

There is no doubt at all in my mind that monogamy is right, because it was originally so. We must go back beyond the expressed provisions of the Ten Commandments.

You are to keep the commandments of God. The commandments of God are not contained simply in the Ten Commandments. In the First Commandment, all the commandments of God are contained.

It is absurd to talk about our obeying merely the Ten or Eleven Commandments. Many greater commandments have been given to us.

One is the Commandment of Baptism.

Another is the Commandment of the Lord's Supper.

We are commanded to have fellowship together.

To go out into the streets and lanes of the city is a commandment.

There are a great many commandments outside of the Ten, before and after them, which are just as important as these Ten.

I have not the slightest doubt that a great many thousands were converted at the time of our Lord Jesus Christ who were polygamists. It would have been cruel and unkind and wicked for the Jewish Christians who had married, in their ignorance, three or four wives, to throw all but one of these women and their children out into the streets.

Apply the same principle in heathen lands. That question will come up before us in a harsh and rough manner.

I believe that it is right that we should teach the natives, or native Christians, in all the lands where Zion goes that monogamy is right because it rests upon the original command.

But I do not feel that I could expel from membership one who is in the habit of eating blood and raw meat, or meat which is nearly raw. If I know of such a Christian, I will give him a bad time.

I do not think there is such a Christian in Zion. I hope not. If there is, I wish this matter to be understood.

**Ignorance of the Law Does Not Excuse, but Those Falsely Taught Must be Kindly Treated.**

Ignorance of the law does not excuse a man. We ought to know the law. We ought to have the facilities for knowing the law. There is an excuse for a man from whom the law has been hid, who has been perverted in his conception of it, who has never known any better. In such a case, we must be considerate and kind and gradual in our reforms.

"But," you say, "General Overseer, do you do that?"

Yes, I do. We received into Zion a large number of men, when we began our work here, who smoked.

Some of you drank a little.

I have received some who were in Secret Societies. When I got them in, I set to work to spank them and to scrub them. At last, I believe, I have a Church now, in which, so far as I know, there is not one smoker. If there is one, and I find out who he is, I will send for him, and will deal with him.

I do not know that there is a drinker in Zion, and I do not know that I have a member of a Secret Society in Zion.

It would have been simply impossible, at the beginning of this work, to have brought together a people who are what Zion is now.

I do not say that a man is not a Christian who smokes tobacco or who is a dirty beer-pot, but I cannot understand how he can be a Christian.

I have known some excellent Christians who used tobacco. I have known some excellent Christians who drank whisky, and yet I cannot understand how a Christian man could do it.

I have known men who have lived for God and loved God, served God; been unselfish and poured out their lives for God; yet they drank wine and beer and whisky. I think they were very unclean. I think they did very wrong. It was very wonderful how God bore with them. They did not see the wrong. When they did see it, they got right.

There is a certain degree of permission given by God. The times of ignorance God overlooks, but there comes a time when he overlooks them no more. He says, Repent. I believe that this is the time when He says Repent.

**God No Longer Overlooks as in Times of Ignorance. He Says, Repent.**

I believe that God has been winking, as it were, at a great many sins, which He now denounces. He now demands that men everywhere shall repent of them and abstain from them.

But you must be careful, while you proclaim a thing to be a Divine Law, and are firm about it, and demand obedience to it. Do not say that a man cannot be accepted by God because he has not attained to what you and I have attained.

If you do you will bring Zion down to be the meanest and narrowest thing in the world. I do not desire that the Chris-

tian Catholic Church in Zion shall be a mean, petty little sect. It must be broad. It must recognize the Christianity of a man who still eats swine's flesh.

I do not dare to say that people are not Christians because they enjoy a rasher of bacon in the morning. It is a dirty thing. It is a stinking thing. It is a foul thing, but they have never seen all its filthiness. They have never read "Zion's Protest Against Swine's Flesh."

It is only the Holy Spirit who can make people see these things.

We must be careful, but at the same time not lower the standard.

You must not lower the standard of monogamy. It is right.

You must not lower the standard of abstinence from intoxicating drinks. It is right, because these things defile.

You must not lower the standard of abstinence from all forms of evil. It is right. These things defile and injure.

You must hold up the standard.

My business is to proclaim the law and demand obedience to it.

Alas, there has been a finding of excuses for people and a patting them on the back.

I proclaim:

The times of ignorance therefore God overlooked; but now He commandeth men that they should all everywhere repent.

Many people who try to plow with my heifer or plow with my oxen cannot do it. Sometimes, when I tell a man that he is a stinkpot, I may look at him very severely, but I will defy that man to get angry with me. I am calm and show that man that it is true, and he will know I said that kindly; that I said it in love; that I said it because God gave me that ministry.

I will tell you, if you do not speak with love in your heart, with a love for the people whose wickedness you are fighting, you will do no good. You will only hurt, you will only destroy.

#### The "Still Small Voice" of God Follows the Thunders.

Therefore, do not lose your temper when you fight for God. Keep in good temper. Let the other fellow lose his temper, if he will. Even when you are most indignant, and have a right to be indignant, let the very heavens fall on the indignation, as it were. Even then stop. There is a place for mercy still; for after all the lightnings and thunders, these people who have sinned will hear; for God will speak.

There must come a time when you will be still and let the "Still Small Voice" of God be heard.

These things may go before, and they are right, but there must come eventually the power of that Still Small Voice.

Let us go back to Noah, and the discussion of polygamy.

We go away back to the primitive law, to the first law. We go back to the fact that monogamy was a Divine institution. God did not give to Adam three wives, but He gave him one. God did not give Noah two wives, but He gave him one.

God did not give Shem two wives, but He gave him one; and He gave Ham only one wife, and Japheth only one wife.

There were four men and four women who came down from the ark, and no more.

While we have a right to say that monogamy practiced in Adam and Noah and in his family is right and is a Divine law, yet you could make yourself a curse in some heathen countries, if you were too harsh and bitter in attacking polygamy.

The great first thing of all, is to witness to the glory and power of God. Then get them to repent of all sin, and to be willing to be taught what sin is. As they are taught as to what sin is, they will come to you. They will ask you how you can help them. You can get them not to commit another sin, but to do that which is right.

You do not need to go to the heathen lands to find that. You will find that in this country. I have had confessions made

to me since I began this witnessing against certain sins. Some of them have been confessions of the most extraordinary character.

#### An Instance of Right Action.

About the last confession I have received is that of a lady who had been living in a state of sin for fifteen years. She had been attending my ministry occasionally for four years. She had been living with a man who was most kind to her, and no one would know but they were very respectable and nice people, but they were sinners. They did not dare to come to Zion and present themselves for Baptism. They did not dare to partake of the Lord's supper.

When they came and sought counsel, as they had seen from my words that they could no longer sear their consciences in the way in which they were, they saw that unless they repented, they would go to hell. They said, "We will not go to hell."

They separated in the nicest and kindest manner. He made every provision he could for her. He has gone away. She is living here. I received her in her own proper name, and saw scores of people start when they heard her name, which was not the name they knew her by.

If I had not been kind to them, and considerate; if I had not shown them the way out, and dealt mercifully with them; if I had only been strong and courageous and severely maintained the law, they would not have been in Zion.

The other night when I was addressing the audience, my eye happened to fall upon her face. She was listening raptly to what I was saying. I saw her face turn suddenly and her eyes were full of tears. She had a beautiful expression of love and devotion. I could see a spirit of rejoicing.

It is sin to eat swine's flesh.

It is sin to be polygamous.

I do not take any stock in the talk of Mr. Roberts, who is trying to get into Congress. I believe that amongst these Mormons there are thousands and tens of thousands who have been deceived by the Devil in connection with polygamy, but are profoundly desirous of glorifying God, and live infinitely better lives than a number of the hypocrites who are judging them.

I am ashamed to think of it. I do not like to talk about it. But I know that many of his judges are wicked, vile adulterers, whose bastard offspring curse a dozen cities and are growing up, probably, in crime and in immorality.

I consider the Mormon who has taken care of his wives and children a far better man.

At the same time, I join heartily in the exclusion of Mr. Roberts from Congress. I would put it on a different ground altogether from what they do. Why do they not put it on the ground that he has broken God's law?

You will notice that in all the discussions in Washington, they do not put it on the ground that he has broken God's law. They put it on the ground that it is breaking a law of the United States.

They are cowards. They do not recognize God in the United States Constitution.

In Great Britain we say that a thing shall not be because the law of God says it shall not. Our marriage law is the Mosaic law.

#### The Difference Between a Law of God and a Law of Man.

If it is only a law of man and has no law of God in it, then it is a different matter. There are a great many laws of man which I will not obey. You cannot get me to obey them.

You cannot get me to obey the law in any State which says that my children shall be vaccinated. I will never allow any man living to vaccinate my children. I would take a club to

prevent a man from vaccinating my children, if I could not stop him in any other way.

That is why I have had to suffer. They passed a law which made it illegal to pray for the sick. I said, "I do not care for your law." I kicked it over, and jumped on it. I did all I could to smash it, and I did smash it.

Here is a law of God. I desire you to get it deep down into your hearts:

But the flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.

If any man or woman in Zion is eating blood, tell me about it; and, if I cannot go myself, I will send an Elder. I will counsel him or her to Repentance. If you find anybody in Zion who is smoking or drinking or belonging to Secret Societies, I will send an Elder and counsel him to Repentance.

I do not say that I will expel them from fellowship.

The nearer we get to God, the less carcass we will eat.

I do not desire to dogmatize on a thing too much. I know that Zion has to march along gradually. I am not going to say to Mrs. Matthews, or Mrs. Dowie, or any of the ladies in charge of the various Homes to expel all animal food.

But do you not think that if you could reduce it to the "infinitesimal potentiality," it would be better? (Laughter and applause.)

I think it would be better, if you just asked God to give you grace to live as Daniel lived and would not eat the king's meats.

Some of the days that I have done my best work, I have not eaten any meat at all. Just as the strongest animal which we have in the world today, the elephant, does not eat any flesh, I think it would be very much better for us. Therefore I shall not complain if the orders come to the steward for less meat in Zion Students' Home and in Zion College Home.

At Jerusalem they knew what was the trouble in the world. They knew it was the eating of certain food which was making brutal and unclean conditions in the heathen world. The same is true today to a large extent.

Crime is connected with riotous eaters of flesh.

In Japan and throughout the East, swine's flesh has been forced upon the people. I am very glad that there Zion teaching on that matter will be very acceptable, because pork is one of the detestable things.

May God bless you.

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## DO YOU KNOW GOD'S WAY OF HEALING?

BY THE REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

Let it be supposed that the following words are a conversation between the reader [A] and the writer [B].

A. What does this question mean? Do you really suppose that God has some one especial way of healing in these days of which men may know and avail themselves?

B. That is exactly my meaning, and I wish very much that you should know God's Way of Healing, as I have done for many years.

A. What is the way, in your opinion?

B. You should rather ask, WHO is God's Way? for the Way is a Person, not a thing. I will answer your question in His own words, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; no one cometh unto the Father, but by Me." These words were spoken by our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, who is both our Saviour and our Healer. (John 14:6.)

A. But I always thought that these words only referred to Him as the Way of Salvation.

B. Because He cannot change. He is "the same yesterday and today, yea and forever." (Hebrews 13:8.) He said that He came to this earth not only to save us but to heal us (Luke 4:18), and He did this when in the flesh on earth. Being unchanged, He must be able and willing and desirous to heal now.

A. But is there not this difference, namely, that He is not with us now?  
B. No; for He said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world"; and so He is with us now, in Spirit, just as much as when He was here in the flesh.

A. But did He not work these miracles of healing when on earth merely to prove that He was the Son of God?

B. No; there was still a greater purpose than that. He healed the sick who trusted in Him in order to show us that He came to die not only for our sins, but for our sicknesses, and to deliver us from both.

A. Then, if that is so, the atonement which He made on the Cross must have been for our sicknesses as well as our sins. Can you prove that is the fact from the Scriptures?

B. Yes, I can, and the passages are very numerous. I need quote two only. In Isaiah 53:4, it is written of Him, "Surely He hath borne our griefs (Hebrew *infirmities*), and carried our sorrows; . . . and with His stripes we are healed." Then in the Gospel according to Matthew, this passage is quoted and directly applied to the work of bodily healing, in chapter 8, 17th verse. That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, Himself, "I will inform you, and bare our diseases."

A. But do you not think that sickness is often God's will, and sent for our good, and therefore God may not wish us to be healed?

B. No, that cannot possibly be; for diseases of every kind are the Devil's work, and his work can never be God's will, since Christ came for the very purpose of destroying "the works of the devil." (John 8:12.)

A. Do you mean to say that all disease is the work of Satan?  
B. Yes, for if there had been no sin (which came through Satan) there never would have been any disease, and Jesus never in one single instance told any person that sickness was God's work or will, but the very contrary.

A. Can you prove from Scripture that all forms of sickness and infirmity are the Devil's work?

B. Yes, that can be done very easily. You will see in Matthew 4:23 and 9:35 that when Jesus was here in the flesh, He healed "all manner of disease and all manner of sickness among the people." Then if you will refer to Acts 10:38 you will see that the Apostle Peter declares that He (Jesus) "went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the Devil." Notice that all whom He healed, not some, were suffering from Satan's power.

A. But does disease never come from God?

B. No, it cannot come from God, for He is pure, and disease is unclean; and it cannot come out of Heaven, for there is no disease there.

A. That is very different from the teachings which I have received all my life from ministers and in the churches. Do you really think that you are right, and that they are all wrong in this matter?

B. It is not a question as between myself and them. The only question is, What does God's Word say? God has said in all the ages to His Church, "I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26), and therefore it would be wicked to say that He is the dealer of His people. All true Christians must believe the Bible, and it is impossible to believe that good and evil, light and health, sin and holiness could have a common origin in God. If the Bible really taught that, it would be impossible to believe our Lord Jesus Christ when He says, "A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit." (Matthew 7:18.)

A. But even if I agree with you all, say, is it not true that the Gifts of Healing were removed from the Church, and are not in it now?

B. No, the Gift of Healing was never withdrawn, and can never be withdrawn, from the true Church of God; for it is written, "The gifts and the calling of God are without repentance." (Romans 11:29.) There are nine gifts of God to the Church (enumerated in 1 Corinthians, 12:8 to 11), and all these are in the Holy Spirit. Therefore, so long as the Holy Spirit is in the Church, all the gifts must be there also. If they are not exercised, that does not prove that they do not exist, but that the faith to exercise them is lacking in God's servants. The gifts are all perfectly preserved; for the Holy Spirit, not the Church, keeps them safely.

A. What should a Christian then do when overtaken with sickness?

B. A Christian should obey God's command, and at once turn to Him for forgiveness of the sin which may have caused the sickness, and for immediate healing. Healing is obtained from God by three ways, namely: First, by the direct prayer of faith, without any aid from the officers of the Church, praying as the Centurion did in Matthew 8:5 to 12; second, by two faithful disciples praying in perfect agreement, in accordance with the Lord's promise in Matthew 18:19; third, by the anointing of the elders and the prayer of faith, according to the instructions in James 5:14 and 15; and fourth, by the laying on of the hands of them who believe, and whom God calls to that ministry, as the Lord commands in Mark 16:18, and in other places.

A. But are people healed in this way in these days?

B. Yes, in thousands of cases. I have myself laid hands upon many hundreds of thousands of persons, and I have seen the Lord's Power manifested in the healing of great numbers, many of whom are living witnesses in many countries, who have testified publicly before thousands, and who are prepared to testify at any time. This ministry is being exercised by devoted Christians in many parts of America, Europe, Australasia and elsewhere.

A. Is it not the same as Christian Science, Mind Healing, etc.?

B. No. Divine Healing is diametrically opposed to these diabolical counterfeits, which are utterly anti-Christian. These impostures are only seductive forms of Spiritualism. Trance Evangelism is also a more recent form of this delusion, and it deceives many.

A. But how shall I obtain the necessary faith to receive healing, which faith I am at present conscious I do not possess?

B. It is written, "Belief cometh of hearing, and hearing by the Word of Christ." (Romans 10:17.) Our Missions are held for the express purpose of teaching fully the Word of God on this matter, and I very heartily invite you to attend the meetings which are announced for Zion Tabernacle. All are welcome and there are no charges of any kind made for all God's gifts are free gifts. Salvation is the first of these, without which you cannot be healed through faith in Jesus. All the costs of this work are covered by the free-will offerings of the people who attend these meetings, and others whom the Lord leads to help; but the poorest who have nothing to give are as heartily welcome as the richest.

A. Do you see the sick and lay hands upon them in this Mission?

B. Yes; after we feel satisfied that they are fully resting in the Lord alone for the healing, we see no other way, but as time permits, we attend the meetings, but under no circumstances do we claim the power to heal any; for "power belongeth unto God."

A. Have you any writings upon this subject which can be purchased?

B. Yes; these can be obtained at the office of Zion Publishing House, 1207 Michigan Avenue, or at Zion Tabernacle, 1621-1633 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill. But the best book on Divine Healing is the Bible itself, studied prayerfully and earnestly. We extend to you a hearty invitation to attend the meetings, which are free to all. Our prayer is that you may be led to find in Jesus Christ our Lord and God, your present Saviour from sin, your Healer from sickness, your Cleanser from all evil, your Keeper in the way to Heaven, your Friend, and your All for Time and Eternity. We pray that these words may help many who read, and that our little conversation may bear fruit in leading many readers to look to Jesus only.

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## ZION IN EDINBURGH.

**The Edinburgh Evening News Prints an Account of the General Overseer's Opening Address in His Native City. One of the Fairest Newspaper Accounts of a Zion Meeting Which Has Appeared for Years.**

THE Mission of the General Overseer in Edinburgh, Scotland, was one of intense interest.

It was, first of all, the delivery of the Message which God had committed to him, for the first time in that city.

But it was more.

It was the return of the General Overseer to his native city to preach the Everlasting Gospel.

It was in fulfilment of a prophecy made by a holy man of God over thirty years before.

It was in fulfilment of an oft-expressed determination by the General Overseer himself.

It is hence particularly gratifying that the fairest article which has thus far appeared in the British press, and one of the fairest which has appeared in any daily newspaper for years, should have been printed by one of the papers in Edinburgh.

After reading the wholesale malicious lies of the American and British press, especially in their false, distorted and discolored accounts of the General Overseer's addresses, full of mean insinuations and innuendos, it is refreshing to read the calm, fair, straightforward account in the Edinburgh *Evening News*, for Monday, November 5th, the second day of the General Overseer's Mission in that city.

The following is the *News'* account, which was published with a portrait of the General Overseer:

### ZION IN EDINBURGH.

#### REV. J. A. DOWIE TALKS AT LARGE.

The Rev. John Alexander Dowie, "General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion," whose headquarters are situated in Chicago, U. S. A., yesterday in the Queen Street Hall conducted the first of a series of meetings in Edinburgh.

In the morning the congregation was very small, and Mr. Dowie, a man of dignified and patriarchal appearance, was alone on the platform, which was flanked by the silken banners of Great Britain and America. Behind the speaker was suspended the banner of the "Christian Catholic Church in Zion." Mr. Dowie was arrayed in a white robe beneath a black gown, his white bishop's sleeves being frilled at the wrists.

Devoid of instrumental music, and innocent even of a choir, the service was of Highland simplicity. The preacher himself "raised the tune," and when it was fully under way he put in an excellent tenor.

After prayer and reading from the Revised Version of the Scriptures, he announced his text chosen from the first chapter of Mark's Gospel, "The Baptism of Repentance for the remission of sins," and proceeded to expound it in the ordinary way.

He said it was thirty years since he had addressed an Edinburgh audience in Carrubber's Close Mission, with which he was associated. He was born here, but had spent his life in other lands, in Australia, in New Zealand, in the South Seas, and in America.

He had no new Gospel to bring to his native town, and taught nothing that was not contained within the boards of the Bible. But while there was no new revelation, there were neglected truths which had long been buried.

Jesus Christ was the same Healer today as of old. That was what they sang in their paraphrase—"As when the Hebrew Prophet raised," and in the Psalm, "All thine iniquities He doth."

If they did not believe that God was the Healer of His people in Christ, they had better not sing those any more.

Christ was still the Healer, Saviour, Cleanser, Keeper.

He was converted when seven years of age at an open-air meeting conducted in the High Street by that good man Henry Wight, who was subsequently minister of Richmond Place Congregational Church.

Thirty-six years ago he was dying in Australia. He went to the Lord and was healed "just in a moment."

He bespoke for himself an attentive, thoughtful hearing.

#### THE DEVIL-POSSESSED LONDON PRESS.

He did not know how the press was here, but the press in London belonged to the Devil, at least nineteen-twentieths of it.

He did not know whether the Edinburgh press belonged to God; he hoped it would be fair.

In London they had some wonderful healings and great meetings, but the press did not tell that. It kept it back, just like the Devil that owned it.

Many of these papers were born speaking lies, and the ingenuity with which they lied would have been amusing had it not been so serious.

He was not yet an American citizen, but a Britisher—a Scotsman. He had received part of his education at Edinburgh University.

He was supposed to be on holiday—his first rest in twelve years.

He had often wondered how it would have been had Christ come to earth when the newspaper press was in existence—how the scribes would have filled their papers with lies!

In Chicago sometimes as many as 10,000 people tried to get into the building to hear him.

They wanted to get out of ruts, and it was easier in a new land. They did not manage it by uniting with others in the same rut.

#### AN EARLY PROTEST.

He characterized infant Baptism as a farce—a "screaming" farce. What sensible child would not scream to have water dropped in its eyes and mouth?

He was told he screamed in the Tron Kirk. He was glad he did; it was a protest.

Why should some of them say some things were contrary to nature and law? What did they know about law, and how much about nature? Was not the supernatural real, and what about spiritual law?

A little knowledge made fools. When they were children they never limited God, but having become men they could tell the exact limitations of God, and what He could not do. Zacharias laughed and was dumb; even so the churches fought over their theologies and their chronologies and their genealogies, but as for being eloquent for God they might just as well have learned nothing.

He was shocked, horrified, to find both the wings of Lady Glenorchy's Free Church let out to business people! There was nothing so arrogant as ignorance.

He had overheard a man discussing himself in a railway train and telling how intimately he knew Dr. Dowie, the "old humbug." He disclosed his identity to that man, and was told that he was a "d—d liar." He did not know him at all.

#### A DIRTY CHRISTIAN.

He was one of those smoking, stinking, drinking fellows! The idea of a man stinking himself with tobacco! That filthy nicotine that gave them all manner of diseases, and made them walking nuisances! It made their throats open sepulchers, and they called themselves Christians—faugh! They stank like devils, and he did not believe they were Christians at all. A Christian should smell sweet and clean. They might be Christians, but they were dirty ones. (Laughter.)

They would not like to see their wives smoke. Let one bring in a box of cigars or some plug and say: "Now look here, Jeannie, I want you to smoke as I do. Let's kneel down and ask God to help you to learn to smoke."

The preaching of faith was damning the people. Say "believe—only believe," and you will send people to hell. What was the use of telling a

man to believe who was a thief? There was too little preaching of repentance in Edinburgh.

### ZION IN BELFAST, IRELAND.

#### The Belfast News-Letter Gives a Very Favorable and Fair Account of the General Overseer's Mission.

IN striking contrast with the false and wicked London newspapers, which have reviled, vilified, maligned and libelled the General Overseer, with a deliberate determination not to speak the truth, almost continuously for months, are some of the papers in other cities in Great Britain and Ireland, particularly in Scotland and Ireland.

In Edinburgh, the *Evening News*, from which we quote elsewhere in this department, gave a truthful and most interesting account of the General Overseer's Mission in that city.

In Belfast, Ireland, the General Overseer conducted meetings in Ulster Hall on Lord's Day, November 11th, and Monday, November 12th. The audiences were so large that the capacious hall was crowded to overflowing.

The large audience on Lord's Day was attentive and respectful, but on Monday the Belfast *Evening Telegraph* appeared with an article a column and a half in length, full of the most ridiculous and malicious lies concerning the Lord's Day meetings.

This stirred up the medical and Secret Society devils, and on Monday evening they made an attempt to break up the meeting.

God overruled, and they were unsuccessful. The great majority of the large audience was with the General Overseer and there was great blessing.

To the Belfast *News-Letter*, however, great credit is due for the favorable and truthful report of the General Overseer's Lord's Day afternoon service.

This appeared on Monday, November 12th.

As it contains a very interesting résumé of the address delivered on that occasion, we reprint it entire:

#### REV. J. A. DOWIE IN BELFAST.

##### "FAITH HEALING" EXPOUNDED.

The Rev. John Alexander Dowie, the General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church, having its headquarters at Zion, Chicago, made his appearance before a Belfast audience yesterday.

His crusade in London and Edinburgh has given rise to so much excitement and no little rowdism that his advent in the city was eagerly awaited, and it was no surprise, therefore, to find the Ulster Hall well filled on the three occasions he spoke yesterday.

Dr. Dowie's is an attracting and interesting personality. Attired in a long, black robe, with lawn sleeves and yellow and purple hood, his more than average height and robustness of build gave him a commanding presence. His deep-set eyes, twinkling with humor and kindness, under a pair of sbaggy gray eyebrows; his broad, fine forehead, indicative of power and brains; his somewhat prominent nose, and a heavy gray moustache and long beard, showing signs of the snows of many winters, are the striking features of a face which is at once attractive and powerful.

His voice is penetrating and high-pitched, but not displeasing, and it is quite evident that it requires little effort on his part to make himself easily heard when addressing the large crowds. His delivery is impressive and dramatic, and his exposition of any particular passage is marked by clearness of explanation and soundness of reasoning.

Yesterday afternoon he walked on to the large, bare platform with a firm step, and after prayer he announced, with just a touch of the nasal twang, the hymn that was to be sung. He led the singing himself, and meanwhile his right hand played with a pair of eyeglasses, which he occasionally adjusted.

Afterwards there followed the reading of the thirty-fifth chapter of Isaiah, but the speaker was evidently independent of the Word, for it was only occasionally that his eye fell on the print.

Then followed the reading and exposition of part of St. Matthew's Gospel, and it was here that the reverend gentleman's power of lucid and close reasoning became more apparent.

His exegesis of the Scripture was followed by the fierce declamatory remarks, "The Kingdom of Heaven is not gained by peaceful means. Christ came not to send peace, but a sword." The Gospel was a two-edged sword.

If any imagined that Christianity was a peaceful thing they were mistaken; it was the most aggressive and warlike force in the universe. It must be so; they could not make war upon the Devil with soft soap or soft words.

The Kingdom of Heaven was gotten by force. Christianity that was not aggressive was not Christianity; it was a poor, pale, miserable simulacrum.

The worst kind of heathendom was found in that pest of Rome. That horrible power had got to be destroyed in order that men might be saved.

At this stage another hymn was sung, and the Rev. Mr. Dowie then announced that his evening subject would be "The Opening of the Beautiful Gate of Divine Healing."

Prayer followed, and then the speaker, before commencing his address, asked to be permitted to express his great pleasure at being in Ireland. He said he had long looked towards this beautiful island, although he was a Scotchman and his people had been Scotch for many generations, and he supposed Hebrew originally.

In the dim past a great many people in the North of Ireland who came from the West and North of Scotland, originating from the Highland tribes who wore the coats of many colors, he believed with his old friend Professor Blackie were nothing less than Hebraistic in descent. He trusted that his work in Ireland would be blessed.

He had found in Ireland many who belonged to the fold over which he was the shepherd. He had found more than he thought, and he had found a great many more interested in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion. That word Catholic was not, he found, very much liked by many Protestants.

He thought that was a mistake. They ought to like it; not Roman Catholic, or Greek Catholic, or English Catholic, but the word Catholic was a glorious word which simply meant universal. He hoped they would all be able to rejoice in the word Catholic, which included all in every place who love our Lord Jesus Christ with sincerity.

The speaker then said that he wished he had more time to spend in Ireland, but he could only stay a few days, as he had to proceed to the North of England, and then to France and Germany and on down to the Mediterranean, and from there back home again.

He hoped that they would accept his thanks for their hearty kindness. Many had sent him kind messages since he came, and he felt already very much at home. He expected that the people of Belfast would be able to set an excellent example to the people of London and elsewhere.

He had always heard good things of them, and if he said some things they did not like, he hoped they would remember that he came there to speak to please God.

In strongly deprecating the use of tobacco, he said that smoking was the cause of many diseases, including paralysis, blindness, diminution of the gastric juice, chronic indigestion and cancer.

Why should men put an enemy into their mouths to steal their lives away?

Then about whisky, that was distilled fire, and he hoped they would quit that. Pork also should be tabooed, as it caused tuberculosis and cancer. Let them not eat the things that defile them; let them eat that which is good.

He would speak briefly in reference to the Message sent by Jesus to John the Baptist, as contained in the eleventh chapter of Matthew: "Jesus answered and said unto them, Go your way and tell John the things which ye do hear and see: the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good tidings preached to them. And blessed is he whosoever shall find none occasion of stumbling in Me."

John the Baptist was the first preacher of the Gospel; he was the porter opening the gate of the Christian dispensation. He was a great prophet, and even Herod did many things that he told him to, and John the Baptist would never have been put to death had it not been for Herodias.

If ever those present had a wicked woman for their enemy, let them look out. John the Baptist said to Herod, "in the Name of the Most High God thou shalt not have this woman," and accordingly he earned her lasting hatred.

John, when confined in that solitary dungeon, was assailed by perplexities and doubts, and he gave way to them only to this extent, that he sent the messengers to Jesus.

There was a lot of nonsense talked about honest doubt, which was a perfect farce. To cherish doubt was to soon get into despair. Whenever they had doubts, they should bring them to Christ.

He had read to them the answer which was applicable today. It was said that that was nineteen centuries ago, and that things had altered; but was not Jesus the same Saviour, the same Helper, and the same Cleanser?

The Covenants of God had not changed. Was not a gift of healing one of the nine Divine gifts? God had not repented of that. That gift was ever there, but it simply was not exercised.

Those gifts were taken away, it was said, by medical science.

Let him be very cautious, but let him say that he would give a very great deal to any professor in Belfast or any where else who would give him a definition of medical science.

Was it like cures like of the homeopath, or was it contrary cures contrary of the allopath? Was it allopathy, homeopathy, hydropathy, or the Lord knew how many more? He was perfectly ignorant of what medical science meant.

He went to Edinburgh University when a young man. He had to fight his way there.

He went out to Australia, and in business earned sufficient money to go back to the university in his native city, where he attached himself as a kind of honorary chaplain to the Edinburgh Infirmary.

He had visited the wards, and gone with the professors from bedside to bedside. He had listened to the clinical lectures, and gone into the operating-rooms and seen as many as three operations in one day. He had there found that the doctors were speculating in human life.

The speaker then alluded to the discoveries during the last twenty years with regard to microbes and bacilli, and said in reference to surgical science that in the case of cancer it could be cut away, but not cured.

Dr Dowie here instanced a case which he claimed to have cured.\* It was in 1888 that he landed in San Francisco, and shortly afterwards in Oakland an old lady of sixty-nine came to him and showed him a bad cancer at the back of the throat. She said she believed that if he would pray for her she would get well.

He did so and she recovered, and in November of the same year he found that the cancer had entirely disappeared. She was still alive. Of course, it was Divine Healing and not anything that he did personally.

The meeting concluded with the singing of the doxology.

\*This is an error. The General Overseer never claimed to have cured any one. This is made clear by the writer in the last sentence but one of the report.—[ASST. ED.]

## MORE UNMOLESTED MEETINGS IN MANSFIELD.

### Elder S. B. Osborn Spends a Night in Mansfield and Holds Two Meetings With Members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

ZION, Thy God Reigneth!

**G**OD gave Zion another glorious victory in Mansfield, Ohio, on Lord's Day, November 18, 1900.

Elder Stephen B. Osborn, in charge of the Branch of the Christian Catholic Church in Lafayette, Indiana, was instructed to minister to the members of the Church in Mansfield.

He proceeded to that city at midnight of Saturday, November 17th, and registered at the Vonhof Hotel.

Although the police might have been on the lookout for a "Zion Elder" at that time, and might have arrested him as they have many others, he was allowed to go unmolested to bed.

In the morning he went boldly through the streets to the home of one of the Zion members, where a meeting was held.

God was with this persecuted people in the power of His Spirit, and great blessing resulted from the reading of God's Word, the teaching, the prayer and the testimony.

The members present were earnest, full of loyal determination, consecration and confidence that God would give final and complete victory.

Another meeting, similarly blessed of God, was held in the afternoon.

After closing the service, Elder Osborn walked to the Union Depot, whence he sent the following telegram:

MANSFIELD, OHIO, November 18, 1900.

W. HAMNER PIPER,

Sixteenth Street and Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

Your instructions carried out

Had two blessed meetings.

All quiet.

S. B. OSBORN.

When this telegram was read by Overseer Piper in Central Zion Tabernacle, on that Lord's Day afternoon, there was a

burst of applause and many hearty and fervent exclamations, "Praise God!"

Overseer Piper, after giving God the glory and praise for the victory, referred to the lie of the *Mansfield News*, which stated that no Elders had visited Mansfield on the previous Lord's Day.

He pointed out the obvious motive of the *News* in making such an absurd statement.

The *News* was the journalistic champion of Mayor Brown; the Mayor had been whipped in a battle which had been fought in the very center of the stage of public notice; hence the *News* attempted to hide the defeat under a "refuge of lies."

The *News* had said that no Elder could have been there, because the police were on the lookout and did not see any.

"If that is true," said the Overseer, "how is it that the police were so clever in ferreting out Zion Elders a few weeks ago? If they failed to meet them on the incoming trains, they ransacked the homes of the members in order to hunt them out. The truth is, they did not want to see a Zion Elder."

The Overseer then turned his attention to the very few who had criticised the "policy" which had been carried out in dealing with the Mansfield affair.

To these he administered a scathing but loving rebuke.

"The 'policy' has won," said the Overseer, "and I hope that the few 'growlers' who have been so ready to criticise it are heartily ashamed of themselves. It was the only policy which could have been followed; it was a policy which I inherited from the General Overseer, when he left for Europe."

Overseer Piper then spoke highly of Judge Wolfe, whose attitude throughout has been that of a righteous, just, fearless and manly Judge.

That the Mansfield persecution, with all its horrid outrages and murderous attacks upon unoffending Christian ministers, had its source in the secret temples of Baal, among the oath-bound worshipers of the filthy emblem of "the point within the circle," becomes more and more apparent.

The mob, cruel, bloodthirsty and cowardly, was but a hound to be urged on or called off by its Masonic masters, who sanctimoniously decried "mob violence" from the pulpit, the press and in the forum of public discussion.

But a screen of fine phraseology very quickly wears so thin as to be transparent.

A gentleman in one of the New England States, a friend of Zion, wishing to hear Mansfield's side of the case, addressed a letter of inquiry to a prominent Methodist minister in that city, Rev. F. A. Gould, D. D.

He turned the reply which he received over to Overseer George L. Mason, who was making a tour of New England.

The letter, which Overseer Mason forwarded to Headquarters, is full of the most outrageous lies. No Mansfield newspaper ever falsified more basely and more deliberately.

This so-called minister of Christ is a member of a minor Secret Society, a filthy offspring of Freemasonry. His letter shows that Zion's fearless witnessing against the pagan Secret Orders was the cause of his bitter enmity to the General Overseer and to Zion.

The letter is too long to print entire, and for the most part is but a repetition of oft-exploded lies. In quoting extracts from it, we do so fairly, giving them the meaning which their connection indicates.

Dr. Gould comes out, in his letter, with a barefaced justification of Mayor Brown and the police of Mansfield in permitting the mob to strip and tar Elders Moot and Basinger on Lord's Day, September 23d.

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He condemned the official mob in the ministers' resolutions, but in a secret, private letter justifies it.

He says:

That day (September 23d) the Dowieites got out an injunction to prevent the city authorities from touching the Elders, and so the officers dared not take them, and of course could not protect them, and they were mobbed, stripped and tarred with roofing tar.

That statement contains two falsehoods: No such injunction was gotten out by "the Dowieites" at that time, or at any other time. Such an injunction, even if it had existed, could not in any way have prevented the police from performing their sworn duty of preserving the peace and protecting law-abiding citizens.

Further on in this remarkable epistle, Dr. Gould makes the following admission:

I presume ninety per cent of the people in Mansfield sympathize with the mob.

This charge against Mansfield's citizens was made in a private letter.

But from the pulpit of the First Methodist Church of that city, on the evening of Lord's Day, July 29, 1900, according to the Mansfield *Shield* of July 30th, Dr. Gould said, in speaking of the mobbing of Elder Fockler:

Who is responsible for the mob of July 21st? Not Mansfield's law-abiding citizens, not Mansfield's Mayor or police, not Mansfield's press or pulpit. There were, perhaps, 3000 people in that crowd—a thousand of them from the country. The men immediately concerned numbered possibly two hundred. The great mass were simply the curious, some of whom, innocent and neutral at first, caught the mob spirit. There was not a Christian man or prominent citizen touched him. Mansfield did not mob Mr. Fockler, though he was mobbed in Mansfield.

Here is a wholesale disavowal of sympathy with the mob for every one, except, perhaps, the unfortunate "thousand from the country."

We wait for Dr. Gould to explain when he told the truth about his fellow-citizens, in his public address or in his private letter.

The most wicked and utterly groundless of all the lies in this letter is the following:

My brother, Mr. Dowie, is the greatest fraud of the age. I have positive proof of his robbery of people of every dollar they had, under the guise of a business transaction.

Is it possible that Dr. Gould, a minister of the Gospel, a friend of humanity, has "positive proof" of a diabolical crime committed by "the greatest fraud of the age," and has not taken steps to bring him to justice?

"Positive proof" could not fail to secure a conviction.

But Dr. Gould deliberately lies.

He has no such proofs.

The General Overseer has time and again, from the platform of Zion Tabernacle, and in LEAVES OF HEALING, defied any man or woman to bring any proof that he had ever gotten one cent from anybody, at any time or in any place, wrongfully.

That challenge still stands.

Let Dr. Gould produce his alleged proofs.

Dr. Gould closes with an avowal of his utter lack of sympathy with the mob, but puts in a nutshell the argument of his entire letter when he says:

The provocation was great and worse than the mob, because it claimed to be done in Christ's Name.

What mob could not find ample excuse for its action in those words?

#### Washington, Pennsylvania.

God continues to bless the consecrated labors of Deacon W. B. Kindle, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and his faithful co-laborer, Mr. W. C. Suitt, of Cambridge, Ohio, as they go about on their daily business as traveling salesmen, speaking

for God and for Zion and holding meetings wherever they have opportunity.

Mr. Suitt writes as follows concerning a recent visit to the members and friends of Zion at Washington, Pennsylvania:

Zion is now established in Washington, Pennsylvania.

Deacon Kindle and I held our first meeting there Tuesday evening, November 13th, at the home of C. H. Collins, 9 Hays Avenue.

We have some loyal Zion people there and feel sure that the work will grow.

Washington is a city of nearly 25,000 inhabitants, and, as in all Babel cities, the adversary is doing his work. He never stops.

He came to our meeting and thought to put the Deacon to flight, but the Sword of the Spirit is trusty and strong. We used it upon him and he was soon silenced.

Pray for Zion in Washington.

#### ZION IN VERMONT AND MASSACHUSETTS.

##### Overseer George L. Mason's Tour.

GOD has been greatly blessing Overseer Mason in his work in New England, where he has visited Gatherings of the Friends of Zion in many places.

He writes the following encouraging account of his visitation in Vermont and Massachusetts:

In Brattleboro, Vermont, much faithful work has been done by Conductor D. L. Bigham and D. A. Fay. Our two cottage meetings were helpful to them and others. Pray for Brattleboro.

In North Springfield rain hindered large attendance. One long meeting was held in the village church. F. A. Hall, the leader, and the Zion band are happy, earnest advocates of the Full Gospel. Five were baptized in a pond. Pray for them.

At Randolph and elsewhere D. M. Preston has been active in spreading tracts, and Mrs. Ira Rice's liberality has made many interested in LEAVES OF HEALING. The meetings on Lord's Day in a hall were well attended. Friends came from neighboring towns. Snow was on the hills, but the six receiving Triune Immersion obeyed joyfully and cared not for the cold.

"Christians, if your hearts are warm,  
Ice and snow can do no harm."

The denominational preachers had told their people to avoid our meetings. The Methodist minister said it would be a sin to attend. But many came, especially of the young men.

Prejudice was removed. Zion will grow in Randolph.

But let Zion elsewhere pray for Vermont, whose thrifty people, although having pure water and bracing mountain air, are much cursed with cancer, scrofula and rheumatism, because for generations they have been defiled with perk and tobacco.

In the City of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and vicinity many have in their hearts the highways to Zion.

The work had a strange beginning. A lady visiting her sister in Worcester saw in a woodbox a torn fragment of LEAVES OF HEALING. She read it, and then carried it to Fitchburg to G. W. Richardson, 28 Lawrence Street, who was deeply impressed and immediately became a subscriber.

Mr. Richardson generously hired a hall and advertised.

Forty came to the first meeting, and nearly sixty to the second. Then an informal parlor meeting was held and applications for membership and subscriptions for LEAVES OF HEALING were received. Earnest inquirers were headed for Zion.

The baptisms were in beautiful Lake Whalom.

In Boston, chiefly through the faithful and tireless labors of Deaconess D. C. Smith, the little Gathering of two, begun by Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Root, has grown to number dozens of members and friends of Zion.

An atmosphere of love and joy pervades the meetings.

The people are wisely taught in the Word and healed in answer to the prayers of the gentle Deaconess.

Friends when in Boston should go to the Zion meeting, Sunday afternoon, at Mr. Root's, corner of Warren and St. James Streets, in "The Warren"; and Wednesday evening at Deaconess Smith's, 1922 Columbus Avenue.

These parlor meetings are crowded.

The recent special meetings, held in halls, were attended by scores of thoughtful Christians.

More than fifty partook of the Lord's Supper.

Ten received Triune Immersion in a church of colored Baptists. A popular white church had promised a baptistry, but withdrew it, owing to prejudice against Zion.

The prospect for growth is very bright in Boston and in some neighboring towns.

Let all pray for Zion in fair New England—controlled, alas, by the allied powers of Rum, Tobacco, Rome and Secretism.

#### Brookings, South Dakota.

Deaconess Helen A. Druey, in Charge.

God has signally blessed the organization of the Gatherings of the Friends of Zion in many places in all the world.

They are the entering wedges for Branches of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, the depots for the distribution of LEAVES OF HEALING, and offer a religious haven for many whose belief in the Everlasting Gospel of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living makes them unwelcome in the apostate churches.

The Gathering in Brookings, South Dakota, which is attended by Zion people for miles around, is in charge of Deaconess Druey, who gives the following report of God's work in that portion of the field:

I send you a brief report of a grand Zion meeting held at the home of Brother and Sister Samuel Doughty, White, South Dakota, about fourteen miles from Brookings.

On Lord's Day, October 28th, the Zion people from Brookings met with the Argo and White people at the splendid home of Samuel Doughty.

Although it was a threatening-looking day, and our meeting was not so well announced as it should have been, a company of thirty-five persons met to worship God in Spirit and in Truth.

It was indeed a real Zion meeting.

At the close of a three hours' service we sat down to the Lord's Table and God richly blessed all in our first communion service.

Every one was blessed.

The few present who were not in Zion determined to reach out and ask God to show them the full teaching, as it is taught in Zion by our General Overseer.

The testimonies to God's saving and healing power were wonderful.

One brother testified to being lifted out of the very depths of whisky and tobacco habits, the second day he was in Zion Home.

He is now a saved and wonderfully healed man, the wonder of the community.

His sister also was converted and healed in Zion after she was given up to die by specialists.

There were many other testimonies of as much importance.

Some of our dear old people have been members of churches over a score of years, but did not know the service of the Master until they came into Zion teaching.

Pray for Zion in Dakota.

Zion is getting well started in Brookings County. We are praying that we will soon have an Elder sent to us.

In the meantime our people are bravely pressing forward, and are obeying and trusting God through Jesus our Saviour.

We hold meetings in Brookings twice a week.

We are about to start a Junior Bible Class and Zion Seventy work.

Our number is rapidly increasing.

#### Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Gideon Hammond, Elder-in-Charge.

We have received the following testimony to healing in answer to the faithful prayers of Elder Hammond:

FRONT ROYAL, VIRGINIA, November 9, 1900.

ELDER GIDEON HAMMOND,

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Brother:—I wish to inform you that our Lord has wonderfully answered your prayers.

My boy is well, has been in school since Monday morning and has a splendid appetite.

Every vestige of catarrh has disappeared, for which we give God the glory.

My boy had typhoid fever as severely as numbers of persons who have had it and died under the physician's treatment and skilled nurses to watch them night and day.

The tenth day I dressed him and led him downstairs, although the fever was high.

He would come down every day and go to his room at night. For four nights he was delirious, but I knew the Devil was trying to force me to call a physician or use medicine. I determined to do neither.

I gave my boy substantial food all the time, so that he would not

become weak. After he made things right with his brothers, with whom he had quarreled, his mind became clear and his strength came fast.

He is now all right.

Dear brother, I thank you for your prayers and encouraging words.

Sincerely your Sister in Christ, (MRS.) FANNIE PERRY.

#### Auburn and Falls City, Nebraska.

Rev. Charles A. Hoy, Elder-in-Charge. Evangelist Sue R. Hoy, Assisting.

The following letter to Overseer Speicher tells of healing and blessing in answer to the faithful prayers of Elder Hoy:

FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA, November 17, 1900.

DEAR OVERSEER SPEICHER:—I write you my testimony as to God's healing power and the blessing I received this last August when I was taken with a severe case of bloody flux.

I was sick for three or four days.

I prayed for myself, fully trusting that God would heal me; but for some unknown cause I received no blessing, and could see I was rapidly growing worse.

I was so weak at times that I could scarcely raise myself from the bed. So I wrote to Elder Hoy for prayer.

I was very much improved immediately after prayer, which was about 5 P. M., on Wednesday.

The next day I went out in the yard. It was a very hot day.

I was overcome by the heat and nearly fainted before I could reach the house.

I took a relapse and was very soon as sick as ever, with the same trouble.

I asked God to forgive me for my imprudence.

The Elder prayed for me on the following Sabbath; then I received an immediate and perfect healing. Praise His Name forever.

May God's blessing continue, is my daily prayer.

There are a few of us here in Zion who do Seventy work each week.

May God bless all Zion's Elders.

With Christian Love,

(MISS) ANNA TAYLOR.

#### Six Bound Volumes of Leaves of Healing.

WHAT six books, beside the Bible, could be more precious, more valuable to every member and friend of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, than the first six volumes of LEAVES OF HEALING?

They contain more of the Everlasting Gospel; more testimonies to Salvation, Healing and Cleansing through Faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God; more sound teaching, than any other six books published.

The world may scoff at that, but Zion knows it to be true.

Not only that, but these six Volumes contain, in some measure, the priceless record of God's dealings with Zion in these latter days. In them, as nowhere else, can be found the history of the mighty work which God has established for the extension of His Kingdom and the preparation of the world for the coming of Jesus as King.

In them is contained a large portion of the wonderful Message which God sent to the world by His Messenger.

In fact, when we stop to consider all the glorious things which have gone into the composition of these six Volumes, we find words insufficient and inadequate to express their value.

Those who have been saved, healed, cleansed, made prosperous and happy through the Message brought by one copy of the Little White Dove, perhaps know something of what a mighty storehouse of power these six Volumes are.

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# NOTES OF THANKSGIVING TO ZION'S GOD

## Wonderfully Healed of Typhoid Fever. Other Healings.

CHESLEY, ONTARIO, CANADA, November 14, 1900.

REV. W. HAMNER PIPER.

*My Dear Overseer:*—We wish to thank you very heartily for your prayers and encouraging letters.

I have just returned from Brantford, a city about 100 miles distant, whence I wired you requesting prayer for my brother's wife.

My brother had been raised from typhoid fever soon after I arrived at their home. After dispensing with medicine and turning to God, he gained in a manner which astonished his doctor and friends.

Their little boy was also wonderfully and instantly delivered of severe bronchial trouble after prayer.

When it became evident that my sister-in-law had the fever, my brother and I took as ours Matthew 18:19, and claimed her healing. For a time she seemed to improve.

Next day we wired you for prayer.

We believed the fever was kept in check, but still she suffered very much.

It was not until Saturday that she received the spiritual discernment that this teaching was of God and for her, and that she would be healed if she followed the light.

Then she received a great spiritual blessing.

On Monday she felt she must have victory.

She laid her all at the foot of the Cross, believing that He took her infirmities and bare her sicknesses.

After we had prayed she arose in Christ's strength and walked.

She had a terrible fight.

She felt as if she would die, but she had stepped out on God's Word and found she was on solid Rock.

She resisted the Devil steadfastly and soon the victory came. She was perfectly delivered from all symptoms of fever.

Her nerves had been overstrained during her husband's sickness, but in answer to your prayers and ours, we give glory to God that He has blessed her and she is rapidly becoming strong.

Yours in grateful praise to God for all His blessings,

(MISS) LYDIA LEGGETT.

## Sprained Ankle Speedily Healed. Children Healed.

VIOLA, ILLINOIS, November 17, 1900.

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—I praise the Lord for what He has done for me.

He very graciously healed me of a bad sprain.

My ankle was also thrown out of joint.

I could not raise myself on my foot at all until I had prayed.

As soon as I asked God's help, I plainly felt and heard my ankle go into place.

I was then able to walk into the house, although in terrible pain.

My mother removed my shoe and we prayed.

Most of the pain ceased.

In the evening, when my husband prayed, all the pain left me.

The next day I could walk, and the next day after that I walked to church twice and back again, which is about five blocks.

I did not lose a moment's sleep with it, for it did not pain me at all after God took the pain away.

It remained swollen and black for several days.

I can also testify to the healing of our seven-year-old son of croup, and our two-year-old daughter of a terrible cold.

For all of these we praise God and give Him all the glory.

Your Sister in Christ, (MRS.) MARY H. NEAVE.

## Mother and Babe Healed in Mansfield.

MANSFIELD, OHIO, November 17, 1900.

REV. W. HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Brother in Christ:*—I praise God for the spiritual and physical blessings I have received through Zion teaching.

My life was a burden to me for many years. Many doctors treated me, but none of them could cure me.

I praise God for healing my body and keeping me by grace Divine.

I feel thankful to you for your love and kindness, and for your encouraging letter.

I also thank you for praying for my dear little baby.

How wonderfully God heard and answered prayer! My baby's arm is all healed up, and it was so badly burned.

I went for joy this morning that God is so good to me.

I will send my subscription now, as I cannot get along without LEAVES OF HEALING.

I love to read of what God is doing for the people.

I pray earnestly that Zion will Go Forward in Mansfield, and I know it will if we keep humble and obedient.

God bless Zion in Chicago and all over the world.

Your Sister in Christ, (MRS.) MARY A. MILES.

## Immediately Healed of Serious Dog Bite.

137 HOMER STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, November 13, 1900.

REV. W. H. PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—It is with a deep sense of gratitude to God that I write these lines.

On the 5th of November I sent a request asking you to pray for me, as I had been very severely bitten by a dog.

Eleven P. M. was the hour set for prayer. At that time I knelt in our office and prayed.

My leg and hand were very painful and badly swollen.

I went right about my work, and by morning the swelling was nearly all gone.

The wounds have all healed up nicely. There were seven of them, three quite serious, but I have not lost an hour's work nor suffered any inconvenience.

I praise God for Zion and for Zion's God, who is able to deliver us from all the power of the enemy.

Thanking you for your prayers in my behalf, I remain

Your Brother in Christ, JOHN MURDOCH.

## Healed of Kidney Trouble. Greatly Blessed Through Leaves of Healing.

MARSELLES, ILLINOIS, November 14, 1900.

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—I desire to let you know the blessing I received when I was at Zion Home.

I was healed of kidney trouble which I had had for years.

I am glad I left the M. E. Church and came into a Church which teaches the Bible truth.

I would like very much to be able to attend church at Zion in Chicago. My daily prayer is for all Zion.

I will tell you what LEAVES OF HEALING did for me.

It gave me more light, and I have been enabled to trust God for all things and to live true to Him.

I am happy every day.

Had it not been for LEAVES OF HEALING, I would still be suffering with that terrible kidney disease.

I thank God for all that He has done for me.

Yours in Christ, (MRS.) SARAH E. INGOLD.

## Little Boy Receives Perfect Healing From God.

MASON CITY, IOWA, November 12, 1900.

OVERSEER JOHN G. SPEICHER.

*Dear Brother in Christ:*—Our little boy got much better when you prayed.

The pain ceased and the swelling went down, but he was still unable to walk.

We held on to God, determined not to give the Devil the victory.

Today he received instant healing.

No doctors or drugs were needed.

He had not walked for six weeks before today.

We give God the glory.

May God speed Zion.

As ever, your Sister in Christ, MINNIE ARRETT.

## Delivered From Tobacco Habit After Thirty Years of Slavery.

607 NORTH PERRY STREET,  
ATTICA, INDIANA, November 14, 1900.

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—I have long felt it my duty to send my testimony to Zion.

It is through LEAVES OF HEALING that I have been so wonderfully blessed.

I was a stinkpot for over thirty years and I had heartburn.

That was all gone as soon as I went to the Lord and believed He would answer prayer.

I have no desire for tobacco any more.

I had tried to quit many times and had used many remedies, but all failed.

Through earnest prayer God has healed me. JAMES MILES.

# ZION CITY BANK.

By DEACON W. S. PECKHAM.

WITH the settling of the questions at stake during the last political canvass has come a renewed activity in all branches of trade. New enterprise and expansion is manifest in nearly every department of business.

The bank clearings at all the large cities show great increase and indicate many and heavy transactions.

There is an upward tendency in all the good stocks, and many have handsomely advanced. The cloud of uncertainty which has hung over the industrial world for several months has lifted.

Buoyancy and confidence are in the air and have given new life to old enterprises, and caused many contemplated enterprises to be launched.

Every part of the country seems to be sharing in this prosperity.

These conditions are the result of a return of confidence, more than any other cause. For many months the manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers have been quietly waiting for the settlement of the election issues. The policy of the present administration will be continued for at least four years. With confidence at home and entrance into the markets of the world assured for our products, we may look forward to several years of great prosperity.

With the labor of the country employed and well paid, we shall have a large home consumption, and with a large foreign trade added we may confidently expect farmers and manufacturers to rejoice together.

TIMES OF prosperity are always times of danger. The spirit of speculation is liable to creep in and extravagance takes the place of careful expenditure. There is an old saying, "Make hay while the sun shines." So in times of prosperity, prepare for adversity.

MANY PERSONS quote scripture as the Devil quoted it to Jesus.

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, . . . but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven," has nothing whatever to do with making a wise provision for the future. Any man who spends and gives away every dollar he makes is a sinner before God. If he were a bird, he would refuse to migrate, and when cold weather came he would sit on a limb and freeze to death.

If he were a squirrel, he would refuse to make a house or lay up nuts, and would die of cold and starvation.

We have seen religious cranks who would disdain to lay up for themselves, who were perfectly willing to use that which others had laid up. What a wreck and ruin there would be if this accursed sentiment prevailed throughout the land and no one laid up anything.

Many families are suffering today because the father was a spendthrift. It is wrong to make money or anything else our heart's treasure, but that is very different from saving up for the education of our children and against a day of adversity.

The day is coming when we must either depend upon what we have saved or depend upon others.

No man has a right to hoard wealth, neither has he a right to destroy it.

WITHOUT MONEY Zion would have been kept out of Mansfield, and could not have protected her interests in Philadelphia, Washington and throughout the world. Let God's chil-

dren get all the money they can honestly; give God a tithe and offering, and hold the rest as God's stewards. God says if we use it well and increase it that He will give us more, and even give us that which the unfaithful steward would not use.

THE DEVIL has had control of the silver and gold too long. The money which God has put in the hands of His children has been invested in stocks and securities managed by men who fear not God nor regard man. The people of God can now have their money handled by men who fear God and love their fellowmen.

All money put in Zion City Bank, or invested in Zion's splendid securities, will be used for righteous purposes. There will never be any fear of loss from dishonesty or any other cause. God is greatly blessing those who are supporting Zion's Financial Institutions.

THE WORLD should never get any of Zion's money. Let all members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, who have ungodly relatives who hate Zion, see to it that their money is left in the hands of those who will use it for God. If you have property, make a will and leave at least a part of it to Zion, where it will be used to extend God's Kingdom.

It is a great sin to leave money to those who will serve the Devil. If we leave our property to the enemies of Zion, we are helping the Devil to fight God's work.

CHRISTMAS TIME is drawing near and many are now planning gifts for the loved ones.

One of the nicest gifts for children or adults would be a bank book in our Savings Department, containing a deposit of one or more dollars. There is not a member of Zion who would not appreciate such a gift.

Thanks be to God for His unspeakable Gift.—2 Corinthians 9:15.

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# CHEERING WORDS FROM ZION'S GUESTS

NOTES FROM ZION HOME

THE regular Praise and Testimony Meeting held in Zion Home, Saturday evening, November 17, 1900, was conducted by Elder Fockler.

After the usual opening exercises, the States represented were enumerated and found to be eleven in number, as follows:

Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Michigan, Missouri, New Hampshire, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

The following foreign countries were represented:

Canada, China, England and Japan.

The meeting was then thrown open for testimony.

INNES BRENT, 1311 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "God has been very good and kind to me. I have received a wonderful healing.

"From the time I left school until seven or eight months ago I was more or less connected with theatrical troupes as a singer. I had some musical education in the vocal line, and thought it would be nice to travel all over the country and sing, and make lots of money.

"I found this all very true for a while, but I soon fell in with the evil. The Devil came in and got me completely. Among other things I acquired the habit of smoking cigarettes. I started at the age of sixteen or seventeen and probably smoked one or two a week. The habit gradually grew upon me until I smoked fifty, sixty, or seventy cigarettes in one day.

"From a weight of 122 pounds I gradually lost until I only weighed ninety-four pounds last January. I came from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where I was singing, to Mansfield, Ohio, my former home, a total wreck, both physically and mentally. My mother persuaded me to attend Elder Fockler's Mission in Mansfield. I did not like it very well at first, but the next Sunday I went again. There was something there that I could not help but like, although I really hated the place.

"After I heard some of the teaching, I was convinced that God would heal me if I would fully confess and forsake my sins and faithfully do my part. I had tried everything in medical science to take this habit out of my system, but did not receive any benefit.

"I requested the Elder to pray for me at 9 o'clock in the evening. He prayed, and I prayed also at that time, and from that very moment I have not had the least desire for tobacco in any form, nor for drinking nor any of the vices which I had contracted in my former life.

"I gained in weight, and in a little over two months I weighed 116 pounds.

"I thank God that I am in Zion."

MISS BERTHA ZIEHLKE, Zion Home, said: "I thank God for what He has done for me. About eighteen months ago I first heard of Zion. I gave up medicine then, and have never taken any since. God has healed me of constipation and indigestion. I thank Him for His goodness."

IRVING E. HAMMOND, Colebrook, New Hampshire, said: "God has saved me and blessed me in spirit, soul and body. For four years I have seryed Him the best I knew."

E. WARBRITTON, Lafayette, Indiana, said: "I am thankful that I can be with Zion people tonight. I came to Zion about two years ago, with very severe catarrh of the stomach. The first night I went into the prayer room, when they laid hands on me, I was healed of that disease; also of the tobacco

habit, to which I had been a slave for twenty-three years. The next thing I gave up was pork.

"I am traveling, and I always make it a point to stop with Zion people whenever I can. They are good people to be with."

W. F. WATERBURY, Stamford, Connecticut, said: "I thank God that He has brought me to Zion. My wife asked me how I liked Zion, and I said it was the nearest I had ever gotten to God in my life.

"I used to like tobacco, and I tried many times to give it up. I also tried many so-called tobacco habit cures, but still I could not give it up.

"A friend of ours sent me some Zion Literature. I thought it was the most horrible stuff I ever got hold of at first. Then I believed, and asked the Lord if He would not take away my appetite for tobacco. He took it away. I think that the term which the General Overseer used—'stinkpot'—had a great deal to do with it. I thank God for Zion and for LEAVES OF HEALING."

CHRISTOPHER McCORMICK, Zion City, Illinois, said: "I used tobacco for thirty-five years. I both chewed and smoked. I would get up in the middle of the night to smoke, and I would chew plug tobacco and swallow it. I was everything that was bad. I used to say that I was meaner than the Devil wanted me to be.

"Through LEAVES OF HEALING I had received partial healing for blindness and kidney trouble, but I still used tobacco. One day it came to me very forcibly that I was asking the Lord to cleanse my system, and I was defiling my body by using tobacco. I threw it away, and I have never taken it since.

"Last year I had my limb crushed, but the Lord delivered me without the use of doctors or drugs. Today I stand on both feet just as well as I ever did. I can do as much work as I ever did. I give God all the glory." (Mr. McCormick's testimony to healing of compound comminuted fracture of the leg appears in full in LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume 6, Number 21.)

MISS ANNIE DEUTSCHE, Zion Home, said: "About thirteen years ago I started out to be a nurse. I thought I could best serve humanity in that way. I found a great many things which were contrary to God, but I still kept at it in order to make my living.

"I broke down in health and gave up nursing for a year. I went into evangelistic work in the Methodist Church. They put me back at nursing again. I nursed until two years ago, when I came to Zion.

"I have been in Zion Home for some time and have been blessed in spirit, soul and body. I have been healed of chronic constipation and bronchial trouble; also of toothache. I thank God for His goodness to me."

MISS ELLEN BURKLUND, Zion Home, said: "About five years ago I was in a hospital at Shanghai, China. I was then very sick, and was surrounded by four doctors, but they could not give me any help. They did all they could for me, but I grew worse and worse. I was just at death's door. I asked God to either take me home to heaven or heal me at once, as it seemed that I could only live a few minutes.

"The very moment I asked the Lord to heal me, I received healing. I had a very severe cough, and do not know but that

it was consumption, although they never told me that it was. I praise God that He spared me, and gave me this wonderful healing. Seven months ago I arrived in Zion Home. I am so glad to have the privilege of being with these people. May God bless Zion."

FRED W. TEBBE, Benton Harbor, Michigan, said: "One year and three months ago God wonderfully saved me. I had been a miserably sinner. When I was seven and a half years old I started smoking cigarettes. I used to smoke on an average about forty in one day. When I woke up through the night I had to smoke them. I started to drink quite young and was fast preparing to fill a drunkard's grave. I was brought up a Roman Catholic, and was not taught that these things were wrong.

"It took a long time for me to get converted. I had been on a sick bed for a long while suffering with different diseases, and it seemed that I could not get well. I praise God that He showed me that there was help for me.

"I began to trust God as my Healer, and He healed me. He made a man out of me. From 139 pounds I have gained in weight to 160 pounds. I praise God that I have never enjoyed a better year in all my life than I have this last year."

R. M. BUTLER, 14 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I hear so many testimonies about the tobacco habit that I feel like telling how the Devil had me bound. I was afraid to use tobacco at first because I thought it would make me sick, but when I started to use it the Devil did not let it make me a particle sick. I used the very strongest tobacco that was made. I would pay a high price for it in order to get the strongest.

"Finally, I wanted to quit the use of tobacco. But I was not a Christian and could not do so in my own strength. I was a Methodist, but they did not tell me to go to the Lord. They would advise me to go to the 'Keeley Cure' or some other place. I had a terrible struggle, but by the help of God I succeeded in giving it up. I thank God that He delivered me, and I have never had any desire for it since.

"I thank God for LEAVES OF HEALING and for the many blessings I have received through reading it. I also thank Him for Zion Home. The first trip I made here it seemed like heaven on earth. I have received much spiritual blessing through Zion."

#### OVERSEER MASON'S VISIT TO NEW YORK STATE, NEW ENGLAND AND PENNSYLVANIA.

At each place the meetings on the Lord's Day will be at 10:30 A. M., and at 2:30 and 7:30 P. M. The other meetings will be in the evening; in some cases also in the afternoon. Only evening services can be promised, unless otherwise stated.

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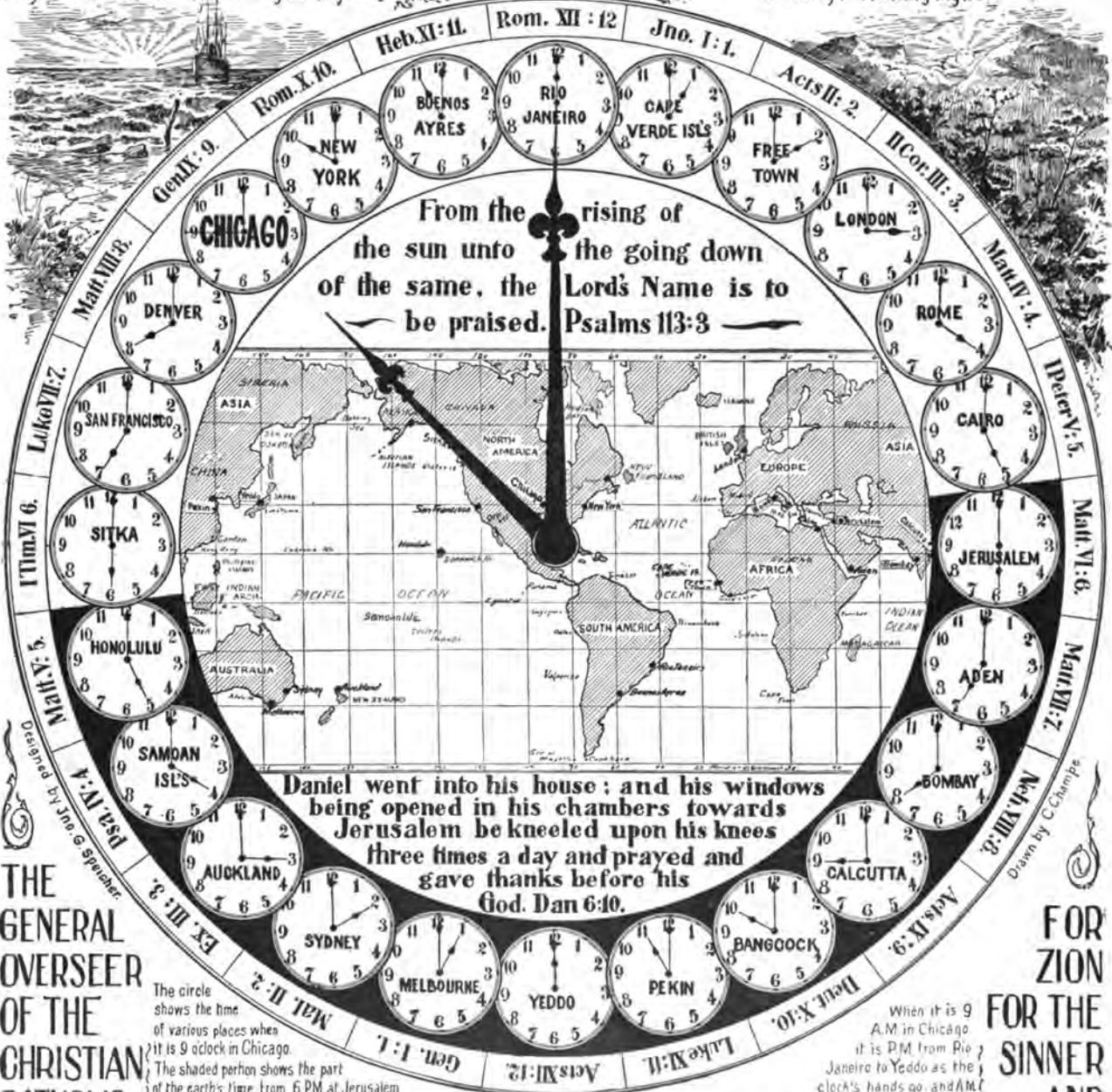
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Lift up your heart to the God of all grace,  
Pray that the glory Shekinah may cover  
The Temple, and enter the holiest place.

Pray for long life for our highhonoured leader,  
Pray for the City now almost in sight,  
Pray for Salvation and healing of millions,  
Pray as did Daniel— Noon, morning and night.

Pray, Brethren, pray, the sands are falling,  
Pray, Brethren, pray, God's voice is calling,  
Pray, Brethren, pray, the day is breaking  
Pray Brethren, pray, the dead are waking

Behold, the glory draweth near,  
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Eternity is drawing nigh!



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MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS:—The principles of the Christian Catholic Church have been fully set forth in the Reports of Two Conferences on Organization, held in Zion Tabernacle No. 2, which are fully reported in LEAVES OF HEALING for January 31 and February 7, 1896. The Basis of Fellowship is set forth in the second section of the Resolution passed on February 5th (see LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume II, Number 17, page 267):

FIRST—That we recognize the infallible inspiration and sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures as the rule of faith and practice.

SECOND—That we recognize that no persons can be members of the Church who have not repented of their sins and have not trusted in Christ for Salvation.

THIRD—That such persons must also be able to make a good profession, and declare that they do know, in their own hearts, that they have truly repented, and are truly trusting Christ, and have the witness, in a measure, of the Holy Spirit.

FOURTH—That all other questions of every kind shall be held to be matters of opinion and not matters that are essential to church unity.

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*General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church.*

No. ....

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**MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS LESSON, DECEMBER 12th or 13th.**

**God's Unalterable Character.**

- God is not man that He should lie.*—Hebrews 6:16-30.  
Does God try to establish the fact that He changes not?  
What does He hold before us as evidence?  
What is the anchor that fills us full of hope?
- God, the Fountain of Living Water, is where He ever has been.*—Jeremiah 17:13, 14.  
Of what does God heal His people?  
What do those do who go to doctors?  
Of what is premature death a sign?
- God is Holy, and can never fellowship with sin.*—Habakkuk 1:12, 13.  
What is the reason we are alive?  
What is the cause of people getting sick?  
Can God heal those who repent not of sin?
- God never varies, although man always has varied.*—Malachi 3:5, 6.  
Is God ever an advocate of doctors and drugs?  
Will God ever be a friend of liars and perjurers?  
Can God ever fellowship with robbers and oppressors?
- God is as free with His gifts as He ever was.*—Ecclesiastes 3:11-15.  
Did God ever cause a sad face?  
Did God ever make a deformed body?  
Do flowers ever lose their beauty or perfume?
- There never was a time God was willing any man should perish.*—Ezekiel 18:31, 32.  
Has God ever willed the death of a child?  
How many children die of parental transgression?  
Does God make much of funeral occasions?
- The eyes of the Lord still run to and fro, to help all who trust Him with a perfect heart.*—Psalm 33:8-12.  
Does God give to all occasions to come to Him?  
Will neither grace nor judgment arouse people?  
Will not all who fight God have a hard time?
- God's mercy cannot fail; it is limitless like Himself.*—Romans 11:26-34.  
Where does God's deliverer come from?  
Will the deceived enemies of God be saved?  
What acclaim does the fact that God will save all arouse?  
*The Lord our God is an Ever-Unchanging God.*

**SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS LESSON, DECEMBER 16th.**

**The Lord's Supper. That Lasting Memorial.**

- Its institution.*—Mathew 26:26-30.  
What is it a memorial of?  
What is the order of it?  
How does it close?
- Its memorial.*—Luke 22:19, 20.  
How are we to ever remember Christ?  
What covenant are we now under?  
What does the blood do?
- Its spirit.*—1 Corinthians 11:18-22.  
Can a Church of strife enter into it?  
Can a Church of heretics be blessed by it?  
Is it to be made a formal occasion?
- Its administration.*—1 Corinthians 11:23-26.  
At what time was it first observed?  
Is Christ for the body as well as the spirit?  
When is Christ coming again?
- Its abuse.*—1 Corinthians 11:27-34.  
Can a person with an unforgiving spirit partake of it?  
Is there a penalty if one is careless and unrepentant?  
What comes to those who do not seek Christ as Lord and Master?
- Its fellowship.*—Acts 2:42-47.  
Does it mean that we are to be friends of all God's people?  
Does it mean that every saint has a right to all we have and are?  
Does it mean that joy comes from God and not from what we have?  
*God's Holy People are an Ordinance-Observing People.*

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SOUTH BEND, November 17, 1900.

OVERSEER J. G. SPEICHER.

*Dear Brother in Christ:*—On September 3d I wrote you for prayer that I might be healed of a tumor on the hand, caused from a bruise.

I was also suffering from other ailments. A short time after the request was sent you, the soreness left my hand and the unnatural growth began to dry up.

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Your Brother in Christ,

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Baptized in Ohio by Elder McFarlane.	6	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder Reiff.	5	
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Beves, Emma J.	7 Macaulay Road, Clapham, London, England
Boston, Grace.	51 Grandison Road, Clapham Common, London, England
Boston, Lilian.	51 Grandison Road, Clapham Common, London, England
Brownjohn, Mrs. Florence.	31 Arundel Road, Croydon, London, England
Brownjohn, Herbert.	31 Arundel Road, Croydon, London, England
Bunn, Ada E.	20 Ringham Road, Ipswich, London, England
Chapman, Miss Rose.	109 Allison Road, London, England
Clark, Henry.	Little Totham, Essex, England
Clarke, Charlotte J.	125 Holmesdale Road, South Norwood, England
Clarke, Harry.	125 Holmesdale Road, South Norwood, England
Cowles, Elizabeth.	135 Park Road, Hanover Gate, London, England
Dunbar, Harriet M.	Regent's Park, N. W. London, England
Faulkes, Elizabeth A.	7 Macaulay Road, Clapham Common, London, England
Faulkes, Henry.	55 Newington Green, London, England
Freeman, Mrs. Jane.	55 Newington Green, London, England
Frost, Beatrice E.	7 Macaulay Road, Clapham Common, London, England
Gobby, Mrs. Anna.	Trafalgar House, Perry Street, London, England
Goodall, Henrietta.	65 Exmouth Street, Stepney Street, E., London, England
	5 Hartley Avenue, East Ham, London, England

Goring, Alice.	1 Thornhill Road, Croydon, London, England
Harrison, Albert J.	67 Limes Road, Croydon, London, England
Hurran, Lucy.	13 Alma Street, New York Road, Islington, London, England
Hyde, Miss Edith.	59 Windmill Road, Croydon, London, England
Inchcomb, Elizabeth.	Mission House, Gloucester Road, Croydon, London, England
Inchcomb, Ethel E.	Mission House, Gloucester Road, Croydon, London, England
Inchcomb, Harry.	Mission House, Gloucester Road, Croydon, London, England
Inchcomb, Mabel F.	Mission House, Gloucester Road, Croydon, London, England
Inchcomb, Rose E.	Mission House, Gloucester Road, Croydon, London, England
Ingram, Harriet.	16 Fernshaw Road, S. W., London, England
Jackman, Eva C.	54 Bethel Avenue, Hermit Road, Victoria Docks, Plainstow, London, England
Jarvis, Elizabeth.	Woodley, Cressington Park, Liverpool, England
Jarvis, Isabella.	Woodley, Cressington Park, Liverpool, England
Jarvis, Sarah A.	Woodley, Cressington Park, Liverpool, England
Jones, James.	7 Michael Road, Croydon, London, England
Longhurst, Isabella.	82 Pawson Road, Croydon, London, England
Maidment, William F.	13 Lillian Villas, Sellincoast Road, Tooting, London, England
Page, Henry J.	125 Holmesdale Road, South Norwood, London, England
Payne, Frank H.	114 Farringdon Road, W. C., Norwood, London, England
Payne, Gertrude D.	114 Farringdon Road, W. C., London, England
Perrin, Grace M.	172 Friens Road, E., Dulwich, S. E., London, England
Pitt, Eliza.	52 Newington Green, N., London, England
Pook, Mrs. Emma.	160 Holmesdale Road, South Norwood, London, England
Price, Percy C.	51 Trinity Square, Brixton, London, England
Randall, Hetty.	1 Fulham Place, W., London, England
Randall, Robert E.	1 Fulham Place, W., London, England
Wagnell, Arthur.	8 Parsons Fee, Aylesbury, London, England
Watson, Mrs. Louisa.	160 Holmesdale Road, Croydon, London, England
Webb, Lizzie.	1 Fulham Place, W., London, England
Whatmore, Sarah E.	68 Shenley Road, Camberwell, S. E., London, England
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Willsher, Miss Caroline.	125 Holmesdale Road, London, England
Willsher, Edgar.	31 Arundel Road, Croydon, London, England

The following-named eleven believers were baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle, Wednesday evening, November 21, 1900, by Elder S. H. Stokes:

Bickel, William H.	314 Cortland Street, Chicago, Illinois
Goodwin, Alfred B.	34 Kendall Street, Chicago, Illinois
Goodwin, Mrs. Willie.	34 Kendall Street, Chicago, Illinois
Goodwin, Master Joe.	34 Kendall Street, Chicago, Illinois
Jefferson, William D.	252 East Twenty-first Street, Chicago, Illinois
Lohmeien, Henry J.	Thompson, Illinois
Lohmeien, Mrs. Anna.	Thompson, Illinois
Middleton, Albert.	Victoria Hotel, Chicago, Illinois
Taylor, Mrs. Mary J.	Cooperstown, New York
Tillman, Buck.	3024 Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois
Wind, Mrs. Sarah.	54 Celia Street, Chicago, Illinois

The following-named ten believers were baptized at Boston, Massachusetts, Friday, November 16, 1900, by Overseer George L. Mason:

Beechman, Mrs. Rachel.	123 Hampshire Street, Roxbury, Massachusetts
Brainerd, Mrs. Harriet S.	21 Allston Street, Dorchester, Massachusetts
Campbell, Wallace.	251 Lincoln Street, Worcester, Massachusetts
Gunnison, Fred A.	24 Federal Street, Salem, Massachusetts
Hardy, Heman F.	East Watertown, Massachusetts
Martin, Miss Josephine A.	11 Thetford Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts
Phillimore, Charles.	Ash Street, Cliftondale, Massachusetts
Phillimore, Master Jesse George.	Ash Street, Cliftondale, Massachusetts
Sharp, Miss Margaret Isabella.	East Pepperell, Massachusetts
Telford, Miss Caroline May.	21 Allston Street, Dorchester, Massachusetts

The following-named eight believers were baptized at Cincinnati, Ohio, Lord's Day, November 11, 1900, by Elder W. G. Voliva:

Coats, Mrs. Sarah.	Mountairy, Ohio
Erching, Miss Emma.	227 East Clifton Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio
Erching, Mrs. Louisa.	1414 Walnut Street, Cincinnati, Ohio
Gruber, Mrs. Samantha.	Granville, Ohio
Looker, Mrs. Amanda.	440 East Third Street, Cincinnati, Ohio
Nelson, Lizzie.	Tenth and Park Avenue, Newport, Kentucky
Reynolds, Harry Clarence.	1307 Morton Street, Mt. Lookout, Cincinnati, Ohio
Sponsel, Miss Lillie M.	65 West Second Street, Covington, Kentucky

The following-named two believers were baptized in the Menominee River, Marinette, Wisconsin, Thursday, October 25, 1900, by Elder Daniel Bryant:

Raw, Mrs. Louisa.	801 Marinette Avenue, Marinette, Wisconsin
Lindem, Joseph.	2507 Taylor Street, Marinette, Wisconsin

The following-named two believers were baptized in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, Wednesday, November 14, 1900, by Overseer George L. Mason:

Borey, Mrs. Melissa J.	28 Lawrence Street, Fitchburg, Massachusetts
Sharron, Mrs. Mary.	Otter River, Massachusetts

He sendeth His word



and healeth them.

# LEAVES OF HEALING

I am the Lord that healeth thee.

And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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## GOD'S WITNESSES TO DIVINE HEALING.

HEALED IN A MOMENT OF RHEUMATISM, VALVULAR HEART DISEASE, AND GRANULATED LARYNGITIS.

**I**F I DO BUT TOUCH THE BORDER OF HIS GARMENT, I SHALL BE MADE WHOLE.

With this thought within herself, a suffering woman, wasted by years of disease, pressed through the throngs about Jesus.

With trembling fingers, she touched the "border of His garment."

Instantly sweet, new, powerful life swept through her.

She arose with her heart overflowing with joy to hear the Divine Voice say, "Daughter, be of good cheer; thy Faith hath made thee whole."

With the same thought within herself, this Witness drew near to Him, and in that same Faith put her case in His hands.

She had long been a sufferer. Rheumatism had tortured her with burning agonies.

Resulting from the rheumatism, disease had laid its foul fingers upon her heart.

Human physicians were of no value.

They acknowledged their helplessness.

Death seemed about to come at any moment.

Then a painful and dangerous disease of the throat at-

tacked her and added greatly to her sufferings. Again medical aid was invoked.

She was told that she could be cured only by submitting to having her throat burned out.

She shrank from such a terrible ordeal.

She grew worse.

Life was a burden.

The shadow of death was darkening over her.

She had prayed for healing with a doubting "if it be Thy will."

There was no faith in her prayer, and it was not answered.

She believed it God's will that she should die.

But God sent His Son to give life.

"He that hath the power of death," says God's Word, "is the Devil."

The Devil was killing her, and in the darkness of the false teaching of the apostate Methodist Church she charged God with that diabolical murder.

Then, one day, the Little White Dove alighted upon her bed of pain.

What a wonderful message it brought!

How eagerly she read God's Word!



MISS NANCY STARRATT.



His will that she should live and not die?

Jesus the same as when He said, "Daughter, be of good cheer; thy Faith hath made thee whole"?

She read of wonderful life-healing for a woman who had passed the gates of death.

Could that healing touch be for her?

Yes, it must all be true, for she could find it all in God's Word.

He said, "I am the Lord that healeth thee."

He said, "I am the Lord, I change not."

Jesus went about "healing all manner of disease and all manner of sickness among the people."

Jesus said, "I will," when the leper said, "If Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean."

God said through His apostle that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yea and forever."

It was when the radiant light of this truth entered her being and swept away the chill shadows of doubt that she placed herself in His hands.

By the Word of Christ, Faith had come to her.

She did not hesitate or waver.

She immediately arose from her bed, clothed herself and walked.

At that moment all the diseases which for years had been dragging her down to the grave slipped from her and left her perfectly whole.

It was no delusion.

It was no passing excitement.

It was as permanent as it was perfect.

She remains in abounding health and strength to this day, three years later.

As a member of Zion's Seventies, she goes forth into the streets and lanes of Chicago, carrying that same blessed Message which brought new life to her.

The apostate Church which had taught her to doubt God refused to permit her to tell of what He had done for her.

They could not deny that she was healed, but refused to give God the glory.

Zion gives all glory to God.

Zion sends forth this wonderful Story.

Zion rejoices to give this Witness the opportunity to go forth, through all the earth, to tell suffering ones everywhere how they may throw aside all human means, and, fulfilling God's conditions and trusting Him fully, receive the saving health which He has promised.

A. W. N.

#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF MISS NANCY STARRATT.

1635 MICHIGAN AVENUE,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, November 28, 1900.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I wish to add my testimony to the many already given to the goodness and love of God, who forgiveth all our iniquities, and healeth all our diseases.

I was converted to God when quite young, and rejoiced in Jesus as my Saviour.

Knowing nothing of Him as the Healer, I became the victim of diseases which oppressed me many years.

My home was in Ontario, Canada, where I received my training as a teacher.

While teaching in a place near Toronto I was taken with ague, which was very prevalent at that time. The only remedy that seemed to break the fever was quinine, and of that I took a great deal.

After suffering for two summers, I was taken with inflammatory rheumatism and was obliged to resign my position.

I was not able to be out at all that winter. I was treated by two or three physicians, but failing to get any relief, tried different patent medicines.

When warm weather came in the spring I was better and able to resume my work, but I found that in trying to get rid of the rheumatism I had contracted a disease much more serious—valvular heart trouble.

My physician told me that when the rheumatism was gone, all symptoms

of the other would disappear, but I found that every attack of rheumatism I afterwards had left my heart in a much worse condition.

After recovering from one of those attacks, I was taken with hemorrhages, and thinking my lungs were diseased, I consulted a throat and lung specialist in Toronto, Dr. McDonagh. He told me that my lungs were sound, but that I had a serious heart trouble, and should consult a specialist at once.

I went from there to Detroit, Michigan, and consulted Dr. Frothingham, an old and eminent physician. He told me medicine would do me no good; that I must avoid all excitement and vigorous exercise.

I spent several months there, and, feeling better in the fall, returned to Ontario and again took up teaching.

I soon found, however, that the old disease was there still, although the rest had done me much good.

After two years' teaching I resigned and went East to Yonkers, New York. While there I was much worse. I had constant pain in the region of the heart, and at times a feeling of numbness would pass over my body.

I became alarmed, and consulted a physician there, but I had no hope of recovery, and knew that at any moment my heart might cease its action.

Added to my heart trouble I had a distressing throat affection—granulated laryngitis. I took many remedies and treatments, but they only gave temporary relief.

At times the least particle of dust taken into my throat would throw me into a spasm, and for a short time there would be a struggle for breath.

I consulted a throat specialist, Dr. Good, of Winnipeg. He told me my throat would never be better without an operation, and that I must have the granulations burned off. I did not submit to an operation, and my throat gradually grew worse.

In December, 1897, my heart became so bad that I was confined to my bed.

Life was a burden to me, and I did not care to live.

I had often prayed for healing, but was always careful to say, "If it be Thy will."

Not getting my healing, I believed it was God's will I should die, and I desired to do His will.

In that condition the Little White Dove found me.

A copy was handed to Evangelist Loblaw, who was then a minister in the Methodist Church. He brought it to me. It was the first I had seen and the first I had heard of Dr. Dowie or Zion in Chicago.

It was a copy containing the testimony of Mrs. S. A. Kelly. I thank God for that paper and for the wonderful teaching which showed me God's Way of Healing.

Life and death were very vividly set before me, and I felt that I must choose life, or reject this glorious Gospel and die.

I put my case in God's hands, and in His Name arose from my bed, dressed, and went downstairs to my friends.

I shall never forget the experience of that day.

I was very happy. I had touched the hem of Christ's garment and was made whole.

I soon began to realize that Satan was the defiler, for in a few days I was attacked with severe pains in my head, something I had not had before.

My prayers for that did not seem to be answered, and the Devil tried hard to destroy my faith.

I had only that one copy of LEAVES OF HEALING and my Bible, and with these I tried to fight the adversary.

I sent my subscription for LEAVES OF HEALING and ordered other Zion Literature, feeling my need of more teaching on Divine Healing. I read these with much interest and profit and in a short time I was perfectly healed.

I realized then as never before the meaning of that verse, "He sendeth His Word and healeth them."

I was a member of the Methodist Church, and did not then think of severing my connection with it.

But when I returned to my work in the Sunday School and Epworth League, my testimony to God's power to heal me was not received, and I was looked upon as one who had departed from the faith. I found no food there for spirit, soul or body.

I withdrew from fellowship in that Church, and in February, 1899, came to Zion.

I was baptized and received as a member of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

I am a member of Zion's Seventies, and rejoice that I have the privilege of carrying the Message of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living to those who are still in darkness.

It is nearly three years since I received my healing, and I praise God for His wonderful keeping power. These years have been the best years of my life in many ways.

Through your teaching I know more of God's will, and have been led to trust Him more fully than ever before.

I thank God for bringing me to Zion, where the afflicted of His people find refuge.

Thanking you for your prayers and teaching, and praying that God will spare your life for many years, I remain

Your Sister in Christ,

Original from NANCY STARRATT.



#### The Origin of Medicine is Found in Heathenism.

The practice of medicine is not authorized by the Word of God. This is why Zion is fighting it.

God calls Himself the Healer of His people. He tells them in His Covenant of Salvation and Healing and Holiness that if they will hearken to His Voice and keep His laws, He will not permit disease to be put upon them.

The practice of medicine originated in heathenism, in the worship of demons. It can be readily traced back through its history to the heathen gods. Apollo was the presiding deity of medicine. Apollo was also called Phœbus, another name for the sun, thus showing that medicine is a part of sun-worship.

Æsculapius, the son of Apollo, was the god of the healing art, and he is represented as grasping the head of the serpent. This was evidently intended by the demons, who inspired this design, as an imitation of Christ, who, God promised, should bruise the head of the serpent. This promise was made to Adam and Eve when they sinned and by breaking God's laws received the seeds of disease and death within themselves.

George F. Fort, in his work called "Medical Economy During the Middle Ages," tells us that the people then traced pestilence, sickness, fractures of the limbs and disease of all kinds to the work of evil spirits. He also said that in the practice of magical arts it was claimed that evil spirits provided cures for diseases.

The prescription of the physician of today contains a prayer to Jupiter. Jupiter was also called Jove, and was considered the supreme ruler of the heathen world. As such he was the opposite of Jehovah.

The  $\mathfrak{B}$  which is found on medical prescriptions, which physicians will tell you stands for the Latin word *recipe*, or take, is the symbol of Jupiter. It is thus explained under the head of "Medical" in Webster's Dictionary: " $\mathfrak{B}$  (Latin *recipe*.) Take. This character was originally the same as  $\mathfrak{A}$ , the symbol of Jupiter, and was placed at the head of a formula to propitiate the king of the gods that the compound might act favorably."

See, also, "Farquharson's Materia Medica," page 48; "Wayne's Medical Dictionary," etc.

The ancient oath administered to physicians begins thus: "I swear by Apollo the physician, Æsculapius and Health, and all the other gods and goddesses, that according to my ability and judgment I will keep this oath."

St. James says:

Is any among you sick? let him call for the Elders of the Church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the Name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save him that is sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, it shall be forgiven him.—James 5:14, 15.

The forgiveness of his sins has to come before the healing; for God begins at the center of man's being to heal him, and not at the outside.

#### How the M. E. Church Believes in Divine Healing.

Report on Hospitals of the Northwest Indiana Conference, held at Lafayette, Indiana, September 5-10, 1900:

We emphasize and encourage the work of building hospitals among

our people. To this end we commend the work already done toward the founding of the Hospital and Deaconess' Home in Indianapolis. We congratulate the management upon the purchase of the eligible site secured, and that \$— of the \$— purchase price has been paid, and that four deaconesses are already in the field. We rejoice, also, that substantial progress is being made by the trustees of the — Hospital and Training School at South Bend.

We recommend the endowment of *free beds* in the hospitals, for the preachers of this Conference and their families. We cordially invite their agents to our charges.

We are indebted for the above extracts from the Report on Hospitals to a member of Zion, who also sent with it the accompanying letter to Overseer Piper:

DEAR OVERSEER:—I send the above report to you without comment beyond saying that this is the Conference from which I made my escape two years ago. Am I not fortunate?

Rev. —, Chairman of the Committee which made the above report, was appointed by the Bishop as agent of the above-named hospital. He is the ex-Secretary of the Epworth League of the M. E. Church.

"How are the mighty fallen!"

The Full Gospel goes forth in the teaching of Zion Literature to tell the people to repent of their sins and to go to the Great Physician instead of to the hospitals and doctors for healing.

It tells them that God's Covenant of Salvation and Healing which He made with His people stands today, for it is the eternal, unchangeable truth.

In a letter to Overseer Speicher from South Africa, Mr. Joseph Webb says:

The truth is powerful here, though spoken in weakness.

We have been spreading the Gospel and several persons have received blessing. On the 16th of this month I baptized by Triune Immersion three persons, my father included, and on Sunday last three more. All testify to having received great blessing in Baptism.

One man has not worked for four years and was given up by doctors to die. He has given himself to God, gotten rid of tobacco and medicine, and is trusting God to heal him. His appetite is returning and he is getting stronger.

A Hottentot girl's arm had almost rotted away.

There was only a little itching pimple when she first went to the doctors, and under their treatment and since, the whole forearm had become one mass of sores, quite rotten and smelling horribly.

Since she has been trusting God and we have prayed with her, the arm is better. It has stopped discharging, the pain is gone and she is much better.

When I leave here my father will continue the meetings. He will come into Zion and will, I believe, be a blessing to the flock here. He has been reading LEAVES OF HEALING for about two years and has been a Methodist preacher about thirty years. He is surprised to find how much he has learned during the last two years.

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ATTORNEY SAMUEL W. PACKARD'S ADDRESS.

ALL MEMBERS and friends of Zion and all others interested in the contest over the admission of Zion Lace Experts to the United States should read Attorney Packard's address to the thousands in Central Zion Tabernacle, on Lord's Day afternoon, December 2, 1900. (See account on pages 214, 215 of this paper.) This address will be published entire in THE COMING CITY for December 12, 1900, Volume I, Number 10. Price 10 cents. Send in orders early to Zion Publishing House, 1207 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

HAS GOD BLESSED YOU IN TITHING?

HAVE YOU realized a fulfilment of God's promise to those who "bring the Whole Tithe into the Storehouse"? If so, let others know how true the promise is. Write your testimony and send it to Rev. William Hamner Piper, Overseer-at-Large of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Let your testimonies be brief and straight to the point.

THE' GENERAL OVERSEER'S PLANS CHANGED.

He Will Not Go to the Holy Land, but, After Holding Missions on the Continent and Organizing the Work in London, Will Return Home, Arriving in Chicago January 17, 1901.

THREE cablegrams have been received from the General Overseer and read in Central Zion Tabernacle since our last publication.

They announce a very material change in his plans for the remainder of his stay abroad.

On Friday, November 9, 1900, Mrs. Samuel Stevenson, beloved wife of Deacon Stevenson and sister of Mrs. Jeannie Dowie, peacefully departed this life and entered into the presence of Him in whose presence there is joy forever more.

She was on the Atlantic with her husband, on her way to America, and passed away after a very brief illness.

She was very dearly loved by all who had known her during her brief stay in Zion, and all hearts were moved with deepest sympathy with the husband, sister, brother, niece and nephew.

On Lord's Day afternoon, November 25, 1900, the following cablegram was received and read in Central Zion Tabernacle:

PARIS, FRANCE, November 25, 1900.

ZION, Michigan Avenue, Chicago.  
 Christ conquers everywhere.  
 Zion victorious.  
 Manchester and Leeds police afraid.  
 At Manchester Wednesday they closed the hall and surrendered the situation to Demetrian medical mob.  
 Left Leeds Friday afternoon because alarming telegrams from my daughter.  
 Mrs. Dowie dangerously prostrated with grief sister's departure.  
 Reached Paris yesterday just in time.  
 Much better now.  
 Pray for Paris; also Zurich Mission, December 9th to 12th.  
 Mrs. Dowie goes with me.  
 Many adversaries.  
 God for us.  
 Europe asks, "What of Zion?"  
 We answer Isaiah fourteen, thirty-two.  
 Praise God.  
 Mizpah.

DOWIE.

The Scripture cited reads:

What then shall one answer the Messengers of the nation? That the Lord hath founded Zion, and in her shall the afflicted of His people take refuge.

Many were the fervent prayers offered to God to comfort the sorrowing by His Holy Spirit, the Divine Comforter, and to greatly bless the General Overseer and party during the remainder of their stay abroad.

On November 29th, Thanksgiving Day, when many hundreds gathered in Central Zion Tabernacle, the following cablegram was the cause of much happy thanksgiving:

PARIS, November 29, 1900.

ZION, Michigan Avenue, Chicago.  
 I join with Zion everywhere in thanksgiving to God for Jubilee Year.  
 Zion in Europe sends one hundred and fifth Psalm, verses thirteen, fourteen, fifteen.  
 Zion in America and other Continents and Islands rejoices in Isaiah, chapters sixty to sixty-five.  
 Thanks for many kind cablegrams.  
 Elder Dowie comforted; improving in health.  
 Love to all.  
 Hallelujah!  
 Mizpah.  
 "Go Forward, oh Zion."

DOWIE, General Overseer.

Psalm 105:13-15 reads:

And they went about from nation to nation,  
 From one kingdom to another people.  
 He suffered no man to do them wrong;  
 Yea, He reproved kings for their sakes;  
 Saying, Touch not Mine anointed ones,  
 And do My prophets no harm.

Original from

Let all read Isaiah, chapters sixty to sixty-five. They are too long to quote here.

Although many were disappointed that the General Overseer would miss his long-planned tour to the Holy Land, there was great rejoicing in Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day, December 2, 1900, when the following cablegram was read:

PARIS, November 29, 1900.

ZION, Michigan Avenue, Chicago:

Fifty-first Isaiah, seventh to sixteenth.

All resting quietly at St. Cloud.

Changed plans.

After meetings in Switzerland and France we leave for Grimsby, England, nineteenth December.

We then organize Zion in London, closing All-Night with God.

Leave for Boston first January.

Meetings there thirteenth to fifteenth.

Expect, God willing, to arrive at Zion, Chicago, Thursday, January 17th. Go Forward.

Mizpah.

DOWIE.

The following is the Scripture referred to in the cablegram:

Hearken unto Me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is My law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye dismayed at their revilings. For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but My righteousness shall be forever, and My salvation unto all generations.

Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord; awake, as in the days of old, the generations of ancient times. Art Thou not it that cut Rahab in pieces, that pierced the dragon? Art Thou not it which dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep; that made the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed to pass over? And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads: they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

I, even I, am He that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou art afraid of man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass; and hast forgotten the Lord thy Maker, that stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and fearest continually all the day because of the fury of the oppressor, when he maketh ready to destroy? and where is the fury of the oppressor? The captive exile shall speedily be loosed; and he shall not die and go down into the pit, neither shall his bread fail. For I am the Lord thy God, which stirreth up the sea, that the waves thereof roar: the Lord of Hosts is His Name. And I have put My words in thy mouth, and have covered thee in the shadow of Mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art My people.

#### Overseer Mason's Mission in Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Overseer George L. Mason will conduct Missions as follows: At Wilkensburg, Pennsylvania, in the Old Presbyterian Church, corner Wood and South Streets, Friday, December 7th, to Monday, December 10th, inclusive, at 2:30 and 7:30 P. M., except Saturday afternoon.

At Sistersville, West Virginia, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 11th and 12th.

#### Petosky, Michigan.

The Rev. W. O. Dinius, Elder in the Christian Catholic Church at North Harvey, Illinois, will hold Divine Services in Petosky, Michigan, December 11th to 20th, inclusive, at 2:30 and 7:30 P. M. each day. The Lord's Supper will be administered to all Christians. Let all members and friends in this and surrounding towns attend these services.

#### Notice.

Shareholders in Zion Land and Investment Association, Zion City Bank or Zion City Lace Industries should notify the officers of the respective Industries at once of any recent change in their addresses.

## DO YOU KNOW GOD'S WAY OF HEALING?

BY THE REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

Let it be supposed that the following words are a conversation between the reader [A] and the writer [B].

A. What does this question mean? Do you really suppose that God has some one especial way of healing in these days of which men may know and avail themselves?

B. That is exactly my meaning, and I wish very much that you should know God's Way of Healing, as I have done for many years.

A. What is the way, in your opinion?

B. You should rather ask, WHO is God's Way? for the Way is a Person, not a thing. I will answer your question in His own words, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; no one cometh unto the Father, but by Me." These words were spoken by our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, who is both our Saviour and our Healer. (John 14:6.)

A. But I always thought that these words only referred to Him as the Way of Salvation. How can you be sure that they refer to Him as the Way of Healing also?

B. Because He cannot change. He is "the same yesterday and today, yea and forever." (Hebrews 13:8.) He said that He came to this earth not only to save us but to heal us (Luke 4:18), and He did this when in the flesh on earth. Being unchanged, He must be able and willing and desirous to heal now.

A. But is there not this difference, namely, that He is not with us now?

B. No; for He said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world"; and so He is with us now, in Spirit, just as much as when He was here in the flesh.

A. But did He not work these miracles of healing when on earth merely to prove that He was the Son of God?

B. No; there was still a greater purpose than that. He healed the sick who trusted in Him in order to show us that He came to die not only for our sins, but for our sicknesses, and to deliver us from both.

A. Then, if that is so, the atonement which He made on the Cross must have been for our sicknesses as well as our sins. Can you prove that is the fact from the Scriptures?

B. Yes, I can, and the passages are very numerous. I need quote two only. In Isaiah 53:4, it is written of Him, "Surely He hath borne our griefs (Hebrew *sicknesses*), and carried our sorrows: . . . and with His stripes we are healed." Then in the Gospel according to Matthew, this passage is quoted and directly applied to the work of bodily healing, in chapter 8, 17th verse, "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our diseases."

A. But no one thinks that sickness is often God's will, and sent for our good, and therefore God may not wish us to be healed?

B. No, that cannot possibly be; for diseases of every kind are the Devil's work, and his work can never be God's will, since Christ came for the very purpose of destroying "the works of the Devil." (1 John 3:8.)

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"The Healing of Christ's seamless dress  
is by all beds of pain;  
We touch Him in life's throng and press,  
And we are whole again."

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# CHEERING WORDS FROM ZION'S QUESTS

## NOTES FROM ZION HOME

THE regular Praise and Testimony Meeting held in Zion Home, Saturday, November 24, 1900, was conducted by Overseer Speicher.

After the usual opening exercises, the States represented were enumerated and found to be eleven in number, as follows: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Washington and Wisconsin.

The following foreign countries were represented:

Austria, Canada, China, Germany, Ireland and Japan.

The meeting was then thrown open for testimony.

MISS MATILDA ERICKSON, Zion Home, said: "I have many things to thank the Lord for. God has wonderfully healed me. I have been very sick in my life.

"I have had two operations. After my second operation, I gave up all medicines because I felt they could do me no good. I felt quite well for about three years and then took sick again. I worked for a doctor at the time, so I began to take medicine again.

"The doctors never told me what my trouble was, but I think it was cancer. I know I was very sick. I was a member of the Methodist Church and did not have any light on Divine Healing. I received a little through reading the Bible myself, but the Lord helped me to receive the full light in Zion.

"Some friends told me of a man who prayed for people and God healed them. I was so sick I could hardly walk. Through the help of friends I came to Zion Home.

"During the whole summer before I came to Zion, I had lost my appetite, but it returned the very first day I was here. I suffered greatly from constipation and I could get no relief. I had thrown away all my medicines three days before coming to Zion, and I always had to take medicine to get relief. Deaconess Hertrich prayed for me, and when I went to my room I prayed again and I was relieved at once. I received a wonderful blessing."

"I then asked the Lord to give me strength to go to Zion Tabernacle. The Devil tried to stop me from going by making me believe I could not stay throughout the meeting and that I was tired and it would be so late when I came home; but I went, and God gave me a wonderful blessing from Dr. Dowie's sermon.

"After the service, Dr. Dowie prayed for and laid hands on me, and I got my healing then and there. I hurried back to the Home and was able to walk very fast. I have been well ever since.

"I also want to praise God for what He has done for my sister. I had been taking care of her for about eight years, but she got so bad I had to take her to Kankakee. After my healing, I took her out of the asylum and later on took her with me to the old country, and trusted her case to God. She got better and better and now she writes me that she is well. My mother also writes me the same.

"My mother has also been converted, and I have another sister who has accepted Christ as her Healer."

WILLIAM H. SCHMIDT, Shelby, Michigan, said: "I praise God first for bringing me to Zion and for the Full Gospel of Jesus Christ. He has delivered me from sin and taught me His will through His blessed Word. I was healed two years ago in answer to prayer. I praise God for the many blessings I have received since coming into Zion."

DEACON S. HOWARD CREAGER, Huntington, Indiana, said: "I am very glad to be in Zion Home with my family.

"Before our marriage, my wife was a total wreck and so was I.

"We were both healed in Zion.

"We have two healthy children. Six months after we were married, my wife was not able to walk two blocks without stopping to rest. This morning she walked a quarter of a mile and carried two grips.

"We are enjoying this work in Zion and find that the more we trust Zion, the more God trusts us. I am very thankful for the many blessings God has given to us."

MRS. ISABELLA S. CORKEY, Londonderry, Ireland, said: "When I first got LEAVES OF HEALING, I was delighted with it. I never had a thought against it. Some two years ago I became a member of the Christian Catholic Church, and I have been working as missionary quite alone for the last year. Deaconess Hill kindly sent me two boxes of literature and they have been a great blessing. When they get into a house, they not only leaven that family, but they leaven the whole district.

"The people seem very well pleased with the literature."

JOHN CORKEY, Zion Home, said: "I have been here about fifteen months. It was a surprise to me when I learned that my mother was coming, but they say 'It's an ill wind that blows nobody good,' and I am very glad to have her here.

"I feel very thankful for the teaching I have received in Zion and for the faith which God is giving me. I pray that God may prepare me so that I may be able to teach the people the Full Gospel.

"I feel very glad tonight that I am in Zion. The longer I am in Zion, the more I love it."

DEACONESS MARIE BRIEGER, Zion Home, said: "I praise God for the many blessings I have received since coming into Zion a year ago last June. I came intending to make a little visit and then return to my mother in Austria, but the beauty of Zion is so great that I had to stay. I feel that it is the Lord's will for me to be here. I returned to Austria about four months ago, and my dear mother is with me now in Zion. She says she loves Zion and is glad to be here, although it was hard for her to give up her lovely home and come to smoky Chicago.

"I thank God He has kept us during our long voyage. The sea was very rough. But we are under the shadow of the Almighty."

MRS. S. H. CREAGER, Huntington, Indiana, said: "I came here on crutches. I suffered from hip disease and had sciatic rheumatism. My crutches now hang on the walls of Zion Tabernacle. My limb was four and a half inches short and it is only one and a half inches short now, and I am getting stronger. I praise God for His goodness to me."

The meeting was then closed with the

### BENEDICTION.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.



# ZION CITY BANK.

By DEACON W. S. PECKHAM.

AND THAT all this assembly may know that Jehovah saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is Jehovah's, and He will give you into our hand.—1 Samuel 17:47.

**W**HILE David fought for Israel, it was Jehovah's battle. Samuel had anointed David King of Israel at the command of Jehovah. Every Divinely-appointed leader of Israel fights for God. In all ages God's battle has been raging—truth against error—good against evil—righteousness against sin.

No SERVANT of Jehovah goes forth to battle alone, or in vain—His Kingdom shall come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

There can be no defeat to the armies of the Lord. Victory is sure in the end, for "Christ is Conqueror."

The moonlight night has sometimes rested upon Zion's battlefield, only to give way to a bright day of Victory.

Zion has never surrendered. Zion has never lost a battle. We are God's conquering people. We shall win every fight until Zion's banner is set up in all the earth. No weapon that is formed against Zion shall prosper.

With the authority of the Messenger of the Covenant, our beloved General Overseer leads the hosts of Zion triumphantly forward.

Moses said to the children of Israel, "Go Forward." He led them victoriously over Jordan and their enemies were drowned in the midst of the sea. So our General Overseer leads his people. God has given him a "forehead harder than flint," and his enemies are all overthrown; none of the wicked can stand before him. The wicked shall be as ashes under the feet of Zion's victorious hosts.

There is no power in earth or hell, among men or devils, to hinder the coming of the Kingdom of God. The little power they now have will soon be swept away.

The nations shall come bending to Zion, the Gentiles shall serve Zion, and God shall rule the earth through Zion.

HE SUFFERED no man to do them wrong;  
Yea, He reproved kings for their sakes;  
Saying, Touch not Mine anointed ones,  
And do My prophets no harm.—1 Chronicles 16:21, 22.

God has sent our beloved General Overseer with credentials, and will not suffer any one to wrong him. He is God's prophet, and no one can touch him and not be destroyed. He has won every fight up to the present time. The last victory was gained last week when Zion's Lace Experts were admitted to this country. This means the establishing of a new and very profitable enterprise which will furnish employment for thousands of Zion's members. The Devil tried hard to defeat this great industry, knowing that Zion City would be advanced and millions of trade brought to the City.

THE DEVIL fears the coming of the City of righteousness, purity, wealth and power. He would like to keep God's people poor, and is the same old Devil as when he made Job poor and helpless. It is the Devil who puts it into men's minds to become poor.

"O, but," some one says, "was not Jesus poor, and had not where to lay His head?"

Yes, but you are not Jesus, and you have not His work to do. He was rich, but He became poor that we might be made rich. He made His grave with the rich and He sitteth in great glory at the right hand of God the Father, Maker and Con-

troller of all things, for God has put all things into His hands. He bore our sins that we might be righteous, He bore our sicknesses that we might be healed, and He bore our poverty that we might be rich.

HALLELUJAH! Christ is victorious over all the Devil's work.

The curse of poverty shall be removed. It is no accident that God has sent us such a leader in financial affairs. The daily press has been compelled to acknowledge his wonderful ability and foresight. Zion City will be built, the many great enterprises established, and wealth and prosperity come to Zion, no matter whether you help or not. But it will be done more quickly if all help. God works through men, and if one people fail, He will raise up another who will do the work.

Let all who are able to help, and will not do so, get out of the way. Neither God nor Zion has any use for the fearful, indifferent or unwilling. Our General Overseer cannot lead such a people to victory.

MANY DO not know the greatness of Zion. The denominations were apostate. There was no Church which God could use. He could not put new wine into old bottles.

There was no city which God could use, for the cities of the world belong almost entirely to the Devil. There was no nation which God could use, for all the nations had forgotten God. So God called into existence, by His Messenger, the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

GOD WILL build the cities and call forth the nation and set up the glorious Kingdom of God. Let no one hinder. Let all willingly offer themselves and all they have to this mighty work.

Zion does not ask her people to give their possessions, but to let them be used for God and Zion. This is God's battle, and all who furnish means to Zion now are helping in the fight and shall share in the joy of triumphant victory.

If we believe Zion is of God, we will have faith in all the work of Zion.

Victory over every foe is assured!  
Christ is Victor!  
Hallelujah!

HAVE FAITH in God.—Mark 11:22.

And this is the victory that hath overcome the world, even our faith.—1 John 5:4.

Who through faith subdued kingdoms.—Hebrews 11:33.

RECENTLY a dear sister in Iowa sent \$100 to start a fund to be used in establishing an Orphans' Home in Zion City. This money is now in Zion City Bank, and will be kept sacredly for the purpose for which it was given. Who will add to this fund? The donor in sending it writes: "This money belonged to a little boy of mine, now in heaven."

With large Orphans' Homes, Zion can rescue and train thousands of boys and girls for God and Zion.

If you are interested in God's work in Zion, help while you are living, and then you will know that the money goes where you want it to go. If your property is tied up in such a way as to prevent your giving now, make a will and leave a gift to this noble work. Every day the denominational, State and other institutions are receiving large bequests by wills. Ought not Zion members to be as loyal to her institutions?



# A VOICE TO ZION AND GOD'S PEOPLE IN EVERY LAND.

O thou that tellest Good Tidings to Zion, Get thee up into the High Mountain lift up thy voice with strength: lift it up, be not afraid: Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Isaiah, XL: 9.

## PRAISE AND TESTIMONY.

*Report of Meetings held in Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Morning, Afternoon and Evening, November 25, 1900. Praise and Testimony.*

*Report of Meeting held in Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Morning, November 18, 1900. Testimonies on Tithing.*

REPORTED BY S. D. W. AND A. W. N.

IN the especial Thanksgiving season of the last Lord's Day of November it was fitting that Zion in Chicago should meet together for the purpose of praising God for the unspeakably great blessings which He has been and is showering upon her.

Salvation from a state of rebellion against God, cleansing from every sin, healing from disease, the foul offspring of Sin and Satan, a glorious entry upon the beautiful Highway of Holy Living, prosperity in material things, happiness in the home, and keeping from all the power of the enemy, were among the wondrous things which were spoken of God and His works.

Zion gave especial thanks to God for the bright, happy testimonies of some who had recently crossed the broad Atlantic Ocean to come to Zion.

We also add the testimonies of Lord's Day morning, November 18, 1900, when a number of God's people in Zion told of the great spiritual, physical and material blessings which God gave in fulfilment of His promise to those who obeyed His command and brought "The Whole Tithe into the Storehouse."

We earnestly pray that these testimonies, as they go forth over the entire world on these beautiful white wings, will carry to weary hearts a Message of the Love, Power, Faith and Hope of God.

### MORNING SERVICE.

Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Morning, November 25, 1900.

The meeting was taken in charge by Overseer Speicher, and opened by singing Hymn Number 192:

I've reached the land of corn and wine,  
And all its riches freely mine;  
Here shines undimm'd one blissful day,  
For all my night has passed away.

The thirty-fifth chapter of Isaiah was then repeated by the audience.

Prayer was offered by Overseer Speicher, after which the announcements were made and the offering received.

The meeting was then thrown open for praise and testimony.

### INVOCATION.

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in Thy sight, and unto this people, and unto all to whom these words shall come, in this and every time, for Jesus' sake.

**Raised From a Dying Bed Eleven Years Ago in Answer to Dr. Dowie's Prayers.**

Deaconess Jennie Paddock, Matron of Zion Home of Hope, 18 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I wish to praise God this morning for what He has done for me. It is almost eleven years now since God so wonderfully raised me up from a dying bed.

"I praise Him for the strength He has given me and the work He has given me to do. I praise Him for all His goodness. I praise Him that He saved me from sin.

"I praise Him for our General Overseer, that he came to bring us these precious truths. I feel that I owe my life to him under God for this teaching.

"The first Zion cottage meeting in Chicago was held at our home when we lived at 1579 Filmore Street, about eight years ago. It was after I was healed. I praise God

for the blessing we received there. Mr. Cotton was converted at that meeting."

**Healed of Rheumatism, Heart Trouble, Kidney Trouble and Bad Habits.**

P. W. Zoller, 617 Thirty-fifth Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I praise God for His keeping power. I have been in Zion four years and nine months, and I have not had one day's sickness. Before that I was always ailing more or less. While in Zion I have gotten rid of rheumatism, which always used to afflict me in the shoulder; also of heart trouble and kidney trouble. I was also healed of bad habits. I praise God for Zion."

**Healed of Abscesses on Hip. Leg Lengthened Four Inches.**

Miss Hattie Cowell, 4817 Champlain Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I praise God for what He has done for me. I was sick most of my life. I never really knew what it was to have good health until after I heard of Zion. LEAVES OF HEALING was sent to me, and I accepted the teaching after a long time. There was so much talk against it that I had no confidence in it, but when I did make up my mind to come to Zion God wonderfully blessed me. I was enabled to earn money to come. My people would not give me the money because they did not believe in Zion.

"I had abscesses on my hip which discharged for eleven



CENTRAL ZION TABERNACLE.

years. They are perfectly healed. My limb is now four inches longer than it was when I first came to Zion."

**God's Power Heals Abscesses on Eye and Removes Scars.**

N. A. Robinson, 1243 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I praise God for blessings which I have received during the last few days. My eye was sore some time ago. I had a number of ulcers on the ball of the eye which impaired the eyesight and left a scar right over the pupil so that it does not focus. I thank God that during the last few days He has been removing that. While sitting here I opened the Bible to the fifth chapter of First Corinthians. I was able to close the well eye and read a portion of that chapter.

"When I first came to Zion I was wearing a cloth over my eyes.

"I was walking along the street and a gentleman told me of Zion. I came, and within three days after I arrived at Zion Home God took all that pain and inflammation right away. I have lost but one day's work from that time to this. God did it, and I praise Him for it."

**Saved in Zion. Daughter Healed.**

Mrs. Lyda Touers, 18 Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I thank and praise God for the many blessings I have received since coming into Zion. I thank the Lord for LEAVES OF HEALING. I thank God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon me and upon my little girl. She fell downstairs and hurt herself severely. Her face was all skinned. Mrs. Paddock prayed for her and instantly the pain left her. There is no scar left on her face whatever. I thank God that there is a Zion School for her to go to, where she does not meet with the same contamination that there is in the public school."

Overseer Speicher—Has God saved you in Zion?  
Mrs. Touers—"Yes, saved us from sin."

**Brought to Zion in Answer to Prayer. Healed of Quinsy.**

John Sowrby, 1243 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I thank God that I am in Zion. I was brought to Zion by LEAVES OF HEALING. It was sent by a brother about three years ago. I was converted in the Salvation Army. As I read the General Overseer's sermons in which he talked against tobacco, pork, liquor and Secret Societies, I saw that it did not altogether agree with the teaching of the Salvation Army. I had been in the Canadian Foresters for about eleven years.

"At last I had the General Overseer pray for me that I might come to Zion. Then the way was opened for me so that I could come, and I thank God for it. I have received wonderful blessing here. I used to be troubled with the quinsy. When I came here Elder Brasefield prayed for me and it all went away in a day or two."

Overseer Speicher—How about the Foresters?  
Mr. Sauerby—"I got out of that."

**God Greatly Strengthens Weak Eyes.**

Miss Leah Smith, 1425 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I am thankful this morning to be able to testify in Zion. From the time that I can first remember, almost, I have been troubled with my eyes. I had ulcers on both my eyes; also granulated eye lids.

"Two years ago last Christmas I was doing a great deal of embroidery work. I worked night and day, so that for five weeks after Christmas I could scarcely bear daylight on my eyes. They were bandaged all the time. When I went out I wore black glasses. We were all having a great deal of trouble at that time, and mamma wrote a family letter and asked the General Overseer to pray for us all. From that time to this my eyes have been growing stronger. Since starting to school in Zion College my eyes have grown stronger."

**Partially Deaf Ear Healed When Confession of Faith is Made.**

William Tucker, 39 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I have been healed a great many times both before and since I came to Zion. Last February I received the right hand of fellowship as a member of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion. Among the questions which the General Overseer asked was this: 'Are you willing to trust Jesus with your spirit, soul and body?' When I said Yes, my ear popped

and I could hear as well as ever. For a long time I had been hard of hearing."

**Healed of Gathering in Ear, at Time of Prayer.**

Mrs. E. E. Ketler, 1517 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "At the time Dr. Speicher was ordained I had a gathering in my ear. I went into the prayer room and the Doctor prayed for me, and it broke and ran out. I praise God for so wonderfully healing me."

**Healed of Gatherings in the Ears, at Time of Baptism.**

Mrs. George Baumgartner, 180 Twenty-third Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I thank God for what He has done for me. He has healed me of many things. Ever since I was seven years of age I have had gatherings in my ear. My ear would gather and break about every month. This began after I had the measles. Sometimes my ears would stop up and then when they would break, large scales would drop out from the inside.

"When I went into the baptistry to be baptized by Triune Immersion, I prayed for my ears. They were gathering at the time. All soreness left, and I have never been troubled since. I have been healed ever since I was baptized."

**Healed and Wonderfully Kept Well for Five Years.**

Mrs. P. M. Pederson, 480 West Superior Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I thank God for His wonderful keeping power. Next Thursday, Thanksgiving, it will be five years since the Lord wonderfully healed me, for which I praise Him. I was saved and healed in Zion Tabernacle No. 2. God has wonderfully kept me. He has been a great blessing to our home. I thank God for it."

**Family Wonderfully Brought into Zion and Blessed.**

Elder Emma K. Mason, Zion Home, said: "I have very great reason to praise God for the wonderful way He has led me and all my family into Zion. We have trusted God as the Healer, and very patiently and gently He has led us on. I wonder that we did not learn the lesson sooner. Just at the time we seemed to need LEAVES OF HEALING, it came to us, and led us out fully into the light, and led us to accept Jesus as our All and in All. I praise God for bringing us all into Zion."

Overseer Speicher—We have with us this morning a young man who has given up pharmacy, or sorcery, rather. He has given up his drugs and is now attending Zion College.

**Rescued by Zion Literature From Study of Pharmacy and Brought into Zion College. Healed of Disease.**

Alvin Marshall, 2522 Calumet Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I am indeed thankful to God that He has led me out of the profession of sorcery and into Zion. I came to Chicago the end of last September to study pharmacy. For four years I have been endeavoring to live a Christian life according to my light. When I first came to Chicago the physician told me I would have to leave the city on account of my health. But I have not.

"I waited for some time, and I think providentially, when I was led into a Zion home. Then I read literature containing the General Overseer's writings. The first one I received was the tract on 'Doctors, Drugs and Devils.' That applied to my case, and reading that very carefully, I prayed to God that I might be enlightened. I spent almost a whole week in prayer. I searched the Scriptures with an earnest prayer that I might know if I were wrong. The more I searched and prayed, the more I became convinced that I was wrong. I became so miserable that I could not work. I finally decided to give up pharmacy, regardless of the results. I quit it; threw away my medicines and began to trust God. Since then my health has been improving, and I am today a student in Zion College."

**God Gives a Healthy Zion Baby Who is Kept Well.**

Evangelist Anna Armstrong, Zion Home, said: "I praise the Lord for what He has done for me since I came to Zion. He has blessed me wonderfully every day, and I have learned to know Him better.

"I praise Him for the nice little Zion boy He has given me since coming to Zion, and for the wondrous way in which He delivered me when he was born. The nurse said that if



we had not had faith in God that little boy could never have been born alive.

"I praise God also that He has kept that little baby. He has been sick twice. Dr. Speicher has prayed for him and he has recovered. Once he was very near death, as it seems, but God has blessed him, and now he is well and strong and a great source of happiness and blessing to us. I praise the Lord for it.

"I thank Him that He has healed me from headache. I used to suffer a great deal from that, but now I am well, and never have any headache. I praise God for Zion. I praise God for raising up a man like our General Overseer."

#### Strength and Blessing From God in Answer to Prayer.

Mrs. Rachel A. Blake, 5539 Jackson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I thank and praise the Lord for what He has done for me. I thank Him especially for the blessings of the past three or four weeks. I have been called upon to give up my home, and necessarily there was a great deal of hard work to be done. I prayed to God for strength, which I received. The first thing in the morning and the last thing at night, my heart goes out in prayer and praise to God for His goodness to me. I thank Him for the General Overseer. I thank God for His dear Son."

#### Brought Out of Presbyterian Ministry. Partially Healed of Catarrh. Blessings in Family.

Rev. E. J. Witte, 1628 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "My heart rejoices this morning in the fact that Zion has the true teaching. I am from the Presbyterian Church. I have been connected with that Church for a great many years. My father was in the Presbyterian ministry for a great many years. He is a dyed-in-the-wool Presbyterian, and of course he cannot appreciate anything but Presbyterianism.

"I followed the footsteps of my father as long as I could. I fought Divine Healing for some time, but when, through the mercy and goodness of God, my eyes were opened to the truth, I accepted it, and I have been telling my friends and writing to them that if they would only compare the teaching of Zion with the teaching of the Bible, they would find a perfect harmony running all the way through. There are no contradictions. I defy any of my old friends to find one single contradiction.

"I have been accused of being very severe in denouncing certain sins in the Church, and in consequence I lost my position several times; but I did not go as far as Zion does. If I had, I suppose I would have been out of the Church long ago.

"I found when I got to Zion that I was not getting any skimmed milk. I have been feeding upon good, solid cream since I have been in Zion, and as a baby I am getting fat on the milk of Zion. I believe that will be true in the case of any one who will sit down and spend a few moments in meditation upon God's Word as Zion teaches it. They cannot help but see the truths.

"I can testify to healing this morning, and I do it joyfully. I was afflicted with catarrh from the time I was seventeen years of age. I tried every medicine under the sun. I had my nostrils cauterized a number of times by experts in catarrh. I received temporary relief, and that was all.

"Since I have been in Zion I have been growing better; I have felt better in every way.

"I have had some experience with my own family. The little baby has been restored from an attack of cholera-infantum.

"My heart is full this morning. I rejoice in being in Zion."

#### Healed of Paralysis.

Alice Goodenough, 1632 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I praise God for what He has done for me. I was paralyzed on my right side. I came here and was prayed for. Then I could walk. I have been better ever since. I praise God."

#### Blessed in God's Service in Zion. Eyes Restored to Normal Sight.

Mrs. Letta M. Entwistle, 5021 Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "It is now nearly three years since one of the faithful members called at my home on two or three different occasions, leaving me LEAVES OF HEALING and obtaining my promise that I would read them, and that I would come to Zion and get the teaching. From that time on I had great joy and peace in the service in Zion. My motto has been Zion first, last and all the time.

"I had begun to use glasses for my eyes, but when I found out that Jesus was the Healer, I accepted Him for every need that I had, and now I do not use glasses and do not require them. I have been a student all my life, and it is a great and joyful privilege to me to still continue my study of God's Word. I hope to prove faithful until I shall have finished my course."

Miss Alice M. Coulson, 10 Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "Three weeks ago I took a very severe cold. I went to bed feeling quite sick. When I went to bed I prayed very earnestly that I might be healed. I had just gone to sleep when I broke out into a perspiration. In the morning I was perfectly well. A week ago Saturday night I took another severe cold. I had something like the grip, with fever and headache and backache. I felt very sick, but I prayed and gradually the healing came. Monday morning I was feeling better, and by Monday night I felt quite well. I praise God for the blessing He has given me in other ways. I praise God that He has recently opened the way for me to attend college."

Overseer Speicher—All who are willing to serve God with their whole hearts as far as they have light and knowledge, stand and tell Him so.

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. I thank Thee for Jesus Christ and for His Salvation; for His Healing; for His Cleansing power. I thank Thee for all He has done for me and the world. Take me as I am, and make me more worthy; make me more faithful; give me more power; give me more strength, and make me more earnest that I may serve Thee better. Give me Thy Holy Spirit, that I may be kept from sin, from sickness, from the power of the evil one, for Jesus' sake. Amen. (All repeat the prayer, clause by clause, after Overseer Speicher.)

#### BENEDICTION.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

#### AFTERNOON SERVICE.

Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Afternoon, November 25, 1900.

The meeting was taken in charge by Overseer Piper and opened by singing Hymn Number 92.

The Apostles' Creed was then repeated.

The third chapter of the Book of Malachi was then read.

Prayer was offered by Overseer Speicher, after which the tithes and offering were received.

The meeting was then thrown open for praise and testimony.

#### INVOCATION.

Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in Thy sight and helpful to each other, oh Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer.

Overseer Piper—First of all, I will ask Deaconess Brieger who has just recently returned, bringing with her her mother from Austria, to speak to us.

Previous to her leaving she was translating LEAVES OF HEALING into the German tongue, and will resume the direction of that work again. I am glad to welcome Deaconess Brieger back to Zion Tabernacle. May God bless you, Deaconess. (Applause.)

#### Thanksgiving for Return to Zion After Five Months' Absence in Europe.

Deaconess Brieger said: "It is a great privilege for me to be in Zion again, for I have been absent about five months. The blessings of Zion and the prayers of Zion have accompanied me during all this time.

"When I went home I stopped in Zurich, Switzerland, but I did not know why. I think it must have been the Lord who guided me. I knew of a minister who is very much blessed there. I found him sick. He could not receive me, so the Lord directed me to see other children of God, whom I did not know before. Some of them are very much interested in Zion.

"Now there are some people who have formed a company to invite Dr. Dowie to Zurich, Switzerland. They are convinced that Zion is of God. Their hearts are full of joy, and some of them have said they would go into fire with the General Overseer.

"I have to thank the Lord for the many blessings I have received in Zion. When I came into Zion, quite a stranger, last



year, I felt the power of the Lord. At first when LEAVES OF HEALING reached me in Austria, I thought it was just what I wanted, and the Lord opened the way for me to come to Chicago and to Zion very wonderfully. When I came, I realized that the half had not been told to me. The Lord blessed me here. I was healed, and then He used me to work for Zion. I thank God for this privilege. I know when He led me back to my dear mother He helped me to fight the fight, because it was very hard for her all alone. She loved Zion very much, and had been alone during the whole winter. She was rejoiced to receive LEAVES OF HEALING and to receive my letters, and rejoiced for the great things which have been done in Zion. She became a member at heart. Now she has come with me. She has left the lovely sweet climate, and I am glad that the Lord has kept her.

"We had some glorious days in London with the General Overseer, and many blessings there. We praise the Lord for it."

"A little report of the days in London appeared in the German LEAVES OF HEALING in Volume 1, Number 12.

"I thank God that he has kept us. The weather was very rough, but His protecting care was over us.

"I am so glad that blessings from America are going out to Europe. LEAVES OF HEALING brings great blessing to the people in Europe. A man has been healed in Zurich through reading LEAVES OF HEALING. The paper made a great impression upon him. He thought that if the Lord could heal all of these diseases of those who testified, He could heal him also. He surrendered fully to God, was healed, and is now working for Zion with all his heart. He has some friends whose hearts are in Zion.

"There are many people who are looking for Zion. I thank God that Zion is a refuge for the afflicted of His people.

"May God bless our dear General Overseer and all Zion everywhere." (Amen.)

Overseer Piper—I remember, and I suppose a number of others present also remember, that about two years ago the General Overseer announced that he had just received an application for fellowship from a lady living in Londonderry, Ireland, whose husband was a Presbyterian minister. I thought, "Poor, unfortunate minister, and still more unfortunate wife!" I thought if that worked well in the home of a parson, it would be one of the greatest miracles that Zion had ever wrought. It has not worked very well, and this afternoon we will have the pleasure of hearing from that sister in Christ, who will tell her own story in her own words: Mrs. Corkey, the mother of one of our students.

We shall now have the pleasure of hearing from Mrs. Corkey, late of Londonderry, Ireland. (Applause.)

**Mrs. Isabella S. Corkey, Wife of a Presbyterian Minister in Londonderry, Ireland, Tells of Her Coming to Zion.**

Mrs. Corkey said: "My dear friends, I am thankful to the Lord that He has brought me to Zion, which is being founded and to which members are being brought from all parts of the world by the words of God's Messenger.

"I was born in Australia more than sixty years ago. My father was a holy man. He knew Christ as his Saviour and had great anxiety for me that I should be born again. He did not know Jesus as his only Healer. He took some sickness and went to the physician, who gave him laudanum. For three years and a half he had to take laudanum by the physician's orders. I believe now he was poisoned by the laudanum.

"After his death, my mother took me and my two sisters to Edinburgh to be educated. I was converted to the Lord at the age of sixteen through the teaching of Mr. James Gall, who had charge of the meetings every Sabbath evening in Edinburgh in the Free Assembly Hall, and also mission meetings in Clovers Close in the Cannongate. After my conversion, I worked in this mission and distributed literature until I left Edinburgh.

"I was married to a Presbyterian minister thirty-five years ago. We have eight sons and three daughters. My children all know Christ as their Saviour, and my sons are all anxious to be ministers and to work for the Lord. We taught our children to give the title.

"Six of my sons are preaching the Gospel, and the Lord blessed us. My oldest daughter has been a missionary in Egypt since last summer. I am sorry to say we do not all know that Jesus is the Healer.

"Before I received LEAVES OF HEALING I was healed in answer to my husband's prayers and mine.

"One of my children, the second youngest son, was very seriously ill. The doctor said he could not do any more for the boy. It would be wrong to give him any more medicine. We must take him to the Great Physician. Of course he meant that the child would die. I did not understand it that way. I took him to the Lord. I prayed earnestly for that boy. He fell asleep and the next morning he appeared to be a great deal better. The doctor came in. I said, 'Look at this child, doctor. I think he is better.'

"He examined him. He said, 'Oh, you are a good nurse. What did you do for him? What did you give him?' I said, 'I did what you told me, doctor. I took him to the Great Physician and He has healed him.' The child was quite well. He is a grown up man now. He drove me to the boat when I was coming away to America this time.

"But I thought all this time that it was some special blessing we had gotten. I did not know that Diving Healing was for everything; that Jesus was the Healer of every disease. After my son John got LEAVES OF HEALING from a student and brought it home, he and I devoured it eagerly. We took in everything we saw in it. We had no objections to anything. They were just what we had been wanting. I was so delighted that I could get my Doctor at any time of day or night. (Applause.)

"I was a very anxious mother, and my family physician was often very impatient with me. On one occasion he said, when I sent the message for him, 'Does Dr. Corkey say it is necessary that I should go, or is it Mrs. Corkey?' So I was so thankful when I got a Doctor who would never tire of me, and would come at all times. (Applause.)

"We subscribed for and received LEAVES OF HEALING regularly. We became members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion. My son was in college in Londonderry. Out of seven professors there, four of them went to the theater. His father had always taught him that if any one went to the theater, he was making a bee-line for the pit. So that finished him with Londonderry. He asked his father if he would let him go to America to college. He came to America and chose his own college, and came to Zion. (Applause.)

"We heard of a man in Londonderry before John went away who had cancer in his mouth. John visited him and told him of God's Way of Healing. We gave him Zion Literature to read. He is a smoker. John told him he must ask the Lord to make him hate tobacco, because very likely the tobacco had given him the disease. He did give up the tobacco. He prayed, and he is now quite well. He sits in the gallery just opposite my husband every Sunday, and yet strange the people do not believe in the healing. They say, 'Oh, he just got better.' (Laughter.)

"I visited a number of sick people. Whenever I heard of sick persons I tried to pass them the literature. We have doctors in our congregation, and a sister of one of them comes frequently to call at our house. She tells me of a number of cases; her brother is such a clever doctor, and before she is right away from the house I am getting the names and addresses and visiting these people with Zion Literature. (Laughter and applause.)

"Deaconess Hill very kindly sent us two boxes of literature. They were a great prize to me. I have sent parcels of literature all through the country. Wherever Zion Literature went, the ministers were disgusted. Whenever they went into the houses, the people would bring out the literature, saying, 'Do you see this? We have such lovely tracts from America telling about the Lord as the Healer.'

"The ministers complained to my husband that I was scattering errors through the congregation, and that I was destroying the Presbyterian Church, and it would not do at all. (Applause and laughter.)

"My husband was so interested in his work that he took no interest in Zion at all. He thought it was some little thing which would pass away, or that it was something that the ladies could amuse themselves with, but gentlemen had more sense. (Laughter.) But when he heard that members of his own Church were reading it and believing in it, and getting converted to it, he was not pleased. He said that the doctors should be allowed to attend to their work and I to mine; the doctors were to attend to the bodies and we were to attend to the souls and spirits.

"I tried to get him into Zion, and he tried to get me out of Zion, and for a while we worked that way. (Laughter and applause.)

"At last he said it was not right that any one belonging to Zion should live in the manse and scatter literature which was destroying the Presbyterian Church. He gave me my choice, either not to mention Zion inside of the house, to put the literature away, to attend to the Presbyterian Church work, and to no other church work, or to leave the manse.

"I could not leave Zion. If I lost faith in Christ as my Healer, I would lose faith in Christ as my Saviour. (Amens.)

"It makes my heart rejoice that I am here. I arrived yesterday in Zion, and I am so thankful to be here, because as I look around upon your faces, the words come to my mind: 'These are they which come out of the great tribulation, and they washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the Throne of God; and they serve Him day and night.'

"Why should we not serve Him? He has washed us in His blood. He has taken our sins, our sicknesses, our sorrows away and made us kings and princes unto God. I ask of you, dear Christian friends in Zion, that you will pray that a strong Church may be raised up in Londonderry. (Amens.) There are a number of earnest people there. Pray that my husband and all my family may be brought into Zion." (Applause.)

Overseer Piper—I am sure you have all been glad to hear dear Mrs. Corkey. Now we will be glad to hear from her son, John Corkey, a student in Zion College. (Applause.)

#### Student From Far-Away Ireland Blessed in Tithing.

Mr. Corkey said: "It has been about fifteen months since I came to Zion from Ireland, and it seems just a few weeks ago. I came to attend college, and my father did not care to give me any money when he heard where I was coming. My mother gave me a sum of money, and when I came I just figured out how long this would do me, and then the question came up, Would I give a tithe of this to God? A tithe of this belonged to God, but I thought, I would reserve this money to go to college. But I did not feel quite happy, and I did not get peace with God and victory from all sin until I gave the tithe of that to God. God has blessed me.

"I feel very thankful today that my mother is here with me on Zion Tabernacle platform. It is one of the happiest days of my life. I think a happier day will be when I shall see my father standing here, too. (Applause.)

"Pray that I may give a right answer to friends who are writing, calling me a destroyer of the peace of a happy family, and saying practically that I ought to have my head broken. I would like you to pray that God may break their hearts. I am very happy to be in Zion." (Applause.)

Overseer Piper—We have something of a remarkable answer to prayer in our family during this past week. Mrs. Piper will tell you about it.

#### Delivered From Fear and Healed of Very Painful Induration of the Breast.

Mrs. Piper said: "I thank God for a wonderful blessing I received last week.

"Last Tuesday night, just before retiring, I noticed in my right breast a very hard lump about the size of a walnut. I at first did not pay much attention to it, but it began to pain me a great deal. I sent word to my husband, who was down in his office, to pray for me. I did not want him to see me because I was very badly scared, and when I get scared, he scolds. (Laughter.) The only thing I could think of was cancer.

"I went to bed praying that God would take the fear out of my heart. I did not pray for healing. Wednesday morning I found it had grown quite a good deal, and was paining me very much, and before Wednesday night it had become twice its original size. The hardness seemed to be nearly over the entire breast, and it was paining my right arm quite a great deal. I was badly scared, and the only prayer I uttered was, 'God, take the fear out of my heart.'

"On Wednesday night I found I could not sleep very well on account of the pain. On Thursday morning I vowed I would get the fear out of my heart and get an answer. I had my husband pray for me, and from that time on the hardness disappeared and the lump passed away. It did not seem to be a swelling, but seemed to be a hardness of some kind. It passed away quite rapidly, and today it is entirely gone. I thank God with a full heart.

"I do not know what it was, and I do not care. It was quite painful. It came very suddenly, and it is gone now.

"I thank God also for an answer to prayer we received for our little baby when he was seven weeks old. He seemed to get quite sick for some reason. I do not know what the trouble was. We prayed for him, and he is quite well today. He is gaining rapidly. I thank God for all His blessings to us." (Applause.)

Overseer Piper—My wife tells you that I scold when she gets scared. That is right. I own up to that. She did not tell of all the times I scolded. She only told that she was very much scared. The only thing she could think of was cancer, cancer, cancer!

Finally I said, "Suppose you do have cancer; what difference does that make? There is no use in getting afraid, whether it is cancer or whether it is not. God is just as able to heal cancer as He is anything else."

It was quite a remarkable answer to prayer, and I also thank God for it.

#### Healed of Chronic Sore Throat of Sixteen Years' Standing.

John Murdock, 137 Homer Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I thank God for Zion. I ought to know Zion. I have seen Zion since it was a baby. I have heard the words, 'fraud, humbug and sham,' from every source, but Zion goes on just the same. (Applause.) I thank God that Zion to me is everything. Without Zion, this world to me would be a blank. Had it not been for Zion and the power of God through faith in Jesus, I would be under the sod.

"I was healed in 1892 of a chronic sore throat. A minister in one of the congregations of which I was a member said I never had any sore throat; that there was nothing the matter with me. I ought to know. When a man has had chronic sore throat for sixteen years, week in and week out, I am inclined to believe he ought to know when God heals it. My wife and I knelt and prayed for God to heal my sore throat, and He healed it in a moment. My throat has never bothered me since, and that is nearly nine years ago. I was healed of other troubles too numerous to mention.

"In January, 1898, I was healed of blood-poisoning. I was working in Zion Home, and got my hand poisoned. At the All-Night Meeting, the General Overseer prayed for me. He prayed for me before that, but there was no answer. I wondered why. I had sinned, and until that sin was confessed and I vowed to put it right with God, there was no answer. God showed me very plainly my sin, and I vowed to Him to put it right. Then the General Overseer prayed and laid hands on me, and from that time I experienced no pain. I took cold in my arm two or three different times, and it became worse, but I was always healed.

"For six long weeks there was no life in that arm. The bone was decayed and spongy and soft. It was completely paralyzed and dead. I am told that, from a surgical point of view, an arm that has been dead for six weeks is never any use any more. A certain doctor in the city told me that. He said it was impossible.

"It was impossible with man, but God healed that arm and it never was stronger than now.

"Recently I was quite severely bitten by a dog on that very arm and on my leg. I did not get afraid. I had been healed before. I knew God had not changed. I sent a request for prayer to Overseer Piper. At 11 o'clock, I just knelt and prayed in our office while I knew that Overseer Piper was praying. I was told that I ought to have the wounds cauterized by a physician, but I knew God's power and willingness to heal. He quickly answered prayer, and I was healed.

"The dog which bit me was a very large one, weighing over 100 pounds."

Overseer Piper—I remember the night very well. I received the request for prayer. I prayed, I think, at about 11 o'clock.

#### Blessed Through Giving God the First Portion.

Elder A. W. McClurkin, 1320 Wrightwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I will begin my testimony this afternoon by reading First John, first chapter, third verse: 'That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you also, that ye also may have fellowship with us: yea, and our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.'

"One reason why I wish to testify this afternoon is this: A little over two years ago I sat back there and heard Dr. Dowie speak. Just a few days before that I had received the greatest

hammering I ever got in my life. I felt the sorest I ever felt in my life, but I did have grace enough to keep my mouth shut. I simply listened. I thank God that I did. The General Overseer was enabled by the power and Spirit of God to knock a little of the nonsense out of me.

"I believed through reading LEAVES OF HEALING before ever coming to Zion. I came to investigate Zion, and incidentally to get investigated myself. When I went back home I knew I must get into Zion or camp by myself. God's Word is plain against that, calling it schism in the Church of Christ.

"I thank God for Zion; that it is 'a refuge for the afflicted of His people.'

"I have received great blessing through bringing the whole tithe into the Storehouse. When I first began receiving a little income, I first used a part of it for myself, and would leave the tithe until about the last dollar. Every time I have held back the last dollar for the tithe it has been all the harder to pay. I now give the first dollar. That dollar is the Lord's before I use a single penny for myself, and I have received great blessing."

#### **Blessed in Tithe-Paying for Over Thirty Years.**

Elder W. O. Dinius, 432 Calumet Avenue, Harvey, Illinois, said: "I began giving my tithe when I was saved, between thirty and forty years ago.

"I am glad I have been kept out of Secret Societies. I have never spent a dollar in my life in Secret Societies. I am an old soldier, but I never joined the G. A. R. I was a Christian before it started. It has four terrible oaths.

"I now have a nice home in Harvey, and I have been blessed in every way in paying tithes."

#### **Property Doubled in a Few Years When Tithes Were Brought into the Storehouse.**

John Johnson, 32 Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "About nine years ago I became convicted that the giving of the tithe was right. I was then living on a rented farm, and I found some difficulty in determining the exact tithe, but I kept on. Finally we quit farming and moved into town. I went to work for wages, then I knew exactly what the tithe was.

"I was a member of the Baptist Church, and my wife was a member of the Methodist Church. I soon found that I had to get out of the Baptist Church, as I was reading LEAVES OF HEALING. I had been in the habit of giving my tithes to various departments of the Church work, but when I came to Zion I saw that was wrong, and I brought it into the Storehouse.

"I have two dollars today where I had one a few years ago."

#### **Made Happier by Paying Tithes.**

E. A. Parsons, 128 Seventy-sixth Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I have been in Zion over two years. I began to pay tithes as soon as I was informed that I should. I thank God I am square with the Storehouse. There were times, especially in the beginning, when I did not quite understand the method, but I certainly am glad that I am paying it in God's way now.

"I did not always put aside the first dollar, and I have found, like others, that the tithe is the hardest dollar to pay when we do not pay it at first. I had allowed myself to get behind, but I paid it all up the other day, and I have been happier ever since. I have made a new resolve to pay every week."

#### **Steady Increase of Income Through Paying Tithes.**

Deacon A. F. Mueller, 1053 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I praise God today that I am permitted once more, by the Grace of God, to stand on this platform to tell of His blessing to me since I came into Zion. When our General Overseer began speaking of the great necessity of paying our tithes, I began paying. God has blessed me ever since, spiritually, physically and financially. My income has increased right along steadily, and I praise God for it."

Joseph Siemon, 3078 Lock Street, Chicago, Illinois, said that he had been greatly blessed since he had commenced to pay his tithes.

Overseer Piper—I will ask those of you who are earning more money today than you were when you began tithing, and believe it is because you are conscientiously paying your tithes, to stand. (Between 200 and 300 persons responded to this call.)

Those of you who may not be earning more money, but seem to make the money go further than it did before, stand

(In addition to those who stood as mentioned above, at least 200 more persons arose.)

God has promised that if we will pay our tithes, He will do many things for us.

All of those who got sick and could receive no healing until they paid their tithes, stand. (In response to this call eight persons arose.)

I have heard of several cases.

All of you who are now paying your tithes into the Storehouse, stand. (The entire audience now arose, except, perhaps, 150 persons, many of whom were strangers.)

It is all humbug talking about being your own distributors of tithes, as some do. You distribute your tithes as you please, and I distribute mine, and all the rest distribute as they please. I wonder where that would land us?

A lay member cannot see the needs of the work as well as an Elder. An Elder in the Christian Catholic Church cannot see the needs of the cause of Christ throughout the world as well as I can. I cannot see them as well as the General Overseer can. You cannot spend the tithes as wisely for God.

The meeting was then closed with the following

#### **BENEDICTION.**

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you, keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen

#### **EVENING SERVICE.**

Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Evening, November 25, 1900.

The meeting was taken in charge by Deacon Kessler, and opened by singing Hymn Number 14.

The Scripture lesson as found in First John, fourth chapter, was then read.

Prayer was offered by Deacon Peckham.

The announcements were then made and the offering received, after which the meeting was thrown open for praise and testimony.

#### **Wonderfully Blessed in Zion After Much Suffering.**

Miss Matilda Erickson, Zion Home, said: "I thank God tonight for the wonderful blessing I have received in Zion Home. I was converted when I was nineteen years of age.

"I have been sick a great deal during my life. I had typhus fever, and after that I was taken to the Wesley Hospital. I went through an operation there, and a year from that time I had to go through another operation. I gave up medicine and was well three years, then I began taking medicine again.

"I belonged to the Methodist Church, and I did not have any teaching. I saw a little of Divine Healing in the Bible.

Then I came to Zion, where I received a wonderful blessing."

#### **God Heals of Typhoid Fever, Blood-Poisoning and Measles.**

Miss Ella Herschberger, Zion Home, said: "I thank God for Zion. I came to Zion six years ago. I believe I was a child of God when I came, and I lived up to the light I had. I was a member of the Methodist Church.

"I have been healed, since I came to Zion, of blood-poisoning and typhoid fever and measles. I was healed of measles when they thought I was passing away. When the General Overseer prayed for me, God heard prayer and I was healed.

"I have also been blessed in giving my tithes to God. It seems I can make my money go many times as far as I used to.

"My two sisters and my mother are in Zion, and they have been greatly blessed since they came. They are members of this Church. My brother is a student in Zion College, for which I thank God. My testimony is in LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume VI, Number 4. I praise God for all He has done for me in Zion."

#### **Instantly Healed of Severe Dropsy and Heart Trouble.**

Mrs. Fannie Yeizer, 1536 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I thank God tonight for His wonderful keeping power. During the winter of 1895 I first heard of Zion through LEAVES OF HEALING, when I read Sunshine Harding's testimony. When I read it I said, 'That is the truth. Where did this man come from?'

"He is from across the sea," said those who handed me the paper.

"I said, 'God must have sent him. It certainly is what I need. I believe I can be healed if I go and have him pray for me.'

"At that time I was in a very bad condition physically and our family was financially wrecked because my husband had taken to drink. We were going down in every respect. I knew I could live but a short time, because of the condition I was in. I had dropsy and heart trouble very badly.

"About three weeks after that, the opening of this Tabernacle took place. I came down, and the first words that I heard the General Overseer speak, 'Have faith in God,' convinced me thoroughly that he was a man of God. I could feel that every word he said was true. I went away from Zion Tabernacle very much benefited spiritually. I felt that there was some hope for me in the future.

"A short time after that, some three or four weeks, I made up my mind that I would go and have the General Overseer offer prayer for me. My husband, at that time, was in a very bad condition with consumption. He had been out of work eight months. I requested prayer for him and that he might get work and that the way might be opened for him to come to church. He had never allowed me to go church from the time we were married, although I was quite a churchgoer before I was married,

"I went to the healing room, and received a perfect blessing. The dropsy left me. When I went home that evening my husband told me that about 3 o'clock he was standing on the corner of Madison and State Streets, when a man came up behind him and asked him if he could find somebody to move his books. My husband told him that he would do it. He received \$2. I said, 'Praise the Lord for it,' and told him that I had Dr. Dowie pray for him. He said, 'It felt rather funny. I think you had better go and have him pray again.' (Laughter.)

"I thank God for strength. For two years I have been able to support myself and two little girls. We have had what we really needed, and I praise the Lord for it."

#### **Brought Out of Many Lodges, Blessed Spirit, Soul and Body and Prospered in Tithe-Paying.**

Silas C. Burnett, 1432 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I am very glad to testify in Zion Tabernacle. I have had the joy of testifying for God and for this work for a number of years in a great many places, but I have not often testified from this platform. I testify tonight that it pays to serve God, and to obey the commands which come from Zion.

"I received LEAVES OF HEALING six years ago. I accepted the teaching and obeyed the Voice as I received it. I have given up my lodges. I was a Master Mason, Royal Arch Mason, Knight Templar, Mystic Shriner, belonged to the Royal Arcanum, carried life insurance, and belonged to the Methodist Church. (Laughter.)

"My Bible is a new Book to me now. I have had blessing, not only for the spirit, but for the body and for the pocket-book. God has blessed me since I have been in Zion. I pay my tithes and offerings with a great deal of pleasure. It is a real joy to bring it into the Storehouse. I praise God for enabling me to have a part in this work."

#### **Perfectly Healed Six Years Ago and Perfectly Kept.**

Mrs. Ida M. Burnett, 1432 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I testify this evening to perfect and complete healing, and perfect health for six years. I had been suffering all my life. Since my healing I have not lost a day from work. I praise God for the strength He has given me. I praise God for the blessing we have had through the teaching in LEAVES OF HEALING, and the joy we have had in hearing the General Overseer and knowing the Elders and the Overseers and all the other workers in Zion."

#### **Greatly Strengthened and Quickly Healed.**

Miss Mayme C. Fogwill, 36 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I have a great deal to thank God for. My experience may not be so wonderful as many others, but I believe that God must be glorified in the small things as well as in the great. About two and one-half years ago I was broken down physically. We were living in Ohio at that time, but shortly afterwards moved to Virginia, where I was in hopes

I might be able to rest up and regain my strength, but I grew no better. I would become completely exhausted at the least exertion. I could not walk any distance without being fatigued. I took a position as stenographer where the work was very light, and afterwards took a better position, where the work was also very light. All of this time LEAVES OF HEALING came to our home, but I paid very little attention to it. Once in a while I would glance over the testimonies, and while I believed them, I did not enter into them with any degree of interest.

"About a year ago my father went to Toledo, Ohio, to visit Elder Stith, and very soon became a member of Zion. He kept writing to us about Zion. Still we paid scarcely any attention, but I asked God to show us if it was His will to open the way for us to come to Zion. The way was soon opened.

"I became a member of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, and on coming to Chicago I found a position in Zion which I have held ever since. I consider it a great privilege to be here. The Lord has given me strength to do at least five times as much work, and also to attend school at night. I praise Him for it.

"About five or six weeks ago I was taken quite ill on Monday morning early. I do not know what was the matter, but I was very faint. After my father prayed with me I went to work, but afterwards became much worse and had to go to bed. Thursday I was troubled very much with my head, and I also had a high fever, and when noon came I did not feel like eating. Overseer Piper prayed with me, and in a very short time the fever was gone. I went down and ate a hearty meal, and have been well ever since. I am thankful to say that God keeps me."

#### **Healing Follows Perfect Obedience.**

Mrs. Mary E. Seys, 1635 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I thank the Lord for what He has done for me. Last spring unthinkingly and ignorantly I disobeyed God and got outside His keeping power. The first symptoms came on me about 4 or 5 o'clock in the evening. I realized that I was sick. I kept on with my work and gradually it kept getting worse and worse, until long before sundown I went to bed. Soon I was taken with a chill.

"I prayed for God's healing touch, and inside of fifteen minutes I began to perspire very profusely.

"The answer to prayer came without my having found out the cause, but I did not get a perfect healing. The following Tuesday night I was taken sick, and the following Thursday night the climax came. That night it seemed to me that I was literally turned over to the Devil, with the restriction that he should not kill me entirely. I could not form a petition of prayer.

"About 3 o'clock in the morning I said, 'Father, I will obey Thee, regardless of all consequences.' Then I could pray. Then came the command to do a certain thing. I said, 'I will do it.' The command was to leave the place where I was living. It is not necessary to tell the reasons. I did not see it even at that time, but I followed the command. I was able to get up and go downstairs for some water. In the morning I got up completely healed. I continued to grow steadily stronger. I thank God for it."

The meeting was then closed with the following

#### **BENEDICTION.**

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

#### **MORNING SERVICE.**

Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Morning, November 18, 1900.

After reading the third chapter of Malachi, Overseer Piper said: I desire to hear from you on the subject of tithing. God has made certain promises on condition that we do tithe. God says tithe, but the tithing command, like every other command that God ever gave, has a blessing attached to the obedience of it.

God never said "Thou shalt" or "thou shalt not" simply because He was God, but every time that God has said "thou

shalt" or "thou shalt not," back of obedience to that command God has placed a promise of blessing.

I have read you the promises for those who tithe, and I want to hear if God blesses those who obey this command.

#### **Matron and Girls of Zion Home of Hope Blessed in Tithing.**

Deaconess Paddock, Matron of Zion Home of Hope, 16 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, said: "I praise God that I never received more blessing than I have since I have been paying tithes of all I get. Not only I, but I have taught the girls in the Home that if they only earn fifty cents, they owe a tenth of it to God. There are fifteen or sixteen girls who have been paying tithes, and God wonderfully blesses them. When they get sick, God heals them. I know it has brought blessings in our Home."

#### **Blessed in the Immediate Payment of Tithes.**

Deacon W. S. Peckham, Assistant Cashier Zion City Bank, 1300 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I feel, perhaps, I ought to make a statement in regard to tithing in order to help some one else. I receive my wages twice a month, on the 15th and 30th of the month, and for several months since coming to Chicago the expenses have been unusually heavy, and I have waited until the last half of the month to pay tithes for the month.

"God demands that we pay our tenth the very moment we receive whatever He puts into our hands. I noticed that those months that I did not tithe during the middle of the month, there was not just the same power in my Christian life, either in the leading of a cottage meeting or other Christian work.

"This week, on the 15th, we have been having some extra expense, and I again said, 'I will wait until the last half of the month,' but I had no sooner determined on that than I was taken with a terrible pain in my stomach. The Devil took such a grip on me that I could not pray. I asked God what was the matter. I did not realize there was any sin, but God did not seem to hear me, as He always did before.

"Then the Holy Spirit showed me that I had sinned in that way, and I immediately made that right with God. The pain left me at once, and I never had any return of it.

"God demands that the very moment we receive any money we shall give Him His tenth first. There is great blessing in paying tithes, and no spiritual blessing or healing, if we withhold them."

#### **Unexpected Income Received When Tithes Are Paid.**

Dr. Robert Aiston, 70 State Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I can say that paying tithes is not a burden to me, but a blessing. I delight to pay my tithes. Sometimes it seems to take all the money I have and I do not see any more coming, but after I have paid my tithes I have been surprised to find that some one would pay an old bill, or I would get some new work to do which was unexpected. I have been blessed and delight to do it."

#### **A Decided Increase in Income and Blessing in Tithing.**

Walter G. Sisson, 1425 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I thank God that He has given me a heart willing to pay my tithes. When I first heard of Zion, about five years ago, I did not question it very long. Jesus' words are in approval of tithing in Matthew 23:23.

"Before we came to the city, over three years ago, there was a decided increase in our income, and decided blessing in addition to what we had before we obeyed the teaching of Zion."

#### **Income More Than Doubled Since Back Tithes Were Paid.**

Will Tucker, 39 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I was shown that it was necessary for me to pay tithes, and before I received blessing I had to vow to God I would always return him one-tenth. When I obeyed, I always received a blessing, but, I am sorry to say, many times I was in arrears with God, until I got back and owed God a little sum. About two years ago I promised God I would work until I had paid up. Finally I got square, and since then I have been enabled to pay at least twice as much, if not more."

Overseer Piper—What length of time since you were able to pay twice as much?

Mr. Tucker—"About two years."

#### **Business Depression When God Was Robbed; Income Increased Fifty Per Cent When Tithes Were Paid.**

S. H. Depew, 3443 Union Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "Two years ago in October we came into Zion. Prior to that time I was in the Methodist Church. Part of the time I tried to pay tithes; my pastor told me it was proper to pay tithes, so I ran an account with the Lord. I usually was indebted to Him, and in time stopped altogether. My business and myself were going to the Devil, but in October I came into Zion and again began to pay my tithes. In twelve months I received three increases which amounted to fifty per cent more than the original amount I received."

#### **Great Joy and Blessing Supersede Sickness When God Receives His Tithe.**

Miss Louise Albaugh, 472 Oakley Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "A little over three and a half years ago the Holy Spirit showed me that tithing was right. I commenced and paid my tithes until a serious financial crash came and I could not make ends meet, and so neglected it for a few months.

"Soon after this my health broke down, and I had plenty of time to reflect over my shortcomings. I again began to pay tithes. About four or five months after that I heard of Zion, and since then I have received great joy and blessing."

#### **Steady Advance in Position and Increase in Income Through Tithing.**

Silas C. Burnett, 1300 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "When I first heard of tithing, about four or five years ago, through our General Overseer's ministry, I was not employed at that time, and I made the promise that the first money I received I would tithe.

"I applied to the Santa Fe Railroad Company for a position. They replied they were not in need of a man, but if I wanted work for a dollar a day, to report. That seemed to me like a small amount of money, but I said I would accept it, and when I went to work, the man who was to break me in said I had the hardest and dirtiest work in the shop, and that he would not take it. I said, 'Thank God, I have that kind of work. I want to begin right there.'

"When I received my first pay, there was more money than one dollar a day. I said to the timekeeper there was a mistake; I received too much money. He said they had raised it fifty cents and paid me \$1.50 per day. I received this the first month, and in four months I was able to make twice as much money as when I began, and had a very nice position, and continued there until I came to Zion. Since I have been in Zion I have received another advance in wages, which has increased my tithes, for which I thank God."

#### **Tithing a Blessing in Family Life.**

Mrs. E. J. Witte, 1628 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "Tithing is one of the few lessons I did not have to learn when I came into Zion. When we set up a home of our own, we commenced to tithe. I know it has been a great blessing to every one who has been faithful in it. I know it has been practical. Although there have been times when it seemed as though we could not pay a tenth, yet we have done it, and been blessed."

#### **Income and Tithes Increased Five and One-Half Times.**

Miss Jorgine Hansen, 1300 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "It has been a great delight to me to pay my tithes. During the two and a half years I have been in Zion, God has increased my income five and a half times, so that I can pay now into the Storehouse five and a half times as much as I did at first."

#### **Salary Almost Doubled in Tithing.**

Miss Nancy Starratt, 1635 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "It has been a long time since I began paying my tithes. I read about tithing in a little book in Ontario, Canada. I was teaching school then, and decided I would tithe. I was in the Methodist Church and it did not work very well. I paid a part to the minister, and a part to the poor, and a part to the different funds of the Church. I was then getting \$30 a month, and my salary was raised until I received \$54. I thank God for that. It is a great pleasure for me to pay my tithes."

#### **God Gives Increase in Salary to One Who Pays Him His Tithe.**

Deacon E. S. Anderson, Zion Home, said: "I began paying tithes one or two months before I joined the Christian



Catholic Church in Zion. I had been under the teaching of the General Overseer a few months previous to that.

"The first or second month after I had been tithing, I received an increase in wages, which more than paid my tithes. This increase continued up to the time I came into Zion, when I resigned my position. I have been greatly blessed in giving tithes.

"I feel it is a great privilege, and we lose blessing, spiritually and materially, if we withhold from God that which He requires of us."

#### Healed of Tetter When Tithes Were Paid into the Storehouse.

Dr. John H. Sayrs, Superintendent Zion Junior Schools, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "There were just two things which stood in my way and prevented me from getting the healing of my tetter which I had for ten years. I asked God to show me, and He did.

"One was, I had not sent the tithes to the Storehouse which I had deposited for that purpose, and the other was, I was teaching a Sunday School. I resolved to come out of the Presbyterian Sunday School and immediately to send on my tithes, when I got the healing at once."

#### Enabled to Save and Otherwise Blessed in Tithing.

Anna C. Reiff, Zion Home: "It is with a grateful heart that I add my testimony to those already given, to the blessings which have come to me because of obedience to God in this matter of tithing.

"When I first began to earn my own living, I vowed to God that I would give him one-tenth of all that He gave me, but I regret to say that that vow was not always kept, because there was no special teaching along that line in the Church to which I belonged. I became negligent and did not tithe systematically, and as there was no Storehouse, I divided it up into different funds.

"However, God was very good to me, and during the serious financial condition in 1893-96, while many in the factory in which I held a position were either reduced in wages or forced to be idle entirely, I was receiving a good salary.

"While God blessed me financially, yet not until I brought my tithes into the Storehouse in Zion was I able to save any money. When I became fully obedient to His Word, He greatly blessed me financially.

"The nine-tenths have covered my expenses more than the ten-tenths ever did before, and enabled me to save besides.

"I have also found a great difference in my financial account when I paid my tithes as soon as I received the money, instead of waiting and withholding them for a week or a month. When I have done the latter, I have invariably found myself hard up, and when I gave God the "first fruits," the remainder has abundantly covered my needs.

"I might further add, that during the five years that I have trusted God for an uttermost Salvation from sin and sickness, I have never been away from business but one day, on account of sickness.

"It has been a great joy to me to be used in the extension of God's Kingdom in Zion, in even a little measure. The service which I have been permitted to render has not been laborious, but one of pleasure, and fraught with much happiness.

"The more I have come in contact with our beloved General Overseer and the Overseers in Zion, the more I have learned to love and honor them."

#### Speedily Freed from Debt and Greatly Prospered in Tithing.

Arthur W. Newcomb, 1300 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois: "I am grateful to God that he has made it possible for me to testify to the unmistakable way in which He has kept His promise of blessing to those who bring the whole tithe into the Storehouse.

"I am heartily thankful to him that He has provided in Zion a Storehouse, and that He has shown me that Zion's treasury is His Storehouse. I began paying tithes when I first began to earn money, but as there was no Storehouse, soon began to apply God's money where it did not belong and thus became a robber in this matter.

"I never paid my tithes again until I came to Zion, two years ago.

"When I began paying tithes into Zion's Storehouse, I was in debt for my education, and had been able to make only small payments at infrequent intervals. Soon I began to

pay off my indebtedness with an alacrity which both amazed and delighted my creditors, and was very quickly square with the world and very happy in my freedom.

"Since then God has graciously increased my income from time to time, until I now receive over three times as much as I did when I was stealing from Him. Best of all, He has given me work which it is my greatest joy to perform, whereas before my work had become so distasteful to me that it was only by lashing myself, mentally, that I could keep at it.

"I thank God for the powerful teaching of our General Overseer on this subject, which led me to see my sin in this matter and to repent."

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The General Overseer was reluctant, as he felt that in the great pressure of his other duties he had not been able to give the Lectures as he might have done with more time at his disposal. He also felt that he should revise them before their publication, and this he could not find time to do.

At length, however, the appeal for them being urged, he consented that they should be sent forth, without his revision, during his absence in Europe and the Holy Land.

Accordingly this wonderful teaching will be printed, almost as it came from his lips, from time to time, in LEAVES OF HEALING. In preparing these Lectures for the press, we have eliminated some allusions to topics of the time and place and have written in some headlines. We have also cut out opening and closing exercises and arranged the matter consecutively without regard to number and date of Lectures.

We pray that God will bless these wonderful truths to all who read in even greater measure than He did to those who heard.

A. W. N.

## THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD.

And surely your blood, the blood of your lives, will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it: and at the hand of man, even at the hand of every man's brother, will I require the life of man. Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made He man.

I do not think that the expression "whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed," is a command. It is simply an allegation of a fact that does take place and that will be seen upon the earth, namely, that bloodshed causes bloodshed, even as Christ said: "All they that take the sword shall perish with the sword."

**The Command "Thou Shalt Not Kill" Forbids Capital Punishment.**

God has most manifestly said in the Ten Commandments which apply in every age, "Thou shalt not kill."

The command, "Thou shalt not kill," is as universal in its application as is the command, "Thou shalt not steal."

If any one says that God can kill and under certain circumstances makes you His executioner of vengeance, he might just as well say that God can make some man His instrument of stealing, or His instrument in lying or in committing adultery. All of these would be absurd nonsense and wickedness.

The command, "Thou shalt not kill," is absolute and does not permit man to take the life of man.

The fact that God requires the blood of life at the hand of every man, is another thing altogether. We may well and gladly recognize that which says: "Vengeance belongeth unto Me; I will recompense, saith the Lord."

We must never under any circumstances endeavor to soothe our consciences by the thought that we can be the Divine instruments in wreaking vengeance.

God permits certain things to happen. There is no doubt whatever that God foresees, and God permits the thing to happen, which, from a certain point of view, is inevitable so long as the nations are without the grace of God.

Appeal to Cæsar, and you must stand by Cæsar's decision.

Appeal to the sword, and you appeal to brute force and superior power, and whoever has the best sword and the best gun will win.

All that is foreign to Christianity.

### The Law of Revenge is a Cause of the Necessity for Prayer.

One of the great reasons for the great regrettable necessity for Prayer is that throughout all the ages this particular prophetic word has been fulfilled. The shedding of blood has caused the shedding of blood. Nations have been in one perpetual state of embroilment, one perpetual state of turmoil all down through the ages, because of wars of revenge.

The *lex talionis*, the law of revenge, is brutal, ungodly and absolutely Antichristian.

No provocation can justify retaliation.

In cases of emergency, the law clothes you with power and gives you the right for the time being to protect your life, the honor of your own being, your character, and even to protect your property. If man is killed under such circumstances, the law says, "justifiable homicide"; that is to say, "you have slain a man in a way which was justifiable."

That is the law of man.

I do not think the law of God will permit a man to inflict deadly or even severe injury in defense of property.

"Thou shalt not kill."

In vain we call old notions fudge,

And bend our conscience to our dealing;

The Ten Commandments will not steal,

And stealing will continue stealing.

Killing will continue killing, lying will continue lying, and adultery will continue adultery.

**The Loss of Life For Christ's Sake and the Gospel's, a Triumph.**

If this were not so, then our Lord Jesus Christ's words are entirely without meaning.

He certainly taught by His example and by His precept that losing life for His sake and the Gospel's, therefore for humanity, was a triumphant thing; was a thing of which God approved.

I hope that there is entering into the heart of every one of you an undying hatred for evil; that you will carry the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, with you everywhere;

that you will not be afraid to use that Sword, and plunge it into the heart of your opponent; that you will not be afraid to use that Sword, and march forward bravely and hew your way to victory through hellish hosts.

It is a two-edged Sword, and you may well take both your hands to it.

This glorious Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, is stronger than steel.

Greater than anger is love.

There is no power like truth spoken in love.

Truth is great, but it often fails of its most effectual purpose because of the spirit in which it is spoken.

It must be spoken in love. Speaking in love does not consist in constantly reminding humanity how much you love it, and how sweetly disposed you are.

That is the remark of a hypocrite.

The greatest hypocrites I have yet known in this world are the people who go about telling the world and the Christians how they are full of love.

I heard an apostle of the hypocrites when I happened to go into his Tabernacle in New York. He said, "Oh God, I do not want to be like Paul. Make me like John, all love."

He was preaching from the text, "And now abideth Faith, Hope, Love," and he had read the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians, every word of which was written by Paul.

Great as John was, there was never any man who had the Love of God more than Paul. It would be a very good thing if every minister of the Gospel were like Paul.

Life was not dear to him, but Paul did not go about the world making such ridiculous pretensions of love.

#### **The World is Sick of Pretentions of Love.**

I will tell you that the people are sick, and sick unto death, of mere pretentions of love, just as women get sick unto death of the fellow who is always hanging around them with his mouth full of metaphorical candy—"Oh Betty, how I love you! I do love you so!" (Laughter.)

A woman likes to see a man manifest his love in a manly way, which appeals to every good woman's heart. She desires not mere talk, but that which is infinitely better than talk.

This foolishness is not all confined to men.

Speak the truth in love, but remember this, that you will never succeed in being a blessing to the world unless you are brave enough to tell the truth.

Just as I left my office, I opened a letter containing \$250 from an ex-Mason whom I spanked until he was sore, and my hand was sore, too. That Mason said to me: "I thank you, Dr. Dowie, more than I can tell you, for the elaborate spanking which you gave me some time ago. I never would have sent this \$250 but for that spanking."

I never thought of getting \$250 from that source; but if you looked at my correspondence, you would often see such words as these.

#### **An Example of the Result of Speaking the Truth in Love.**

For instance, there was an expression in last week's issue of *LEAVES OF HEALING*: "When I first saw Dr. Dowie he called me a thief, and a liar, and a humbug, and I thank him for it. I was all that."

The person who wrote that is one of the dearest and noblest kind of Christians. When I saw him first, and he told me what he thought about things, I said, "Do you want me to tell you the truth as to what I think of you?"

"Yes."

I said, "Look me straight in the eye. You are stealing from God Almighty, you are lying to God Almighty, and you are an unmitigated humbug, because you profess to be an out-and-out Christian when you are stealing from God and lying to

God. If you stole from me and lied to me, it would be a great sin; but when you get over your anger and your indignation, I am going to show you that you have stolen from God, from your Father in Heaven, and that you have lied to Him; and if a man claims to be a Christian and steals and lies, is he not a humbug?"

I sat down and showed that man how he was a thief, how he was a liar; and when I had gotten through, he put out his hand to me and said, "Thank you."

I told that man that he had stolen from God Almighty something like \$20,000, and that he had lied to God Almighty something like 20,000 times, probably, in professing to be an out-and-out Christian when he was an abominable thief. I showed him that great as his gifts were, they were miserably short of what he had promised God.

He is not a thief now, and not a liar now, and he is not a humbug now. He has gotten straight with God, and he is going as straight as he can in all things. He made the confession and put things right.

#### **Love and Truth Give Power.**

I said that thing which, perhaps, very few men could have said and not get a knock on the nose. Why? Because I loved that man and he knew it. I loved him. I wanted to help him. He was deeply impressed that I was God's minister and God's servant, and I could not help him in any other way than by speaking the truth.

Some of our dear people speak the truth, but they speak it in bad temper. They do not speak it in love. They speak it with a consciousness of a superiority.

Although spoken in truth, a word spoken in that spirit never does any good.

A great many persons have said that speaking the truth as I have spoken it would drive people away. But when Zion has attracted to its gates, as I believe, more than 40,000 persons within these four years, an average of 10,000 a year, and when Zion has established itself in hundreds of thousands of hearts, it must be that the spirit of God, which is the Spirit of Wisdom and of Love, has blessed the strong words which I have spoken in Zion.

I therefore say to you, take your Sword, but do not shed blood. Do something which is more effective. You can do fifty times more execution than by shedding blood. The slain of the Lord will be many on every side. They will abhor themselves in tens of thousands, if you know how to use the Sword of the Spirit.

Never let the thought of revenge in any form enter your heart.

I think it is sometimes a right thing to get back at the enemies of God in a spirit of love, showing just how wicked and abominable they are to the whole world when they are manifestly incredibly wicked.

#### **Anger Sometimes the Best Expression of Love.**

I do not desire you to suppose that there is not a time for anger, for sometimes the very best expression of love is anger.

I believe that the expression of the apostle's, "Be ye angry and sin not," is a command. I think it is a right thing to be angry, and a man who cannot be angry has no love.

A man does not understand love if he is not angry. The Lord Jesus Christ was angry. It was with indignation and anger against the wicked that He took the whip of small cords to thieves in the Temple and drove them out. Again and again there are manifestations of Divine anger in the holiest and best of the apostles.

In fact, the very last words which we read about the Apos-

tle Paul in the wonderful work of apostolic actions is a word of anger. He was talking to the Jews. He said:

And when they had appointed him a day, they came to him into his lodging in great number; to whom he expounded the matter, testifying the Kingdom of God, and persuading them concerning Jesus, both from the law of Moses and from the prophets, from morning till evening. And some believed the things which were spoken, and some disbelieved. And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Isaiah the prophet unto your fathers, saying,

Go thou unto this people, and say,  
By hearing ye shall hear, and shall in no wise understand;  
And seeing ye shall see, and shall in no wise perceive:  
For this people's heart is waxed gross,  
And their ears are dull of hearing,  
And their eyes they have closed;  
Lest haply they should perceive with their eyes,  
And hear with their ears,  
And understand with their heart,  
And should turn again,  
And I should heal them.

Be it known therefore unto you, that this salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles: they will also hear.

And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, having much disputing among themselves.

Paul was angry. That little man Paul could get angry. He would blaze out terrifically.

That was a Divine anger. There was no love greater than that. I will guarantee that when he had said these words, they went deep into the hearts of many of these Jews. They probably said when they got home, "Did he not go at us?" They knelt that night and said, "Oh God, help me." They stopped and asked themselves, "Am I in earnest at all? Am I not rejecting the Messiah, the Son of God? Can I pray at all?"

#### **An Illustration of the Good Result of Divine Anger.**

One night a conductor on a railway was passing a rink. He heard a fellow inside shouting out at the top of his voice, words which sounded exceedingly strange to him, although he could not make them out. He wondered what that man was saying.

The man inside was explaining and illustrating a parable.

He went in and found that I was the speaker. He put his hands on his sides and laughed as he saw the comedy go on. After I had gone all through the parable I said, "Now you thieves. Thieves! Do you hear me? Ask for mercy, and be quick about it, and you will receive it." He put his fingers in his ears and ran, because he was a thief.

When he got home he heard the voice ringing in his ears: "Ask for mercy from God. Give back what you have stolen and ye shall receive mercy, but be quick about it."

He sat down to his supper, and all he could hear was, "Be quick about it. Be quick about it. Be quick about it."

He said that the last time before that he had been in that rink was to witness a pugilistic encounter. He said there was a pugilistic encounter there that night, and that I was having all the fun.

He said he could not sleep, but had to get out upon his knees and tell God Almighty that he had stolen from the railway. He had considerable money. He paid up the railway. Then he got out of the railway business, and the last I heard of him was that he was preaching the Gospel in Africa.

It would never have done him any good, unless I had gone at him in that way.

He had been in the habit of going to church on Sunday, hearing all the sermons, and giving money and all that kind of thing, and he was a thief all the time.

I had caught sight of that man by the door, away, far off. I saw that he was mocking, and I just made a shot as I looked at his face. I said to myself, "I believe he is a thief," so I

shouted, "You thief!" Nobody else knew that I was stretching my hand over all that congregation and hitting that man in the face as I said, "And be quick about it."

There is nothing so strong as the Sword of the Spirit.

There is no place for the shedding of blood in the Christian life.

Christ shed His blood that no other blood should be shed.

I think God will keep you from being robbed, and from being injured, if you put your trust in Him.

One man I read of talked to a thief who was robbing him, prayed for him, and the thief went out of the house a converted man.

The European powers have shed blood, and their blood is being shed.

The English have shed blood, and their blood is being shed.

Whenever men shed blood, their blood is shed by their fellowmen.

I believe, therefore, that capital punishment is always wrong, and that war is always wrong, except it be a war for protection.

#### **War of Aggression is Always Wrong.**

I believe that it is better to leave to God and to time the settling of many wrongs, than to rush forward and attempt to settle them by the sword.

My heart is very sore, as the heart of every true lover of God must be, to see the strife between two nations which profess to love the same God and pray to the same God, on African soil.

I know that I am not unduly prejudiced in favor of the British, but in this present conflict there is no question but that the Boers precipitated the war. The Boers, in fact, proclaimed the war, and were well prepared for the war. They had secretly gotten both men and arms.

The strife of war and bloodshed is hateful. It is ungodly. It is unchristian. It is to me painful to think that instead of missionaries carrying the Gospel from England, England is sending out hundreds of thousands of men to murder.

It is horrible.

Yet I know it must be so. I can see it will be so, because of this principle: "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed."

Without the Grace of God it is so, and England has not the Grace of God as a nation any more than America has.

America went to the Philippines. There she has been causing blood to flow in rivers.

The Christian Catholic Church in Zion has no affinity with these things.

Our protest is against the shedding of blood, and we must tell mankind everywhere that it takes more courage, and it does, to stand right in Rome and proclaim the Gospel, the everlasting Gospel of Peace, and to be prepared to die for it.

#### **Those Who Have Best Served God Have Been Those Who Have Died.**

The sinless Christ who stood spotless, and would not speak, and would say nothing, stands in all ages as the representative of the noblest kind of sacrifice. I was pleased to see that Rabbi Hirsch said on Christmas Day, "Let the Jews of Chicago teach their children that the true spirit of the Jew is giving, not getting; that the true spirit of Judaism is manifested by Jesus Christ, who gave His life for humanity."

The Rabbi struck a true note when he said that. The Rabbi is feeling after God.

I am hopeful, and very hopeful, that Judah will yet know God.

That word is one over which we may ourselves ponder.

If the true principle of the Jew should be giving and not getting, surely a Christian should stand for giving, not getting. Yet, if we give, shall we not get?

Surely Christ gave His Life and His Love, and His Light went out apparently in darkness. But not so. The Light shone out brighter and brighter, for He arose from the dead. The Love went wider and wider, and the Life which never dies is with us still. That Life and Light and Love did not destroy men's lives, but came to save them.

That is our mission.

Along our ranks no sabres shine,  
No blood-red pennons wave;  
Our banners bear one single line:  
"Our mission is to save."

Our mission is not to shed men's blood. I would God, today, that some authoritative Voice could be lifted to say, "Peace! Be still," and come right down to this stormy sea of strife and bid them cease, and bid them to know that the best way to avenge national wrong is to make confession of national sin.

What a blessed day it will be when all "the kingdom of the world is become the Kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ."

That is what we are looking for. That is what we have to preach. The day is coming when that shall be taught.

Zion therefore stands for peace and not for war.

**Unknown Disease Healed in Answer to Prayer.**

5214 HARRISON STREET,  
PITTSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, November 20, 1900.

OVERSEER W. H. PIPER.

*Dear Brother in Christ:*—I feel it a duty as well as a pleasure to write and say that my mother, Mrs. Hawten, when in Zion Home a few weeks ago, requested you to pray for me, and that when you prayed the disease began to leave.

Now I am free from that trouble. I did not consult a doctor, so do not know what the disease was.

I suffered from excessive heat and cold nearly all summer at intervals, day and night. At such times my clothing could almost be wrung out, it was so wet with perspiration.

I was very thin and weak.

After you prayed this unnatural perspiring ceased and the overflow of the pores passed off through the kidneys until the disease was gone.

I thank God for my healing, and give Him all the glory.

I thank you for praying for me.

God bless and keep you ever under the shadow of His wing.

Yours in Jesus' love, (MRS.) C. D. WEIROUSH.

**God Quickly Answers Prayer for Baby.**

EAST TORONTO, CANADA, November 26, 1900.

OVERSEER W. H. PIPER.

*Dear Brother in Christ:*—I am so glad to be able to report victory through the power of God.

My little baby was healed of her trouble at the time I requested you to pray for her.

Many thanks to you for your prayer. I also thank God for His goodness to me and mine.

I remain yours in the fight for God and right, praying God will greatly bless Zion.  
HENRY FERGUSON.

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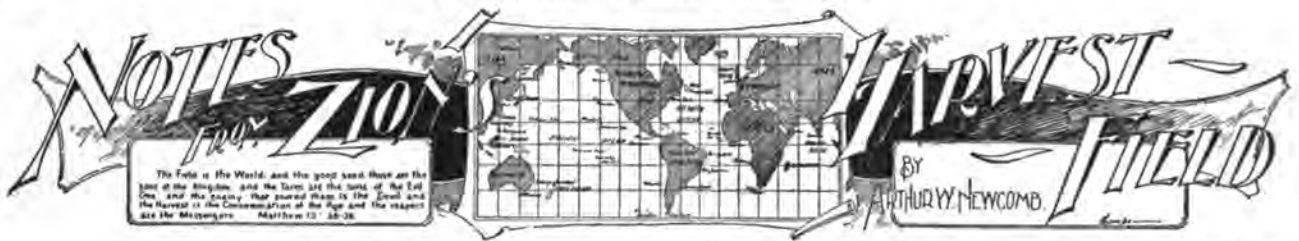
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### CHICAGO.

ZION receives so many and so great and precious gifts and blessings from God, that every one of the 365 days in her year are Thanksgiving Days.

She "shows forth His lovingkindness" every morning and "His faithfulness" every night.

His "praise is continually in her mouth."

Nevertheless, Zion welcomes a day of special Thanksgiving and rejoices to join with all those who truly give thanks to God on that day.

On Thanksgiving Day, 1900, Zion in Chicago gathered in Central Zion Tabernacle in the afternoon.

An enthusiastic and interesting service was conducted by Overseer-at-Large William Hamner Piper.

Zion's White-robed Choir rendered a most beautiful and appropriate Thanksgiving anthem with spirit and feeling, and with a oneness and harmony which made it one of the most notable of their many splendid triumphs in the service of song.

Many arose and gave thanks to God for special blessings and for the blessings of the year now so near its close.

In the evening many hundreds of the members and friends of Zion were very cordially received at Zion Home by Overseers Piper and Speicher and their wives.

On Lord's Day afternoon, December 1, 1900, Zion in Chicago had a day of blessing which will never be forgotten. It was a bright and beautiful day, the air crisp and sparkling, but not too cold, and 2500 members and friends of Zion gathered in Central Zion Tabernacle for the regular monthly Communion service.

After the opening exercises, Deacon Stevenson introduced the Lace Experts who had recently arrived from Beeston, Notts, England. They came upon the platform and were given a most hearty and enthusiastic greeting by the thousands of Zion.

He delivered to all those present messages of love from the General Overseer and Mrs. Dowie, and told how, often and often, in the midst of all his toils and perils, the General Overseer would stop, and lifting his hand would pray in silence for Zion in Chicago, America and everywhere.

He then told very briefly of the perils through which the General Overseer had passed and how God had led him to stand always at the side of His servant to aid in his protection.

Overseer Speicher then spoke briefly of the wondrous loyalty and courage of Mrs. Stevenson during all these perils; how she ever remained by the side of her husband and the General Overseer, even when the mobs surrounded his carriage in howling, threatening thousands, and how she shamed the murderous hoodlums who sought her brother's life, with her brave words of appeal to what sparks of manhood still slumbered in them.

Then Attorney Samuel W. Packard was introduced, amidst a perfect storm of applause.

With thrilling words he told the story of Zion's great victory in Washington, when, by the Grace of God, she put to flight all the hosts of Zion's Labor Union enemies who were trying to prevent her from bringing the Lace Experts to Zion City to teach Zion workmen and women to make lace.

His address was one of the most interesting delivered in Central Zion Tabernacle since the General Overseer's departure for Europe, and was interrupted continually by the most enthusiastic applause.

It will be published in *THE COMING CITY* for December 12th, Volume I, Number 10.

At the close of Attorney Packard's speech, nearly one hundred new members, some of them from England and Ireland, were given the right hand of fellowship by Overseer Speicher.

Then Zion in Chicago, with many Christian friends, met around the Lord's Table for the last time in 1900 and the last time in the Nineteenth Century.

The next communion will be held at the All-Night Meeting, during the early morning hours of the first day of the Twentieth Century.

### ZION LACE EXPERTS IN CHICAGO.

**Detained in Philadelphia Through the Enmity of Labor Unions, They are Finally Admitted by the Treasury Department. Great Victory For Zion.**

DEACON SAMUEL STEVENSON, General Manager of Zion Lace Industries, and a party of Lace Experts, with their wives and families, making in all a party of twenty-six, arrived in Chicago from Beeston, Notts, England, on the evening of Wednesday, November 28, 1900, the day before Thanksgiving Day.

It was an occasion of great thanksgiving in Zion, for their coming was the result of a great and notable victory which God had given Zion over determined and powerful enemies.

The following are the names of the Lace Experts and their occupation and families:

Henry Stevenson, Manager; wife and eight children.

Henry Norwebb, Expert Levers Draftsman; wife and two children.

George Middleton, Expert Levers Draftsman; wife and one child.

George Wilkinson, Lace Curtain Expert; wife and four children.

These pioneer members of the little band of Lace Experts who will instruct Zion workers in the making of lace in Zion Lace Industries, Zion City, were the cause of a legal contest which engaged the attention and interest of both England and America.

They arrived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the steamer *Waesland*, on November 12, 1900.

The press of both England and America had been boasting for months that these Lace Experts would not be admitted to the United States because their coming would be in violation of the alien contract labor law.

The Amalgamated Association of Laceworkers of America had also boasted that they would not be admitted.

But Zion knew that she was right in bringing them in and that God was with her, so that she could not be defeated.

The Labor Unions won the first battle.

The Board of Inquiry of Immigration at Philadelphia acceded to the Union's demands and decided that the

Zion Lace Experts must return to England on the *Waesland*. Attorney Samuel W. Packard proceeded to Philadelphia and the Board gave the matter a rehearing to admit additional evidence. The case was again decided against Zion.

The case was immediately appealed to Commissioner Powderly and Immigration T. V. Powderly, of the Treasury Department of the United States. In the meantime the Lace Experts were permitted to leave the ship under police surveillance, and were finally released on \$8,000 bonds.

When the case was argued before Commissioner Powderly and Secretary of the Treasury Lyman J. Gage, the Labor Unions held that the Zion Lace Experts should not be admitted because of an act of Congress passed in 1885, which forbids the importation of labor from other countries under contract.

The law, however, make the following exception:

Nothing in this act shall be so construed as to prevent any person, etc., from engaging under contract on agreement skilled workmen in foreign countries to perform labor in the United States in or upon any new industry not *at present* established in the United States; provided, that skilled labor for that purpose cannot be otherwise obtained.

In reference to this exception, the labor unions said that lacemaking was not a new industry and that lacemakers could be found in this country to do the work in Zion Lace Industries.

In his answer, Attorney Samuel W. Packard made the following points:

*First.* That the law did not apply to skilled labor, but to common labor. He cited a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in substantiation of this point.

*Second.* These people were not under contract. They were simply given transportation money and allowed to choose, after arriving in America, whether or not they would enter the employ of Zion Lace Industries.

*Third.* The industry contemplated had not been established in the United States at the time of the passage of the law, nor indeed, was it established at the present time.

Furthermore, Attorney Packard produced affidavits to prove that lace such as Zion Lace Industries proposed to manufacture was not made in this country, and, hence, those who knew how to make it could not be employed here.

The Treasury Department, after carefully considering the matter, decided that the law did not apply to these experts, hence they were admissible.

Great was the rejoicing in Zion when the decision was made public.

So widely spread was the account of the detention of these Lace Experts that Zion's great victory, through the power of God, was also very widely heralded.

The effect on the world everywhere was immediately manifest. The tone of newspaper utterances betrayed increased respect for Zion and renewed confidence that Zion City and Zion Lace Industries were not only certainties, but certain successes.

Zion has never doubted that for a single second.

Zion believes that God is building Zion City.

God wonderfully helped Attorney Packard in his presentation of Zion's case at Washington, so that his argument was not only widely commented upon as one of remarkable ability, clearness and force, but was acknowledged, by the Union Labor party, to have completely changed the effect of their law.

#### Mansfield, Ohio.

Rev. Cyrus B. Fockler, Elder-in-Charge.

Zion's onward march to complete victory in Mansfield, Ohio, has had no halting, no backward step.

All Zion everywhere will rejoice to read the glad news that once more has a meeting of the Branch of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion in that city been held without mob

violence or lawless official interference; indeed, without even a jeer.

Elder F. A. Graves, who with his wife, Evangelist Vina Peck-Graves, had been spending his vacation at Mrs. Graves' former home in New York State, stopped at Mansfield on his way back to Zion, Chicago, and held a meeting on Lord's Day, November 25th.

He thus describes his experience:

I arrived in Mansfield Saturday afternoon, in a pouring rain.

I took conveyance to the Vonhof Hotel, registered and went to my room. Soon I went down to the writing table and attended to some correspondence.

I was unmolested, and spent a peaceful night there.

In the morning I hastened to find the Zion Gathering, but because of an oversight in my directions I took a wrong trail, and for two hours I wandered about unable to find those to whom I had come to minister.

Meeting Attorney Douglass in a drug store, where I had gone to consult a directory, I quietly made myself known to him and he gave me the much-needed direction.

I found a little band of twenty-five waiting for me.

We had a good service in the forenoon and also one in the afternoon.

All were plucky and cheerful, and we felt that God was very close to us.

I then walked a mile to the Erie Depot, and did not hear one sneering call at me on the street.

I think I could have been easily recognized, for I thought I looked very much like a "Dowie Elder." I certainly felt like one.

God be praised for the victory for Zion in that place.

After I had sent a telegram to Zion, Chicago, the train soon arrived, and in a few hours I was safe in Zion Home.

I was not called upon to suffer as *our* brave brethren had before me, but I was willing to, if necessary.

Zion will ere long see the day when great crowds will gather in Zion Tabernacle, Mansfield, to hear the preaching of the Everlasting Gospel from the lips of a minister in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

#### Toledo, Ohio.

Rev. J. C. Reiff, Elder-in-Charge.

Newspaper mud-throwing and official persecution incited by medical enemies came to Zion in Toledo a few months ago.

As usual, the newspapers boasted that Zion would be wiped out and, as usual, the enemy withdrew from the field rather than suffer a defeat in battle; and Zion goes forward with greater unity and strength to more blessed work for God, who gave her the victory.

Elder Reiff sends us the following notes on the blessings which God has given Zion in Toledo:

"O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good:

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,

Whom He hath redeemed from the hands of the adversary."—Psalm 107:1, 2.

There are more and more in Zion and Toledo who do give thanks unto the Lord, because He has redeemed them and theirs from the hand of the adversary, Satan.

The month of November has been one rich in blessings from God.

One brother who had alarming symptoms of typhoid fever requested prayer. At the moment hands were laid upon him, he "realized," as he said, "the power of God pass through his whole being, rebuking the fever and destroying the pain in an instant." He has since been well.

Another brother was suffering great agony because of a severe cold and a dangerous form of erysipelas. His face was badly swollen; for two nights he had slept none, and for several days had taken very little nourishment. Through another he requested that we pray for him at our evening meeting recently. We prayed, and at about the same time he felt the abundant life flow through his body.

He called his wife, for they had already retired, saying, "I'm healed, praise God! Get up and fix me something to eat, for I'm hungry." She arose and prepared him a meal, which he ate heartily and enjoyed. In a short time the swelling was all gone, and since then he has been praising God almost continually.

One of our Zion boys recently had an attack of scarlet fever. He would have neither doctor nor medicine. We visited him and prayed for him. In a few days he was well.

God has also lately saved the life of this boy's little sister, who

had a severe attack of diphtheria. Thank God, she is now well again. God's power was very graciously felt in a recent case of childbirth, not only by the mother, but also by the attending sister. It was a wonderful deliverance.

The young mother was wondrously healed of spinal curvature a few years ago, in answer to the General Overseer's prayer. To God be all the praise.

The recent appeal of Overseer Piper in behalf of LEAVES OF HEALING is having good effect here.

We have been much refreshed by a visit from Deacon Yerger, of Cincinnati, and by several visits from Deacon Kindle, of Kalamazoo. These brothers are in business for the Lord, and always ready for the Lord's business. God bless them.

Zion's Saloon Seventies in Toledo have done good work, and we are expecting to do even more, for several new workers are about to join the band.

All who do this work confess to spiritual blessing and strength according to their need. Incidents and experiences that serve to encourage and reward those who have love for the fallen and depraved are never wanting in this noble work.

Let all Zion pray for these women.

At our mission at Lacarne, Ohio, there has been no dearth of eggs, good and otherwise, for several months past. Also clods and stones are still the weapons of cowards who have no better arguments. Stones and eggs have come through the windows.

Prominent church members both inspired and were present in the mobs which tried to drive Zion from Lacarne, after the fashion of Mansfield's ignoble example. But, thank God, none of their vile-smelling, cowardly arguments struck us.

God is giving us victory at Lacarne, which was quite manifest at our last meeting there. Nearly all our opponents came inside and gave respectful audience to truths they little enjoyed.

#### Le Sueur, Minnesota.

Zion's enemies are everywhere meeting with defeat and are covered with confusion.

Whenever they attack Zion, the attack rebounds upon their own heads.

Zion, stronger because of persecution and better known to the people on account of her victories, goes on to still greater triumphs.

God is most plainly with Zion.

There is no other explanation for Zion's uninterrupted series of victories in her hundreds of conflicts.

In Le Sueur, Minnesota, on November 17th, a foolish city magistrate caused the arrest of Deacon J. W. Crane, of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, on the ground of an alleged violation of the law of the State which provides that none but physicians and spiritual advisers shall visit quarantined houses.

Deacon Crane had prayed for a child who was dying of diphtheria.

Deacon Crane being an ordained officer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, and hence a qualified spiritual adviser, it was evident to the City Attorney that they had made a mistake in arresting him. He attempted to get the County Attorney to take the case, but that official refused.

When the case came up for trial, the prosecution did not put in an appearance and, on motion of Deacon Crane's attorney, the case was dismissed.

Of course the newspapers throughout that vicinity took up the matter and lied maliciously about Zion and Deacon Crane, but the truth is mighty and will prevail.

Do NOT write letters to the heads of departments for news concerning the progress being made at Zion City, when you can find it all in THE COMING CITY. Send in your subscription to Zion Publishing House, 1207 Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

FOR MAP of General Design of Zion City Site, see THE COMING CITY of October 31. Price, ten cents, by mail, postpaid.

#### Zion's Panoramic Tours.

THESE TOURS are conducted by Deacon Daniel Sloan, of Chicago. They present to the unprejudiced, teachable and fairminded the Principles, Purposes and Practices of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

Conferences and personal interviews are held with members and friends at places visited. Information is given concerning Zion City and the Truths and Requirements of Zion, as well as counsel and direction pertaining to personal, business and domestic relations which may effect one's spirit, soul and body. These interviews are always spiritually helpful.

Some of the following lectures are given: Panorama of Zion, Exhibit of Zion City, The World as It Is, God's Rescue Call, Spiritual Mastery, The Bible a New Book, Prophetic Sidelights, Zion's Place and Methods, Glimpses of the Christ of God.

Within the past months visits have been made to members and friends of Zion, touching in travel seventeen States, and stopping at points in eleven different States.

The Panorama of Zion and Exhibit of Zion City, a stereopticon exhibition of the greatest work of the age and the Coming City of the age, has been presented to interested audiences of hundreds.

The expense for each place is about \$10 or \$15, in addition to the hall rent, if any, entertainment always being provided for the Deacon and his operator in some Zion family.

Visitation may possibly yet be made to other points where there is a Zion Gathering or a Branch Church, at such times as five or eight places centrally located can be arranged for in a trip, and when time can be given to this work aside from other duties.

Persons who desire to help build up Zion through such exhibitions, conferences and interviews should immediately write the Deacon for a visit at such date as he may later arrange, even if his coming be delayed for months.

Interest in the meantime may be awakened and the fact of his coming, though the date is unsettled, can be used to stimulate interest in favor of Zion, Zion Literature and the Zion Seventy work which is being done.

Trips cannot extend beyond two weeks, and then only to places where several members and friends and the spirit of interest shown warrant such visits.

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# NAILING DOWN THE LIES OF THE PULPIT & PRESS



## Nailing Down the Lies of the Secular Press.

The following papers published false statements, distorted accounts, malicious editorials, impudent and insulting comments, and brutal and utterly groundless lies concerning the General Overseer and his Mission in London, England:

- London (England) *Star*, October 17, 20, 22, 24, 25, 26, 1900.  
 San Francisco (California) *Chronicle*, October 23, 1900.  
 Washington (D. C.) *Star*, October 24, 1900.  
 Bridgeport (Connecticut) *Union*, October 23, 1900.  
 Washington (D. C.) *Post*, October 24, 1900.  
 Minneapolis (Minnesota) *Times*, October 24, 1900.  
 Pittsburg (Pennsylvania) *Commercial Gazette*, October 24, 1900.  
 Waukegan (Illinois) *Sun*, October 22, 27, November 3, 1900.  
 Findlay (Ohio) *Republican*, October 24, 1900.  
 Cleveland (Ohio) *Plain Dealer*, October 24, 1900.  
 Victoria (B. C.) *Colonist*, October 16, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Record*, October 29, November 5, 1900.  
 Findlay (Ohio) *Hancock Courier*, October 16, 26, 1900.  
 Vancouver (B. C.) *Province*, October 23, 1900.  
 Detroit (Michigan) *Free Press*, October 26, 1900.  
 Toledo (Ohio) *Blade*, October 25, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *American*, October 29, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Tribune*, October 30, 31, November 1, 2, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Chronicle*, October 30, 1900.  
 St. Louis (Missouri) *Chronicle*, October 18, 19, 1900.  
 Kansas City (Missouri) *World*, October 22, 27, 29, 1900.  
 Kansas City (Missouri) *Journal*, October 24, 1900.  
 Marion (Ohio) *Star*, October 29, 1900.  
 Milledgeville (Illinois) *Democrat*, October 27, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Journal*, October 31, November 1, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Inter Ocean*, November 1, 1900.  
 Waupaca (Wisconsin) *Republican*, October 19, 1900.  
 London (England) *Daily Mail*, October 15, 23, 24, 1900.  
 London (England) *Topical Times*, October 20, 1900.  
 London (England) *Sun*, October 16, 20, 23, November 2, 1900.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE.

The innumerable falsehoods of the secular and so-called religious press against Zion have continued without cessation for years.

We have occasionally dealt with some of these falsehoods and taken up much valuable time in our public ministrations in answering these attacks.

But the time has come when we have resolved no longer to answer them in detail, unless in extremely exceptional cases.

We shall simply content ourselves with stating them and nailing them down.

Hence we have determined to devote this page to a beginning of this work of publicly branding the most important of the almost innumerable lies of the ungodly, unclean, criminal, and hypocritical press.

We shall also add from time to time a few specimens of the odium theologium, which we shall cull from the innumerable misrepresentations and fabrications of the apostate churches.

It must not be supposed that we admit the truth of the things which we do not here deny, for it would be simply impossible to enumerate all that ought to be nailed down. We again remind our friends that these are simply the most important of them.

- London (England) *Express*, October 17, 22, 23, 24, 25, November 1, 2, 1900.  
 Indianapolis (Indiana) *Journal*, October 19, 23, 1900.  
 Toledo (Ohio) *Bee*, October 20, 1900.  
 London (England) *Sporting Times*, October 20, 1900.  
 London (England) *Post*, October 23, 1900.  
 London (England) *Pall Mall Gazette*, October 20, 22, 24, November 1, 1900.  
 London (England) *Echo*, October 22, November 3, 1900.  
 London (England) *Westminster Gazette*, October 22, 1900.  
 London (England) *St. James Gazette*, October 22, 23, 24, November 1, 1900.  
 London (England) *Leader*, October 23, 25, November 2, 1900.  
 London (England) *News*, October 22, 23, November 2, 1900.  
 Tacoma (Washington) *Ledger*, October 23, 1900.  
 London (England) *Telegraph*, October 23, 1900.  
 London (England) *Standard*, October 23, 24, 1900.  
 London (England) *Graphic*, October 23, 1900.  
 London (England) *Chronicle*, October 23, November 1, 21, 1900.  
 Union City (Indiana) *Eagle*, October 24, 1900.  
 Los Angeles (California) *Herald*, October 25, 1900.  
 Onarga (Illinois) *Review*, October 26, 1900.  
 Grand Forks (North Dakota) *Herald*, October 26, 1900.  
 Dexter (Iowa) *Sentinel*, October 26, 1900.  
 Cedar Rapids (Iowa) *Republican*, October 26, 1900.  
 Streator (Illinois) *Free Press*, October 27, 1900.  
 Galion (Ohio) *Sun*, October 26, 1900.  
 Minneapolis (Minnesota) *Times*, October 27, 1900.  
 Kansas City (Missouri) *World*, October 29, 1900.  
 Memphis (Tennessee) *Appeal*, October 29, 1900.  
 Chattanooga (Tennessee) *News*, October 30, 1900.  
 St. Paul (Minnesota) *Dispatch*, November 1, 2, 1900.  
 Mansfield (Ohio) *News*, November 2, 1900.  
 London (England) *Referee*, October 28, 1900.  
 New York (New York) *Journal*, October 21, 1900.  
 New York (New York) *Sun*, November 4, 1900.  
 Pittsburg (Pennsylvania) *Dispatch*, November 4, 1900.

London (England) *Dispatch*, October 28, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Progressive Thinker*, October 27, 1900.  
 Marshalltown (Iowa) *Times-Republican*, November 5, 1900.  
 Denver (Colorado) *Post*, October 20, 1900.  
 Oconto (Wisconsin) *County Reporter*, October 16, 1900.  
 Peoria (Illinois) *Star*, October 18, 19, 25, 29, 1900.  
 Kansas City (Missouri) *Star*, October 19, 1900.  
 London (England) *Sunday School Chronicle*, November 1, 1900.

The following papers published false statements and lying editorials concerning Zion affairs in Mansfield, Ohio:

Willows (California) *Review*, September 23, 1900.  
 Pittsburg (Pennsylvania) *Commercial Gazette*, October 24, 1900.  
 Minneapolis (Minnesota) *Times*, October 24, 1900.  
 Mansfield (Ohio) *News*, October 25, 26, 27, 29, November 5, 12, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Tribune*, October 27, 1900.  
 Mansfield (Ohio) *Shield*, October 26, 29, November 5, 1900.  
 Findlay (Ohio) *Hancock Courier*, October 19, 1900.  
 Monticello (Indiana) *Democrat*, October 26, 1900.  
 Marion (Ohio) *Star*, October 26, 1900.  
 Kansas City (Missouri) *World*, October 27, 29, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *News*, October 30, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Times-Herald*, October 31, November 5, 1900.  
 Colorado Springs (Colorado) *Telegraph*, October 24, 1900.  
 Beatrice (Nebraska) *Express*, October 24, 1900.  
 Columbus (Ohio) *Post*, October 29, 1900.  
 Columbus (Ohio) *Dispatch*, October 29, 1900.  
 Cleveland (Ohio) *Plain Dealer*, October 29, 31, 1900.  
 Massillon (Ohio) *Independent*, November 1, 1900.  
 Birmingham (Alabama) *Age-Herald*, November 2, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Inter Ocean*, November 5, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Journal*, November 5, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Chronicle*, November 5, 1900.  
 Grand Rapids (Michigan) *Herald*, November 5, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Record*, November 5, 6, 1900.  
 Waukegan (Illinois) *Sun*, November 5, 1900.  
 St. Louis (Missouri) *Globe-Democrat*, November 5, 1900.  
 Cleveland (Ohio) *Leader*, November 6, 1900.  
 Springfield (Ohio) *Sun*, November 6, 1900.  
 Chillicothe (Ohio) *News-Advertiser*, November 3, 1900.  
 Indianapolis (Indiana) *Journal*, November 5, 1900.  
 Rushville (Indiana) *Republican*, November 6, 1900.  
 Logansport (Indiana) *Journal*, November 8, 1900.  
 Plattsburg (Missouri) *Democrat-Lever*, November 9, 1900.  
 Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) *Bulletin*, November 3, 1900.  
 Cincinnati (Ohio) *Times-Star*, November 5, 1900.  
 Peoria (Illinois) *Star*, October 18, November 5, 1900.

The following papers published an absolutely groundless lie, stating that the General Overseer charged \$1,000 as his fee for baptizing one Mrs. Redding at Mishawaka, Indiana. The truth of the matter was that Elder Fletcher of Wolcottville, Indiana, baptized this woman after the General Overseer had left for Europe:

Milwaukee (Wisconsin) *Evening Wisconsin*, October 26, 1900.  
 Mansfield (Ohio) *News*, October 27, 1900.  
 Des Moines (Iowa) *News*, October 27, 1900.  
 Newark (New Jersey) *News*, October 27, 1900.  
 Wayne (Indiana) *News*, October 26, 1900.  
 San Francisco (California) *Bulletin*, October 28, 1900.  
 Reading (Pennsylvania) *Eagle*, October 27, 1900.  
 Oconto (Wisconsin) *Reporter*, November 2, 1900.  
 Kalamazoo (Michigan) *Telegraph*, October 26, 1900.  
 Spokane (Washington) *Spokesman-Review*, October 27, 1900.  
 Peoria (Illinois) *News*, October 26, 1900.  
 Oconto (Wisconsin) *Reporter*, November 2, 1900.

The following papers published editorial comments on the General Overseer and Zion, in which they falsely and maliciously attacked the General Overseer's motives, misrepresented his sayings, and basely and deliberately lied concerning his doings:

Chicago (Illinois) *Journal*, October 26, November 2, 1900.  
 Chattanooga (Tennessee) *Times*, October 21, 1900.  
 Tacoma (Washington) *News*, October 24, 27, 1900.  
 London (England) *Daily Mail*, October 24, 1900.  
 Cincinnati (Ohio) *Israelite*, October 25, 1900.  
 Providence (Rhode Island) *Journal*, October 27, 1900.  
 Birmingham (Alabama) *Age-Herald*, October 28, 1900.  
 Tacoma (Washington) *Ledger*, October 29, 1900.  
 Albany (New York) *Times-Union*, October 29, 1900.  
 Denver (Colorado) *News*, October 30, 1900.  
 Logansport (Indiana) *Reporter*, October 30, 1900.  
 Davenport (Iowa) *Democrat*, October 30, 1900.  
 Des Moines (Iowa) *State Register*, October 30, November 21, 1900.

Crown Point (Ohio) *Register*, November 1, 1900.  
 Columbus (Ohio) *Journal-Dispatch*, November 1, 1900.  
 Denver (Colorado) *Times*, November 1, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *News*, November 3, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Tribune*, November 3, 19, 22, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Record*, November 2, 3, 1900.  
 Cleveland (Ohio) *Press*, November 3, 1900.  
 Cleveland (Ohio) *Plain Dealer*, November 4, 1900.  
 Canton (Ohio) *Democratic News*, November 5, 1900.  
 Colorado Springs (Colorado) *Telegraph*, November 6, 21, 1900.

London (England) *Free Thinker*, October 28, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Farmers' Voice*, November 3, 1900.  
 Sandusky (Ohio) *Register*, November 7, 1900.  
 Indianapolis (Indiana) *Press*, November 7, 1900.  
 Dubuque (Iowa) *Times*, November 8, 1900.  
 Dubuque (Iowa) *Globe-Journal*, November 8, 1900.  
 Minneapolis (Minnesota) *Times*, November 9, 1900.  
 Fort Wayne (Indiana) *Journal*, November 11, 1900.  
 Brooklyn (New York) *Everywhere* (Monthly), November, 1900.

Medina (Ohio) *Gleanings in Bee Culture*, November 1, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Chronicle*, November 22, 1900.  
 London (England) *Echo*, November 3, 1900.  
 Edinburgh (Scotland) *Dispatch*, November 5, 1900.  
 London (England) *Sun*, November 7, 1900.  
 Belfast (Ireland) *Telegraph*, November 16, 1900.  
 Salt Lake (Utah) *News*, November 16, 1900.  
 Los Angeles (California) *Herald*, November 13, 1900.  
 Mansfield (Ohio) *News*, November 23, 1900.  
 Louisville (Kentucky) *Post*, November 3, 1900.  
 Seattle (Washington) *Daily Times*, November 17, 1900.

The following papers published false statements concerning an alleged objection of Zion parents to their children studying physiology in Chicago schools:

Chicago (Illinois) *Inter Ocean*, October 27, 1900.  
 Chicago (Illinois) *Chronicle*, October 27, 1900.

The following papers published false statements concerning the death of Hugh Yoder, Elkhart, Indiana:

Elkhart (Indiana) *Daily Truth*, October 24, 1900.  
 Elkhart (Indiana) *Review*, October 24, 25, 1900.  
 South Bend (Indiana) *Tribune*, October 24, 1900.  
 Indianapolis (Indiana) *Journal*, October 24, 26, 1900.  
 Indianapolis (Indiana) *News*, October 25, 26, 1900.  
 Indianapolis (Indiana) *Review*, October 25, 1900.

The following papers published false statements concerning the attacks of Vancouver, British Columbia, mobs upon Elder



R. M. Simmons. Also distorted accounts of Elder Simmons' addresses in Zion Tabernacle, Vancouver:

Vancouver (British Columbia) *Daily News-Advertiser*, October 25, 1900.

Vancouver (British Columbia) *World*, October 25, 26, 1900.

Vancouver (British Columbia) *Province*, October 25, 26, 29, November 7, 1900.

The following papers published false statements concerning Zion Lace Experts, their engagement by the General Overseer, their coming to the United States, and their status under the alien contract labor law:

Indianapolis (Indiana) *Journal*, October 30, 1900.

Pecatonica (Illinois) *News*, November 2, 1900.

Jersey City (New Jersey) *Journal*, November 2, 1900.

Waukegan (Illinois) *Sun*, (November 5, 1900.

Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) *North American*, November 13, 16, 1900.

The following papers published false statements and distorted accounts of the General Overseer's Mission in Edinburgh, Scotland:

Chicago (Illinois) *American*, November 5, 1900.

Chicago (Illinois) *Tribune*, November 6, 1900.

Atlanta (Georgia) *Journal*, November 2, 1900.

Mansfield (Ohio) *News*, November 6, 1900.

St. Paul, (Minnesota) *Dispatch*, November 6, 1900.

Chicago (Illinois) *Inter Ocean*, November 6, 1900.

Chicago (Illinois) *Record*, November 6, 1900.

Chicago (Illinois) *Times-Herald*, November 6, 1900.

Waukegan (Illinois) *Sun*, November 6, 1900.

Kansas City (Missouri) *World*, November 6, 1900.

Chicago (Illinois) *Journal*, November 6, 1900.

Marshelles (Illinois) *Record*, November 10, 1900.

Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) *Telegraph*, November 14, 1900.

Edinburgh (Scotland) *Weekly Scotsman*, November 10, 17, 1900.

Edinburgh, and Glasgow (Scotland) *Record*, November 6, 1900.

Edinburgh, (Scotland) *Dispatch*, November 6, 7, 8, 1900.

Dundee (Scotland) *Advertiser*, November 6, 1900.

London (England) *Sun*, November 6, 1900.

Edinburgh (Scotland) *News*, November 6, 8, 1900.

London (England) *Pall Mall Gazette*, November 9, 1900.

The following papers published false statements concerning the death of J. Warren Moore, Jr.:

Chicago (Illinois) *News*, November 14, 1900.

Chicago (Illinois) *Chronicle*, November 14, 1900.

South Bend (Indiana) *Times*, November 13, 1900.

Pittsburg (Pennsylvania) *Leader*, November 14, 1900.

Indianapolis (Indiana) *Press*, November 15, 1900.

Indianapolis (Indiana) *Sentinel*, November 16, 1900.

Mansfield (Ohio) *Shield*, November 22, 1900.

The following papers published false statements, alleging that the General Overseer closed his meetings in Manchester, England, because he was afraid of the college students in that city:

Chicago (Illinois) *Chronicle*, November 22, 1900.

Chicago (Illinois) *Record*, November 22, 1900.

Chicago (Illinois) *Tribune*, November 22, 1900.

Chicago (Illinois) *Inter Ocean*, November 22, 1900.

Chicago (Illinois) *Times-Herald*, November 22, 1900.

Mansfield (Ohio) *News*, November 22, 1900.

The following papers published false statements concerning the death of Mabel Habein:

Mansfield (Ohio) *Shield*, November 14, 1900.

Marion (Ohio) *Sun*, November 13, 1900.

St. Paul (Minnesota) *Pioneer Press*, November 13, 1900.

Minneapolis (Minnesota) *Tribune*, November 16, 1900.

Le Sueur (Minnesota) *Sentinel*, November 17, 1900.

Mankato (Minnesota) *Free Press*, November 18, 1900.

Minneapolis (Minnesota) *Journal*, November 18, 1900.

The following papers published false statements and distorted accounts of the General Overseer's Mission in Belfast, Ireland:

Belfast (Ireland) *Telegraph*, November 12, 13, 16, 1900.

Dublin (Ireland) *Warden*, November 17, 1900.

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**ZION COLLEGE** has great reason to rejoice and praise God for the blessings of the past year. Prosperity has come to her borders as well as to the nation's. We believe in expansion—in body, soul and spirit, and in the mind.

WE ARE happy to note the great and rapid growth of young men and maidens who have come into Zion schools. Our numbers have doubled. We have now about 140 in the Preparatory and Ministerial Departments, and 250 in the Junior Schools. And still they are coming. Our numbers should be larger.

ONE CANNOT overestimate the advantage to a young man or woman in the religious training found in Zion.

We wish to record our own personal conviction in this matter. Our experience extends over a course of many years. We passed through the old log schoolhouse in the country, the better equipped town schools, the preparatory, and college. We had some experience in two theological seminaries, several years in the pastoral work of the Church, and a number of years in active business life.

We must say that our experience with Zion for the last ten years has been of more real value to us than all of the past years of our life.

We have learned more of the true way of life, and above all the great purpose of the Church: that it is the Household of God the Father, and that in the true Church we find all our needs supplied.

THE CHURCH OF GOD manages the affairs of men. We need its fatherly care in directing our lives. What waste of time, energy, health and money we have suffered from the lack of the wise counsel which we have found in Zion's teaching and the helping hand that has been held out to us by Zion's great leader under God!

Thousands will raise the note of praise in these thanksgiving days for blessings which have come to them from God through our General Overseer.

ZION COLLEGE exercises were suspended for two days for Thanksgiving. Most of the students were thankful for that, we presume. They are glad to get a rest from their labors.

This gave us all an opportunity to participate in the most interesting Thanksgiving Services at Central Zion Tabernacle and the Reception at Zion Home in the evening.

IT WOULD take us more than two days to recount all the blessings of the past year. But praise is comely, and what a blessed state for a man to be in to be able, as the apostle said, in everything to give thanks.

God had so transformed His nature that He gloried in tribulations and really enjoyed a good lively tilt with the Devil,

as our General Overseer often says he does. The thought of the great Victory which is sure to come, cheers one.

PAUL AND SILAS did not hold a meeting for fasting and mourning in the Philippian jail, although their feet were fast in the stocks and their backs bore the marks of the scourging lash. Instead, they made the prison walls resound with songs of praise. This was the feeling expressed in the testimonies of Zion officers, who had suffered many indignities from the Mansfield Masonic Mayor's Mob. They thanked God and the Overseer for sending them. They found a peculiar joy in suffering for their Lord which they had not experienced before. The Lord healed their wounds and took fear from their hearts.

ZION COLLEGE has had her trials and victories. At the opening of the year we faced somewhat of a chaotic state of things. We had a heterogeneous mass of unclassified students of all grades to get into order and find a place for. We had more pegs than we had holes to put them in. We had square pins to fit into round holes, etc. But the problem has been solved. We made more holes, got more rooms for recitation, and did some molding.

We had a drove of unmatched colts. Some were large and some small; some fast and some slow. In starting a school, the first work is to match them together that all may work in harmony. We are glad to be able to report progress.

WE REJOICE in our very excellent Musical Department and to know so many are availing themselves of this superior opportunity.

The work of elocution has been added.

THE FRIDAY night social and literary entertainment is proving a very interesting and profitable adjunct to our school life.

We are glad to note the interest taken in these exercises by those outside of the College proper. But Zion is one body with many members. What interests one member interests all. Many thanks are going up to God for this blessing. The young people are appreciating most heartily the privileges of Zion College.

ZION COLLEGE needs your prayers and coöperation.

WE MUST NOT forget to thank the friend who heard and answered our request for a piano for Zion College. This was recently received from Mr. Givens, of Steelton, Pennsylvania, and is most sincerely appreciated. We would say to others, Go thou and do likewise, for Zion needs a number of instruments to supply the Musical Department.

SUBSCRIBE for THE COMING CITY, in which may be found all the news concerning the progress of founding Zion City.

# NOTES OF THANKSGIVING TO ZION'S GOD

## Baby Girl Healed When Dying of Diphtheria.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, November, 24, 1900.

REV. JOHN A. DOWIE.

*Dear General Overseer:*—I wish to tell of the wonderful healing my little girl has received of diphtheria.

On the 21st of September, 1900, I left my home, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to come to Zion.

At that time she was in perfect health, but on Sunday, the 22d, she was taken very sick while on the boat. I thought it was seasickness, and did not consider it serious.

I arrived here Monday morning, and she felt some better, but kept growing weaker. On Thursday we had Elder Graves pray with her and she seemed better.

On Sunday she became so bad that we sent for Overseer Speicher. He said that she was very sick with diphtheria.

Elder Fockler prayed for her on Sunday night. Overseer Speicher came again on Monday, and asked me to keep him informed as to her condition.

On Monday she grew much worse. Her throat was so badly swollen that it hung down on her chest, her mouth was badly coated, and there were great white kernels on each side of her throat.

Her stomach was swollen out of shape and was as hard as a stone.

Her bowels were in a bad condition, and she could not eat, nor even drink milk, as nothing remained in her stomach for eight days and nights.

She was dying, for the death-rattle came in her throat; but I did not fear, for I knew that God's power is the same yesterday, today and forever.

On Tuesday morning we saw that she was dying, and Deaconess Paddock and I knelt and prayed and asked God to deliver her from Satan's hand.

Thank God, in fifteen minutes after we had prayed for her we saw the swelling go down. In the afternoon she sat up and wished her shoes on, and asked for her toys.

She has been well ever since then until she was taken with the measles, from which she is now recovering.

I thank God for this blessed teaching and for our dear General Overseer.

I also thank Him for the home I have, and for our dear Deaconess Paddock; also for the way He opened for me to return to the Home.

I trust that these words, inadequate as they may seem, may be the means of bringing some to the light and blessings to many homes.

Gratefully and faithfully yours, EMMA M—.

## Baby Healed of Deformity and Sickness.

242 WEST ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH STREET,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, November 24, 1900.

DEAR OVERSEER SPEICHER:—I am sending baby's photograph and his testimony.

We thank God for how He has blessed him.

He was tongue-tied.

After he was consecrated he put out his tongue and put it up around his upper lip. That was the first time I ever saw him put out his tongue.

He was nearly four months old.

Several persons wanted me to get his tongue cut, but we trusted God to loosen his tongue, and He did.

He was also very sick for nearly a week.

We were praying for his healing, but he did not get healed until we wrote to the General Overseer for prayer. At about the time he got the letter the baby began to get well. In a few days he was fully well.

We thank God for His many blessings since we came to Zion.

We also thank God for bringing us out of the Bethany Reformed Church and bringing us to Zion, where we were saved, healed and taught how to serve God.

Your Brother and Sister in Christ,

GEORGE AND LIZZIE MCELROY.

## God's Way Greatly Superior to Man's Way.

1904 WEST MAIN STREET,  
MERRILL, WISCONSIN, November 25, 1900.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—I thank you very much for praying for me, and also my dear Heavenly Father for answering your prayers.

I have a nice baby girl who is very good; no trouble at all.

I was not sick at all to speak of.

I had no doctor or medicines, only a midwife with me.

When my other baby was born I had a doctor and was very sick for a long time.

I did not know of Divine Healing at that time.

I am indeed thankful I have learned the right way since. I am well and strong, thank God.

Your Sister in Christ, (MRS.) MYRTLE BOYCE.

## Little Daughter Quickly Healed. Mother Greatly Strengthened.

FREMONT, OHIO, November 19, 1900.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Overseer Piper:*—We praise God and thank you for your prayer for our little daughter Faith.

You had no sooner prayed for her than we noticed the change in her for the better.

Then we requested you to pray for myself and baby. I seemed to have no strength after the birth of our last babe, but now I am gaining rapidly.

We also praise God for the answer of prayer in behalf of our little daughter Marie. She had taken a very bad cold and had a high fever, but, praise God, she was perfectly healed in twenty-four hours from the time she took sick.

We feel so unworthy that God should be so merciful to us.

We feel so thankful to God and to Zion to know that He is so willing to heal as well as to forgive and keep His people so long as they obey Him.

Pray for us, that we may ever be obedient.

Yours for the Service of Christ. (MRS.) MINA R. LANCE.

## Blessed and Healed in Answer to Prayer.

PARROTT, OHIO, November 20, 1900.

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—On October 16th I sent you a request for prayer, asking you to pray for me on the 18th.

I received a letter from you stating you had prayed for me, and in a few days I was much better. I improved rapidly until I am almost well.

I am satisfied that through your prayers in my behalf God heard and answered.

I thank God for Zion, and that through its teaching I have been brought to see the truth in the Bible. It is a new Book to me

I had no religion before coming into Zion.

I thank God that through obeying God in all things we receive the blessing.

We are praying for all Zion everywhere and that we may soon be permitted to live in Zion City.

May God bless you and all Zion.

I remain your Brother in Christ, B. C. THOMPSON.

## Baby Boy Healed of Many Diseases.

1302 WEST TWENTIETH STREET,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, November 29, 1900.

DEAR OVERSEER SPEICHER:—My boy has been healed in answer to your and the General Overseer's prayers, of rupture, whooping-cough and measles, and several times of cold and constipation.

He was two years and seven months old November 6, 1900, and is a strong, healthy boy.

We give God all the glory and thank you and the General Overseer for your prayers.

It is my prayer that many more may trust God for their all.

Yours in Christ, EGBERT HOLKZEMO.

## Baby Immediately Healed at the Time of Prayer.

HECTOR, MINNESOTA, November 19, 1900.

OVERSEER W. H. PIPER.

*Dear Brother in Christ:*—I write this to thank you for your prayers in behalf of my dear baby.

I cannot find words to express my gratitude to God for His wonderful saving, healing and keeping power.

Baby was very sick with fever.

I telegraphed you to pray for her the 2d inst. You prayed for her at 11:30 A. M.

She began to get better at that time and in the evening the same day her fever was all gone and she got down on the floor to play.

It left her lungs very sore, so I wrote and asked you to pray again for her, which was on the 7th inst.

God also answered that prayer, and she has been well since.

I have received many blessings in the two years I have been in Zion. May God bless our General Overseer and Zion's Elders who have suffered persecution. May He give them fearless hearts and strong will to go forward.

I also pray that His blessing may rest upon each member of Zion throughout the world.

Your Sister in Christ, (MRS.) O. F. PETERSON.

# FORM OF APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

— IN THE —

## CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

*To all who are desirous of entering into Fellowship with the Christian Catholic Church:*

MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS:—The principles of the Christian Catholic Church have been fully set forth in the Reports of Two Conferences on Organization, held in Zion Tabernacle No. 2, which are fully reported in LEAVES OF HEALING for January 31 and February 7, 1896. The Basis of Fellowship is set forth in the second section of the Resolution passed on February 5th (see LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume II, Number 17, page 267):

FIRST—That we recognize the infallible inspiration and sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures as the rule of faith and practice.

SECOND—That we recognize that no persons can be members of the Church who have not repented of their sins and have not trusted in Christ for Salvation.

THIRD—That such persons must also be able to make a good profession, and declare that they do know, in their own hearts, that they have truly repented, and are truly trusting Christ, and have the witness, in a measure, of the Holy Spirit.

FOURTH—That all other questions of every kind shall be held to be matters of opinion and not matters that are essential to church unity.

All who are conscious of fulfilling these conditions, no matter where they may reside, are invited to fill up the following blank and answer the questions contained therein.

I am, faithfully yours in Jesus,



*General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church.*

No. ....

To the Rev. John Alex. Dowie,

*General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church,*

*1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill., U. S. A.*

*I hereby make application to be received as a member of the Christian Catholic Church, and declare my agreement with the Basis of Fellowship agreed upon at a Conference held February 5, 1896, as set forth in your circular letter of February 7, 1896.*

*What is your full name?* .....

*What is your age last birthday?* .....

*Are you married, unmarried or widowed?* .....

*If married, how many of your children are living?* .....

*Where is your residence?* .....

*What is your occupation, profession, or trade?* .....

*Where were you born?* .....

*How long have you lived in America (or the country where you are now living)?* .....

*When and where were you converted to God?* .....

*Are you conscious that you are saved through faith in Jesus?* .....

*Were you sprinkled or immersed in Baptism?* .....

*When and where were you sprinkled?* .....

*When and where were you immersed?* .....

*With what Church were you formerly connected?* .....

REMARKS:

Extra Copies of this Form will be sent to intending members, on application to the General Recorder of the Christian Catholic Church, Zion, Michigan Avenue and Twelfth Street, Chicago.

## ZION'S BIBLE CLASS.

CONDUCTED BY DEACON DANIEL SLOAN.

MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS LESSON, DECEMBER 19th or 20th.

SUGGESTIVE NOTES FOR THE USE OF ZION'S BIBLE CLASS OUTLINES

## How to Evangelize a City.

- General principles.**—Luke 14:1-24.  
What classes have God's sympathy?  
For whom are we called to live?  
How can social life be used for God?
- Christ as an example.**—Luke 4:14-32.  
Is it best first to preach to or teach people?  
How familiar should one be with God's Word to teach it?  
If taught of God, what will others say of the teaching given?
- Definitely invite acquaintances.**—Mark 5:15-20.  
How large a list of professed Christians can you write?  
What are you to say to them when they are seen?  
Will they believe what you tell them?
- Systematically seek out needy classes.**—Ezekiel 34:11-19.  
How can you find where the poor, sick, injured and helpless are?  
When found, what are you to do with them?  
What does it require to "bring them in"?
- Lastly, capture individuals from groups.**—Matthew 13:47-52.  
Can we compel men and women to be Christians?  
Must we reach crowds as well as individuals?  
How are people to be held when reached in crowds?
- From this time until the end, work is thus to be pursued.**—Matthew 10:17-31.  
Are we by discussion to seek controversies with men?  
Are we to be afraid when trouble comes?  
When city after city is touched in God's order, what then?  
*The Lord our God is a Method-Unfolding God.*

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS LESSON, DECEMBER 23d.

## What is Seventy Work?

- The specific direction.**—Luke 10:1-16.  
How many Seventies did Jesus send?  
Can there be too many Seventies?  
What will people try to do to Seventies?
- Who is to do Seventy work?**—Matthew 28:16-20.  
Can a person who has no faith do Seventy work?  
Can they do it if they fear the Devil's power?  
What is one to do who has not this power or capacity?
- Where is Seventy work to be done?**—Luke 14:18-24.  
Is it to be done in meeting acquaintances?  
Is it to be done in going from house to house, street by street?  
Is it to be done last of all in business streets and thoroughfares?
- Have boundless confidence in your resources.**—Acts 1:4-9.  
What Baptism is to follow that of water?  
What will yet precede the restored Kingdom?  
Can one witness in power without this Power?
- Go with words of peace.**—Matthew 9:10-13.  
Can you win people by eating with them?  
Who are we to bring to our tables to eat with us?  
Are we to fight a battle of words with those who have no conscious needs?
- One will meet determined opposition.**—Mark 8:34-38.  
If one gets angry easily, is he dead to self?  
If one is afraid of persecution, is he dead to self?  
What sins today make people so hardened?
- A terrible judgment will soon come.**—Revelation 6:9-17.  
Testifying against what sin caused John the Baptist to lose his life?  
Will thousands of Christians be yet killed, and for what?  
Who will be the people upon whom judgment will first of all fall?  
*God's Holy People are a Divinely-Sent People.*

**Be Alive to Your Opportunities for God.** Through a Diligent Study and use of Zion's Bible Class Lessons and the fitness they will give toward a greater familiarity with the Holy Scriptures and a clearer insight into God's truth, you will be prepared and furnished into every good work.

They will equip you for teaching those who will know God in power and blessing; for reproving those who trifle with God's mercies and despise His grace; for correcting those who have ignorant and false views of God and His relations to His people; and for instructing in righteousness those who are teachable and who would escape the corruption in the world through lust, who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus, and be blessed with all spiritual blessing in the world that now is as well as that which is to come.

This will include long life, happy heartedness and clearer insight into the purpose of life in all its relations, contributing to prosperity and financial success, as well as soul-saving usefulness.

**Elders, Evangelists, Deacons and Deaconesses,** as well as Conductors of Zion Gatherings, should, together with every member and friend of Zion, use Zion's Bible Class studies in their personal study of the Holy Scriptures, and also in the family gathering as well as in Seventy work and cottage meetings. The scope of these lessons is covering the teachings of God's Word concerning every relation of life, as well as blessed fellowship in spirit, soul and body with a Triune God. To neglect this is to despise opportunities. To push it aside is to count something else more important. Not to meditate on God's Word day and night, as well as to read it, grasping the sense and cultivating an understanding heart, means you do not wish God's richest blessing upon you and the greatest success to come from your labors.

**The Seed is the Word of God and the Field is the World.** Therefore go ye and preach the Gospel to every creature; which means that people must be touched at home centers. Divide your town into two or more divisions, your city into smaller sections by streets, your township into districts by roads, and then begin and systematically follow up a house-to-house visitation with short calls. Give a small Zion tract or a copy of LEAVES OF HEALING or A VOICE FROM ZION.

Do not argue or controvert with people, but in cheerfulness of spirit and glow of countenance extend the literature with supplication in spirit and a "God bless you." Where your peace is returned, note all such places, together with the names of the parties.

Continue then in thus so doing, and you will not have gone over a very large or compact area by such thorough and systematic work until you have found material enough near at hand for an occasional Cottage Prayer Meeting in some home which may open to you.

Then you will follow this up in due time with a Zion Bible Class Gathering in a home centrally located. This Gathering will be continued regularly each week with great blessing and profit to all who attend. If it is persevered in, it will ultimately grow into a strong Zion Assembly, and eventually become a Branch Church, with an Elder-in-Charge.

Every member, however, must set aside a time for doing this preliminary work. Where there are only a few members in a place, the division of the territory must be planned in conference with the Conductor of the Gathering or the Elder-in-Charge, or whoever else may be appointed by the General Overseer at Headquarters as the representative to thus have charge of Zion's affairs. An understanding will then enable every one to set about this work in an orderly way, reaching every home as speedily as possible, without two or more persons working in conflict or covering the same territory.

This is Christ's method of evangelization as outlined in the Gospels, and will win victory for God every time, in every place and by every person who is deeply committed to Him in discipleship.

The day has come when this must be done. Those who refuse to do it are cursed with a curse, for God says: "Woe unto those who are at ease in Zion."

## How a Zion Bible Class Lesson is Prepared May Interest You.

Aside from years of close study of the Bible and special capacity and gift from God for teaching, comes first the choosing of subjects within the scope of Scripture truth. Then comes their development and logical arrangement in outline, with the Scripture bearing upon the same which appears in the unfolding of a subject.

All the Scripture thus suggested is arranged in order by clipping and pasting, so that all verses pertaining to a given lesson fall under the eye at once.

It is then carefully weighed and the emphasis given it is considered. Thoughtfully the questions are prepared, bringing out and enforcing the phases or special truth of the subject, which, when done, complete the manuscript.

After this the lesson's outline is dictated and typewritten. The copy is then gone over carefully, modified or strengthened for greater force or clearness. It is then handed to the printer.

After being put in type, it is again considered carefully for final form or correction. All of this for a single week's outlines requires hours of time under prayer, preparation and Divine guidance. It is done that the thousands who each week read, and are being increasingly study these lessons, may receive the greatest possible blessing from God through the power of His Word and thus extend the Kingdom of God in these days of the Restoration of His Church to its primitive power and usefulness. God is raising up a people and has commanded that the Truth be known, for He says: "Say unto Zion, thou art My people."

## A True Use of Sabbath Day Hours.

They should be improved well by every member and friend of Zion. The Bible Class Lesson outline should, with the Bible in hand, be gone over carefully and prayerfully, and the sermon by the General Overseer should also be attentively read. Assemble, sometime during the day, your own family. Invite in, if possible, those who want to know God in power, or desire from Him some blessing for spirit, soul or body. Where this is not possible, go where the sick and sinful, poor and neglected are, who have tasted only of the bitterness of life, and open up to them the Gospel which Jesus commanded should be preached to the poor. Where there are two or more members of Zion near you, do not fail to regularly come together sometime during the Lord's Day. Pray and speak with one another, and study together the Bible Class Lesson and talk over the marvelous doings of God in Zion. DO NOT OFFEND GOD BY GOING TO SOME CHURCH SERVICE WHERE GOD IS EVER DISHONORED AS THE HEALER, CLEANSER, KEEPER AND PROSPERER OF HIS PEOPLE. Do not go to hear His truth perverted by the cry of Peace, Peace, when sudden destruction is so near because of the prevalent wickedness of the world, which, with a worldly Church, is becoming more and more corrupt. Do not go where scoffing is everywhere heard from so-called Christians at the imminent coming of "the great God and Saviour Jesus Christ." He will receive unto Himself only those who look for Him; even ZION, whom He is now calling into Purity and Holy Living, who daily, in obedience to Her Lord, whatever the cost may be, is thus making herself READY TO SOON BECOME THE BRIDE OF CHRIST AT HIS APPEARING.

**Dig Deep Into God's Word.** On the surface of the Bible you will find the letter which killeth, and associated with it is the physical strata. This deals with narratives, incidents, records, customs, places and people. One may know all these things and be able to repeat from memory much Scripture, even knowing the Bible by heart, as some say, and yet be ignorant of God in the might of His salvation.

Underneath and associated with this is the intellectual study of the Bible. This leads one into mental pursuits and pleasures, where literary and ethical subjects, together with maxims and examples for this life, may, no doubt, give delight to many. Yet this may prevent one having fellowship with God in spirit.

The Spirit of God guides into all truth, leading one directly to Christ as Lord and Saviour, as well as Teacher and Leader.

This last strata brings one to fine gold and that which is sweeter than honey in the honeycomb. Get this spiritual insight and understanding of Jesus Christ our Lord, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Through your study of God's Word, do not let the physical and psychical so attract and occupy you that you cannot see this under-vein in which God is ever real to you. It makes His will plain concerning every duty and relation in life. Keep on digging deep in study, ever comparing spiritual things with Scriptural. Then you will know the mind of the Lord, and will never walk in darkness, but will have the Light of Life.

Reply at once if you are using Zion's Bible Class Studies in a regular Zion Gathering anywhere and are trying through their use to help others to "A HOLIER LIFE FOR GOD." Write Deacon Sloan how long and where you have been doing this work, that he may by prayer, special helps and counsel come closer to you in your own life and comprehension of the Truth, and be, perhaps, of inspiration and assistance, possibly by an occasional personal letter to all who, as Bible Workers in Zion, are striving for the faith once delivered. Add your name to the list.



**OBEYING GOD IN BAPTISM.**

**"Baptizing Them Into the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost."**

**Eight Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy-Eight Baptisms by Triune Immersion Since March 14, 1897.**

Eight Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy-Eight Believers have joyfully followed their Lord in the Ordinance of Believers' Baptism by Triune Immersion since the first Baptism in Central Zion Tabernacle on March 14, 1897:

Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle from March 14, 1897, to September 14, 1900, by the General Overseer.	4339	
Baptized by Elders and Evangelists.	1534	
Total Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle.	5873	
Baptized in places outside of Chicago by the General Overseer.	128	
Baptized in places outside of Chicago by Elders, Evangelists and Deacons.	1889	
Total Baptized outside of Chicago.	2017	
Total baptized in three years and six months.	7890	

Baptized in London, England, by the General Overseer.	172	
Baptized in Belfast, Ireland, by the General Overseer.	11	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Overseer Speicher.	25	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Overseer Piper.	64	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Dinus.	4	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Evangelist Fisher.	20	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Fockler.	33	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Deacon Fogwill.	21	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Kennedy.	4	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Stokes.	11	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder McClurkin.	8	190
Baptized in Australia by Overseer Wilhide.	60	
Baptized in Australia by Elder Wallington.	13	
Baptized in British Columbia by Elder Simmons.	6	
Baptized in British Columbia by Elder Brooks.	1	
Baptized in California by Elder Taylor.	3	
Baptized in Canada by Deacon Hope.	3	
Baptized in Canada by Elder Stokes.	6	
Baptized in Colorado by Elder Reed.	10	
Baptized in Illinois by Deacon Post.	6	
Baptized in Indiana by Elder Osborn.	3	
Baptized in Iowa by Elder Caben.	12	
Baptized in Iowa by Elder Hoy.	3	
Baptized in Kansas by Elder Keed.	8	
Baptized in Massachusetts by Overseer Mason.	12	
Baptized in Michigan by Elder Stokes.	39	
Baptized in Michigan by Deacon Kindle.	4	
Baptized in Minnesota by Elder Excell.	11	
Baptized in New Jersey by Elder Hammond.	7	
Baptized in New York by Overseer Mason.	32	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder Bouck.	6	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder McFarlane.	6	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder Reiff.	5	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder Voliva.	8	
Baptized in Oregon by Elder Ernst.	3	
Baptized in Pennsylvania by Deacon Kindle.	7	
Baptized in Pennsylvania by Elder Hammond.	7	
Baptized in Vermont by Overseer Mason.	11	
Baptized in Washington by Elder Ernst.	5	
Baptized in West Virginia by Deacon Kindle.	4	
Baptized in Wisconsin by Elder Kennedy.	12	
Baptized in Wisconsin by Elder Bryant.	2	498 688

The following-named eleven believers were baptized by Triune Immersion by the General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, Tuesday morning, November 13, 1900, in the Great Victoria Street Baptist Chapel, Belfast, Ireland,

Baillie, Agnes J.	Ballyeasboro, Kirkcubbin, County Down, Ireland
Baillie, James	Ballyhalbert, Kirkcubbin, County Down, Ireland
Boyd, James	Allalong, County Down, Ireland
Burch, Miss Elizabeth M.	Ballyhalbert, Kirkcubbin, County Down, Ireland
Burch, Mrs. Jane	Ballyhalbert, Kirkcubbin, County Down, Ireland
Hastings, William	Ballyhalbert, Kirkcubbin, County Down, Ireland
Steele, Thomas	18 Albion Street, Belfast, Ireland
Thompson, Miss Essie	Ballyhalbert, Kirkcubbin, County Down, Ireland
Wilson, Miss Agnes	Ballyhalbert, Kirkcubbin, County Down, Ireland
Wilson, Miss Mary J.	Ballyhalbert, Kirkcubbin, County Down, Ireland
Wilson, William	Ballyhalbert, Kirkcubbin, County Down, Ireland

The following-named believer was baptized in Keuka Lake, Keuka College, New York, Saturday, November 24, 1900, by Overseer G. L. Mason: Wood, Elizabeth . . . . . Bluff Point, New York

The following-named eight believers were baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle, Chicago, Wednesday evening, November 28, 1900, by Elder A. W. McClurkin:

Burrows, Mrs. Abbie	Nashville Center, Minnesota
Corkey, Mrs. Isabella Sloan	Glendermott Manse, Londonderry, Ireland
Fox, Mrs. Mary	2008 La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois
Knobe, Mrs. A. E.	903 East Market Street, Indianapolis, Indiana
Milton, Saul	4540 Armour Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Rossov, Miss Anna	1097 South Leavitt Street, Chicago, Illinois
Schwab, Emil	392 State Street, Chicago, Illinois
Wold, O. J. Nelson	165 West Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois

The following-named eight believers were baptized at Hornellsville, New York, Wednesday, November 28, 1900, by Overseer G. L. Mason:

Bowers, Mrs. Ada E.	Austenburg, Pennsylvania
Bowers, Charles James	Austenburg, Pennsylvania
Peterson, Philip	Hornellsville, New York
Smith, Mrs. Jennie M.	Hornellsville, New York
Smith, Miss Ida D.	Hornellsville, New York
Taylor, Frederick James	Hornellsville, New York
Taylor, James P.	.65 Maple Street, Hornellsville, New York
Taylor, Miss Rosa Maria	.65 Maple Street, Hornellsville, New York

The following-named five believers were baptized in Cayuga Lake, at Ithaca, New York, Thursday, November 2, 1900, by Overseer G. L. Mason:

Griffin, Mrs. Louisa A.	704 North Tioga Street, Ithaca, New York
Markell, G. R.	700 Mitchell Street, Ithaca, New York
Markell, Mohlon S.	445 Tioga Street, Ithaca, New York
Norris, John	Van Etten, New York
Norris, Mrs. Maria E.	Van Etten, New York

The following-named three believers were baptized in Thomas Creek, Paskenta, California, Friday, November 2, 1900, by Elder W. D. Taylor:

Owens, Mrs. Sarah	Paskenta, California
Phelps, Mrs. Elva Adelaide	Paskenta, California
Uhl, Mrs. Martha	Paskenta, California

The following-named two believers were baptized at Vancouver, British Columbia, Lord's Day, November 11, 1900, by Elder R. M. Simmons:

Buzzell, Mrs. Katie	514 Dufferin Street, Vancouver, British Columbia
Buzzell, Shirley R.	514 Dufferin Street, Vancouver, British Columbia

The following name was omitted from the list of those baptized by the General Overseer in London, England, on Saturday night, October 27, 1900, at the Hornsey Road Public Baths, Halloway, N.: House, Arthur . . . . . 109 Ashmore Road, Harrow Road, W., London, England

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He sendeth His word



and healeth them.

# LEAVES OF HEALING

I am the Lord that healeth thee.

And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

A WEEKLY PAPER FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD.  
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## GOD'S WITNESSES TO DIVINE HEALING.

HEALED WHEN NEAR TO DEATH WITH CATARRH OF THE STOMACH, NERVOUS PROSTRATION AND HEART TROUBLE.

### I AM THE WAY.

These are the words of Jesus.

He proclaimed Himself as God's Way of Salvation, Healing and Cleansing. He is the Way of Salvation because He bore our sins upon the Cross.

He is the Way of Healing because He "Himself took our infirmities, and bare our diseases."

He is the Way of Cleansing because "the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin."

He is the *only* way of Salvation, Healing and Cleansing.

Men have tried often and long to find other ways, but have failed.

Especially has this been the case with Healing.

In the early ages, men strove by sorcery to heal themselves and others.

The modern systems of medicine are the progeny of ancient sorcery.

Each of them offers a false way of healing as a substitute for Jesus, the *only* Way.

This Witness tells what a terrible failure the medical way of healing is.

She tells, also, how wonderfully she was healed and

blessed through Jesus, God's Way of Healing. Four years ago she lay in a darkened room, dying.

Her stomach was so terribly diseased that she could take almost no nourishment. She was starving.

Her nervous system was so badly shattered that she could not bear the slightest sound.

She lay helpless upon a bed of indescribable suffering.

Her heart, worn out by other diseases, again and again seemed almost to cease beating.

Each time she suffered all the pangs of death and then revived, weaker, and in greater misery than before.

Thus she had lain for five months.

Her diseases had been brought on by a fiery poison given her by a physician, who had attempted to cure her of hemorrhage by man's way of healing.

Following that, "gallons of stimulants" had been poured into her tortured stomach.

Many other vile and poisonous drugs, in large quantities, were given.

Through it all she had steadily grown worse.

At last her physician



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acknowledged that drugs would do her no good. She had tried man's way of healing to its utmost possibility.

It had proved its utter failure.

Slow, awful death from starvation was at the end of that way unless more speedy death from heart failure ended her agonies.

While thus all but hopeless, she and her husband received, through one of Zion's faithful members, a leaf of Zion Literature. It told them the glad news of God's Way of Healing.

Eagerly they sought for more light.

God's Spirit opened their hearts to the blessed truth.

They then sought healing in God's Way.

Instantly the glorious work began.

She, who for five months had been helpless, was given strength to walk.

Gradually all the terrible results of medical abuse and folly disappeared, by the Power of God's Holy Spirit.

Today God has taken away all disease, and the slight weakness which remains as their result, He is rapidly replacing by His strength.

Instead of a helpless, hopeless invalid, at the very door of death, she is a happy wife and mother, serving God in her sacred duties to her family.

Her husband is a Deacon in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, and fills with honor the important positions of General Recorder and Financial Secretary of the Church.

That is the story.

Such is the contrast between man's false way of healing, which is the way to death, and God's Way of Healing, which is the Way to Life; nay, which is Life.

It is a clear, unmistakable case.

There is no room for doubt.

The Witness lives in Zion Home and is seen daily in increased flesh and strength by many who saw her enter in a dying condition.

Christ is Conqueror.

To Him be all the glory.

A. W. N.

#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF MRS. BLANCHE ANDERSON.

ZION HOME, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, December 1, 1900.

DEAR OVERSEER SPEICHER:—I have felt for some time that I ought to write a testimony for the glory of God.

First of all, I thank my Heavenly Father for leading us to Zion and for the truths so beautifully and wonderfully taught by our beloved General Overseer and his wife.

They have brought me many blessings in spirit, soul and body.

A physical wreck when I came to Zion, I feel I owe my life to the healing power of God.

Because I was not perfectly healed at once, the Devil has tried to close my mouth entirely concerning the great blessing I have received.

I suffered from nervous prostration in its worst form, heart failure and catarrh of the stomach.

Everything possible to human skill had been done for me.

I had taken gallons of stimulants, had been rubbed with salt, and had been bathed with oil every day, for months.

My stomach was washed out every morning for three months and my breakfast given me through a tube.

My vitality was all gone.

Nothing could stimulate my exhausted system.

I could just live, flat on my back.

I had dozens of sinking spells, when those around had to apply stimulants and rub my cold hands and limbs.

I suffered the pangs of death over and over again, and although I was determined to get well, there were a few times when death would have been a welcome rest.

I could write many pages and not tell half my sufferings, but that is not the side I like to look at.

While I was seeking to know Christ as Healer, God in His mercy showed me the errors of Christian Science, which had been brought to my attention, and I turned toward Zion, knowing nothing about it, but believing God would guide me to the right place.

I accepted the truth at once, and in a short time gave up medicine and came to Zion Home.

I began at once to gain, and have grown in strength and health continually.

I have overtaxed myself many times and had little backsets, but I would never give up, and I would soon be going forward again.

My stomach trouble, I believe, is perfectly healed, as I do not realize I have a stomach now, unless I get hungry.

My life was a burden to me from intense nervous suffering and from indigestion. Now I have joy and happiness in doing the duties it was so long impossible for me to do.

I feel especially grateful to God at this time for deliverance in childbirth.

Our baby, now nearly four months old, came into the world with her little body directly opposite the usual position. I should have been very much alarmed had I been trusting in the arm of flesh.

How thankful I was at that moment that my trust was in God, and that I was able to rest in Him for deliverance without fear.

The child was quickly delivered, alive and well, with almost no suffering. For this I do indeed praise God.

Zion seems more wonderful to me all the time as I see the unfolding of God's wonderful plans for her.

I thank our General Overseer and Mrs. Dowie and many others for their prayers and kindness.

Faithfully,

(MRS.) BLANCHE ANDERSON.

#### CONFIRMATION OF HIS WIFE'S TESTIMONY BY DEACON E. S. ANDERSON.

ZION CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, December 7, 1900.

MR. ARTHUR W. NEWCOMB,

Assistant Editor LEAVES OF HEALING,

1300 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

*My Dear Brother in Christ:*—I joyfully respond to your request to add a few lines of confirmation to the testimony of my dear wife, which I understand is to appear in next week's LEAVES OF HEALING.

I heartily endorse all that she has said, and can truthfully say that the half has not been told, either as to what she suffered before coming to Zion or as to the blessings received since.

My wife and myself had been members of the M. E. Church at Salina, Kansas, our native city; had transferred our membership to Downer's Grove, Illinois, where we resided three years, and upon moving into Chicago had taken our Church letters. But we found no Church in the city which seemed to have any spiritual life, so we remained outside of all churches until we came to Zion.

Although my wife had been somewhat run down before, we trace the real cause of her long sickness to the strong medicines given her by Dr. H. R. Wallace, of 116 East Forty-third Street, Chicago, particularly the aromatic sulphuric acid mentioned in my testimony under "Cheering Words From Zion's Guests," on page 230, this issue of LEAVES OF HEALING.

While she was able to be around and to do considerable work for some months after this, her body was not properly nourished on account of the paralyzed condition of her stomach, and she gradually ran down until January 1, 1897, when she completely collapsed.

She rallied some in June and was able to be about the house some, and even out on the street two or three times; then took a relapse and remained in bed until I brought her to Zion Home.

When taken with this sickness we called in Dr. Bertha Van Hoosen, of 489 East Forty-second Street, Chicago, and she continued to be our physician until we accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as our Great Physician.

Dr. Van Hoosen had, however, called another lady physician into consultation with her at the bedside and had consulted a number of others outside. In the course of her treatment she had given my wife strychnine, aromatic spirits of ammonia, asafetida and creosote (oil of smoke). She was also given whisky, wine, malt extract, clam bouillon, etc., by the gallon, as well as many other drugs and stimulants.

So much for the dark side of the story.

Brother W. H. Handyside, who is an elevator man at the Chamber of Commerce Building, in which I was employed, gave me a Zion tract and asked me to come to hear our General Overseer preach.

I took the tract home. We read it.

I went to hear the preaching, bought more tracts and papers, read them, and continued so doing for two months.

On November 7, 1897, I lifted my wife from the bed from which she had not been able to arise for five months, carried her down to a carriage, drove with her to Zion Home and carried her to her room. She received much blessing during the week and was able to go to the Tabernacle on November 14th, be baptized, and return home with me on the street cars.

Now from probably less than ninety pounds, she has gained to 114 pounds of good, solid flesh.

From a life of seclusion, and many times darkness, she has come into the marvelous light of Zion and into strength which enables her to superintend her house and children and do many other duties, besides attending many lectures and other meetings.

We are truly thankful to God, to our beloved General Overseer and to the many faithful brethren for the many blessings, for the prayers and for the teaching which we have received in Zion.

We are also very thankful for the blessed privilege of being associated with the General Overseer in the Financial and Recording Departments of the Christian Catholic Church.

Faithfully your Friend and Fellow-Servant in Jesus,

E. S. ANDERSON.



#### Leaves of Healing Blessed in Africa.

A worker in South Africa writes:

We thank Zion Mission very much for continuing to send LEAVES OF HEALING and the tracts. They are continuing to bless.

By this mail I am forwarding to Deacon Anderson another application for membership, the result of the teaching of the blessed Little White Dove.

We also post a number of those sent to us by your Mission to many parts of Africa, and we trust blessing will follow where they go.

The soldiers are rejoicing in persecution since LEAVES OF HEALING came into their hands.

Some strangers have commenced coming to our meetings and they are very glad to receive LEAVES.

Another worker in South Africa writes:

We thank Zion Literature Mission for literature. LEAVES OF HEALING has been a great blessing to us, my wife and self. Through it we have been led nearer to God and have received much instruction.

Our desire is to know God and His Way of Healing better, not only for ourselves and children, but for these poor, dark-minded Zulus.

I have been preaching the Gospel, only in part, for eight years, to these dark people. Divine Healing was unknown to me, or I should say I did not understand it.

I am a Zulu linguist; but not until today have I been bold enough to confess Christ as the Healer of His people. God helping me, I will continue to do so, for I now see plainly that it is not a Full Gospel without it.

We are quite isolated from (white) Christian fellowship.

We pray for Zion and its workers.

Pray for us, that we may be blessed in our labors among these dark and superstitious people.

They all eat swine's flesh, more or less. We gave it up over twelve months ago through reading the Zion tract on swine's flesh. I am telling these people to give it up.

They all drink an intoxicating beverage and use snuff tobacco.

There is no good word in the Scripture for swine.

In the Old Testament God speaks of them and says:

Of their flesh ye shall not eat, and their carcasses ye shall not touch; they are unclean unto you.—Leviticus 11:8.

When Jesus desired to show the depths of degradation to which the prodigal had fallen, He spoke of his feeding swine. He classes swine with dogs as a type of unbelievers (Matthew 7:6). The Apostle Peter classes swine with dogs as a type of apostates (2 Peter 2:22).

#### Leaves of Healing Blessed in England.

The following letter is from a worker in England, who writes:

I have enclosed you — for some of the literature which Zion Literature Mission so kindly sent me. Of course, we have given a lot of it away, but I thought the money for what we have sold might as well come back into the fund for distribution.

I am sure you will be pleased to hear that God has blessed LEAVES OF HEALING here.

We sent LEAVES to a young man, a member of the Methodist Church, who has been at home ill for several weeks. When he had read it he sent in a request for prayer and gave up his tobacco and beer and trusted God. He was healed and went straight back to his work. He is working today.

Zion Literature has caused quite a stir in the Methodist Church he is attending.

I find it quite true, as you said, that LEAVES OF HEALING stirs up the Devil wherever it goes.

We also sent some papers to a man in Wales, who was ill. He saw the truth and trusted God, and was able to walk to his own chapel on Sunday, which he had not done for weeks.

I do thank God for these works of His love to His own children who trust Him.

If you can send me some more literature, I should be very glad, as we expect in the coming year to become a recognized Gathering of the Friends of Zion.

Send me as many as you can of "Zion's Protest Against Swine's Flesh." I keep a grocer shop and have kept ham and bacon, but am turning it out of my shop altogether.

Several of us have been to London to hear the General Overseer, and we are strengthened and encouraged to Go Forward since hearing him.

#### "The Story of a Nickel."

LE SUEUR, MINNESOTA, November 29, 1900.

WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

Dear Brother in Christ:—"The Story of a Nickel" is a mover, for it moved our hearts to Go Forward and help in the good work in Zion.

We thank God for the beautiful old-time teaching. It brings us back to God in spirit, soul and body.

LEAVES OF HEALING is the only paper we care to read. It has been a blessing to us in Saving, Cleansing, Healing, and bringing us out of a dead Church into the Living Church of God.

May God prosper Zion everywhere.

Yours in Christ,

J. HABEIN.

#### Leaves of Healing Blessed in New Brunswick.

A lady in New Brunswick, Canada, writes:

I appreciate the benefit of the Free Literature Fund. Thank God for the givers.

There are so many whom I long to see reading Zion Literature! Many copies I send away into the country, with instructions to return them or keep them going. They must bless.

One of our neighbors has been greatly blessed by LEAVES OF HEALING; also her father and mother, who live some miles distant.

We love Zion and believe in Dr. Dowie as a man inspired of God to forward His purposes.

We have some experience of God's goodness and power in healing our children and ourselves.

We cannot say too much in praise of LEAVES OF HEALING. Had it not been for that, we would have known comparatively little about Divine Healing.

Through Dr. Dowie's teaching we have been enabled to claim healing for our youngest boy, a dear little fellow of two years. When he was three months old he was healed of groinal hernia, and later of offensive discharge from the ears, sprained wrist and earache, swellings under the ear; also a very bad attack of bronchial pneumonia.

Tears of joy have run down my face many times as I have read the testimonies to healing in the Little White Dove, and I have praised God for His wonderful works to the children of men.

We have given a few out of the many letters which come to Zion, telling us of blessings received through LEAVES OF HEALING, and two of these are from persons who are not members of the Christian Catholic Church.

We believe that every one who will read LEAVES OF HEALING with a sincere desire for the truth will be helped to live better lives.

How many, desiring to break bad habits, have found in it the power which enabled them to break their bands asunder!

How many sick ones have through it found the faith which made them whole!

Then keep the Little White Dove flying with its Message of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living.

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HAVE you realized a fulfilment of God's promise to those who "bring the Whole Tithe into the Storehouse"? If so, let others know how true the promise is. Write your testimony and send it to Rev. William Hamner Piper, Overseer-at-Large of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Let your testimonies be brief and straight to the point.

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If we wrote pages we could not begin to tell of the wonderful works of love which God has wrought through the Message which has gone out in these pages. Week after week scores of testimonies to blessing are published, yet but a very small part of them are ever printed.

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An early number will contain an account of the home-coming of the General Overseer, God willing, on January 17, 1901.

Reports of the glorious meetings which will then be held will follow, and toward the end of the ten weeks, accounts of the Fifth Anniversary Conferences will appear.

Besides these there will be Editorial Notes from the General Overseer, Testimonies and all the other regular departmental articles, not least among which will be the Cartoons by Mr. Charles Champe, Zion's talented artist.

You can send all these to a friend whom you desire to interest in Zion; to some erring brother whom you desire to see saved; to some sick one who is trying in vain to find healing in man's way; to some poor hungry child of God who has not the means to subscribe, for twenty-five cents.

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BY REV. W. F. MATTHEWS, M. A., B. D., PRINCIPAL PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT.

**T**HE spirit which is sought to be fostered in Zion College work is, first of all, a spirit of entire dependence upon God alone. No one else knows all about us in all our needs. No one else is able to help us in every circumstance and condition in life. Only He can be depended upon always and in all emergencies. No human power is able always to help or willing always to attend to our needs.

We are to come to God with full persuasion of His ability and willingness to give us all we need.

He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is the Rewarder of them that seek after Him.

We must come to Him, also, with the full assurance that He will do for us the things we need to have done. We must "assure our hearts before Him" (Greek persuade). We must "persuade" our hearts by living "in deed and in truth," and so come into the assurance that we are of the truth and can ask and receive (1 John 3:18-22).

We must have some witness in our own hearts that God is true and strong and willing to do everything for us. We must know and feel that all our help comes from God.

**STRENGTHENED** with this assurance of God's power and willingness to help, we must be strong in ourselves and have confidence that we may be able with such strength to resist the attacks of the enemy and come off victorious.

**HERE IS** where there may be danger of failing to ask enough. If Zion teaching is to mean anything to those who are in Zion, students as well as others, it must mean that there is some personal benefit, some help, to be gained for each individual. We believe that this teaching thus differs from other teaching in that it seeks to make real and practical what to others outside is but vague and theoretical. It is something to be applied in daily life. If it does not fit into the practical life, we may well question its correctness.

**BUT DO WE** always get all the help we might from this teaching we have so oft repeated; that Christ is always near us to help us in all parts of our lives, the spiritual, the mental and the physical? Are we not sometimes too ready to yield to weaknesses and discouragements which come over us?

The promise of renewal of strength is one of the most frequently repeated promises in the Bible.

When we are wearied and unable to accomplish the tasks set before us, and feel ourselves unfit to cope with the enemies who beset our pathway, what shall we do? Shall we give up the task and ask to be excused from doing it? Shall we lie down before our enemy and let him buffet us, or run away from him and submit to the shame of being pounded in the back all the time as we are running away? We would do better to ask for and expect that we shall receive new and special strength and help for such emergencies, so that *we* may do the pounding when the enemy turns to flee. And it is great fun to see the Devil run.

**WITH THE NECESSITY** on the part of so many of having to work to help pay their way, it is more difficult to insist on a high grade of scholarship for all students. But where it seems necessary to have an extra amount of strength, have we not a right to pray for that to be given? Have we not a right to expect that we shall get answers to such prayers and receive in greater measure the increase of power? "I can do all things in Him that strengtheneth me," is a condition of mind into which we ought to seek to come. Then our Lord will teach us what the "all things" are which we ought to undertake.

**EXPERIENCES** in Zion Students' Home especially have shown us that the more we ask, the more we get. We thank God that with so many together, although somewhat crowded, no serious sickness has come upon any of our number. God has kept the pestilence and the plague from our dwelling. He has heard and answered prayer for the sick, when little ailments have come upon any of our number.

**THE SPIRIT** of fear must not be allowed to rule in our hearts. If we are threatened with any disease or find that we have been careless or have in any way disregarded the laws of health, let us remember that God is able and willing just at such times to forgive us if we will repent. We cannot forgive ourselves. We must ask God to do that. And if we do not know how to repent, we must ask Him to teach us that, too.

Ofttimes we do not realize the enormity of sin, and so do not thoroughly repent of it so as to be forgiven.

If we allow a spirit of fear to control our minds, then the Devil has an easy chance to get hold of our bodies, and we become a prey to some disease or physical weakness he sends. But if we stand in Christ's strength and say to the powers of evil, "You cannot control me; I am in the care and keeping of a Higher Power and He will protect me," then we may be delivered from such attacks. We are able, because we think we are able. We become weak if we allow ourselves to mourn over our weakness.

**WHEN GOD** presents any duty to us to be done, He will always present to us some way to do it. If God says, "Thou shalt," we should say, "We can."

**IF, THEN,** we have come to Zion College to learn the teachings of Zion and to improve our minds by study and discipline, it is our part to make the best possible use of these opportunities and to use them well. The most of our students seem to be acting on this principle and to be using their privileges rightly. Many have already found out that they can do things which they at first thought they never could do.

**LET US** always pray that still greater power may be developed in all the educational work of Zion, as the field broadens and opportunities multiply, and experience teaches, and the blessing of God attends.

# CHEERING WORDS FROM ZION'S GUESTS

NOTES FROM ZION HOME

THE regular Praise and Testimony Meeting held in Zion Home, Saturday, December 1, 1900, was conducted by Overseer Speicher.

After the usual opening exercises, the States represented were enumerated and found to be fifteen in number, as follows:

California, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Washington and Wisconsin.

The following foreign countries were represented:

Austria, Canada, China, England, Ireland and Japan.

The meeting was then thrown open for testimony.

T. H. KATTELL, Tipton, Iowa, said: "I thank God for many blessings received and that He has kept me since I have been in Zion. I also thank God for the privilege of being in Zion Seventy work and for the cheering words which we hear from the outside. I received a letter today from Ireland which tells of a young man who was healed of appendicitis, and of a lady who is very much interested in the work."

MRS. MARY KING, 1425 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I praise the Lord for what He has done for me in many ways since I have come into Zion. Just about two weeks ago I had a very severe cold and the Devil tried to take my life. Through the faithful prayers of an Elder and kind friends, I was restored. I have very much to thank God for."

MRS. SPRINKEL, 1425 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I think this is the nearest place to heaven of any place on earth. I think it is a good work. I think it is of God."

"I feel like saying a few words in regard to the ninety-first Psalm. About ten years ago the scarlet fever was raging all over the town and all sides of our home. I read the ninety-first Psalm as a preventive. My children never got the scarlet fever, and so I praise God."

MRS. ISABELLA S. CORKEY, Zion Home, said: "I praise God for a letter I just received, giving the names of four new members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, in Ireland."

DEACONESS SARAH E. HILL, Zion Home, said: "I received a letter from a gentleman in Birmingham, England, who is a grocer. He said he intended to put all pork and everything which savored of swine's flesh out of his shop."

T. A. LINDSAY, Zion Home, said: "I am very thankful that I am in Zion. It is three years since LEAVES OF HEALING first came to me. I did not take to it very much at first, but after I got to reading it, I became very much interested in it."

"I have always had very good health; never been sick very much in my life, but have been troubled with constipation. I can say that I have never been so well as during the last few weeks since I have come to Zion. I know that in Zion Home there is a pure atmosphere, and I have been able to live nearer God than I have ever been able to do in my life before."

N. A. ROBINSON, Zion College, said: "About five years ago my little girl, eight years old, took sick. A small lump made its appearance at the side of her neck and it rapidly grew larger and became very painful, until it became the size of a walnut. We had two different experiences with doctors which proved failures, and I was disgusted with doctors and their remedies. So I sat helpless beside the suffering little girl. I did not know what to do. I read the fifth chapter of James. I decided to trust God for her healing, and God healed her at once."

"I thank God that since I have heard the teaching in Zion, I know that God is the Healer. If anything goes wrong, I go directly to God, and He hears and answers. He has kept me."

DEACON E. S. ANDERSON, Zion Home, said: "It is now over three years since I came into Zion and, as many of you know, I brought my wife to Zion more dead than alive."

"God has blessed and strengthened me through the teaching in Zion, and He has kept me."

"As to my wife, I would like to say that before she received her healing she had been confined to her bed for five months. A few months before her sickness, she was given aromatic sulphuric acid, which is one of the strongest acids, to stop a hemorrhage. She took that medicine about four weeks, and it simply paralyzed her stomach, and as a result she had catarrh of the stomach. That soon brought on nervous prostration and heart failure. She was a complete physical wreck, and in that condition I brought her to Zion Home. At the end of the week, she walked out of Zion Home with me. We went to the Tabernacle in a cab and were both baptized. She then walked two blocks and went home in the street car. She has gained gradually ever since. She now weighs fourteen pounds more than she has weighed in eight years, and we thank God for this blessing."

"I am indeed thankful that I am in Zion and that I am permitted to work for His chosen people in Zion."

MRS. FRANK DELL, Mansfield, Ohio, said: "I thank God for Zion. I thank God for the Elder who led me to see what Zion was. I thank God for healing, because I know that I was healed through God's power only."

HENRY ALLEN, Thawville, Illinois, said: "I thank God for Zion and LEAVES OF HEALING, which brought me to Zion. LEAVES OF HEALING was handed to me by a man who had been healed. As soon as I read it I said, 'That is just the way in which Jesus healed when He was here on earth, and it must be true today.' I search the Bible. I came to Zion and was healed of catarrh, rheumatism and other trouble."

"Thank God, He keeps me well. I have never been as well as I am now. I feel ten years younger. I thank God and praise Him every day for what He has done for me."

DEACONESS MARIE BRIEGER, Zion Home, said: "Two days ago I contracted a very severe cold. Whenever I have taken a cold before, it has stayed with me for some time, but this time God healed me immediately prayer was offered. I also injured my shin bone in making a sudden step on board the steamer. Deacon Stevenson prayed with me and immediately the pain left me, and not the slightest bruise could be seen."

GEORGE MARTINEAU, Zion Home, said: "I thank God for the many blessings I have received since I have come to Zion. I thank God for LEAVES OF HEALING. I have been sending it to my brother. Thank God for an answer to my prayer, as I have received a letter from him asking me to pray for him."

"I thank God for being permitted to do Zion Seventy work. I took LEAVES OF HEALING to the jail. The prisoners accepted it and seemed so glad to get it."

"It will be two years next spring since I came to Zion. I was brought up in the Roman Catholic Church, but I got so I did not believe in any Church. I came to Zion through a friend of mine. When I first came I had a plug of tobacco in



*Diabolical Lust*  
 Wherefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts unto uncleanness, that their bodies should be dishonoured among themselves: for that they exchanged the Truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever: men for this cause God gave them up unto vile passions, . . . . .  
 Being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness, full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, hateful to God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, unmerciful: . . . Romans I: 24-26, 27-31.

*Christ Love.*  
 "Love suffereth long, and is kind; Love envieth not; love is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not provoked, taketh no account of evil; rejoiceth not in unrighteousness, but rejoiceth in all things; beareth all things, believeth all things, acquiesceth in all things."  
 "Love never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall be done away; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall be done away."  
 1 Cor. 13: 4-8



*Champe*  
 "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father it is your will to do." -- John VIII: 44.

ZION'S PROTEST AGAINST THE FALSE IDEA OF LOVE IN LITERATURE.



# A VOICE TO ZION AND GOD'S PEOPLE IN EVERY LAND.

O thou that tellest Good Tidings to Zion, Get thee up into the High Mountain, Lift up thy Voice with strength: Lift it up, be not afraid: Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

Isaiah, XL: 9.

## THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL DECLARED.

*Report of Meeting held in Divine Healing Home No. 1, October 10, 1894. Morning Talk: "God Not the Author of Disease."*

*Report of Meeting held in Zion Tabernacle No. 1, Friday Afternoon, October 19, 1894. Address: "The Syrophenician Woman."*

THE great mission of the General Overseer is to declare the Covenants of God. His Message is one which God has sent to Zion, bidding her to fulfil her part of the Covenants that God may again fulfil His part.

Many of these Covenants had not been kept by the Church, because of unbelief.

They were almost lost sight of.

But the Covenants of God are everlasting and unchanging.

Whosoever fulfils his part of God's Covenants with His people, will receive all the blessings which they promise.

One of the most important of the Covenants of God, one of greatest blessing, is that which God gives under His Covenant-Name, Jehovah-Rophi, "I am the Lord thy Healer."

In the declaration of this Covenant, God's Messenger to Zion has, by His Spirit, brought to the world untold blessings, not only in Healing, but in the other two portions of an undivided Gospel: Salvation and Holy Living.

During the early years of his ministry, he devoted a great deal of time to teaching the truth of the Word of God concerning this Covenant.

That teaching is most important; for a Gospel which does not include Divine Healing is effete, incomplete and unsatisfying.

Hence Zion may well thank God that His Messenger taught Divine Healing with such great love, such undiscouraged patience, such untiring zeal, such determined persistence, such Divinely-inspired wisdom; that He defended the teaching with such fearless courage, such unyielding firmness; that He was used of God in the ministry of prayer and laying on of hands with such glorious results.

Zion owes all her present greatness and power, under God, to the unflinching faithfulness of her General Overseer during

the early days of the fight. Hence it is that the words spoken in teaching at that time are very dear to Zion, and go forth to all the world with a wondrous force.

The two talks which we publish this week have been folded away in manuscript for over six years. But as the "mummy wheat" which was hidden away in mummy casings for thousands of years, when it was planted, sprang up and bore fruit, so, by the Grace of God, these words, sown broadcast into the hearts of men everywhere by the Little White Dove, will spring up and bear a most blessed harvest.

The General Overseer has not revised these reports, but we pray that God, by His Spirit, may rightfully interpret every word to the hearts of the readers.

## GOD NOT THE AUTHOR OF DISEASE.

*Divine Healing Home No. 1, October 10, 1894.*

I have been calling your attention to the story of the healing of the leper as told in the eighth chapter of Matthew. The especial point which we were studying was the "I Will" of Jesus.

I dealt principally, in my first address, upon that point, with the fact that Satan must at all times and under all circumstances bear the responsibility for every vestige of disease and corruption which there is in this world, inasmuch as without sin there would not have been any disease.

## God's Everlasting Covenant of Healing Conditioned Upon Obedience.

This fact is recognized always in the Word of God. Under the Ancient Dispensation, God declared to His people that if they sinned and sowed to the flesh they would reap corruption.

He said to them that if they did that which was right and sowed as His Spirit directed, they would reap blessing, wealth; that their cattle would increase, their country would be prosperous spiritually, physically and nationally. He would deliver them from the power of the enemy in spirit, soul

and body. They did not rise to this privilege. He knew that if they understood it they would believe it, but they were surrounded by heathen nations whose practices were grossly immoral. They were surrounded by the fascinations of music and voluptuous living, and all kinds of filthy thinking dressed in attractive and seductive form. They fell, and fell constantly. But God's revelation was clear: "I am the Lord that heal





eth thee"; "I am the Lord, I change not." Whenever they repented of sin and made things right, they were forgiven and healed.

But the Ancient Dispensation was dim in comparison with the New, not only in this, but in all other things.

I do not go back to the Old Testament for my teaching in connection with Divine Healing. I do not care much what anybody said in the Old Testament about it as the first thing. I do not believe that there is any conflict between the Old and New Testaments concerning this or any other matter, rightly understood.

#### There is a Great Deal of Mistranslation in the Old Testament.

In that conclusion, I am supported by scholars.

For instance, I could not believe for one single moment that the Lord ever said, "I the Lord create evil." It would be manifestly unjust for Him to punish poor, afflicted, weak people who fall into that which He Himself created. "I the Lord permit evil," would be the utmost stretch.

I do not believe that the Lord said, "Shall evil befall a city, and the Lord hath not done it?"

If you make God the author of every evil, then God would be the Devil. If God is the author of every evil done in the city, then God is the author of the liquor traffic and the author of every crime.

#### Permissive Verbs Translated as Causative in the Old Testament.

That translation is a manifest blunder. There are a great many similar blunders. The Old Testament has been extremely difficult to translate in this matter, because we are dealing with a long-dead language in which there is no other literature of that period. Thus it happens that the translators give a causative form to verbs which are manifestly permissive.

Dr. Young has been studying that matter and comes to the same conclusion.

I took that position fifteen years ago in Australia.

It is quite evident that God simply permitted the people to reap the consequences of what they sowed. He did not create evil. On the contrary, He had created that which was good, and sin corrupted it. The consequences were simply the consequences of transgression from which He was willing to heal His people.

But it is in the New Testament that we get the clearest meaning. Remember we are ministers of the New Testament, and we are bound by everything which God has said there.

I will interpret the Old by the New, but not the New by the Old. The canon of interpretation is that you are to interpret the mind of God in the Old Testament by the clear light which is given in the New; not the New by the dimness of the past.

I do not think that Isaiah knew a tithe about Divine Healing compared to what we know today. I do not think that David knew a tithe about Divine Healing compared to what we know today. I do not believe that any of the prophets knew a tithe about Divine Healing compared to what we do today.

The healings recorded in the Old Testament, directly miraculous in their character, could almost be counted upon the fingers of your hands. Like all other Divine revelations, Divine Healing was given, but not practiced and not lived up to. Neither are Divine revelations lived up to today.

#### Men and the Church Have Not Always Lived Up to God's Word.

God has given a thousand things in His Word which men do not live up to. They call themselves Christians and do what they please. His Church has always had to be corrected because it did not live up to the Word.

In this matter of Divine Healing, we need to get clear up to the Word. I pointed out, therefore, that the revelation of God was absolute on that point; that all disease was the work of the Devil, and it was in consequence of Satan's appearance on this earth that sin had any existence. From Father Satan and Mother Sin there has come forth a progeny of miseries and abominations and diseases and corruptions whose name is legion, for indeed they are many.

The famine and pestilence which follow war are direct consequences of sin. Every evil, in whatever form, is the work of the Devil, either directly or remotely.

Jesus Himself always affirmed that in destroying disease He was destroying the works of the Devil; that in destroying disease He was destroying sin; that in destroying anything

evil He was doing the work of the Father, the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

I desire to bring you close down to the argument as to the fact that God is not and cannot be the author of evil; therefore the author of disease.

Disease is evil. No one ever dares to affirm absolutely that it is good. The very people who say that they do, are people who in part deny their own assertions.

Ignorance and prejudice and the opinions which prevail among ecclesiastical superiors in all the Churches have a great deal more to do with the opinions of men than the Word of God.

#### The Protestant Infallibility.

While Protestants are ready to declare against the Pope and the claims that he, or the Church of Rome, makes of a personal infallibility, we find that Protestants are making a new infallibility. Their confessions of faith, the opinions and traditions of the elders, are making void the Word of God. Men are afraid to let themselves go absolutely out upon the Word of God, because they know that such a course will bring them in direct collision with ecclesiastical superiors, with the prevailing sentiment in the denomination, and directly affect their positions, their emoluments and their power as ministers of that denomination.

Some things must be kept well in mind in connection with this teaching. You are in conflict and in absolute and irreconcilable conflict with the traditional teaching of the Church of today.

#### Sickness Not a Means of Drawing God's Children Closer to Him.

On what ground is this alleged statement that disease is God's will maintained? Very largely on the ground that God, in His Infinite Wisdom, sees that the only way to correct His people's transgressions is by laying His hands upon them and chastening them with sickness; that sickness is a remedial and Divinely-imparted power to bring the sinner to God.

That is an abominable lie, root and branch, every stick of it.

"Oh, but it is based on Scripture," says some one.

Where?

"Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth."

What on earth has that to do with sickness? Some say that the chastening there mentioned covers sickness. Such an interpretation is, in the first place, wholly opposed to the meaning of the word chasten. The whole argument rests upon the stupid interpretation of the word chasten, which is translated from a Greek word *paideuo* (*παίδευω*), from the word *pais* (*παῖς*), a child. The word means simply instruction, the training of a child, the education of a child, the bringing up of children, the feeding of children, their needful correction. It has in it, also, the thought of nourishment and cleansing.

#### Children are Not Trained by Making Them Sick.

Does any one train children by putting out their eyes? Is it an essential part of the education of children that you shall instruct the principal of the school to take care that they shall get a regular and proper dose of sickness; that they shall be placed in positions so that they shall have a periodical headache or fever or the grip; that they shall be so situated that they shall get catarrh or a little rheumatism, for "whom the Lord loveth He maketh sick"?

It is a poor assumption, not justified by the Word anywhere, for the word used simply means, "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, He educates, clothes, instructs, deprives of everything wrong, and, if they sin, corrects properly."

What has that to do with sickness unless you can prove that God finds it essential to do that? You know it hurts your health to get sickness. Does it advance your spiritual life? Does it sweeten your nature? Does it make your life happier? Does it impart fresh strength and courage? Does it impart anything essential to proper training? Does it not separate husband from wife? Does it not separate children from home? Does it not becloud the brain? Does it not impede progress? Is there any good thing it does?

The lie which says it is a good thing is an abominable lie.

Some hymns say it is an excellent thing for God to punish

people with sickness. Some hymns written by excellent people make God the imparter of filthy diseases.

**The Sum of the Whole Matter: "Let It Rather be Healed."**

That word chasten has nothing to do with disease. On the contrary, the same passage says further on:

Lift up the hands that hang down, and the palsied knees; and make straight paths for your feet, that that which is lame be not turned out of the way, but rather be healed.

There you have the distinct sum of the whole matter, "Let it rather be healed." Chastisement, of course, will come. If you are a Christian and sin, do you think the Holy Spirit will not protest? If we sin, will not our own hearts be sore? Will God make us sick by His own Divine hand? No. If we are sick, it will be because of our own sin.

If you go away and smoke tobacco, you will get a tobacco heart. You deserve it, too. If you go away and drink whisky, of course you will get all the consequences of whisky, a diseased body. You either turn into blubber or become emaciated into a skeleton. God is in no sense the author of that. We simply reap what we sow. That is the law of sin and death; that is the law of the Devil. The Law of the Spirit of Life sets us free from the law of sin and death.

**God's Service is a Reasonable Service.**

As a reasonable service, He invites us to present our bodies to Him.

There is nothing more reasonable than that I should take my body when out of order to God. Suppose my watch were out of order. The man to put that watch right is the man who made it, if I can find him. I do not take it to a butcher.

If God made my body, to whom shall I take it? Has God said that I am to take it to a druggist or a chemist or a doctor? If He has, I will do it. But He has not. Right through this Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, there is not a word which says, "If any among you is sick, let him call for a doctor."

I think I know the Bible. If any of you know it a little better than I do, and know where to find that passage, let him tell me and I will find it. I should be very happy to be informed.

The only things I read about doctors are: "Ye are all physicians of no value," "In vain shalt thou use many medicines," "She had suffered many things of many physicians, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse."

There is one exception, where Christ says: "They that are whole have no need of a physician, but they that are sick," and in that passage He is blaming them for turning aside to other physicians and not coming to Him.

There is one Saviour, one Healer, one Keeper.

God has only one Way of Healing, not two ways. The allegation that medicine and doctors are of God is an abominable lie. They are of the Devil. If medical science, so-called, were of God, we should have some certainty about it. Where is the certainty about it?

One man says, "I am an allopath. I drive out one poison by putting in another." Another man says, "I am a homeopath. I drive out a thing by putting in the same thing." These two systems are absolutely and irreconcilably opposed to each other. You cannot harmonize them. They are upon different principles.

There are not only different principles in medicine, of which there are many schools, but every practitioner is a law unto himself. If God had given us to doctors, He would have given us a clear revelation and made it a science.

I was educated in a University where many doctors are trained. I have heard from the lips of professors the lamentation that medicine and surgery were not science, but were purely empirical and experimental; ever in the dark and constantly blundering. God never left us to any such thing as that. That is not God's Way.

**The World's Great, Broad Road to Perdition.**

God shuts us right up, and I am glad He does, to a straight and narrow path. I do not wander along broad avenues when I desire to go quickly to a place. I like to get on a clear, plain path. I would not wish to wander along an avenue 500 miles wide.

The world's road is about as wide as the world itself. That means simply that the world has no road save a great, broad road to perdition.

I am so glad that God gives us a narrow road. To reach the Red Sea from the Mediterranean, the best way is to go through the Suez Canal. If I am a navigator, I am very glad to go along the narrow way through the Suez Canal. If I do not go through the Suez Canal, I must go away out by the broad way of the Straits of Gibraltar and around the Cape of Good Hope and into the Red Sea by sailing 10,000 miles around.

**There is Only One Way to Salvation, Healing, Holiness and Heaven.**

Let us be very thankful to God if He gives us a narrow path. In this matter things narrow down. I am glad they do. There is one Healer, and one alone. Physicians are of no value and are opposed to Divine revelation.

I take that ground. I do not take any middle ground. There is one Saviour and no other. Any man who thinks he can get to heaven by means of Methodism or Congregationalism, or any other denomination, will not get there. Any man who thinks he can get to heaven by hanging to the Pope's coat tail, will not get there.

There is only one Way. Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." Just as there is one Saviour, there is one Healer, and one alone.

God has given us no revelation that we shall employ vegetable or mineral poisons. The assumption that God provided them that we might take them is without foundation. You might just as well say that God provided a skunk that we might eat it.

Everything which can be swallowed was not intended for the human stomach.

I have asked hundreds of congregations how many have taken doctors' medicines. Nearly all persons present have said that they have taken them. Then I have asked how many have been healed by them, and not one hand has gone up.

It is wicked for us to place any one in the place of the Healer but God Himself. We are God's children. Is not God equal to the task of healing us?

What kind of a conception have we of God? He that made this girl's ear in the first place, to hear, cannot He make her hear again after the ear has been damaged by disease?

He that made these lungs, the Lord God Almighty, is He not able to put His hand upon the breast and kill a few miserable little tubercles? He is not very powerful if He cannot.

People talk about the healing of disease as if it were such a prodigiously big thing for God Almighty to do. It seems to me a prodigiously little thing. An Eternal and All-loving Father of Infinite power; a Saviour still with us in Spirit and in Power, who said He came to save and to heal, and we talk about it being a prodigious undertaking for God Almighty to heal us! That simply shows the prodigious smallness of your faith and your conception of God.

**Jesus Christ Says "I Will" to the Man Who Fulfils Conditions.**

There is nothing more reasonable than that we should trust God for the healing. It is His will. Christ said "I will" nineteen centuries ago, and He says "I will" today. That "I will," however, is said to the man at His feet who has put everything else behind him, who has owned Him as his Lord and as God, and worshiped Him, to whom there is no other Healer on the wide earth.

When that man believes the "I will," he comes closer to the Lord, and one touch cleanses the leper.

Get right with God. You get your conception of God purified. The great trouble with people is that there are some things which they do not like to do because doing them might hurt their business, lose them friends or upset their prejudices.

I am very glad to say that there is a brother in this room who is in business in a certain place who came to me the other morning and said, "I desire to do right with God. I have a stock of tobacco, what am I to do with it? Cannot I sell it?"

"Burn it," I said, "you cannot sell it any more. You cannot sell to the boys of your town that infamous tobacco which is destroying them spirit, soul and body. You cannot sell those dirty cigarettes with their filthy pictures. You cannot sell that tobacco which causes cancer and every kind of misery and be a Christian. You may call yourself a Christian, but you are not a Christian. A Christian does right. A Christian does not love to sell the Devil's muck and dirt."

"I will lose too much money."

"Lose all your money, rather than lose your God. Burn the whole dirt and muck up. Do not sell it to somebody else to sell it. Stand the loss. It has done a great deal of mischief. Destroy it."

Do right. That is the great thing. Are you prepared to do it?

The trouble does not lie in not seeing the truth; the trouble lies in obeying. God speaks. I believe God is speaking in these latter times and this call to Repentance is ringing out over the world. I believe that God cannot restore the former things until there is Repentance.

### THE SYROPHŒNICIAN WOMAN.

Zion Tabernacle No. 1, Friday Afternoon, October 19, 1894.

The meeting was opened by singing Hymn Number 141. Dr. Dowie then read from the inspired Word of God in the fifteenth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, from the twenty-first to the thirty-ninth verses.

He then offered the following

#### INVOCATION.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight and be profitable unto this people, and unto all to whom these words shall come, in this and every land, in this and all the coming time, till Jesus come, for His sake. Amen.

#### TEXT.

O woman, great is thy faith: be it done unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was healed from that hour.

I desire to speak to you a little, this afternoon, concerning that very remarkable story which we read to you, and ask God to make the teaching of His Word very effectual. Jesus came, it is written in the opening of the story, into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. That was a remarkable thing. Christ never passed beyond the boundaries of a very limited land. He did not minister outside of the Holy Land. We some times marvel that He did this, but there was Divine wisdom in this as in all other things which He did. He did not mean us to confine the Gospel to narrow limits; for He said:

Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

#### We Must Learn Our Lessons From God in Extremely Narrow Limits.

It is a good thing that you should learn a lesson within comparatively narrow limits. God showed that to me very early in this ministry. It may be a surprise for some of you to know that more than six years passed from the beginning of this ministry until the time when I first preached publicly. I had seen large numbers of people blessed, but I confined my labors strictly to my own home. I received the sick there for several years.

Then, when I extended my work beyond that, I confined it to my own church and would not preach on the subject anywhere else.

Then I extended my work to my own city. It was not until seven years after the Lord first used me in this ministry that I held my first mission in any other place than in my own city.

Then I continued this ministry for five more years, confining myself to Australia, with the exception of six months spent in the lovely islands of New Zealand.

Then, obeying the call of God, I went forth to preach Divine Healing throughout the world. I am on that mission now.

#### The Wisdom of Making Thorough Preparation for Work.

There is a great deal of wisdom in the Bible. God's Messengers knew how to hold their tongues and to be silent, and to take plenty of time to get the chaff away and to gather the wheat. They waited to learn what they ought to say and ought not to say. They waited until they knew how to answer objections and difficulties and how to establish things in connection with well-nigh lost teaching.

I do not think I have spent a single hour too long in the long years of preparation since 1876 until this moment. I find myself a scholar still, learning still. I sometimes think, like Isaac Newton, that I am only gathering, after all, a few pebbles by the shore, while the great Ocean of Truth lies unexplored before me. But the pebbles I have gathered are very beautiful, and have been very precious to myself and to others.

I always think, with great delight, of how the Lord Himself, in order to train these disciples, upon whom the whole weight of His Church was to come, just ministered within an easy range from their homes in a language which they well understood and amongst people with whom they were comparatively familiar. He established His teaching and His ministry in that language and in that country which God had said would be the center of all blessing to all lands.

#### God's Blessings Only Through Israel.

God still blesses the world only through Israel. God confines His workings among the nations to His Israel still. You will notice that the nations which are not Israelitish are in darkness.

I believe the Anglo-Saxon race to be as Israelitish as the Jews. You Saxons are Israelites, Isaac's sons. You Danes are Dan's sons, who escaped to sea in ships, as the Book tells us. Your ancestors, no doubt, landed at the Danube and went through Europe, calling every place where they stopped by the name of their father, Dan, until they got to Denmark, Dan's mark. Then they crossed to England and Scotland and Ireland, and made their mark there. We have plenty of Danes in those countries.

You see a remarkable thing. Being Christ's we are Abraham's seed, and that is according to the promise.

We are Israelites. I know it. If I could not prove it any other way, I have the feeling in my very flesh and blood and bones that I belong to the Israelitish race. My own sympathy is with all the Covenants and promises of God which are made in Christ Jesus to the glory of God the Father. If I was not, and if you were not, by inheritance, Israelites, the moment we became Christians we were engrafted into Israel, and we are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise. That fact will have a great deal of bearing on my talk this afternoon, if you will only think of it. The worst trouble with you people who eat so much pork is that you do not think. Never expect anybody who eats pork to think much.

I always think, when I pass a butcher's shop, "The Lord pity the man who sells pig, and the Lord pity the people who eat it."

When the Lord Jesus Christ thought that the proper place for devils was a pig, I am sure He never meant you to put the pig in your stomach. I hope you will think and get rid of your swine's flesh business.

Do you wish to get tuberculosis? Eat swine's flesh.

Do you wish to get scrofula? Eat swine's flesh.

I do not believe that any man who eats it ever gets much blessing from God.

#### Great Faith Shown Outside of Israel.

Our Lord comes into the borders of Tyre and Sidon. This story is narrated to show us the great love of Christ and also how, outside of Israel, great faith may be shown by those who for the first time turn to God.

A woman came out of the Canaanitish coast and began crying after Jesus. She had heard of that mighty prophet of Nazareth, but now she saw Him and began to cry after Him, and to make a very eloquent prayer. But the prayer was not worth anything.

She cried out, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with the Devil."

The Lord looked at her; heard her cry; turned upon His heel and answered her not a single word.

#### There are Prayers Which God Cannot Answer.

Many of you here prayed with the most intense earnestness, and God did not answer. Earnestness is not enough. It is no test of faithfulness. People can be intensely earnest in praying for healing which they intensely desire and not be faithful at all.

This woman was intensely earnest and, to all appearances, she made a very beautiful prayer. Yet to leave her as He did was the kindest thing which Jesus could have done.

The kindest thing that God can do for you is not to answer some of your prayers. Sometimes you say, "O God, bless my daughter and bless the doctor and bless his medicine to her." God has never promised to bless the doctor and God has never promised to bless the medicine. He does not answer that prayer. You are asking God to do something He never promised to do.

God said, "I am the Lord that healeth thee," and you say, "O Lord, heal me through the doctor." God did not promise

to heal you through the doctor. He promised to heal you through His own Spirit's Power.

You ask God to give you the children's bread when you do not belong to God. You belong to the Devil. You have never given God your heart. You ask for some blessing which belongs to His children, and only to His children. What right have you to ask it? If you will give your heart to Him and become His child, then you have a right to ask.

This woman's prayer was not answered.

Attracted by His great kindness and love, she believed Him a great, good man. She was very much interested in all the mighty things she had heard that He had done, and so she prayed most earnestly.

He answered her not a word, but went on.

The disciples got tired of it. The disciples hasten to get tired. What a blessing it is that God is not so weary as the disciples are! The disciples thought the Lord never meant to answer her; never meant to take any notice of her. They said, "Go away. Do you not see that the Lord does not want to answer you? Go away, you vile woman."

That did not stop her. She kept on praying. I admire that woman for that. Even if you pray wrongly,

#### Keep on Praying.

Keep on until you have learned how to pray rightly. Never stop praying.

That woman said, "He is a mighty Man of God, and I intend to keep on praying." She was a heathen and in the habit of praying often. Roman Catholics and heathen know how to pray often.

That woman was a heathen and expected to be answered for much speaking.

What a good thing it was that she did not take the disciples' advice. The disciples were not always right. God's people can make big mistakes sometimes.

When they could not dissuade her, they turned to the Lord Jesus and said, "Send her away; for she crieth after us." Then the Lord stopped. He looked at her. She stopped, too. She thought, "Now I am going to get an answer."

She looked up into His face and got an answer, but what kind of an answer was it? I suppose most of the disciples thought she was going to be sent away. The Lord gathered His blessed robes about Him and said, "I was not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Then He went right on.

Was that not enough to knock all faith out of her? Was that not enough to take away all hope? How should she get over that? She could not tell. Perhaps she had heard that He said, "I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Myself." Perhaps she had heard Him say, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

She was very weary and very heavy laden. Her dear daughter was grievously tormented by the Devil. So, although the Lord kept on His way, she kept on after Him. She did not give up. She still continued to cry after Him.

#### The Importance of Worshiping Jesus.

This time, however, she came and did something which she had not done before. I call your attention to that. "But she came and worshiped Him." That is the point of blessing. Do you worship Christ as God? If you do not, you belong to the Devil.

"O," says some one, "I do not worship Christ as God, but I believe there is one God. I am a Unitarian." Then, you are a Unitarian Devil."

I go by the Bible.

There were people in James the Apostle's day who said they believed in one God and would not recognize Jesus as God. James said, "Thou doest well: the devils also believe, and shudder." The devils believe in one God and the Unitarians agree with them.

You Unitarians who reject the Divinity of Christ are the Devil's most efficient servants. Spiritualism, Theosophy, all kinds of false forms of religion, find their home and their birthplace in your churches.

A Unitarian is no more a Christian than is an unconverted Fijian cannibal.

A Jew who denies the Divinity of Christ is no more a Christian than a Mohammedan who denies Christ's supremacy and puts Mahomet above Jesus. You may call yourself a Uni-

tarian, but do not add the word Christian. There is no such thing as a Unitarian Christian.

That woman had been up to this time a Unitarian or a monotheist. She may have believed in God. But now she comes and worships Christ, bows before Him and recognizes Him as her Lord and her God.

She alters her prayer. The first time she prayed she had a long prayer. Now she worships Him and gets to know Him, and prays about the shortest and most effective prayer on record; a totally different prayer from the first one.

#### The Folly and Uselessness of Long Prayers.

When she came to worship, she got down to business.

God help you to get to the end of your long prayers. Get to the end of saying prayers and begin to pray. How many prayers you have said which have never gotten any higher than the roof! You desired to pray and you did not know how.

This woman said at Jesus' feet, these words: "Lord, help me." That was all she said. But the Lord answered her. O what an answer! She was at His feet now. She was worshipping Him. He looked at her this time and gathered His sacred robes about Him; again you can see the intensity of His face as He said, "It is not meet to take the children's bread and cast it to the dogs." He walked on again.

How long would you have prayed after that? Supposing the Lord spoke in these words to you nicely-dressed ladies: would not the Devil in you be stirred up? Would not you say, "I thought You were a good man, even that You were my God; I worshiped You, and now I am at Your feet, and You walk away like that and tell me I am a dog. I am not a dog, I am an American lady!"

#### Thieves, Robbers and Liars to be Found Everywhere.

A brother minister came one day into this Tabernacle and heard me talk. He said to me afterwards, "I have preached a long time, Doctor, but I never saw a minister call his congregation thieves and liars and robbers as you have done, and see them stand up and ask God to forgive them in hundreds."

I said, "They do so because they know it is true. How do you preach?"

"O, when I preach," he replied, "I say that there are such persons as thieves and robbers and liars, but I am careful to say they do not exist in this congregation."

I said, "You are a thorough-paced hypocrite. You know they are there, I am quite sure. If you throw a stone among 300 people you are almost sure to hit a thief or a liar."

Many women have robbed their husband's pocketbooks and said to them, "Why do you not take care of your money?"

Many husbands have said to their wives, "You will excuse me tonight, I have to go down town on an important business engagement," and then have gone down to gamble or perhaps do worse.

You hit thieves and liars in every congregation. I will prove it to you. Let the men or women in this congregation who never told a lie of any kind in their lives, hold up their hands. (No hands were raised.)

You have all been liars.

Every one in this congregation who never stole anything in their lives, not even sugar out of their mother's sugar bowl, who never stole a pin, put up your hands. There is not a hand raised. You are all thieves. That is pretty hard, is it not?

I could prove more serious things than that. O how ready people are to get offended. I must confess that I am thankful to God when people get offended with my ministry. A man went out the other day in a boiling passion. He said to one of the stewards at the door, "I am through with Dr. Dowie. I will never enter this Tabernacle again. Never."

He was here the next Sunday sitting upon the platform. He could not keep away. I noticed him next Sunday when I called for the penitents to rise. The tears were running down his face. He prayed to his God as he had never prayed in his life, and he had been a professed Christian and an officer of his Church. It was because he had been a thief.

#### The Blessed Reward of Contrite Humility.

The woman in our lesson did not get angry. She did what some of you good women have done when convicted of sin: she went again to Him. She fell at His feet and said, "Yea, Lord: for even the little dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their master's table."

Now what did Jesus say? Jesus had been leading her along to that Faith, and He said, as He looked at her, "O woman, great is thy Faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt."

The woman arose happy, blessed, went home and found her daughter had been healed even that very hour.

Who will bow to Jesus and say, "Yea, Lord, I have been passing for a superfine Christian. I have been standing up and pretending this, that and the other thing. I have been no better than a hypocrite. O Lord, help me."

That prayer will reach Heaven. The Lord will not give you crumbs. He will give you the whole loaf. "No good thing He will withhold from them that walk uprightly." Salvation, Healing, Cleansing and Guiding Power will be given you, only you must get low enough to get it.

#### An Illustration of the Lesson.

Some years ago at Minneapolis, during my first mission there, I had noticed a German lady who had come into Harmonia Hall. She came up the aisle with rings on her fingers and bells on her toes, almost, a very richly-dressed lady. When the service was over she informed me that she had done me the condescending favor to drive from her magnificent mansion for the purpose of giving me the honor of praying for the healing of her vast carcass, which was enshrined in all these fine laces and silks and satins, and stank of beer or whisky, or something of the kind. I looked at her and said, "Madam, you can go away; you are not able to get healing."

"Why?"

"My impression from smelling you is that you belong to the Devil."

I walked away. I did not see her for several days, but she came back again.

She was more plainly dressed, I noticed, and looked as if she had been crying a great deal. She sat and listened.

That afternoon I preached the sermon I have now delivered, and in much the same way. Perhaps I did not use the same words. I preach the same truths, but, thank God, I leave Him to clothe them with the inspiration of the moment.

After I had finished preaching I said, "You who desire to come to the Lord, very humbly, come now, and I will pray with you."

The first woman to rise was that woman. She came right up and knelt down. Several followed her example rapidly, until quite a number were seeking the Lord.

#### Touching Prayer of Contrition.

Presently I said, "Perhaps you would like to pray yourselves." This woman burst out into the most impassioned prayer. She said something like this:

"O God, if there was a proud and wicked woman on this earth, it was I. O God, I professed to be a Christian and have been nothing but a hypocrite full of pride and sin. O God, I am not only a dog, but a dirty, mean little dog. I do not know how you can save me. O God, for Jesus' sake, if You can give me a crumb of mercy, give it me now."

She prayed like that, way down, down, in the very depths. As she prayed, wicked and proud people who had never prayed before, prayed.

That woman got Salvation and Healing.

She had been a Lutheran, which means something or nothing, as the case may be. She had no religion. She was sprinkled as a baby, confirmed as a girl, given the Lord's Supper, and yet had no religion.

On my second visit to Minneapolis, I baptized her in Lake Minnetonka, near Minneapolis, with many others.

Her husband had been most indignant at her, but saw her get healing of the sickness underneath all her silks and satins. He was so delighted that he came to the mission, and when I came on my second visit I found that he was prepared to receive blessing.

When she was baptized, he was standing looking on. There were many hundreds at the lake. A gentleman stepped out of his carriage and said with a sneer, "Fools." This man put his hand on him and said, "Do not say that. I would have given you a blow if you had said that a week ago. That is my wife going to be baptized, and God has saved her and God has healed her. She used to be such a hard woman to live with, but now she is a changed woman; the noblest woman in Min-

neapolis. She's not a fool. Would God I were as good a man."

#### A Wonderful Transformation.

O, how that woman was transformed. I scarcely knew her when I came up to Minneapolis the second time. She was nicely and becomingly dressed. She had lost a great deal of superfluous fat, and a great deal of vanity, and had taken off her earrings and given them to God's work. She had them turned into bread for the poor.

It was a hard winter in Minneapolis. She used her money for God's cause and for the poor.

If you desire God to do for you and for your children what the Lord Jesus Christ did for that woman and for her sick and diseased daughter; if you wish the Devil out of you, who has been defiling you and enslaving you and binding you in chains harder than iron, stronger than steel, and holding you and dragging you down to hell; if you long to be free, you will bow at Christ's feet and say, "Lord, help me." God will help you.

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A. W. N.

## OUR FATHER.

This afternoon there are two words in my mind which have so deeply impressed me that I feel I would like to make them the subject of my address.

When you pray, say:  
"Our Father."

I apprehend that we shall greatly endanger Divine instruction if we begin to define that which is essentially incapable of definition.

When we define a truth, it must be a very small one. It cannot be of much importance. It fact, my judgment is that you cannot define Truth.

To define a thing is to put limits around it.

There are no limits to the Infinite.

There are no limits to the thought which is expressed in the first words of the Disciples' Prayer, as taught by our Lord:

"Our Father."

The word Father is a very different word from the word Maker, Creator.

God made the world. He made all creatures below man. He is the Maker of the birds, of the beasts, and of the fish, but He is not their Father.

### God the Father of Our Spirits.

He is our Father; because He is the Father of our Spirits, not the Father of our souls, not the Father of our bodies.

He is the Maker of our bodies, and the Maker of our souls in the same way that He is the Maker of the souls and bodies of the fish, the beasts and every creeping thing, and everything that flies.

They have souls, they have bodies, but they have no spirits.

Do not let us forget that in the creation of man there was that which was not in the creation of these lesser creatures.

There was the breath of God Himself; the inspiration by God Himself. The spirit, *ruach*, that spirit of life; the breath of life. Breath, of course, is spirit; breath of the Almighty; the spirit of the Almighty; the spirit in man.

That spirit has its paternity in God. It is not communicated by transmission, by physical generation. It is not communicated by our parents, nor can we communicate spiritual being. Spiritual being is always, everywhere, Divine in parentage.

Get this thought so clearly in your mind that you will never confound soul and spirit.

Let the Word of God, which is quick and powerful, that is, living and active, enable you always to differentiate between spirit and soul.

Never let there be any confusion in your mind, for you will never know God as your Father if you think of Him as the Father of your soul. If He is only the Father of your soul, He is no more your Father than He is the Father of an eagle or a barnyard fowl, or a mackerel, or a whale, or an elephant, or a hog; for every one of these creatures has a soul, animal life.

I wish to take you back to the definition which we make very emphatically in our teaching as to the separation and the absolutely different origin of the soul and the spirit.

For the Word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and quick to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart.

### Christ the Living and Active Word.

I believe that that passage has reference not merely to the Scripture, but to Jesus Christ, the *Logos*.

It is He who is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword. It is He who is a Discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

It is His words which are spirit and life.

It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I have spoken unto you are spirit, and are life.

You must always in this case remember that the thought is to lead you back to the Eternal *Logos*; the Power by whom everything came into being; the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us.

Christ is the Living Word. He dwells among us. He dwells within us still.

It is only the Word of God which enables us to see the distinction between soul and spirit.

I desire, for a special reason, to call attention to the very beginning of the Word of God in this matter.

Take with me the first chapter of Genesis, and read with me the twentieth verse:

And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and let fowl fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

All the creatures have souls.

Note the expression in the thirtieth verse, "Wherein there is *life*."

What is your margin?

Voices—"A living soul."

President Dowie—What creatures have living souls?

Voices—"Every creature."

President Dowie—All the fowls of the air have souls, and every beast of the earth has a living soul.

Have they spirits?

Voices—"No."

President Dowie—That is the Word of God which makes this plain.

#### The Soul Distinguished From the Body.

For the most part, there is no teaching on the subject at all. What do the scholars mean by psychology? They are referring there practically to the intelligent mind.

That is not psychology. *Psyche* (*ψυχή*) means—what?

Voices—"Soul."

President Dowie—Young defines it properly as animal life. It is nothing else. The beast has it; the bird has it; the fish has it. It is animal life, not spiritual being.

Get this thing distinct and clear. Look carefully at your Greek Testament and note where the word soul is used, and see that the word means life, and do not confuse animal life with spiritual life.

"The soul that sinneth, it shall die."

Can a spirit die?

Voices—"No."

President Dowie—No man can say from his soul, "My Father." No man can say from his body, "My Father." No beast can stand up on this earth and say, "My Father." No bird can say, "My Father."

They cannot say my Father because they have no revelation of fatherhood within them. There has never been anything begotten in them of a spiritual nature.

It is this principle of a Divine life which completely separates humanity from all else and enables us to so realize the great purpose for which God has put all things under our feet. When we realize this, we rise superior to earth and every material thing, and to every animal with a merely psychical nature. We realize that the *pneuma* (*πνεῦμα*), the *ruach*, the spirit that is in us, is the offspring of God.

That principle lies at the bottom of everything when we pray.

It is also true that the construction of this earthly temple is essentially different in a great many ways from the lower creatures.

#### Man and the Lower Animals Do Not Differ Essentially as to Brains.

I do not think it is so in the brain, although we are trying to make it so. I think that the thinking machinery of some animals is a great deal more clever than the thinking machinery of some men in some things, and it is very much of the same order.

Those who have experimented (and it is a cruel and useless experiment) on the brains of creatures yet alive, tell us that they have been able to create emotions of fear and love, of pain and delight, or rather to give these emotions expression just by touching certain parts of the brain. Certain powers of men have been awakened, which have been dormant, by the

taking pressure from or placing pressure upon that part of the brain. Certain sensibilities which are only infrequent are made continuous by pressure upon the brain.

We have had the case, in Zion Home, of Mr. Seeger, who was yawning every few moments. He at last held his mouth open constantly. God healed him. Thank God for that. We did not need to lift some pressure from the brain, either.

The surgeons said if they could only take off the scalp and search all around underneath, they might find the place where the pressure was, and relieve him of the difficulty.

I think they would, too, by that time. It would be like the cure for the toothache by cutting off the head.

Yet the thinking machinery in man can, by Divine grace, be developed and made a wonderful vehicle of Divine thought. I believe we have never reached, nor can we reach, the possibilities in the development of mind.

#### The Spirit of Man Greater Than His Mind.

Yet we can value mind too highly and say as Sir William Hamilton said, "On earth there is nothing great but man; in man there is nothing great but mind."

He had that inscribed on the wall above his chair in the class room in my native city, in the School of Logic and Metaphysics in the University of Edinburgh. Afterwards I often used to sit and look at it and say to myself, "That is a lie."

One day we were asked to give a series of extemporaneous addresses upon thoughts connected with logic and metaphysics. I arose and said:

"I desire to criticise the motto above your head, Professor Frasier. It is a lie."

There was a sensation.

I said, "I do not care who it was said it."

"Sir William Hamilton," shouted the students.

"I do not care whether it was Sir William Hamilton or anybody else. It is a lie to say that in man there is nothing great but mind, because there is a spirit in man, and it is far greater than mere mind.

"The mind of a magnificent man might not only suffer a collapse, but be plunged into hopeless darkness, chaos and ruin. A splendid man may become a driveling idiot by a blow, and his mind, his mental powers, not only become empty, but degenerate and thrown into confusion, but the majestic spirit of that man would remain."

It is the development of this thought of spirit which I wish to impress upon you. This spiritual being has not only its presence in the brain, but it has its expression and its presence in all parts of the being. The spiritual being of a man is really coextensive with the man himself, if he is pure and clean. The spiritual being may find expression through his fingers as well as through his tongue, through his feet as well as through his hands, through his eyes as well as through his lips and tongue, if he really is a being all-pervaded by spirit.

There are some men whose spirits are shut up in prison, and are to be found only in some dark corner. Their spirits have been driven back and driven inward. The spiritual being is put last. All the conception of it the man has is that he has a soul, to which he says, "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease: eat, drink, be merry."

He does not realize that he has any spirit. The Church is damned because of its ignorance in this matter. I am convinced of it.

They are getting up revivals for the purpose of saving souls, and they cannot save the soul, because they do not get up a revival for the saving of the spirit.

They do not understand the salvation of the spirit.

They do not take any notice of the words of the apostle which I always use in benediction: "The very God of peace

Himself sanctify you wholly. And I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved entire, without blame," etc. They say the spirit and the soul are the same thing, which shows their crass ignorance.

The soul can never say Father. If the soul said Father, it would lie, because God is not the Father of souls; He is the Father of spirits.

Spirits are His offspring, but He does not give paternity, His own nature, to beasts, birds and fish. He gives it to man, not in his soul, nor in his bodily nature, but in his spirit.

**The Purpose of Redemption to Free Men's Spirits From Forces Hostile to God.**

This is the great purpose of redemption, that we should first of all remember that these spirits must be entirely delivered from the thralldom of other spiritual forces and beings which are antagonistic to God.

We cannot claim our paternity and say, "Our Father"; we cannot call Jesus Lord, but by the Spirit of God awakening in our spiritual being the conviction that we are the offspring of God. We must have the knowledge, by the regenerating grace of the Holy Spirit, that we have been quickened, made to live, by being liberated in spirit until that spirit fills the whole being and lifts up the soul and the body, and presents them "a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service."

Then we understand something of what it means to say "My Father."

The development of this knowledge is slow. The majority of people do not pray to the Father. They pray to the Son; they pray to the Holy Spirit. They say, "Lord Jesus, help me." They say, "Holy Spirit, help me."

My declaration that we have no more right to pray to Jesus Christ or to the Holy Spirit than we have to the Virgin Mary or St. Joseph has given great offense, but has been unanswerable. It is a Divine truth, for Jesus bids us, when we pray, to say, "Our Father," and the Holy Spirit comes into our hearts crying, "Abba, Father."

We are never taught, either by Jesus Christ, the Son of God, or by the Holy Spirit who comes from the Father and the Son, to pray to them, or either of them.

Do what Jesus tells you. Do what the Holy Spirit tells you.

If you forget all else I have ever said about Prayer, never forget this: that in praying you must pray to God the Father alone in the Name of God the Son, in the power of God the Holy Spirit, and that you must never direct your supplication to any other than to Him.

But no matter how emphatically my speech expressed it, if you do not take it in and live it and use it, it will not only be of no value, but, not being used, it will become a curse.

**An Unused Talent Brings a Curse.**

It brings the curse of God Himself. Every bit of cowardice upon our part which makes us bury a talent or conceal a truth, makes that talent or that truth our accusation and our curse. The day will come when the Master will say, "I gave you that talent; I gave you that truth and you never used it, you wicked and slothful servant." Then He will take it away.

How can Jesus be my Advocate with the Father, if I make Him the Father, and talk to Him as if I were talking to my Father?

He is not my Father. He is my Brother. He is not ashamed to call us brethren, and I stand upon His Word in which He said:

I ascend unto My Father and your Father, and My God and your God. You must obey what He said. If God is the Father of our

Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, then my Saviour is my Brother; my great Elder Brother; God's eternal Son.

He is the eternal *Logos*; incomprehensibly greater than I, but still my Brother who said when He was here on earth, "My Father is greater than all." Our great Elder Brother will one day, when He has finished His work, deliver up the key to God, even the Father.

**The Uselessness of Mere Words.**

This to me is greater than words, because when a thing is only a word it is not much account unless it gets impressed.

I am tired of words which do not find expression in something more than words.

The whole earth is tired of words.

The Church today is utterly disgusting to men who have an intelligent understanding, because the whole business is a mass of words and talk and discussion about words.

"What does it matter?" they say. "We want something more than words."

While it is a good thing to talk with words when you go to your fellowman, and even in a measure when you go to God, it is infinitely better when you get to the place where you are beyond words.

When love can find expression only in words, it is a poor, pitiful thing.

Did you ever see that light which never shone on sea or land, the love-light in the eye of a little child who suddenly discovered its mother?

The love-light is there when the baby cannot talk at all. A baby needs not to talk to tell that it recognizes mother.

You can get to the place where love has its highest expression, when you desire to say something for which you cannot find words; when you can just take the hand and look straight into the eye and look your thought.

When you get away to the highest point of Divine love, you will not need to talk. Christ Himself will not need to talk to the Father for you. He will tell you what is true, as He said:

I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you; for the Father Himself loveth you.

Did you ever sit down, and just let that thought take possession of you by the Spirit: "If a man love Me, he will keep My Word: and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make Our abode with him"?

Then the love-light will come, and there will be that about you which will make you to be so much more powerful in your silence than you are in your speech.

**There is a Place and a Need for Speech.**

I know there is a place for speech, because humanity is so weak it needs expression. Poor humanity is in its boyhood, and it wants taffy. There are some silly men and some silly women who can never believe that they are loved unless the other one says, "I love you." It is a poor business that. If I only got people to see that I loved them because I said it all the time, I would think my love a poor thing.

I do not know that my mother said very often that she loved me, but she kept all the buttons sewed on my shirts, and she saw that I had excellent porridge in the morning. Her love made her rise early in the morning and boil it until it was right for John. She would not trust a maid with it. When we got two servants for her, she worked just as hard looking after these servants.

I do not know that she was given much to saying that she loved me. I cannot remember the time that she said it, but she looked it, and she lived it, and I know that she loved me. I did not need the words, I had something better. I had the actions. I had the light in her eye. When I came in, and

she saw me, suddenly her eye would brighten and there would be the love.

Prayer is oftentimes most effectual when it is—

The burden of a sigh,  
The falling of a tear,  
The upward glancing of an eye,  
When none but God is near.  
Prayer is the simplest form of speech  
That infant lips can try;  
Prayer the sublimest strains that reach  
The Majesty on high.

But Prayer is most sublime when it says least.

When Christ, one day, contrasted two men's Prayers, they were the Prayer of a hypocritical Pharisee who explained to God what a good man he was, and all the good things he had done, and the Prayer of a publican who would not so much as lift up his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, and spoke in a low and faint voice. But the ear of the Almighty could hear it, and it rang through highest heaven, the broken cry of a broken heart: "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

"The sacrifices of God are" always "a broken spirit" and a "contrite heart." That publican's Prayer reached God, and he went down to his house a justified man. The Pharisee went down damned. Yet he made a magnificent Prayer, complying with all the ritual.

Students in Zion College, get to a place where you can get to God without words.

#### **Prayer for the Healing of the Sick is Nearly Always Silent.**

A friend asked me some time ago: "What do you say to God when you pray for the healing of the sick?"

I said, "I never tell, except in very rare cases, what I pray. My spoken words are simply an invocation in obedience to the command I had, 'in the Name of the Lord Jesus, in the Power of the Holy Spirit, in accordance with the Will of God our Heavenly Father.'

"There is no Prayer in that. That is not a Prayer, but an invocation. The Prayer is silent. If the people always heard the Prayer, it would be very startling."

Some time ago I had a letter from a certain part of this country from a lady who is not in the Home. I will not tell you her name. Perhaps the story will enlighten the desire, and help you to understand the matter.

This lady's pastor was applied to for a letter to Dr. Dowie. She demanded of him that he tell what a kind, good woman she was, and how desirable it was in the interests of Jonesville that its paragon of all perfection in that Church should be handed up and healed.

She was very sick. All the doctors had gotten through with her.

She was one of these women—you can see it in their faces—who make the poor man whom they have condescended to marry feel what a lifelong, supreme favor they have bestowed upon him, and how he ought to be grateful forever that so high and mighty a person ever condescended to take him. The minister was afraid of her, because if he did not suffer the word of exhortation as she gave it to him, he might just as well send in his resignation; for if he did not, he would starve in that place. She would see that he got no money from her husband, and no money from anybody else.

#### **A Severe but Wholesome Lesson to a Self-Important Woman.**

Nobody told me that when I read the letter, which was to this effect:

MY DEAR DR. DOWIE:—The lady who brings this letter in person has come to be a guest in Zion Home.

She is a most worthy member of this Church—and so on.

It is highly in the interests of Zion that she should be healed, because she is a woman of vast influence in Jonesville.

I never had seen the lady, but I smiled as I read this letter.

I understood that she had issued a request that I immediately repair to her room and interview her. I did not do any such thing. (Laughter.)

She was most angry that she had not been attended to. Who were the Elders? She did not come down to see the Elders. She came down to see Dr. Dowie. (Laughter.) She brought a letter from her minister. She was very sick.

Somebody said to me, "She is highly offended."

I said, "Tell her she can go home. Tell her that she can go home by the next train. She will see me when I am ready. She will see me when she has had some instruction."

I happened to be in the elevator when somebody came up: "Oh, Dr. Dowie, I have been waiting for you for three days."

I said, "Have you? I guess you will wait three days more."

She had some good, sound sense somewhere. I had that conviction. There is no woman who is ever entirely without it. (Laughter.)

About four days afterwards I was announced to take the meeting in the Prayer Room. There was Mrs. Smith, as I will call her, dressed in her best. Something was beginning to dawn upon her. She suspected that she was not nearly so important with me as she had thought herself in Jonesville.

I sat down, and for twenty minutes, without looking at her, saving now and then to see how she was getting on, I gave it to Mrs. Smith. (Laughter.)

I had learned that her husband was in the house by this time. He was the meekest man I ever saw. (Laughter.) He reminded me of Moses. The tribulations through which he had passed had taught him patience. I had not known of his existence. It was by accident I discovered it, and that was because she, being in the habit of having him do things for her (laughter), made signs to him.

For twenty minutes my subject was really Mrs. Smith, of Jonesville, and you should have seen the various changes of expression which passed over her face. I think if she could have gotten out without too much trouble, she would have gone.

When it was over, indignation took the place of humility, and I saw the impudence in her face. She had made up her mind about Dr. Dowie, and I thought afterwards of inviting her to go out. No one saw this except myself and Mrs. Smith. Nobody knew I had been thinking all the time of her.

When I got through, I uttered the usual invocation. That was all Mrs. Smith heard me say; but if she had heard my Prayer as I paused a minute, she would have heard this: "Oh God Almighty, in Thine Infinite Love and Mercy knock all the devils and all the conceit out of this woman. (Laughter.) Break her heart. Make her to realize what a bad-tempered, filthy, miserable wretch she is. Make her to realize that she is unconverted, and that she knows nothing about Thee, and that she is a curse to her husband, and to the Church, and to Jonesville, and that the greatest blessing that could happen to Jonesville would be her departure from it.

"Make her to see that she is a cumberer of the earth, and, O God Almighty, when Thou hast broken her all up, then if she repents, Thou wilt hear her."

I did not say all that, but just you think what would have happened if I had. But I finished my little Prayer in my heart and passed on.

I prayed that Prayer in faith, and when I had stopped for a few minutes, I said a few words concerning a very touching case of healing of one who was then present who was not there for healing. She told how she had come to me full of pride and self-sufficiency and ignorance, and my words had just knocked it all out of her, and how God had used me to help her. It had seemed to her that everybody must know what she was, and then she told the touching story of how she had been crushed to the very earth, and had come to see that she

was nothing at all; that God suddenly took away the veil from her eyes, and made her see how mean she was. Then she got down one day in the Prayer Room, willing to obey, no matter what I said, convinced that I was God's servant, and that I had seen the light in her eyes.

She told how I had said to her, "Are you ready to obey now?" and she said, "Yes." Then I had said, "Arise," and she had risen and walked, and was healed.

The telling of all that had broken Mrs. Smith's pride. I turned to see Mrs. Smith, and she was sobbing as if her heart would break. She had seen her own meanness, had been converted. She received her healing.

#### The Effectiveness of the Silent Prayer.

You cannot put your Prayers into words; it is not best. The Prayer which God will hear most effectually will be the silent Prayer. Get to the place where you can say "Father."

Mrs. Smith went home. She said to the Masonic minister, "This Church has gone to the Devil. I believe you have gone to the Devil, too."

She stepped upon the platform and made one of the most startling speeches that Church had ever heard.

She told of her healing, and then they said she had gone mad. She is "mad" now, but she is in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

Get to know God. That is Prayer.

Get to know your Father.

#### Read The Coming City.

For all matters pertaining to the founding and building of Zion City, there is no source of information, complete and reliable, but THE COMING CITY. The story of Zion City is being and will be told in its pages, both by descriptive articles and by engravings from photographs. The paper also contains much other interesting matter, such as science notes, household suggestions, special articles on matters of interest to Zion people, and the news of the day.

The paper also contains four pages of advertisements, carefully selected, most of the advertisers being Zion people. It is important that every member of Zion should get THE COMING CITY, not only for the valuable information which it will contain, but for these advertisements. By reading them they will learn who are the Zion business men and thus be able to cooperate with each other.

Zion people should be glad to go a little out of their way to trade at a Zion shop. Zion money is thus kept in Zion instead of going to fill the coffers of the world's people, and each feels the influence of the increase in general prosperity.

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

THE COMING CITY will be sent, postpaid, for \$1 for the first thirteen numbers. Address subscriptions to Zion Publishing House, 1207 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A.

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We desire to register the names of teachers who may wish to teach in our Junior Schools. None need apply except *experienced* ones, who are members of the Christian Catholic Church, and who have first-class credentials, testimonials of successful work, etc., to accompany their applications.

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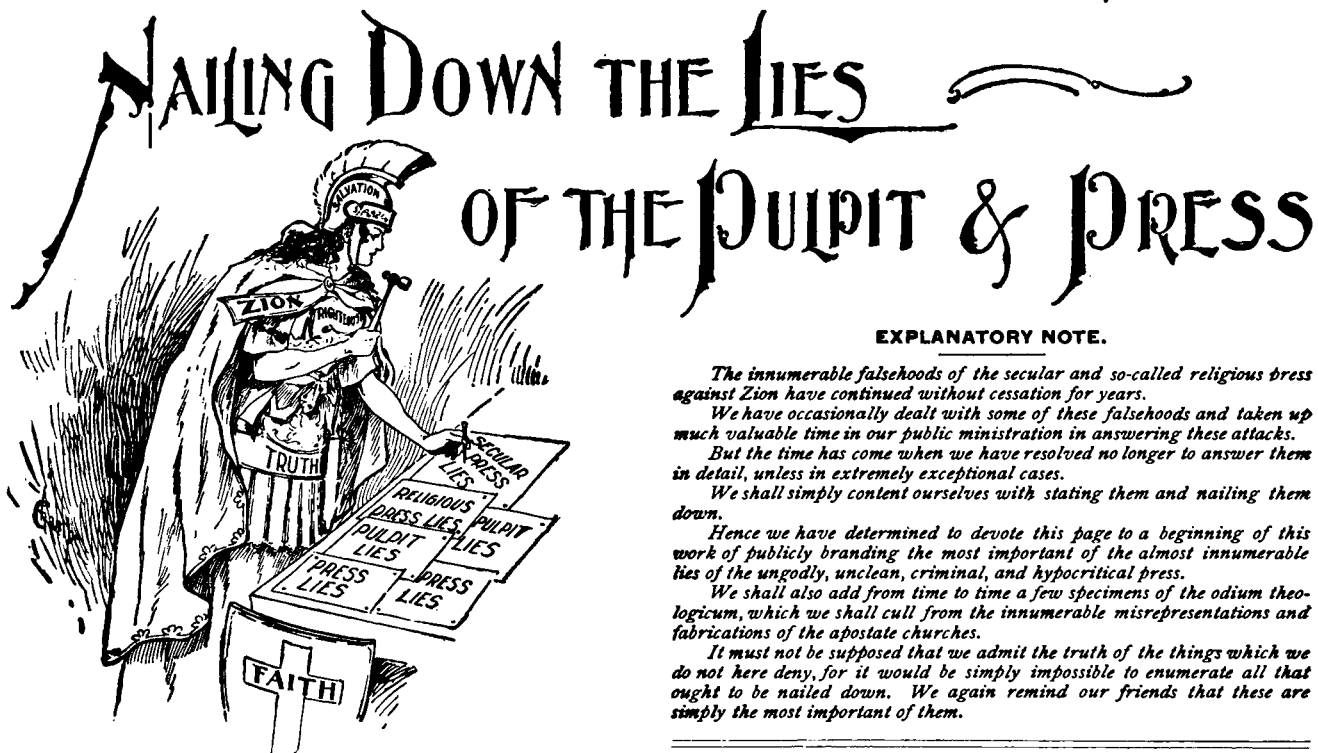
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#### Nailing Down the Lies of the Secular Press.

The following papers published malicious and wickedly false statements concerning the Mission of the General Overseer in Manchester, England:

- Manchester (England) *Mail*, November 19, 20, 21, 1900.
- Manchester (England) *Chronicle*, November 19, 1900.
- Manchester (England) *Dispatch*, November 20, 21, 1900.
- Manchester (England) *Courier*, November 20, 1900.
- Auburn (Nebraska) *Courier*, November 22, 1900.

The following papers published false statements, alleging that the General Overseer closed his meetings in Manchester, England, because he was afraid of the college students in that city:

- Columbus (Ohio) *Dispatch*, November 21, 1900.
- Lima (Ohio) *Times-Democrat*, November 22, 1900.
- Lima (Ohio) *News*, November 22, 1900.
- Bloomington (Illinois) *Bulletin*, November 22, 1900.
- Indianapolis (Indiana) *Journal*, November 22, 1900.
- Chicago (Illinois) *Journal*, November 22, 1900.
- Waukegan (Illinois) *Sun*, November 24, 1900.

The following papers published false statements, distorted accounts and wicked and insolent editorials concerning the engagement, transportation and landing of the Zion Lace Experts; also false statements concerning their status under the alien contract labor law:

- Vancouver (British Columbia) *Province*, October 23, 1900.
- Waukegan (Illinois) *Sun*, October 27, 1900.
- Chicago (Illinois) *Times-Herald*, October 30, 1900.
- Chicago (Illinois) *Chronicle*, October 30, November 21, 1900.
- Chicago (Illinois) *Inter Ocean*, October 30, 1900.
- Toledo (Ohio) *Blade*, October 30, November 1, 1900.
- London (England) *Express*, October 30, 1900.
- Chicago (Illinois) *American*, October 30, November 2, 1900.
- Chicago (Illinois) *Journal*, October 30, 1900.
- Milwaukee (Wisconsin) *News*, October 30, 1900.
- London (England) *Daily Mail*, October 30, 1900.
- London (England) *Pall Mall Gazette*, October 30, 1900.
- London (England) *Leader*, October 30, 1900.
- Chicago (Illinois) *Journal*, November 1, 1900.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE.

The innumerable falsehoods of the secular and so-called religious press against Zion have continued without cessation for years.

We have occasionally dealt with some of these falsehoods and taken up much valuable time in our public ministrations in answering these attacks.

But the time has come when we have resolved no longer to answer them in detail, unless in extremely exceptional cases.

We shall simply content ourselves with stating them and nailing them down.

Hence we have determined to devote this page to a beginning of this work of publicly branding the most important of the almost innumerable lies of the ungodly, unclean, criminal, and hypocritical press.

We shall also add from time to time a few specimens of the odium theologium, which we shall cull from the innumerable misrepresentations and fabrications of the apostate churches.

It must not be supposed that we admit the truth of the things which we do not here deny, for it would be simply impossible to enumerate all that ought to be nailed down. We again remind our friends that these are simply the most important of them.

- Chicago (Illinois) *News*, November 1, 14, 1900.
- Pittsburg (Pennsylvania) *News*, November 2, 1900.
- Waukegan (Illinois) *Sun*, November 8, 15, 24, 1900.
- Mansfield (Ohio) *News*, November 14, 22, 1900.
- Chicago (Illinois) *Tribune*, November 12, 15, 1900.
- Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) *Record*, November 13, 1900.
- Belle Plaine (Iowa) *Union*, November 6, 1900.
- Indianapolis (Indiana) *News*, November 13, 1900.
- Tacoma (Washington) *Leader*, November 15, 1900.
- Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) *Telegraph*, November 14, 1900.
- San Antonio (Texas) *Light*, November 19, 1900.

The following papers published editorial comments on the General Overseer and Zion, in which they falsely and maliciously attacked the General Overseer's motives, misrepresented his sayings, and basely and deliberately lied concerning his doings:

- Belfast (Ireland) *Nomad's Weekly*, November 17, 1900.
- Belfast (Ireland) *Times*, November 3, 1900.
- Belfast (Ireland) *Critic*, November 17, 1900.
- Manchester (England) *Dispatch*, November 14, 20, 1900.
- Cleveland (Ohio) *Leader*, November 22, 1900.
- Marion (Ohio) *Star*, November 23, 1900.
- Victoria (British Columbia) *Colonist*, November 23, 1900.
- Chicago (Illinois) *News*, November 14, 1900.
- Chicago (Illinois) *Record*, November 14, 19, 1900.
- Idaville (Indiana) *Observer*, November 6, 1900.
- Chicago (Illinois) *Tribune*, November 21, 27, 1900.
- Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) *Record*, November 15, 1900.
- Chicago (Illinois) *Chronicle*, November 27, 1900.
- Mansfield (Ohio) *News*, November 22, 1900.
- Minneapolis (Minnesota) *Times*, November 18, 1900.

The following papers published ridiculously false statements, alleging that the Christian Catholic Church in Zion was about to lay out a cemetery on the Stanwood farm, Zion City Site, for the purpose of the burial of "victims":

- Chicago (Illinois) *Inter Ocean*, October 24, 1900.
- Chicago (Illinois) *Chronicle*, October 25, 26, 1900.
- Des Moines (Iowa) *News*, October 28, 1900.
- Chicago (Illinois) *Chronicle*, October 25, 1900.

- Cleveland (Ohio) *Leader*, August 15, 1900—A long article purporting to be a report of a sermon by the Rev. W. W. Sniff, containing many false statements concerning the General Overseer and Zion, and falsely alleging that those healed in Zion were healed by the influence of mind over body.
- London (England) *The New Paper*, October, 1900—Maliciously false accusations against the General Overseer.
- Melbourne (Australia) *Argus*, October 2, 1900—An alleged correspondence from New York, containing many lies mixed with truth concerning the General Overseer and Zion.
- Victoria (British Columbia) *Colonist*, October 13, 1900—False statements concerning the meetings of Elder Eugene Brooks on the streets of Victoria, British Columbia.
- Montpelier (Vermont) *Journal*, October 16, 1900—An editorial article concerning the General Overseer and Zion, containing one of the vilest and most execrable criminal libels ever published by any newspaper.
- London (England) *Star*, October 17, 1900—Insolent and wickedly false statements concerning the appearance of the General Overseer in London, England.
- San Francisco (California) *Chronicle*, October 22, 1900—False statements concerning the mission of the Rev. W. D. Taylor in San Francisco, California.
- London (England) *Express*, October 24, 1900—Two verses of doggerel, falsely insinuating that the General Overseer healed the sick for money.
- Davenport (Iowa) *Times*, October 26, 1900—False statements, alleging that the General Overseer blackmails those whom he considers unworthy.
- Waukegan (Illinois) *Sun*, October 27, 1900—False statements, alleging that the plans for Zion Lace Industries have been given out in Waukegan, Illinois.
- Chicago (Illinois) *Tribune*, October 28, 1900—False statement, alleging that the plans for Zion Lace Industries have been given out in Waukegan, Illinois.
- Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) *Times*, October 28, 1900—A long, profusely illustrated article purporting to be a biography of the General Overseer and a description of Zion, full of the most ridiculously false statements and distortions of the truth.
- Racine (Wisconsin) *Witley's Dollar Weekly*, October 30, 1900—An absolutely groundless lie, stating that the General Overseer charged \$1,000 as his fee for baptizing one Mrs. Redding at Mishawaka, Indiana. The truth of the matter is that Elder Fletcher, of Wolcottville, Indiana, baptized this woman after the General Overseer had left for Europe.
- London (England) *Star*, October 31, 1900—False statement concerning the death of Mr. James Regan, London, England.
- Chicago (Illinois) *News*, November 1, 1900—Absolutely false statement, alleging that the members of the Christian Catholic Church were protesting against the General Overseer's alleged pronouncement in favor of mixed marriages. Also a reprint of the lies of the London (England) *Daily Mail*.
- Mansfield (Ohio) *News*, November 3, 1900—False statement, alleging that the members of the Christian Catholic Church were protesting against the General Overseer's alleged pronouncement in favor of mixed marriages.
- Pittsburg (Pennsylvania) *Leader*, November 4, 1900—A long article concerning the troubles in Mansfield, Ohio, containing many absolutely false statements concerning the General Overseer, lies concerning the ministry of Elder Fockler and deliberate distortions of the truth concerning the Mansfield mobs.
- Waukegan (Illinois) *Sun*, November 9, 1900—False statements, alleging that two carloads of candidates from Chicago were baptized in Lake Michigan, at Zion City Site.
- Chicago (Illinois) *News*, November 12, 1900—False statements concerning a certain article which appeared in LEAVES OF HEALING.
- Fostoria (Ohio) *Review*, November 12, 1900—An editorial concerning "Dowieites," containing the absolutely false statement that they killed a child in Fostoria.
- Indianapolis (Indiana) *Journal*, November 13, 1900—False statements concerning the death of Mabel Habien.
- Victoria (British Columbia) *Colonist*, November 13, 1900—False statements concerning the death of Claude Maltby.
- Danville (Ohio) *News*, November 14, 1900—False statements concerning the death of J. Warren Moore, Jr.
- Abilene (Kansas) *Chronicle*, November 16, 1900—False statement, alleging that Zion Literature claimed the Christian Catholic Church to be perfect and all others absolutely wrong.
- Waukegan (Illinois) *Sun*, November 17, 1900—False statements, alleging that the buildings being erected on Zion City Site are small and cheaply built.
- Des Moines (Iowa) *News*, November 19, 1900—False statements concerning the Mission of Deacon Daniel Sloan at Des Moines, Iowa.
- Binghamton (New York) *Republican*, November 21, 1900—False statement concerning the Mission of Overseer George L. Mason in the East.
- Binghamton (New York) *Herald*, November 21, 1900—False statements concerning Zion affairs in Mansfield, Ohio.
- Mansfield (Ohio) *News*, November 22, 1900—False statement, alleging that a "Dowie Elder" fled from Walton, Indiana.
- Chicago (Illinois) *News*, November 23, 1900—A resurrection of the old, long-ago-exploded lie, alleging that the General Overseer was guilty of slander against Edward Flanders.
- Chicago (Illinois) *Record*, November 27, 1900—False statements concerning the agreements signed between the General Overseer and shareholders in Zion Lace Industries.

#### NAILING DOWN THE LIES OF THE RELIGIOUS PRESS.

- The *Christian Worker* (Auckland, New Zealand), September, 1900—False statements concerning the General Overseer and Zion.
- Missionary Outlook*, September, 1900—False statement, alleging that the General Overseer is a "Divine Healing fraud."
- The *Primitive Christian* (Winfield, Kansas), September 19, 1900—Absolutely false statement, copied from the daily papers, alleging that the General Overseer intended to enter Jerusalem riding upon an ass.
- The *Christian Leader* (Cincinnati, Ohio), September 21, 1900—False statement, alleging that the Elder in the Christian Catholic Church at Cincinnati, Ohio, was deluding the unspiritually minded.
- The *Christian Leader* (Cincinnati, Ohio), October 21, 1900—Absolutely and maliciously false statements concerning the ministry of Elder Fockler in Mansfield, Ohio, repeating some of the lies of W. S. Capellar, editor of the Mansfield (Ohio) *News*.
- The *Signal and Gospel Union Gazette* (London, England), October 10, 1900—False statement, alleging that the General Overseer is a false prophet.
- The *Israelite* (Cincinnati, Ohio), October 18, 1900—False statements concerning the General Overseer and his Mission in London.
- The *Independent* (New York, New York), October 19, 1900—False statements, alleging that the members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion are fanatics.
- The *Ram's Horn* (Chicago, Illinois), October 20, 1900—False

statement, alleging that the General Overseer was sending Elders to Mansfield to be mobbed for the sake of obtaining free advertising.

The *Epworth Herald* (Chicago, Illinois), October 20, 1900—False statements concerning the General Overseer in London, England.

The *United Presbyterian*, October 21, 1900—A long article by James A. Grier, containing many absolutely false statements and many distortions of the truth concerning the General Overseer and Zion.

The *Australian Christian*, October 26, 1900—Many false statements concerning the General Overseer, including one of the *Chicago News*' lies concerning the alleged personal treatment of a little girl in North Harvey by the General Overseer, when he was in fact 130 miles away.

The *Christian Herald* (Detroit, Michigan), November 1, 1900—A long article concerning various religious fallacies, falsely classing the Christian Catholic Church amongst them.

The *Faith of Jesus* (Beaver Dam, Wisconsin), November 1, 1900—False statement, alleging that the General Overseer exalts himself.

The *Watchword and Truth*, November 11, 1900—False statement, alleging that the General Overseer has not the spirit of love.

The *Pentecost* (Los Angeles, California), November 25, 1900—False statements concerning the teachings and doings of the General Overseer.

#### Zion's Panoramic Tours.

These tours are conducted by Deacon Daniel Sloan, of Chicago. They present to the unprejudiced, teachable and fairminded the Principles, Purposes and Practices of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

Conferences and personal interviews are held with members and friends at places visited. Information is given concerning Zion City and the Truths and Requirements of Zion, as well as business and direction pertaining to personal, business and domestic relations which may effect one's spirit, soul and body. These interviews are always spiritually helpful.

Some of the following lectures are given: Panorama of Zion, Exhibit of Zion City, The World as It Is, God's Rescue Call, Spiritual Mastery, The Bible a New Book, Prophetic Sidelights, Zion's Place and Methods, Glimpses of the Christ of God.

Within the past months visits have been made to members and friends of Zion, touching in travel seventeen States, and stopping at points in eleven different States.

The Panorama of Zion and Exhibit of Zion City, a stereopticon exhibition of the greatest work of the age and the Coming City of the age, has been presented to interested audiences of hundreds.

The expense for each place is about \$10 or \$15, in addition to the hall rent, if any, entertainment always being provided for the Deacon and his operator in some Zion family.

Visitation may possibly yet be made to other points where there is a Zion Gathering or a Branch Church, at such times as five or eight places centrally located can be arranged for in a trip, and when time can be given to this work aside from other duties.

Persons who desire to help build up Zion through such exhibitions, conferences and interviews should immediately write the Deacon for a visit at such date as he may later arrange, even if his coming be delayed for months.

Interest in the meantime may be awakened and the fact of his coming, though the date is unsettled, can be used to stimulate interest in favor of Zion, Zion Literature and the Zion Seventy work which is being done.

Trips cannot extend beyond two weeks, and then only to places where several members and friends and the spirit of interest shown warrant such visits.

## GOD'S WAY OF HEALING.

BY THE REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

### God's Way of Healing is a Person, not a Thing.

Jesus said, "*I am* the Way, and the Truth, and the Life," and He has ever been revealed to His people in all the ages by the Covenant Name, Jehovah-rophi, or "*I am* the Lord that Healeth thee." (John 14:6; Exodus 15:26.)

### The Lord Jesus Christ is Still the Healer.

He cannot change, for "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yea and forever"; and He is still with us, for He said, "Lo, *I am* with you always, even unto the end of the world." (Hebrews 13:8; Matthew 28:20). Because He is Unchangeable, and because He is present, in spirit, just as when in the flesh, He is the Healer of His people.

### Divine Healing Rests on Christ's Atonement.

It was prophesied of Him, "Surely He hath borne our griefs (Hebrew *sicknesses*), and carried our sorrows: . . . and with His stripes we are healed"; and it is expressly declared that this was fulfilled in His ministry of Healing, which still continues. (Isaiah 53:4, 5; Matthew 8:17.)

### Disease Can Never be God's Will.

It is the Devil's work, consequent upon Sin, and it is impossible for the work of the Devil ever to be the Will of God. Christ came to "destroy the works of the Devil," and when He was here on earth He healed "all manner of disease and all manner of sickness," and all these diseases are expressly declared to have been "oppressed of the Devil." (1 John 3:8; Matthew 4:23; Acts 10:38.)

### The Gifts of Healing are Permanent.

It is expressly declared that the "Gifts and the calling of God are without repentance," and the Gifts of Healing are amongst the Nine Gifts of the Spirit to the Church. (Romans 11:29; 1 Cor. 12:8-11.)

### There are Four Modes of Divine Healing.

The first is the direct prayer of faith; the second, intercessory prayer of two or more; the third, the anointing of the elders with the prayer of faith; and the fourth, the laying on of hands of those who believe, and whom God has prepared and called to that ministry. (Matthew 8:5-13; Matthew 18:19; James 5:14, 15; Mark 16:18.)

### Divine Healing is Opposed by Diabolical Counterfeits.

Amongst these are Christian Science (falsely so-called), Mind Healing, Spiritualism, Trance Evangelism, etc. (1 Timothy 6:20, 21; 1 Timothy 4:1, 2; Isaiah 51:22, 23.)

### Multitudes Have Been Healed Through Faith in Jesus.

The writer knows of thousands of cases and has personally laid hands on scores of thousands of persons. Full information can be obtained at the meetings held in Zion Tabernacle, 1621-1633 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, and in many pamphlets which give the experience, in their own words, of many who have been healed in this and other countries, published at Zion Publishing House, 1207 Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

### "Belief Cometh of Hearing, and Hearing by the Word of God."

You are heartily invited to attend and hear for yourself.



REV. F. A. GRAVES, SUPERINTENDENT.

THE LORD hath established His Throne in the Heavens; And His Kingdom ruleth over all.—Psalm 103:19. AND JESUS went about in all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing all manner of disease and all manner of sickness among the people.—Matthew 4:23.

THE Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of God, in a general sense, mean one and the same thing. In our lesson today we will consider the words Kingdom of Heaven and Kingdom of God as meaning the same. Think of the Kingdom of God with four W's.

- What is the Kingdom of God?
- Where is the Kingdom of God?
- When is the Kingdom of God?
- Whose is the Kingdom of God?

*First.* What is the Kingdom of God?

The Kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.—Romans 14:17.

*Second.* Where is the Kingdom of God?

Neither shall they say, Lo, here! or, There! for lo, the Kingdom of God is within you.—Luke 17:21.

*Third.* When is the Kingdom of God?

The law and the prophets were until John: from that time the Gospel of the Kingdom of God is preached.—Luke 16:16.

For the law was given by Moses; grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.—John 1:17.

We have found What, Where, When it is. Now Whose is it?

Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven.—Matthew 7:21.

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.—Matthew 5:3.

Blessed are they that have been persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.—Matthew 5:10.

Now we come to the Junior verse, found in Matthew 19:13, 14:

Then were there brought unto Him little children, that He should lay His hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, Suffer the little children, and forbid them not, to come unto Me: for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Thus we see that the Kingdom of Heaven is composed of the obedient ones, the poor in spirit, those persecuted for righteousness' sake, and the little children.

Next, let us see how important it is and how to enter.

*First.* How important:

Seek ye first His Kingdom, and His righteousness.—Matthew 6:33.

*Second.* How to enter:

Except ye turn, and become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.—Matthew 18:3.

I wish every Zion Junior in the land who reads this page could say, "I have entered into the Kingdom of Heaven, and the Kingdom of Heaven has entered into me." If you have not done so, DO IT TODAY.

Conversion, returning to God, means giving your wills to God. Bow your heads over this page and give your will, your life, into His keeping. Repent of every sin. Make restitution to any whom you may have wronged. May the closing days of this year and this century find you on the Lord's side, ready to begin a new year and a new century for God and His cause.

- What, my friend, do you say to the Saviour this day?
- Are you ready to meet the Bridegroom in the sky?
- For the Kingdom of Heaven is like virgins three and seven,
- Going forth to meet the Bridegroom in the sky.

There are sheep gone astray, that have left the narrow way: They're not ready to meet the Bridegroom in the sky: For their love growing cold, they are far from the fold, And not ready to meet the Bridegroom in the sky.

But I fear there will be many living thoughtlessly, Going forth to meet the Bridegroom in the sky; And their lamps will not burn, so for oil they return, And the Bridegroom Jesus cometh in the sky.

Then let all of us learn to fill lamps so they burn, And be ready to meet the Bridegroom in the sky; Not be like foolish ones—no oil when He comes: But be ready to meet the Bridegroom in the sky.

**Beautiful Home.**

"Having the glory of God." Rev. 21:11.

F. A. G. Acc. by Mrs. CALVIN YOUNG. F. A. GRAVES. Soprano and Tenor Duet.

1. Beau - ti - ful land be - yond the sky, Beau - ti - ful  
 2. Beau - ti - ful walls of jas - per fair, Beau - ti - ful  
 3. Beau - ti - ful songs will the ran - somed sing. Dressed in their

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 robes of white,..... Prais - ing their ho - ly

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 heav'n - ly King, Je - - sus "the Lamb" "the Light."



# NOTES OF THANKSGIVING TO ZION'S GOD

## Freed From Pain and Greatly Blessed After Many Years' Suffering.

How many thousands of the brave men who endured the terrible hardships and battles of the War of the Rebellion, came home hopeless, physical wrecks, doomed to years of suffering and invalidism, and finally death!

How glorious to know that God has promised that at "eventide it shall be light," and is keeping that promise, even to those whose health and vitality were exhausted in the toil and exposure of army life and by the terrible drugs of the army hospitals, when they trust Him!

The following testimony tells of years of suffering as a result of army diseases and blessed relief from God, the Giver of every good gift:

WESTFIELD, ILLINOIS, November 28, 1900.

OVERSEER JOHN G. SPEICHER.

*Dear Brother in Christ:*—I wish to testify to God's goodness and mercy to me. In the spring of 1863, in Tennessee, I was taken sick and was sick or convalescent all that year.

I was twice offered a discharge from the army on account of my sickness, but refused it because I wanted to stay with the boys.

At last I was mustered out with my command, came home and went to work on the farm.

For a while I felt better at work than when I was doing nothing, as I did not feel my aches and pains so badly.

But in the summer of 1873, however, I became so weak that I had to abandon nearly all kinds of manual labor. I was treated by many doctors and took a great deal of patent medicine, but to little purpose.

I ached day and night from the year 1863 until I began the reading of LEAVES OF HEALING. Since then I have had but little pain.

There were several years during which I suffered with granulated eyelids. My neighbors and friends thought I would go blind, but I thank God that they got well a few years ago, and my sight is as good as that of most of men my age.

After I had read LEAVES OF HEALING for a while, the children took notice that I did not complain while reading it. They would say, while waiting for the paper, that they wished LEAVES OF HEALING would come so that I would feel better.

O what joy and gladness it brought to my poor aching body and heart. I was suffering with severe heart trouble.

The first I knew about Dr. Dowie I got from several elders and preachers in the U. B. Church. They had a Zion tract, and one of the elders would read a few lines and then comment on them.

It did not please me to see those who claimed to be carrying the glad tidings of Salvation to a lost world, condemn what that tract contained, for the most of it was Bible references.

As soon as possible, I procured some Zion Literature.

I thank God today for the help LEAVES OF HEALING has been to me. The whole Bible is a new Book to me.

I was very glad to be at Zion Home and Central Zion Tabernacle last New Year's eve.

What a flow of joy did fill my soul that evening and night.

In the year 1877 I came near dying. I had malaria and heart trouble. My suffering was very severe.

The doctor told the neighbors that he did not know how it would go with me, as the medicine did not have the desired effect. One day I received the assurance that I would get well.

I thank God for my first healing.

I did not live up to what I had received from Him or I never would have taken any more medicine.

I thank God that He has spared me to visit the site of the Coming City. We have our Cottage Meetings here every week.

I pray for the Christian Catholic Church the world over, and trust that it will continue to Go Forward and that God will bless every effort that is put forth for its advancement.

Your Brother,

D. HARDINGER.

## Little Boy Healed of Crushed Fingers and Ague.

ALASKA, INDIANA, November 27, 1900.

REV. JOHN G. SPEICHER.

*Dear Brother in Christ:*—I arrived here from New Whatcom, Washington, on a Friday. On the following Monday my little boy Frankie ran three fingers through the cogs on a cider-press, crushing two of them,

My father, mother, sisters, brother and cousins all wanted to send for a doctor.

I took him and asked God the loving Father to help me.

I bandaged each finger separately in cotton, and whittled out a little board and tied the hand on it and put him on the bed.

I sang and read, when I could for his screaming, and prayed for help and strength and for my child.

My father told me that my husband had written to him to tell him that he must see that Frankie had a doctor if he got sick.

I faced my parent in a way I could scarcely do, and told him that while Frankie was my husband's child, in a way, he was God's child and I was His child, and would do His blessed will.

I refused to have a doctor.

They begged me to give him sleeping powders to ease the pain, but I would not.

I knew that God would hold to me even if I had not faith to pray for instant healing.

I trusted Him for His care and love. I did the best I could, my weak, ignorant self.

Frankie's fingers are now well.

In three hours after he got them hurt he was out playing.

He never complained with them except a little on the first night. He cried several times, but only for a minute.

The ague was prevalent and Frankie got yellow and had two 'chills. The rest of the family took medicine every hour or two, and not one grain did Frankie take. He is clear-complexioned and fat. He goes to school and plays more than two common boys at his age.

I thought for a few days I was taking typhoid fever, but God kept me.

I have had several ailings since I came, but only for a day or two.

I am the only one here to witness to the Full Gospel, and I must trust in the Holy Spirit to guide and teach me what to say.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praying for Zion to be built up through this country and everywhere, and that our Heavenly Father will bring Dr. Dowie back safe and sound, I am yours in Christ,

MAGGIE B. MCGINNIS.

## Perfect Healing of Stomach Trouble and Rheumatism in Answer to Prayer.

DAYTON, OHIO, December 1, 1900.

REV. WILLIAM H. PIPER.

*Dear Brother in Christ:*—I am trusting God more every day.

When you prayed for me this time I got a perfect healing.

My stomach trouble and rheumatism both left me. My bowels became regular, and I feel so well and happy, praise His Holy Name.

Now I can do my work with joy and gladness.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

(MRS.) HENRIETTA V. ORDIN.

## God Heals of Fever and Headache.

KEOKUK, IOWA, November 19, 1900.

DEAR BROTHER IN CHRIST:—We return many thanks to you for your prayers.

God answered.

On the 10th, at about 8:30 in the morning, our little daughter was healed.

She got up out of bed and remained up all day and until 10 at night.

The next day being Sunday, I took her to meeting, and she told, in the presence of quite a number, how her dear Heavenly Father had healed her in answer to prayer.

The fever and pains in the head had all been taken away, praise the Lord.

I am faithfully yours in Jesus,

(MRS.) ALICE TIPPEN.

## Healed of Epileptic Fits. Baby Healed of Eczema.

WINTERS, CALIFORNIA, November 14, 1900.

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

*Dear General Overseer:*—I have been thinking for some time that I would write you about my healing. I do praise the Lord for what He has done for me.

I wrote to you and requested prayer, and we also had prayer, and the Lord has healed me of that dreadful disease, epileptic fits.

Glory to God, He is such a merciful Saviour!

He has also healed our little babe, now five months old, of a disease something like eczema.

It was on her left cheek when she was born, and it kept spreading until it had gotten nearly over her whole face.



We had special prayer for her and my husband laid hands on her. I am so glad we have given up the use of doctors and drugs and are trusting Jesus as our Healer.

Since I was healed the Devil has tempted me sorely, but I have complete victory in Jesus.

I thank you for praying for my healing.  
May God bless you in praying for others.  
Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) D. R. KRAMER.

**God Answers Prayer for Healing of Injury.**

962 WEST HARRISON STREET,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, November 29, 1900. }

REV. W. HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Overseer*.—I praise the Lord for what He has done for me.

Three weeks ago last Monday night I came home from the South Side, and as I came up the stairs I fell and struck my leg on the step. I was very badly hurt.

It hurt me so I did not know whether I could stand on my leg or not, but before I got up I prayed to the Lord to help me.

I knew, if I could not walk, that the first thing that my husband would want to do, would be to rub it with liniment.

I got up and walked around all right and got supper without very much pain, so my husband did not say anything about bathing my leg.

He did not know how badly it was hurt.

In the night it hurt me so that at times I would feel almost frightened, because I knew that if I could not walk in the morning my husband would be bound to do something for me. He believes in using remedies, and it makes it very hard for me.

I just prayed to the Lord to help me to be able to get up and walk on my leg, and He heard my prayer, so that I went around and did my work as usual with scarcely any hurting

I was not laid up with it for one moment.

I thank our General Overseer for teaching me how to pray, and I thank the Lord for what He has done for me in spirit, soul and body.

I have been healed of several things, for which I thank the Lord.

The Lord be with you all and bless you.

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) LORINDA STOKES.

**Great Spiritual and Physical Blessing in Zion. Healed of Numerous Ailments.**

ROSEDALE, OHIO, December 3, 1900.

REV. W. H. PIPER.

*My Dear Overseer*.—I have felt it my duty for some time to write a testimony telling of God's goodness to me and the blessings I have received from Him through Zion.

I first learned of Zion and our beloved General Overseer some time during the summer of 1897, when two copies of LEAVES OF HEALING were sent us. But I did not pay much attention to it at the time.

I was in poor health, and had been for some time, being troubled with catarrh, indigestion and other ailments.

About one year after we had received the first copy of LEAVES OF HEALING, I was thinking of going to Columbus, Ohio, to consult some skilled (?) physicians, when my mother said to me one morning, "Why do you not go to Chicago?" meaning, of course, to Zion.

From that moment I began to study. I hunted up the copies of LEAVES OF HEALING which I had heeded so little about a year before, read them, and the result was that I came to Zion Home in August, 1898.

I was in no condition to receive blessing. I had not been taught, had not studied my Bible (although a member of the M. E. Church for nearly eight years) and was doubtful and suspicious.

However, I was blessed spiritually and was much moved when I heard Elder Graves testify in Central Zion Tabernacle, one afternoon, to his healing of epilepsy.

But the Devil was after me and I took sick, catching a severe cold. I am very, very sorry to say I took medicine while there in the Home, contrary to the rules of the house.

I thought that my faith was insufficient for me to be healed, and that rather than to get down sick I had better take some medicine. You can easily see where I stood and how wicked I was.

I went home in poor condition, but the good seed had been sown, and after about thirteen months of "ups and downs," my own weakness and the Devil making life weary for me most of the time, I returned to Zion, Chicago, October 3, 1899. I sent in my application for membership in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion and was baptized on Lord's Day afternoon, October 8, 1899, by the General Overseer.

In September, 1899, after sending a request for prayer to the General Overseer, I was healed of a severe strain in my right side, and my eyes, which were very weak, were strengthened so that I was enabled to attend Zion College last autumn.

The strain in my side had troubled me a great deal, and my eyes were

so weak that it was very difficult for me to read as much as one page of a paper.

My digestion is better, the catarrh is disappearing, and indeed my general health is greatly improved. I have gained in flesh. I thank God for it all.

I used to take a great deal of medicine and treated myself for nasal catarrh, using a douche, for over one year. But all to no avail.

I am satisfied that the atoning blood of Jesus Christ is better than all medicine, and I am so glad that we can go to Jesus with all of our ailments and troubles, and He is only too willing and able to help us.

Last winter while in Chicago I had a severe attack of the grip. Zion's faithful Elders prayed with me and in a few days the disease entirely left me.

In July of this year I took very sick with the bloody flux. God healed me. I was also healed of a breaking out on the face shortly before.

Last month I was healed of a severe cold. I praise God, to whom all glory is due.

I used to have some trouble with my heart at times, but I am thankful to say it does not trouble me any more.

It is good to be in Zion, and I have been greatly blessed.

God, through the General Overseer's clear teaching, has shown me that there is something besides simply pretending to be a Christian and being a member of the Church.

I have made a good many confessions and restitutions, and righted a good many wrongs.

I thank God that He sent His Messenger to us in this country.

I pray for the General Overseer and all Zion daily, trusting that God will bring His faithful Messenger safely back again to America.

Yours in Jesus' Name,

HAROLD A. BLAND.

**God Gives Safe Deliverance to Trusting Mother.**

540 MAUMEE AVENUE,  
TOLEDO, OHIO, November 28, 1900. }

REV. JOHN G. SPEICHER.

*Dear Brother in Christ*.— . . . We had a good sister of the Church with us, and while I was gone for the nurse, which took about an hour and a half, my good wife was delivered.

We are so thankful that our Father did care for her and deliver her. The babe is a nice boy.

We have not had much trouble with him yet, and we know that God will keep him well and strong. We will trust all to Him.

My dear wife is doing finely, for which we praise God and give Him all the glory.

Pray also that we may have wisdom to bring the child up to the honor and glory of God.

Your Brother in Christ,

C. R. MASON.

**Prayer Gives Victory Over Disease.**

MARION, KANSAS, November 25, 1900.

REV. W. H. PIPER.

*Dear Overseer*.—Your letter of November 20th, stating that you had prayed in behalf of our baby boy Rossy, was gladly received.

We knew that you had prayed, for there was such a victory over the disease on the evening of the 17th.

He became very playful and has been so ever since.

We give God the praise and thank you for your prayers.

May God bless you and all Zion.

With love to all of Zion, I am

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) D. O. HALE.

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**Toledo, Ohio.**

Rev. J. C. Reiff, Elder-in-Charge.

Mrs. Charles R. Mason, of 540 Maumee Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, writes the following testimony to healing in answer to Elder Reiff's prayer:

DEAR ELDER REIFF.—I know you will rejoice to know how wonderfully God heard and answered your prayer for the healing of my eye, on November 6th.

As you know, my eye was very much inflamed and had been very painful for about thirty-six hours.

Within ten or fifteen minutes after you offered prayer and laid on hands, in the Name of Jesus, the inflammation began to decrease.

I retired at about 9:30 o'clock and slept well all night.

In the morning my eye was well.

I finished a piece of embroidery that afternoon, working about three hours steadily, and read the evening paper as usual, without any inconvenience whatever.

My eye has been well ever since.

We praise God continually for His goodness and mercy and thank you heartily for your prayers.

**Mansfield, Ohio.**

Rev. Cyrus B. Fockler, Elder-in-Charge.

God having brought Zion in Mansfield victoriously through the fire of persecution, He is now beginning to pour out upon her the blessings of His Spirit which always follow a great fight for righteousness and a great victory.

Zion in Mansfield has begun to grow.

The buffetings, the jeering, the revilings, the losses of position, business and friends, the desecration of their homes and the indignities heaped upon those who came to minister to them, have served to strengthen and purify the faithful members of Zion; to give them more courage, more love for one another, more loyalty to God and Zion. The inevitable result is, and will be increasingly, a rapid but substantial growth.

Already the regular Lord's Day morning and afternoon cottage meetings are beginning to increase in attendance, and God has very wonderfully blessed them by His Spirit.

Rev. S. H. Stokes, Elder-in-Charge at the South Side Zion Tabernacle, Chicago, was directed to minister to the Branch of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion at Mansfield on Lord's Day, December 2d.

He arrived in the city early in the morning and, instead of a howling mob or angry police officers, as a few weeks ago, found only railway employees at the station.

He inquired of them the way to the Vohnhof Hotel, and was informed that a cab would soon arrive, which would convey him.

He accordingly waited a few minutes, then took the cab to the Vohnhof, where he was courteously treated and had breakfast.

After breakfast he proceeded to the home of one of the members, where a most delightful Zion meeting was held.

Forty members and friends of Zion were present, an increase of fifteen over the previous Lord's Day's attendance.

It being the first Lord's Day in December, the Christians present gathered about their Lord's Table, for the second time since the persecution began. God was present in this quiet little communion service, and Zion was greatly encouraged.

The afternoon meeting was nearly as large as the morning gathering, and was a season of refreshing for those present.

Just before his return to Chicago, Elder Stokes was accosted by a member of the Mansfield police force, who asked if he were a "Dowie Elder." Elder Stokes replied that he was, and after a brief, friendly conversation with the policeman, went on his way.

From the railway station the Elder sent the following telegram, which was read in Central Zion Tabernacle at the afternoon service:

ERIE DEPOT, MANSFIELD, OHIO, December 2, 1900.

W. HAMNER PIPER,  
1621 Michigan Avenue.

Breakfasted at Vohnhof.

Two blessed services.

All quiet.

S. H. STOKES.

The news was very gladly received, Zion rejoicing in complete victory.

**Grand Rapids, Michigan.**

Rev. James R. Adams, Elder-in-Charge.

The following are some testimonies given at a Praise and Testimony Meeting, held in Zion Tabernacle, Grand Rapids, on Thursday, November 29, 1900, Thanksgiving Day:

Arie Van Woerkom, 60 Hagadone Avenue, said: "I am grateful that I have been kept in health, as have my wife and children.

"On two occasions my aged mother was very sick. We called on Elder Adams, who came and laid hands upon her, praying God to deliver. She is now as well as though she had never been sick.

"I thank God I entered Zion. I have learned more of the Scriptures, and understand them more clearly. I find, instead of spiritualizing everything, that there is more spiritual power and value in the direct application of Bible truth.

"Six months ago I was working at the well. My wife stood near. Suddenly she began to cough. Then severe pains and hemorrhage followed. We took her into the house.

"I knew God would hear, so we prayed for her to be healed. The hemorrhage stopped, but the pain remained. When the Elder prayed for her she at once felt the power of God thrill through her body and an immediate perfect healing resulted. We give God all glory.

"I bear reproach for God and Zion gladly."

Miss Jennie White, 99 North Union Street, said: "We give thanks every day in Zion, not merely once a year. God has been merciful and kind; I have received many blessings.

"When I went North last summer I was timid, but God gave me courage to witness for Him.

"Ever since I can remember I have had a lump on my body. Recently it grew much larger, turning purple and discharging cancerous matter.

"After talking with my sister about it, I prayed earnestly. God heard and in three days it had completely vanished.

"I had goitre all my life. This year it grew worse rapidly. It interfered seriously with my breathing, and caused a cough.

"On November 4th I came to Elder Adams. He prayed for my healing.

"I grew worse until the next day, when the Elder prayed again. Since then it has improved. The swelling is gradually becoming less. My breathing is almost perfect.

"I have been brought nearer to God, receiving strength and peace."

Mrs. Coryell, 160 Clinton Street, said: "I have no need of poisons. Christ is my Healer.

"For thirteen years God has healed every affliction that has come upon any of my family. I take all to the Lord, and am free from disease, and rugged today.

"I have put away all defilement of the flesh and spirit. In Holy Living we have blessed company all the way.

"When my son-in-law, Mr. McBain, was sick, God delivered him from every attack. He said, 'How many things come upon me and how quickly they go.'"

Mrs. Eliza P. Baxter, 115 Summer Street, said: "I have much to thank

God for. Week after Thanksgiving, one year ago, I lay on my bed. My relatives waited to see me die, all knowing how low I was.

"God delivered me.

"I praise His Holy Name, and return thanks to Zion for prayers, and that Dr. Dowie was sent to us with those blessed Words of Life.

"I bless God for LEAVES OF HEALING, which comes to us with the blessed truth that we can have faith in God. But for Him and this blessed faith I would have been under the sod a year ago.

"Last summer, when on the farm, I was attacked with eye trouble. I could hardly see. Then I wrote to Elder Adams for prayer. God showed me my sin. I gladly repented and received healing in half a day."

William Van Zee, 58 Ives Avenue, said: "I am thankful to God that I am in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion. In two instances I have been healed almost instantly this year.

"I have no use for medicine. I thank God I obeyed His servant and was baptized when the General Overseer was here. I am gaining in health this year and do more work than before."

William Linderman, 284 Grand Avenue, said: "This year, whenever we have called upon God, He has heard and healed us. My wife and several of the children have been sick. God quickly healed them in answer to the Elder's prayers.

"I had been healed of heart disease. About three months ago I realized that it was coming back. I asked the Elder to lay hands on me. He did so and prayed. Since that time I have had no trouble.

"When Elder Adams told me to take the Zion banner out on the street, I began to sweat. I asked God for grace to go out. He gave it to me. Some threatened to take the banner away, but God gave victory, and I had an answer for every man who asked questions.

"LEAVES OF HEALING brought this light to me. I came out of the Dutch Reformed Church and have learned to love the Word more and more every day.

"I am grateful for and love God's Messenger, Dr. Dowie."

#### Marion, Ohio.

Rev. Archibald McFarlane, Elder-in-Charge.

Elder McFarlane sends us the following testimonies given at a recent Praise and Testimony Meeting in Zion Tabernacle, at Marion:

Van B. Shumaker said: "Our daughter Bertha stumbled and fell with both hands on our baby's stomach, sending him into convulsions. We prayed, but did not seem to get an answer. He continued to suffer nearly all day. In the evening we sent a request for prayer to Elder McFarlane. Baby was almost instantly healed when the Elder prayed. We praise God for His mercy to us."

Howard Tonguett said: "God is giving us great blessings. I cut my hand on a paint can and it began festering. I prayed earnestly to God and He took all the pain away and healed me. Our baby was suffering very badly one night last week. We telephoned to Elder McFarlane for prayers and the baby went to sleep in a few minutes and was quite well in the morning."

Mrs. W. Griffiths said: "I had inflammation of the bladder so that I could not get about. I prayed and the Elder prayed and laid hands upon me, and I got well right away."

Mrs. Ella Rowe, of Ashley, Ohio, said: "I had an attack of rheumatism a few days ago. I called for Elder McFarlane, and he laid hands on me and prayed and, thank God, I am quite well again. I also wish to testify to a blessing for both seeing and hearing better than before I was prayed for.

"My mother and sister have also received great blessings in answer to Elder McFarlane's prayers."

George Grace said: "About four years ago I had the grip. I had some wrongs to make right and I did not want to lose the time from my work to go and make them right, but I found out that the Devil was after me. I went and got right with the parties I had wronged. I was free from the grip in a few days and able to work again.

"Our children had blotches all over their hands and faces. The Elder prayed for them and they are all well again. It pays to live pure in the sight of God."

Mrs. George Keifer said: "God has wonderfully blessed and healed our babe. She was very sick a few days ago. My husband had the Elder pray and she got well right away. We thank God for His blessings."

#### La Junta, Colorado.

The following report from Mrs. Margaret A. Mudgett, Conductor of the Gathering of the Friends of Zion at La Junta, Colorado, gives an interesting insight into the "days of small things" in Zion in this as well as many other places.

There is, in every work, a time of waiting and preparation, when one or two or a very few must stand firm for God, fully

trusting Him; doing His work faithfully, knowing that His Word is never lifeless seed, but will in due time yield its abundant harvest.

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It is a blessed privilege to have a part in such a work for God, and Gatherings in scores of places are praising Him for the opportunity of thus serving Him.

We began active service here the last of August, with three members. We have just filled out an application for membership from one other.

My sister-in-law and I sell papers Saturday evening. At first we sold sixteen; last Saturday evening we sold thirty-four.

There are just five saloons here, so we go to all the business houses. We have several regular customers.

Several are interested in Zion.

I am at present teaching two Chinamen how to read and write, and I hope to help them to accept the Saviour and bring them into Zion.

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## CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

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**MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS:**—The principles of the Christian Catholic Church have been fully set forth in the Reports of Two Conferences on Organization, held in Zion Tabernacle No. 2, which are fully reported in LEAVES OF HEALING for January 31 and February 7, 1896. The Basis of Fellowship is set forth in the second section of the Resolution passed on February 5th (see LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume II, Number 17, page 267):

**FIRST**—That we recognize the infallible inspiration and sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures as the rule of faith and practice.

**SECOND**—That we recognize that no persons can be members of the Church who have not repented of their sins and have not trusted in Christ for Salvation.

**THIRD**—That such persons must also be able to make a good profession, and declare that they do know, in their own hearts, that they have truly repented, and are truly trusting Christ, and have the witness, in a measure, of the Holy Spirit.

**FOURTH**—That all other questions of every kind shall be held to be matters of opinion and not matters that are essential to church unity.

All who are conscious of fulfilling these conditions, no matter where they may reside, are invited to fill up the following blank and answer the questions contained therein.

I am, faithfully yours in Jesus,



*General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church.*

No. ....

To the Rev. John Alex. Dowie,

*General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church,*

1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill., U. S. A.

I hereby make application to be received as a member of the Christian Catholic Church, and declare my agreement with the Basis of Fellowship agreed upon at a Conference held February 5, 1896, as set forth in your circular letter of February 7, 1896.

What is your full name? .....

What is your age last birthday? .....

Are you married, unmarried or widowed? .....

If married, how many of your children are living? .....

Where is your residence? .....

What is your occupation, profession, or trade? .....

Where were you born? .....

How long have you lived in America (or the country where you are now living)? .....

When and where were you converted to God? .....

Are you conscious that you are saved through faith in Jesus? .....

Were you sprinkled or immersed in Baptism? .....

When and where were you sprinkled? .....

When and where were you immersed? .....

With what Church were you formerly connected? .....

**REMARKS:**

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## MALACHI 3:8-12.

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*Andante.*

Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. And I will rebuke the devourer, for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground;

*Bass Solo.**Soprano & Alto.*

Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field,

Bring ye all the tithes in to the storehouse, that there may be meat Saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall

In mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the

If I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a Lord of hosts Amen! Amen!

## ZION'S BIBLE CLASS.

BY DEACON DANIEL SLOAN.

MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS LESSON, DECEMBER 26th or 27th.

## False Worship.

1. *Ignorant worship.*—John 4:20-26.  
Are not most so-called Christians ignorant worshippers?  
What constitutes intelligent worship?  
Do churches teach that man has a spirit?
2. *Sensual worship.*—Philippians 3:17-21.  
Why does a social bring out more than a prayer meeting?  
Are not the churches full of enemies of the cross?  
Why are they sensual creatures?
3. *Vain worship.*—Matthew 15:1-9.  
Is not observing holy days, except God's appointed days, a vain thing?  
Is not the veneration of saints a vain thing?  
Is not infant Baptism a vain thing?
4. *Will worship.*—Colossians 2:18-23.  
Do not some will to give up bad habits?  
Cannot some by will power touch and let things alone?  
How many man-made religions are there?
5. *Philosophic worship.*—Colossians 2:1-10.  
Are not ethical lectures a snare?  
What does the religion of the world leave out?  
Is not Christian Science a seductive philosophy?
6. *Formal worship.*—2 Timothy 3:1-7.  
Is most public worship anything more than form?  
Can a man who loves himself love God?  
Can there be worship when pride of form enters in?
7. *Idolatrous worship.*—Isaiah 44:9-15.  
Is image-worship still common?  
Who teaches people to pray to crucifixes?  
Who leads people to wear badges to remind them of their religion?
8. *Devil worship.*—Revelation 14:6-11.  
Will not men yet have to worship the Devil or be threatened with death?  
What is the end of all who bow to the Devil?  
When will Devil-worship be very popular?  
*The Lord Our God is a Worship-Defining God.*

## SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS LESSON, DECEMBER 30th.

## There Are Few Who Are Saved.

1. *Only a few seek to find salvation.*—Matthew 7:13, 14.  
Where are the majority of people going?  
Why do so few find the narrow Way?  
Will it ever be popular to be a Christian?
2. *Few maintain vital relations with God.*—Luke 13:22-30.  
Is being a member of a Church being a Christian?  
Must one be near Christ, or be in Christ?  
Does Christ know those who do not fellowship with Him?
3. *Few escape the delusions of money.*—Matthew 19:16-26.  
Does the possession or the love of money shut out of heaven?  
How many love money who possess but a few cents?  
Can God get the heart that is full of money-getting?
4. *Few who do not live for sensual enjoyment.*—Matthew 24:36-41.  
What did most people live for in Noah's day?  
Is our day to be like unto his day?  
When will people awaken to this peril?
5. *Few have any faith in God.*—Luke 18:7-14.  
How do people show such lack of faith?  
Is there much true prayer?  
Is faith getting scarcer all the time?
6. *Few only take God for spirit, soul and body.*—Luke 12:22-32.  
Does God care for the body?  
What will He do for our body?  
What is the basis of His care for the body?
7. *Few out of earth's billions are fully redeemed.*—Revelation 14:1-5.  
How many billions are there on the earth?  
How many will go with Jesus when He comes?  
What sin shuts so many out of heaven?
8. *Save yourself from the destruction awaiting the many.*—Acts 2:37-47.  
Must not a man see to His own salvation?  
From what can a man save himself.  
How much of a margin will a man have in getting into heaven?  
*God's Holy People are a Minority People.*

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## All-Night Assemblies with God in Zion.

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1900-1901.

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ZION is looking forward with great joy to the coming All-Night with God in Central Zion Tabernacle, at the end of the Nineteenth Century and the dawn of the Twentieth Century. Her General Overseer will be conducting All-Night Assemblies with God in London on that night, but he will be present in the meeting in Chicago in spirit.

All who love God and Zion are invited to attend.

We quote the following from the General Overseer's call to the All-Night Meeting of 1899-1900:

It gives me joy to say, in His Name:

"Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord;

"And He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His Paths:

"For out of Zion shall go forth Instruction."

Prepare your hearts for a blessing.

Let all evil be repented of and put away.

Purity is the Grace which is waiting to bless thee at the Door of the New Year.

"Bring a blessing, and you will get a still greater blessing."

"The pure in heart shall see God."

"All things are now ready."

Come: for the feast is spread.

All Heaven attends at God's command to bless you in spirit, soul and body, for time, and for eternity.

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Monday, December 31, 1900—Tuesday, January 1, 1901.

## ❦❦❦ PROGRAMME ❦❦❦

- 9:00 p. m.—Preliminary Prayer and Praise Exercises of All-Night with God.
- 10:00 p. m.—Opening Exercises, with Anthem by Zion's White-robed Choir of 150 Voices.
- 11:00 p. m.—Sermon: "The End and the Beginning," by Rev. W. Hamner Piper, Overseer-at-Large of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.
- 11:30 p. m.—Communion of the Lord's Supper.  
Century-closing Hymn.  
General Greeting and Handshaking.  
Hymn by Choir and Congregation—"Go Forward! O Zion."  
Distribution of Cards with Motto for 1901.  
Adjournment for Refreshments in Refectory for one hour.
- 2:00 a. m.—Prayer for General Overseer and Party and all Europe.
- 2:30 a. m.—Prayer for Zion City and Lace Industries.
- 3:00 a. m.—Prayer for Zion in Chicago and her Institutions.
- 3:30 a. m.—Prayer for Zion in China and Australasia.
- 4:00 a. m.—Prayer for Sinful, Sick and Sorrowing who have sent in request, and who will then make request.
- 5:00 a. m.—Questions and Answers.
- 6:00 a. m.—Closing Prayers and Praises.  
Hymns by Choir and Congregation.

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 Frazee, Mrs. Amy. Emporia, Kansas  
 Goodsell, Miss Gertrude. Admire, Kansas  
 Gunther, Mrs. Margaret A. Eskridge, Kansas  
 Hill, Charles. Admire, Kansas  
 Hill, Mrs. Arline. Admire, Kansas  
 Klein, Mrs. Alice. Eskridge, Kansas  
 Young, Mark E. Eskridge, Kansas  
 Young, Mrs. Mary. Eskridge, Kansas  
 Younker, Mrs. Agnes. Keene, Kansas

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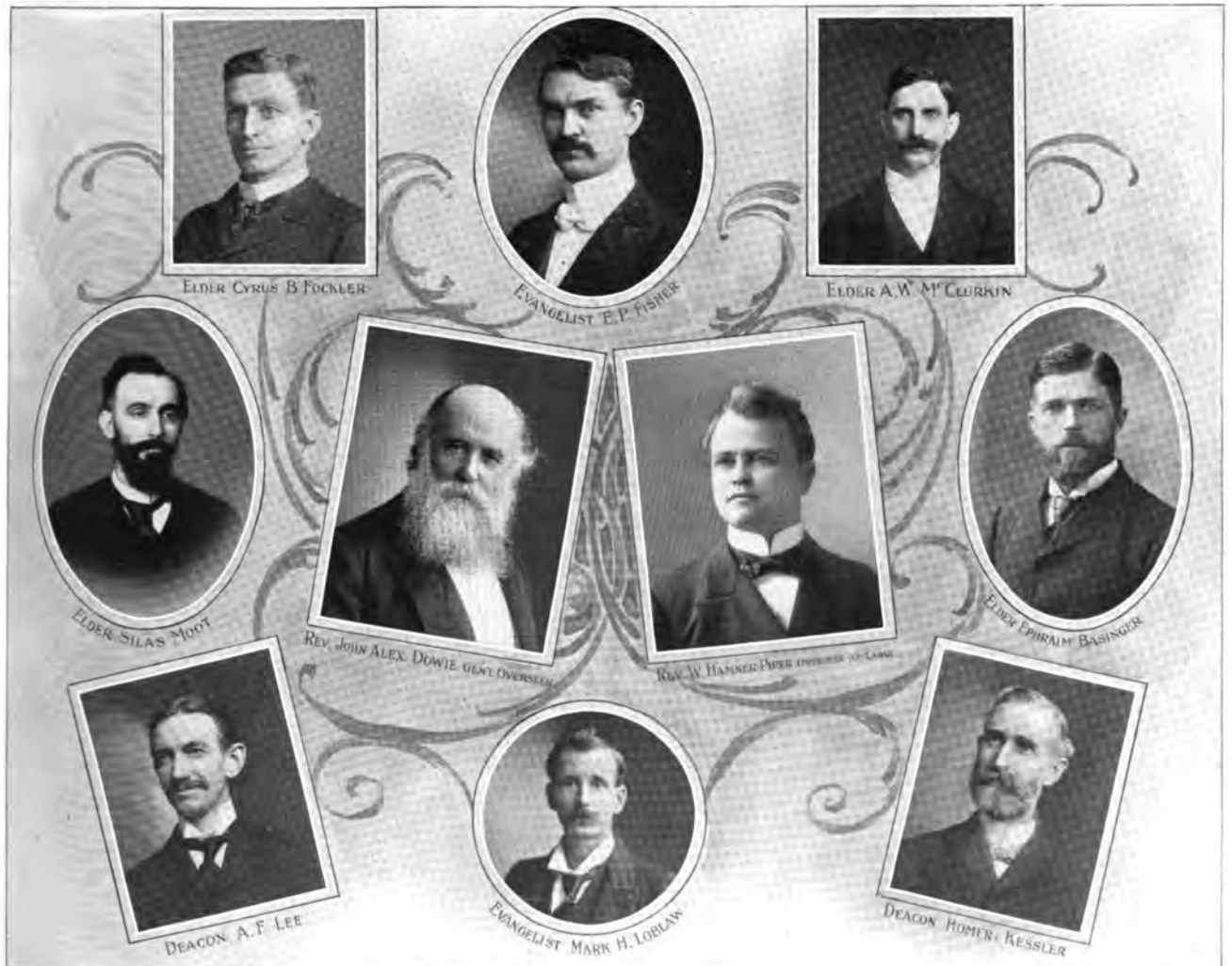
And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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# ZION'S FIGHT AND VICTORY IN MANSFIELD.

Men Through Whose Courage and Faithfulness Christ Conquered, and Events Leading Up to the Triumph.

ONE of the most beautiful of the Christmas Crowns which Zion lays at the feet of her Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, on this His birthday, is the glorious Crown of Victory which He won, through her, at Mansfield, Ohio.

The singular beauty of that Crown is because of the suffering through which it was purchased.

Its shining gold was refined in fierce fires of persecution.

Its radiant gems are the rare jewels of Christian heroism and unquestioning obedience, cut and polished by the sharpness of conflicts in which mere physical violence was but an incident to the mighty clashing of spiritual forces.

Zion casts that Crown before His throne with songs and hallelujahs of joy.

She praises Him for the blessed privilege of being counted worthy to suffer "for the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus."

She kneels in deepest gratitude before Him who gave the Victory, "through our Lord Jesus Christ."

She remembers the cruel Crown of Thorns which He once wore. Beside the terrible agonies of that Crown and the Cross, the sufferings at Mansfield pale into insignificance.

She remembers that through His wearing of that Crown of Thorns, and suffering the pains of that Cross, she is enabled to win the glorious Crown of Victory.

The story of the persecutions at Mansfield covers a period of a little more than seventeen weeks, from Thursday, July 12th, to Lord's Day, November 4, 1900.

On July 12th a mob was formed, which forced an entrance into the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Leiby, hunting for Elder Cyrus B. Fockler. But the Elder had left Mansfield for Chicago.

On Saturday, July 21st, Elder Fockler and Evangelist Edward P. Fisher returned to Mansfield. Elder Fockler was dragged out of the hotel by a mob of three thousand, hurried through the streets to the gas-house, stripped, beaten, pinched and kicked, and finally rescued by the police, after a fierce fight. He was placed in jail for safekeeping and, at evening, taken out of the city by Mayor Huntington Brown.

On Lord's Day, July 29, 1900, Overseer William Hamner Piper, Evangelist E. P. Fisher, Elders A. W. McClurkin, G. F. Stevens, Archibald McFarlane and E. B. Kennedy, held services in Zion Tabernacle, at Mansfield.

On Monday, July 30th, Overseer Piper returned to Headquarters, Elder Kennedy went to Ada, Ohio, and that evening, while holding a meeting at the home of Mrs. Frederick, a widow, the other four officers were attacked by a mob, which wrecked the house. The police forced an entrance. The mob, following them, dragged out Evangelist Fisher and Elder McClurkin and, having stripped them, painted them blue and subjected them to other indignities. Elders Stevens and McFarlane were severely bruised by stones which were thrown through the broken windows of the cottage. On the following morning the police forcibly ejected all four from the city.

On Lord's Day, August 5, 1900, Overseer Piper, Evangelist Fisher and Elders McClurkin and McFarlane returned to Mansfield, although threatened with death. Although they twice made the attempt, they were prevented by the Mayor and police from landing from the train. An angry mob of thousands was at the station.

Through all this persecution the General Overseer had been directing the movements of Zion's Elders and sending appeal after appeal to Mayor Brown, Sheriff Pulver, Governor Nash and President McKinley, demanding that the laws of the land be enforced and that civil and religious liberty, as guaranteed by the Constitutions of State and Nation, be vouchsafed to Zion's ministers. Upon him fell the great burden of the responsibility. He felt, in his deep sympathies, all the cruelties which had been inflicted upon his helpers.

On Thursday, August 9th, he left Chicago for his European mission, leaving Overseer-at-Large William Hamner Piper in charge of the work in America. To Overseer Piper, accordingly, fell the difficult task of directing the fight at Mansfield. Following up the policy entered upon by the General Overseer, he continued sending officers of the Church to Mansfield, appealing on several occasions to the city, State and National executives.

On Lord's Day, August 12th, Elders W. O. Dinius and Silas

Moot went to Mansfield. They started to hold a meeting in a private house, but were seized by the police and driven out of the city to Crestline. On the following day they returned and were besieged in Attorney Douglass' office. Overseer Piper was warned by the attorney that they might be killed, but he ordered them to stay. They were again forcibly carried out by the police, however.

On Lord's Day, August 19th, Elder S. A. Walton and Evangelist W. E. Moody were met at the train by the police, taken to jail, and afterwards deported.

On Lord's Days, August 26th, September 2d and September 9th, Elder Ephraim Basinger was arrested by the police and sent out of the city.

On Lord's Day, September 16th, Elder Basinger succeeded in holding a meeting in a private house for about an hour. Then he was dragged out by a mob, pelted with various missiles, one of which inflicted a scalp wound, and forced on board an outgoing train. The police did not protect him. Messrs. Calver and Leiby, members of the Church, were also deported.

On Lord's Day, September 23, 1900, Elders Ephraim Basinger and Silas Moot were seized by the mob, stripped, brutally beaten and painted with smokestack varnish. Other indignities were heaped upon them. The police offered no protection.

On Lord's Day, September 30, 1900, and several times during the week following, Elders Walton, Voliva and Richert, Evangelist Mark H. Loblaw and Deacon Sidney P. Fogwill were arrested and sent out of the city.

On Lord's Day, October 7th, Deacons A. F. Lee and Homer Kessler were arrested, placed in jail, then sent out of the city.

On Lord's Day, October 14th, Deacons Lee and Kessler succeeded in entering the city. Deacon Kessler was arrested by the police while conducting a meeting, and, followed by a jeering crowd, was taken to the train. He was struck by missiles and kicked. During the week which followed, he, Deacon Lee and Elder Edward Williams were repeatedly arrested and taken out of the city by the police, often with mobs at their heels. Elder Williams was stoned by a mob at Lucas, four miles from Mansfield.

Evangelist Mark H. Loblaw spent the week in the city, holding quiet meetings and visiting the members. He was hunted by mob and police, but succeeded in eluding them.

On Tuesday, October 16th, Deacon Kessler was arrested, but was taken from the police on a writ of *habeas corpus*. He was kept in jail, pending a hearing on the writ, by Judge Campbell, a week and two days, until Wednesday, October 24th. Then he was released, but the *habeas corpus* was not granted.

On Thursday, October 18th, a mob formed late at night under the eyes of the police and, forcing an entrance into many of the homes of Zion people in Mansfield, searched for Elders.

On Lord's Day, October 21st, Elder Williams and Deacon Lee made fruitless attempts to enter the city and hold services, mobs preventing them.

On Lord's Day, October 28th, Deacon Homer Kessler was arrested as soon as he entered the city and sent out on the train. Elder R. N. Bouck, who had been in the city since October 23d, succeeded in holding a meeting, but was arrested by the police immediately afterwards, dragged to the train, placed on board and held in the seat till the train started.

On Lord's Day, November 5th, the last mob gathered. For the first time, unmolested meetings were held and the Lord's Supper celebrated. Elder and Mrs. W. F. Matthews and Elder J. R. Armstrong conducted the meetings. Elder and Mrs. Matthews were hounded for hours by a mob, in the afternoon, and Elder Armstrong was kicked by cowardly ruffians, just as he was boarding the train. Papers had been made out with Judge Wolfe praying for an injunction to restrain the Mayor from interfering. Since that time, meetings have been quiet and unmolested and attended with much blessing.

Among those who have suffered most severely for Jesus' sake, whose portraits do not appear in the groups, are the faithful members of the Church in Mansfield. They have been reviled, have lost their positions, had their homes broken into and searched, and endured many other hardships. Their Christmas Crowns are diadems of beauty, for they are the Crowns of Life promised to the overcomers.

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## BIRDS'-EYE VIEW OF ZURICH, SWITZERLAND

**Z**ION in Chicago and in America is now joyously counting the few weeks which must elapse ere the coming of that day of gladness when the General Overseer shall return.

It seems hard to wait, and yet, as the days are spent in happy, busy service for God, in the home, in the office, in the workshop, in the factory, they slip by with startling swiftness.

Meanwhile, thousands and tens of thousands of loving hearts are following the General Overseer and his party from place to place in their prayers and thoughts.

The cablegrams from Europe, which are read on Lord's Day afternoons in Central Zion Tabernacle, continue to be blessed to the thousands who hear and read them.

On Lord's Day, December 9, 1900, the following was read by Overseer Speicher:

ZURICH, December 9, 1900.

ZION, Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Thanks for loving messages concerning return to Zion.

Hallelujah for Four Months' Holy War today.

Europe awakening to hear God's Message from Zion.

Good beginning Zurich today.

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Deaconess Brieger's work and German LEAVES much blessed.

Many Christians and pastors interested.

Pray for mission here; also Paris, Grimsby, London and Boston.

Go Forward.

Mizpah.

DOWIE.

This cablegram was sent just four months from the date when the General Overseer departed for his European Mission. Those four months have been four months of Holy War against

unnumbered and bitter foes. It seemed at times as if the very hordes of hell were let loose upon the little Zion party.

But the General Overseer has gone on fearlessly, proclaiming the Everlasting Gospel when death was threatened again and again, and God has, in His Infinite Love and Mercy, protected and kept His Messenger and given him wonderful Victory.

Among all the Christmas Crowns which Zion will cast before the Throne of Christ the Conqueror, none will be more precious than this Crown of Victory, won through such unspeakable toil and danger.

Deaconess Brieger, whose work is referred to in the cablegram, is the Assistant Editor of the German LEAVES OF HEALING. Last summer she spent about four months in Zurich, Switzerland; Meran, Austria, and other places in that part of Continental Europe, spreading Zion Literature, and especially German LEAVES OF HEALING and the German tracts.

She has now returned to Zion Headquarters and is again in active editorial charge of the German edition.

It gives us great pleasure to give our readers a reproduction from a photograph of the beautiful City of Zurich, Switzerland, whence the General Overseer sent the cablegram printed on this page. This scene shows the Court House, where the General Overseer addressed people from three continents, very plainly, yet it is wholly inadequate to give any idea of the marvelous beauty of this historic city, with its river of blue, its purple hills and, towering over all, its mountains with their pure white snows glistening in the sunlight.

Zurich is on the Limmat River, and is one of the principal cities of Europe.

# CHRISTMAS CROWNS FOR CHRIST FROM ZION.

A LARGE FAMILY SAVED, HEALED AND KEPT.



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(See Volume VII, Number 24, page 737.)

**T**HEODORE DREYER, SR., and these members of his family were lead by the plain preaching of Overseer Piper to begin Holy Living. He was healed of the tobacco habit when prayed for. Blood-poisoning was eradicated in answer to Elder Voliva's prayers. He had formerly been healed of what appeared to be consumption.

**M**R. ELIZABETH DREYER was healed of what the physicians called dyspepsia, catarrh of the stomach, kidney trouble and other ailments, in answer to the prayer of the Overseer-at-Large.

**T**HEODORE DREYER, JR., testifies to deliverance from the whisky habit when at the point of death. Repentance and restoration and obedience were the terms upon which God gave him great blessing.

**G**EORGE H. DREYER came into Zion, and his anger at plain preaching was turned into hatred for vice and sin when he repented and turned to God. He gave up tobacco and liquor, and in exchange was filled with righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

**M**ISS CARRIE DREYER thanks God for salvation from a life begun in wickedness, which was breaking the hearts of her mother and friends. While feeding on the husks, kind letters and the thought of home made the prodigal repent and return. Then there was great rejoicing over the lost one who was found.

**M**ISS KATHERINE DREYER followed the example of her brothers and sisters, first in sin, then in righteousness. She is in Zion and receives much blessing in doing Seventy work, scattering the Message of Peace to others.

**H**ENRY F. DREYER, while a Methodist, was living a sinful life, but often longed to know Christ. He heard the Gospel proclaimed by Overseer Piper, but did not like it at first. When he ceased rebelling and gave himself to God, he found that His yoke was easy and His burden was light. He was delivered from tobacco and liquor slavery and worldly pleasures.

**L**ILLIE DREYER experienced the saving, healing and keeping power of God in Zion. He also took vanity from her heart and gave her the privilege of being a Zion's Saloon Seventy.





"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke II: 11.  
 "His name was called Jesus." Luke II: 21  
 "And Jesus advanced in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men."  
 "Himself took our infirmities, and bare our diseases." Matthew VIII: 17.  
 "To this end was the Son of God manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil." John III: 8.  
 "Even Jesus of Nazareth, how that God anointed Him with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him." Acts X: 38.  
 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yea and forever." Heb XIII: 8.

O for a thousand tongues  
 to sing  
 My great Redeemer's praise:  
 The glories of my God and King,  
 The triumph of His grace!  
 Jesus! the name that charms  
 our fears,  
 That bids our sorrows cease;  
 'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
 'Tis life, and health, and peace  
 He breaks the power of canceled sin,  
 He sets the prisoner free;  
 His blood can make the foulest clean;  
 His blood availed for me.  
 Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise  
 ye dumb,  
 Your loosened tongues employ  
 Ye blind, behold your Saviour  
 come;  
 And leap ye lame for joy.  
 Charles Wesley.



# CHRISTMAS CROWNS FOR CHRIST FROM ZION.



MRS. P. M. PEDERSON,  
480 West Superior Street, Chicago, Illinois.

She was saved out of the Lutheran Church, being converted under the General Overseer's ministry. After three murderous operations by physicians had proved useless, she was healed in answer to his prayers.  
(See Volume VI, Number 10, page 289.)



MRS. NELLIE LUSK,  
56 Owasco Street, Auburn, New York.

God healed her of many tumors, heart disease, Bright's disease, dropsy and two strokes of paralysis, and restored her eyesight. She had the morphine habit for five years.  
(See Volume VI, Number 12, page 354.)

# CHRISTMAS CROWNS FOR CHRIST FROM ZION.



MRS. EMMA DEMING,  
41 Ingraham Street, South Bay City, Michigan.

Instantly healed when the General Overseer laid hands upon her in prayer, after lifelong suffering from spinal trouble. Also healed of bowel trouble, and afterward grip and cholera-morbus.

(See Volume VI, Number 13, page 385.)



MRS. MAGGIE DINIUS-COSGROVE,  
North Harvey, Illinois.

Instantly healed, in answer to the General Overseer's prayer, of fema-  
trouble, abscesses of the rectum and many other diseases and their effects;  
also a dangerous eating cancer, which caused hemorrhages.

(See Volume VI, Number 14, page 417.)

# CHRISTMAS CROWNS FOR CHRIST FROM ZION.



REV. W. O. DINIUS,  
North Harvey, Illinois.

Realization of instant healing of sunstroke, chronic diarrhoea, bleeding, itching piles and catarah, when the General Overseer prayed and laid on hands. Now an Elder in the Christian Catholic Church.

(See Volume VI, Number 14, page 410.)



MRS. S. V. DINIUS,  
North Harvey, Illinois.

Incurable sore-throat, eczema, hemorrhages and effects of a tumor operated upon were all healed by the power of God's Spirit in answer to the prayer of faith of the General Overseer.

(See Volume VI, Number 14, page 421.)

# CHRISTMAS CROWNS FOR CHRIST FROM ZION.



ELLA AND HUBERT TATE,  
Grand Forks, North Dakota.

The sister was healed in answer to prayer in Zion of high fever, cold on the lungs and constipation, and the brother of dangerously high fever with delirium, and a rupture.

(See Volume VI, Number 17, page 521.)



DEACON C. F. KELCHNER,  
134 Seltzer Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Delivered from the drug business. Healed by the power of God in Zion of rupture and catarrh of the head and throat. A Deacon in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

(See Volume VI, Number 19, page 585.)



CHRISTMAS CROWNS FOR CHRIST FROM ZION.



CONDUCTOR BURT M. RICE,  
Irving Park, Illinois.

Was a physical and nervous wreck, a slave to cocaine, and used tobacco and liquor. Was a Royal Arch Mason and a Knight Templar. Yet God, in answer to prayers of Zion, delivered and healed him.  
(See Volume VI, Number 20, page 617.)



DEACON DANIEL SLOAN,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Healed of rheumatism, constipation, indigestion, brain lag and nervous exhaustion, and converted from a trust in the idols of drugs and medicines to a trust in the Father through Jesus Christ.  
(See Volume VI, Number 24, page 753.)

# CHRISTMAS CROWNS FOR CHRIST FROM ZION.



**WYATT B. ELDRED.**  
Delton, Berry County, Michigan.

Repented of sins and gave his heart to God through Zion teaching, after using tobacco and liquors many years, and handling swine's flesh. Delivered from bad habits and healed of a cancer.

(See Volume VI, Number 26, page 817.)



**ARIE VAN WOERKOM,**  
66 Hogadone Avenue, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Instantly and permanently healed of bronchitis, tobacco habit and liquor habit, and sadness supplanted by joy through the prayer of the General Overseer in Zion Tabernacle No. 2, years ago.

(See Volume 6, Number 25, page 785.)

# CHRISTMAS CROWNS FOR CHRIST FROM ZION.



MISS ETURA V. LONG,  
Ashley, Ohio.

Healed of spinal disease, paralysis of the eyes and eyelids, and catarrh, and relieved from cruel braces, in answer to the prayers of God's Messenger to Zion.

(See Volume VII, Number 1, page 1.)



MRS. EMILY AND MASTER LUTHER STEWART,  
Winemac, Indiana.

By the mercy of God, the mother was granted deliverance from insanity, falling of the womb, kidney trouble and heart disease. The son was healed of quick consumption, after confession and restoration.

(See Volume VII, Number 2, page 33.)

CHRISTMAS CROWNS FOR CHRIST FROM ZION.



MRS. EMMA LANG,  
386 Dragoon Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

Instantly healed of blindness, heart trouble and constipation. The lower end of her spine, having been broken, was straightened and healed in answer to Elder Stokes' prayer.

(See Volume VII, Number 3, page 65.)



MISS MINNIE MILLER  
Kalamazoo, Michigan.

God heard prayer and healed of nervous weakness, St. Vitus' dance and failing eyesight, after the General Overseer prayed and laid on hands, in the Name of Jesus.

(See Volume VII, Number 4, page 97.)

CHRISTMAS CROWNS FOR CHRIST FROM ZION.



**GEORGE D. CHENOWETH,**  
Harvey, Illinois.

Delivered from tobacco and liquor habits and healed of catarh, consumption, heart disease and spinal trouble, when the General Overseer laid hands upon him and prayed for his healing.

(See Volume VII, Number 5, page 129.)



**EVANGELIST SUE R. HOY,**  
Auburn, Nebraska.

Healed by the power of God, in answer to prayer, of hemorrhages, consumption, internal tumor and other disease, after seven years' terrible torture by "physicians of no value."

(See Volume VII, Number 6, page 161.)



# CHRISTMAS CROWNS FOR CHRIST FROM ZION.



MRS. SARAH M. THOMPSON,  
Waupaca, Wisconsin.

Although this woman had lived eighty-four years, she gave up medicine and was healed of paralysis of the bowels and left limb, in answer to the General Overseer's prayers.

(See Volume VII, Number 7, page 193.)



MRS. S. J. DOTY,  
Harrietta, Michigan.

Healed of Bright's disease, female trouble, liver trouble and night sweats, in answer to the General Overseer's prayers. Gave up medicine and pork in her own home.

(See Volume VII, Number 8, page 225.)

# CHRISTMAS CROWNS FOR CHRIST FROM ZION.



J. E. DANIELS,  
South Side Zion Tabernacle.

Received four copies of LEAVES OF HEALING while a soldier in Cuba. Was converted, delivered from the tobacco habit and restored to his family as a result of reading these white-winged messengers.

(See Volume VII, Number 9, page 257.)



DEACON JOHN H. SAYRS, M. S., M. D.  
Zion Home (formerly Cedarville, Ohio)

Shown that medicine was not God's Way. Delivered from its practice. Healed of rheumatism and tetter. Wife and father wonderfully healed through the ministry of the General Overseer.

(See Volume VII, Number 10, page 289.)

CHRISTMAS CROWNS FOR CHRIST FROM ZION.



MRS. AGNES OAKES,  
Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

Poisoned stomach and erysipelas, made free from Satan's grip and the body straightened when pain ceased. Six years of suffering stopped by the power of God in answer to prayer.

(See Volume VII, Number 11, page 321.)



MRS. MARY J. CLARK,  
728 Sixty-third Court, Chicago, Illinois.

Healed of bleeding piles of twenty-four and one-third years, cramping spells from childhood, and bleeding cancer of the rectum. Was greatly blessed spiritually by the teaching of the Everlasting Gospel in Zion.

(See Volume VII, Number 12, page 353.)

# CHRISTMAS CROWNS FOR CHRIST FROM ZION.



MRS. HATTIE DICKEN-FUNDOM,  
Fostoria, Ohio.

Healed of heart, liver and kidney disease, consumption in its last stages and rheumatism, by the power of God when all human help had failed. Received many blessings from God in her family.

(See Volume VII, Number 14, page 417.)



MRS. JESSE DICKEN,  
Fostoria, Ohio.

Healed of heart and stomach trouble, bronchitis, cancer sore mouth, constipation, rheumatism and piles, and delivered from trusting in medicines, through the prayers of the General Overseer.

(See Volume VII, Number 14, page 418.)

# CHRISTMAS CROWNS FOR CHRIST FROM ZION.



LUCY NELLE FUNDOM,

Fosteria, Ohio.

Little child healed of cholera-infantum when at the point of death, in answer to the prayers of Elder Bouck and her parents. The nurse who attended her confirms healing.

(See Volume VII, Number 14, page 419.)



SAMUEL OBERHOLTZER,

Laotto, Indiana.

Body wrecked, mind almost destroyed, nerves shattered, and a hopeless slave to morphine. Hope came through LEAVES OF HEALING, and Salvation and Healing through the prayers of the General Overseer.

(See Volume VII, Number 15, page 449.)



# CHRISTMAS CROWNS FOR CHRIST FROM ZION.



MRS. J. F. PETERS, KATHERINE AND DAVID MANNIE,  
682 Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. Peters healed of chronic stomach trouble, head trouble and hemorrhage of the bowels. Katherine of measles, and other ailments. David of a bad breaking-out on his face.

(See Volume VII, Number 16, page 432.)



J. F. PETERS,  
682 Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Converted and healed of kidney disease, and delivered from tobacco habit at time of Baptism by Triune Immersion. Healed of an attack of lumbago. Greatly blessed financially and otherwise.

(See Volume VII, Number 16, page 483.)

# CHRISTMAS CROWNS FOR CHRIST FROM ZION.



MRS. ELIZABETH NEAGELE,  
4543 Green Street, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Healed of a rupture and relieved of a truss after wearing it for twenty years.  
Healed of grip by the power of God's Spirit, at the time of prayer with  
Overseer W. Hamner Piper.

(See Volume VII, Number 17, page 513.)



MRS. CARRIE HARVEY,  
Newport, Kentucky

Healed of an enormous tumor which crowded and impaired all the vital  
organs, in answer to the prayers of Elder Piper (now Overseer); also healed  
of catarrh. An earnest worker for God in Zion.

(See Volume VII, Number 18, page 545.)

CHRISTMAS CROWNS FOR CHRIST FROM ZION.



MISS CARRIE F. COLEMAN,  
306 Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Hereditary consumption, skin cancer, partial paralysis in the right limb and heart trouble were all healed, when human means had failed, by the power of God in answer to prayer in Zion.

(See Volume VII, Number 19, page 577.)



MRS. EMMA ROUND SIMCOX,  
22 Elizabeth Street, Prahran, Melbourne, Australia.

Healed in answer to the prayers of the General Overseer of blood disease, thirteen years ago, in Australia. Afterward healed of neuralgia and an injury from a fall. Over eighty-four years of age.

(See Volume VII, Number 20, page 600.)

# CHRISTMAS CROWNS FOR CHRIST FROM ZION.



**BABY FELIO,**  
40 Walnut Street, Chicago, Illinois (Now Zion City).

Healed of eczema of the entire body in answer to the prayers of Elder Viking, and of membranous croup when Elder Reed and the General Overseer prayed.

(See Volume VII, Number 22, page 673.)



**ALMA SCHWEICHLER**  
Chicago, Illinois

Healed of crooked ankles, diabetes and weakness in general, in answer to the prayer of the General Overseer, when six different physicians had tried to cure her and failed.

(See Volume VII, Number 25, page 760.)

# CHRISTMAS CROWNS FOR CHRIST FROM ZION.



MRS. L. M. MERICLE,  
Orchard, Iowa.

Heart disease was the scourge with which Satan tortured this Witness. God gave the victory in answer to prayer of the General Overseer. Now strong and doing all her own work.

(See Volume VII, Number 26, page 801.)



MR. AND MRS. DUCLO AND CHILDREN.  
Zion City, Illinois.

In answer to the General Overseer's prayer, Myrtle was greatly strengthened. Mr. Duclo was converted and healed of inflammatory rheumatism. Mrs. Duclo was healed of female trouble; Arthur of various troubles.

(See Volume VIII, Number 2, page 33.)



# CHRISTMAS CROWNS FOR CHRIST FROM ZION.



MISS MARTHA WING,  
54 West Thirteenth Street, Davenport, Iowa.

Healed of nervous weakness, stomach, liver, and kidney troubles, and other diseases. Gently and wonderfully led by God's Spirit and greatly strengthened spiritually through Zion teaching and prayers.  
(See Volume VIII, Number 4, page 97.)



MR. AND MRS. F. W. COTTON,  
1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Husband was converted and healed of quick consumption. Wife was healed of many afflictions after suffering the most intense pain and the barbarous treatments of nineteen physicians.  
(See Volume VIII, Number 5, page 120.)

CHRISTMAS CROWNS FOR CHRIST FROM ZION.



MISS NANCY STARRATT,  
1635 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

After several years' suffering from rheumatism, heart disease and granulated laryngitis, she was instantly healed through reading a copy of LEAVES OF HEALING. She was afterward healed of severe pains in the head.

(See Volume VIII, Number 7, page 193.)



MRS. BLANCHE ANDERSON,  
Zion Home, Chicago, Illinois.

After all human skill had failed, God healed when near to death with nervous prostration, heart failure and catarrh of the stomach. God gave her deliverance in childbirth with almost no suffering.

(See Volume VIII, Number 8, page 225.)

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What blessing does repentance bring?  
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What great things does God promise to do?  
Can God do much before His people become glad?  
What refreshing is God yet to send?
3. *How it will be brought about.*—Isaiah 58:1-7.  
Does the cry of peace, peace, make people awoken?  
What things can one do and yet be a backslider?  
Does God abhor long-faced and stingy people?
4. *Between the going and the coming of Christ.*—Hebrews 9:20-28.  
What sacrifice atones for sin?  
What is Christ now doing in heaven?  
Who will go with Jesus when He comes?
5. *What the prophets all say.*—Hosea 6:1-6.  
Was their burden not ever a call back to God?  
What comes to all who wait on God with confession?  
How can one know God beyond his present knowledge?
6. *The authority of God's One Man.*—Matthew 17:9-13.  
Who does Jesus say must come ere He returns?  
What will this God-sent man do?  
Did He come once, twice, and will He yet come again?
7. *The Covenant now established.*—Hebrews 8:7-13.  
Is not God entering into new Covenant relations with His people?  
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Does the Bible thus known make one ignorant of God?  
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Do people like to be cleansed of their dirtiness?  
Who is the Lord to make His Bride when He comes?
2. *The God-sent leader.*—Matthew 23:34-39.  
How does a religious world treat God-sent leaders?  
What causes the desolation everywhere seen?  
When the Lord sends His Messenger, does He soon follow?
3. *The call to repentance.*—Acts 3:19-26.  
What have people to repent of?  
Is repentance God's message ere Jesus comes?  
What happens to those who will not obey the call?
4. *The evils to be denounced.*—Isaiah 5:20-25.  
Who calls the medical science evil a good thing?  
Who says we have outgrown the healing power of Christ?  
Who will do almost anything wrong for money?
5. *Vital ordinances are forsaken.*—Matthew 15:1-9.  
Do churches scoff at the ordinance of Triune Baptism?  
Do churches practice the unscriptural mode of infant baptism?  
Do churches say tithing is a money-getting scheme?
6. *Church relations are meaningless.*—Isaiah 65:1-7.  
Why is God now raising up a new Church?  
Is not an oyster supper for Church support an insult to God?  
Is not self-righteousness the cause of spiritual decline?
7. *Those approved when Jesus comes.*—Matthew 19:27-30.  
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All who love God and Zion are invited to attend.

We quote the following from the General Overseer's call to the All-Night Meeting of 1899-1900:

It gives me joy to say, in His Name:

"Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord;

"And He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His Paths:

"For out of Zion shall go forth Instruction."

Prepare your hearts for a blessing.

Let all evil be repented of and put away.

Purity is the Grace which is waiting to bless thee at the Door of the New Year.

"Bring a blessing, and you will get a still greater blessing."

"The pure in heart shall see God."

"All things are now ready."

Come: for the feast is spread.

All Heaven attends at God's command to bless you in spirit, soul and body, for time, and for eternity.

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Monday, December 31, 1900—Tuesday, January 1, 1901.

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- 9:00 p. m.—Preliminary Prayer and Praise Exercises of All-Night with God.
- 10:00 p. m.—Opening Exercises, with Anthem by Zion's White-robed Choir of 150 Voices.
- 11:00 p. m.—Sermon: "The End and the Beginning," by Rev. W. Hamner Piper, Overseer-at-Large of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.
- 11:30 p. m.—Communion of the Lord's Supper.  
Century-closing Hymn.  
General Greeting and Handshaking.  
Hymn by Choir and Congregation—"Go Forward! O Zion."  
Distribution of Cards with Motto for 1901.  
Adjournment for Refreshments in Refectory for one hour.
- 2:00 a. m.—Prayer for General Overseer and Party and all Europe.
- 2:30 a. m.—Prayer for Zion City and Lace Industries
- 3:00 a. m.—Prayer for Zion in Chicago and her Institutions.
- 3:30 a. m.—Prayer for Zion in China and Australasia.
- 4:00 a. m.—Prayer for Sinful, Sick and Sorrowing who have sent in request, and who will then make request.
- 5:00 a. m.—Questions and Answers.
- 6:00 a. m.—Closing Prayers and Praises.  
Hymns by Choir and Congregation.

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Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle from March 14, 1897, to September 14, 1900, by the General Overseer.	4339	
Baptized by Elders and Evangelists.	1534	
Total Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle.		5873
Baptized in places outside of Chicago by the General Overseer.	128	
Baptized in places outside of Chicago by Elders, Evangelists and Deacons.	1889	
Total Baptized outside of Chicago.		2017
Total baptized in three years and six months.		7890

Baptized in London, England, by the General Overseer.	172	
Baptized in Belfast, Ireland, by the General Overseer.	11	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Overseer Speicher.	25	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Overseer Piper.	93	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Dinius.	4	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Evangelist Fisher.	20	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Fockler.	33	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Deacon Fogwill.	21	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Kennedy.	4	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Stokes.	11	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder McClurkin.	8	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Graves.	13	
Baptized in Australia by Overseer Wilhide.	60	232
Baptized in Australia by Elder Wallington.	13	
Baptized in British Columbia by Elder Simmons.	6	
Baptized in British Columbia by Elder Brooks.	3	
Baptized in California by Elder Taylor.	3	
Baptized in Canada by Deacon Hope.	3	
Baptized in Canada by Elder Stokes.	6	
Baptized in Colorado by Elder Reed.	10	
Baptized in England by Deacon McKell.	27	
Baptized in Illinois by Deacon Post.	6	
Baptized in Indiana by Elder Osborn.	3	
Baptized in Iowa by Elder Cabeen.	12	
Baptized in Iowa by Elder Hoy.	3	
Baptized in Kansas by Elder Reed.	8	
Baptized in Kansas by Deacon Sloan.	10	
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The following-named twenty-nine believers were baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle, Chicago, Lord's Day, December 9, 1900, by Overseer William H. Piper:

Albro, Mrs. C.	6621 Union Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Blanchard, Mrs. Mary S.	5016 Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois
Falkner, Orville A.	307 East State Street, Hammond, Indiana
Herschberger, Daniel C.	Shipshewane, Indiana
Johnson, Mrs. Elizabeth	531 North Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois
Kelling, Charles	1515 Simpson Street, Evanston, Illinois
Kelling, Mrs. Mary	1515 Simpson Street, Evanston, Illinois
Kerhemker, Eva	404 Clybourn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Luther, Martin	White Pigeon, Michigan
McGee, Mrs. B. J.	2206 West Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois
McGee, Miss Edna Irene	2206 West Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois

Marvin, Miss Allie M.	1343 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Miller, John E.	2208 West Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois
Miller, Mrs. Edna F.	2208 West Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois
Mohr, Allen M.	1528 Main Street, Lafayette, Indiana
Mohr, Mrs. Minerva C.	1528 Main Street, Lafayette, Indiana
Palmer, Mrs. Annie	1181 Van Buren Street, Chicago, Illinois
Roth, Miss Lillian	939 North Forty-first Court, Chicago, Illinois
Schilder, Miss Clara	1213 Hamilton Street, Davenport, Iowa
Schloen, Mrs. Mary	229 Mohawk Street, Chicago, Illinois
Wall, Raymond G.	378 Dayton Street, Chicago, Illinois
Wedekind, Emma G.	Morgan Park, Chicago, Illinois
Werner, G.	231 Mohawk Street, Chicago, Illinois
Werner, Mrs. Eva	231 Mohawk Street, Chicago, Illinois
Werner, Miss Mary	231 Mohawk Street, Chicago, Illinois
Williams, Mrs. Agnes	39 Grove Street, River Forest, Illinois
Williams, Mamie	39 Grove Street, River Forest, Illinois
Wright, Mrs. Ann S.	Perry, Iowa
Zegers, Peter O.	Riverdale, Illinois

The following-named two believers were baptized at Victoria, B. C., Lord's Day, December 2, 1900, by Elder E. Brooks:

Barry, Darius	39 First Street, Victoria, B. C.
Skinner, Amy Elsie	Lempson Street, Esquimalt Road, Victoria, B. C.

The following twenty-seven candidates were to have been baptized by the General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church, but owing to his being called away to Paris, they were baptized by Deacon Robert McKell, at the Union Street Public Bath House, Leeds, England, Saturday morning, November 24, 1900:

Binks, Mrs. Elizabeth	Fall Lane, East Ardsley, near Wakefield
Booth, Hannah Louisa	26 Marsh, Pudsey
Campbell, Henrietta Edith	Fall Lane, East Ardsley, near Wakefield
Campbell, Mary Elizabeth	Fall Lane, East Ardsley, near Wakefield
Campbell, William Arthur	Fall Lane, East Ardsley, near Wakefield
Cherry, Christiana	9 Bellevue Lawn, Leeds
Clough, Louisa	5 East Terrace, Castle Eden, Durham
Dixon, Mary Hannah	Perseverance Street, Waterloo, Pudsey
Fawcett, Christina	White Le Head, Fantobie, Newcastle-on-Tyne
Fowler, Hannah	63 Town Street, Stanningley
Fowler, Samuel	63 Town Street, Stanningley
Hanson, Mrs. Selina	4 Upper Accommodation Road, Leeds
Hardaker, George H.	39 Victor Road, Bradford Hill, Mrs.
Howscroft, Ada	10 Cardigan Terrace, East Ardsley
Hulme, Henrietta	7 Oak Street, Cemetery Road, Pudsey
Jones, Eliza	62 Sandy Lane, Charlton, Manchester
Jones, Thomas	219 Amberly Street, Bradford
Pearson, William J.	219 Amberly Street, Bradford
Singer, William George	54 Balfour Street, Paley Road, Bradford
Smith, Clara	15 Daisy Vale Terrace, Thorpe, near Wakefield
Smith, George	3 Prospect Place, Rodley, near Leeds
Smith, Louie	3 Prospect Place, Rodley, near Leeds
Till, Henry	High Street, Knaresboro
Whiteley, Dora	30 Edwin Road, Leeds
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and healeth them.

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And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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## GOD'S WITNESSES TO DIVINE HEALING.

INSTANTLY HEALED OF INTERNAL TROUBLE, TUMOR, CATARRH AND DEFECTIVE EYESIGHT.

**H**E SENDETH HIS WORD, AND HEALETH THEM. Hallelujah, God has sent His Word, the Eternal *Logos*, Jesus Christ, His Son. Through Him God has healed thousands and millions. He is still healing all who fulfil His conditions, through that Word, that *Logos*, today.

Clouds of Witnesses throughout all the earth are shouting the glad song of Salvation, Healing and Cleansing, through Him.

The happy woman whose pure face looks out from this page tells a wonderful Story of Healing through Christ.

It came to her when she was suffering intense agony with many terrible diseases.

She had experienced that healing power in her girlhood, through the simple faith of a child.

She had been completely restored to health when dying of consumption.

But the hell-born errors of the Lutheran and Methodist Churches, of which she was a member, obscured the truth as she grew older.

They taught her that God was the defiler; that He made her sick.

They taught her that she

could not know His will about her health, hence must pray for healing with the words, "If it be Thy will."

Both are false. God, who is Purity and in whom there is no defilement, could not be the defiler.

God said, on the other hand, "I am the Lord that healeth thee."

God sent His Son, "teaching, preaching and healing."

He sent His Son to "destroy the works of the Devil."

It is written of Him that He "went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the Devil."

It is the Devil who defiles and oppresses.

It is always God's will to heal.

Speaking in the person of His Son, He said to the leper who prayed, "If Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean," "I will."

That "I will" rings down through the ages, true to every man who meets the conditions. It is absolute.

It cannot fail, because God said it.

Man may fail to trust and obey; but God cannot fail.

Such was the Message which came to this suffering woman



MISS ANNA OESTREICH.

from Zion. Eagerly she drank in the truth. By the Holy Spirit's power she began to trust God alone.

She wrote to God's Messenger to Zion, the General Overseer, asking him to pray for her healing.

A time was set for prayer.

As the time approached, she threw aside every human means.

She knelt in prayer in her room in a city in Iowa, while God's servant, in Chicago, besought God, "in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, in the Power of the Holy Spirit, and in accordance" with His own revealed Will, to heal her.

Instantly the prayer was answered.

The Spirit's Power came upon her, as she knelt, and she felt all her sickness leave her.

Diseases peculiar to her sex were gone.

A tumor which had been rapidly growing in her side disappeared.

Her body was cleansed of foul catarrh.

Her eyes, which had been affected for nearly five years, were perfectly restored, so that she laid aside her glasses.

A swelling on her neck was taken away.

She arose from her knees a perfectly well woman for the first time in years.

Now she is stronger, healthier, happier than ever before.

She rejoices in the strength which she uses for God.

She rejoices in Zion, which gives her work to do for God.

She praises God for a Message which brings men to Salvation, Healing and Holy Living through faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

We rejoice with her in all these glorious blessings.

We send her forth, our last Witness in the Nineteenth Century.

May God bless her testimony to thousands now suffering in the darkness of error, that they may see the Truth and enter the Twentieth Century, healed through His Word, Jesus Christ.

A. W. N.

#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF MISS ANNA OESTREICH.

IOWA FALLS, IOWA, December 13, 1900.

REV. JOHN ALEXANDER DOWIE.

*Dear General Overseer:*—The Lord has done great things for me. I desire to let others know what God hath wrought.

It has been four years and four months since the Lord instantly healed me of many diseases, in answer to the General Overseer's prayer.

He has wonderfully kept me ever since.

Not one day's work have I lost, on account of ill health, these years.

I have gained forty pounds in flesh, and am at present in perfect health.

When I came home to Hubbard, Iowa, after my healing, people said that it would not last. But, praise the Lord, it has lasted in spite of all their false prophesying.

I have learned to love the Name of Jesus above every name in Zion. And it is because I love Him I write these lines.

I was raised in the Lutheran Church and confirmed at the age of fourteen years.

Never did I see the time when I did not wish to do what was right; but, Oh, it seemed so hard.

I never knew a well day in childhood. I never could play like other children.

When about ten years of age I began to cough.

I heard them say that I had consumption, and they whispered that I would not live long.

To die seemed dreadful, for I hardly knew where I should go, should I die.

I learned in school the story of Jesus, and how He used to heal the sick. I believed that the Lord was somewhere near and would hear us if we prayed.

I began to pray. Often I went out all by myself and would ask God to heal me.

God heard that simple little prayer, and my cough got better until I was quite well, to the surprise of my parents.

I was well then for a number of years.

At the age of eighteen years I came to America, still not a child of God. I was told that I was a Christian, being a member of the Lutheran Church.

Although I had been healed, I often questioned, "Why does God not heal as in the time of Christ? Has God really changed?"

I could hardly believe it, and yet the ministers all said so.

After being in America a few years I was again taken very sick. Again the Lord showed me that He was the Healer, and again the Lord instantly healed me after I had asked Him to forgive me and had promised Him that I would live a better life.

That year I united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. I gave myself to God the best I knew how.

Oh! what a joy to know that my sins were forgiven, and to have the assurance that I was a child of God!

The Word of God was food to me.

Life seemed worth living.

When I went to my pastor, he said that I would grow by doing Christian work. He suggested getting up suppers, raising money to help meet expenses, getting up entertainments and visiting the sick.

All these things I did faithfully; but it did not prove the blessing I had hoped to gain.

The burdens were too heavy. I began to have poor health; internal diseases.

My Bible seemed like a closed book.

Church entertainments had not proved to be a means of growth.

I had to stop and do only real light work.

My diseases were becoming worse.

I would not consult a doctor. I knew of no cases of internal diseases which they had healed, and I could not endure to even think of being treated by them.

A tumor on my side was growing rapidly.

I had a swelling on my neck.

I suffered with weak eyes and wore glasses for four or five years.

I had catarrh very severely.

For two years I could not sleep except when I lay on my back.

There was hardly a day when I did not suffer.

I had no ambition.

Life seemed a burden.

I saw nothing before me but the poorhouse.

I longed to live and work for God, and felt called of God to His work, but I was losing strength all the time.

It was about this time that I heard of Dr. Dowie's work in Chicago: how he prayed with the sick, and how they got healed just as in the time of Christ.

I said, "That must be a man of God. If the Lord heals His people in Chicago today, He will heal me, because He is no respecter of persons."

How wonderfully plain the words looked to me, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yea and forever."

It was all true, and I would be healed.

I began to pray, but had to learn how.

I had been taught in the Methodist Episcopal Church to always say, "If it be Thy will."

What a joy it was to find He was "the same."

I soon wrote to the General Overseer and received a very kind letter in return. He did not ask a large fee to pray, but told me to let alone medicine and doctors, and put my case in God's hands.

This was just what I needed, for I had plenty of drugs, though I thought not to use them.

I filled out a request for prayer and sent it to Chicago, setting time for Dr. Dowie to pray.

The day and hour named I emptied out all of my medicine, and resolved to trust God or die.

At the time appointed I went to my room. What a time of searching it was!

Would I be willing to tell people what God had done for me? Yes, I would.

Would I suffer for their sake; be willing to be called a fool; willing to lose all my friends; willing to give my whole life unto His work? Yes, I would by His help, and He could give me strength.

Then there was such a sweet calm.

I asked the Lord then to fill me with His Spirit, and heal me for His glory.

A warm thrill went all through my body three times.

I arose from my knees.

I was healed.

The swelling on my body was gone, and so was the pain.

My head seemed so clear.

I could read fine print with ease, and have read without my glasses ever since.

To God be all the glory.

The Lord has kept me.

The Bible seems like a new Book.

Serving God does not seem hard any more, but it is a joy.

I am asked quite often, by those who knew me when I was sick, "What are you doing to make you so healthy?" to which I joyfully answer, "I am trusting the Lord as my Healer and Keeper, and He never overworks me or makes me sick."

I am thankful for the teaching we get through LEAVES OF HEALING, and thank the Lord for our wonderful leader under God.

I have now been two years in Zion, a member of the Christian Catholic Church.

They have been the most blessed years in my life.

I see real fruit in these two years.

I was baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle, Chicago, just a little over a year ago.

I have had the privilege of telling what God has done for me, and have been able to scatter Zion Literature, which the Lord has blessed.

I am often asked why I left the Methodist Church.

I did not wish to leave it. I loved it, and longed to see it receive a Full Gospel; but I could not do it.

The members would question even my healing, of which I am so sure. My two years in the M. E. Church after my healing were void of any good, and perfectly fruitless.

I am glad to be with a people where I can tell of what God has done for me.

People listen to me, and I have seen a number saved and a great many healed.

May the Lord keep and watch over our leader under God and spare him to us many years.

Yours faithfully in Jesus,

(MISS ANNA OESTREICH.



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How the Message of the Everlasting Gospel, which he proclaimed, was blessed by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, is told in the following glorious cablegram, read amidst great rejoicing at Central Zion Tabernacle, Chicago, on Lord's Day, December 16, 1900:

ZURICH, SWITZERLAND, December 16, 1900.

ZION, Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

One hundred sixth Psalm, forty-seventh verse:

(Save us, O Lord our God,  
 And gather us from among the nations,  
 To give thanks unto Thy Holy Name,  
 And to triumph in Thy praise.)  
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 Many nations represented.  
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 Many healed.  
 Seventy-two baptized.  
 Strong gathering organized.  
 Europe getting ready for Zion.  
 Apostate churches corrupt and contemptible.  
 Tomorrow speak in Paris; subject, "Zion's Message to France."  
 Begin England closing meetings Thursday.  
 Read thirty-third Isaiah, fifth and sixth verses:  
 (The Lord is exalted; for He dwelleth on high: He hath filled Zion with judgment and righteousness. And there shall be stability in Thy times, abundance of salvation, wisdom and knowledge: the fear of the Lord is His treasure.)

Get that treasure.  
 God's Fear is Perfect Love.  
 Devil's Fear is Tormenting Doubt.  
 Go Forward.  
 Rejoice.  
 Love.  
 Mizpah.

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# ZION BABIES

It has been the custom in the medical profession to instruct the people that there is grave and serious danger at the time of childbirth.

That it was absolutely necessary that a physician should be in attendance at that time.

That it might not be absolutely necessary for a physician to be called in to every case of sickness, but that it was a great crime not to have a physician present at this time of woman's great sorrow and travail.

We are thankful to God that this false theory has been exploded in Zion together with many other false theories of the medical profession.

Not only do we have no physician whatever among all our people in Zion in any time of sickness or accident, but neither do we have physicians or midwives at the time of confinement.

The Word of God teaches very plainly that God will be with the woman in childbearing in a special manner.

See First Timothy second chapter, 13th to 15th verses (Revised Version) especially the 15th. "But she shall be saved through the childbearing if they continue in faith and love and sobriety."

By the atoning blood of Jesus Christ the curse has been taken away from childbearing just as the curse of sickness has been taken away, not that we have fully attained to it, but we are attaining, and we do thank God most heartily for the hundreds of testimonies that are coming in telling about how God has wondrously saved through childbearing and kept from all suffering and pain and trouble when there has been perfect dependence upon God and no doctors nor human means.

We take great pleasure in presenting to the readers of Leaves of Healing the pictures of scores of dear Zion babies who are children of promise indeed whose mothers have been faithful to God and who have gladly taken upon themselves the duties of maternity, and who at the time of their need have sent not for the physician, but called upon the name of the Lord, Who delivered them.

These pages of pictures are the pictures of babies born in Zion. Are they not a fine lot? They are only a few but they represent hundreds of others whose photographs we have not as yet been able to obtain.

We hope to be able in the future to add many others to these groups that we here present to you.

As you look into the sweet faces of these dear babies, we are sure that your hearts will rejoice that Zion's God has fulfilled His word in every particular to His faithful people. In Zion there is growing up a generation of children who will be strong for the Lord, and who will not know what it means to have trusted in human help in time of need.

May God bless this testimony with the scores of babies whose names are here given and the proof to the world that it is safer to trust in God than to trust in the arm of flesh.

In all the work of Zion there has not been the loss of one mother who has trusted in God alone, and almost without exception the babies are strong, healthy, hearty and happy and a delight to the home and to Zion.

John G. Speicher  
Chicago











## NOTES OF PRAISE FROM ZION MOTHERS.

**Speedily and Easily Delivered of Twin Boys.**

PORT HURON, MICHIGAN, December 5, 1900.

REV. J. G. SPEICHER.

*Dear Overseer Speicher:*—I desire to give my testimony to what God has done for me, that His Name may be glorified and others may be strengthened in faith.

We praise Him for the wonderful deliverance He gave me in childbirth and for the gift of twin sons.

Previous to our trusting God, I gave birth to our first child after thirteen hours of severe suffering, and I know that but for God I would have had a similar experience this time.

But He was present with us to deliver, and, claiming the promise in 1 Timothy 2:15, we simply asked for a speedy deliverance, and God graciously answered. Both children were born in just one hour and twenty minutes from the time I was certain labor had commenced, each child weighing six pounds.

He also blessed me by giving a speedy recovery free from any complications.

We cannot praise Him enough for His wonderful goodness to us, and hope this testimony may bring a blessing to others.

Sincerely yours in Christ, (Mrs.) T. G. HOWARD.

PORT HURON, MICHIGAN, December 3, 1900.

REV. J. G. SPEICHER.

*Dear Overseer:*—It is with great joy that I confirm the testimony of my wife. Psalm 107:15.

As an ex-physician, I wish to add a few words, and in so doing must say that if there is any time when the Lord's presence and the doctor's absence is desired and required, it is in this trying hour—a time dreaded instead of longed for by women in general.

But thanks be to our Father for "His Unspeakable Gift," who has destroyed the curse of the law and the fear of doctors and devils at that hour.

On Lord's Day, November 4th, at 9:15 P. M., I got home from service.

My wife's mother was with her, but the signs were so slight we did not know whether it was necessary for her to remain with us over night.

At 10 o'clock we concluded that labor had set in, although pains were not severe; so I left to call one of our Zion sisters to come and remain with us over night.

At 11:10 the first child was born with but one strong "pain."

At 11:20 the other was born.

During all the time we had perfect confidence in God's promises, and looked to Him, and Him only.

After the birth of the second child, and a wait of my old prescribed time for the after-birth, the Devil tempted me to remove it and so get through quickly, but we just asked God for confidence and completion of the work.

However, the Lord let us wait a half hour; then one came, and then about one hour longer for the second. But the time did not drag, as we spent it in praise and prayer.

Nevertheless, it was somewhat trying on my surgical knowledge (?), I must admit.

However, the Lord knew all about these things. 1 Corinthians 1:25.

What I had to do was to wait on the Lord.

The recovery was speedy and free from any annoyances.

The "third day long-to-be-remembered dose" was, of course, omitted, and instead we asked the Lord to look after that and give us the desired action of the body, which prayer was answered without the slightest distress to the mother.

Both children and mother are doing well, for which we thank the Lord.

We also feel very grateful to our General Overseer for his boldness through Christ to preach the Full Gospel which calls men to Repentance and right living and out of the apostate denominations, where the willingness of God to care for the bodies of His people is denied.

Praying that these few words may be a help to some one if you see fit to publish them, I am

Faithfully yours,

T. G. HOWARD.

The following is an extract from a report of a Saturday evening Testimony Meeting in Zion Home:

Deacon J. H. Says, Zion Home (formerly of Cedarville, Ohio), said: "I praise God for the birth of a little girl in Zion this week. The Lord blessed my wife wonderfully in this confinement. What the physicians know as labor that is no good came on, and through prayer it immediately

changed, and the Lord gave deliverance. There seemed to be no food for the baby. Overseer Speicher prayed, and in thirty minutes there was plenty of food."—Volume VII, Number 10, page 315.

The following testimonies to God's deliverance of mothers in Zion from the curse, in the Name of His Son, who came to remove the curse, and by the power of His Holy Spirit, have recently been published in LEAVES OF HEALING:

**God Gives Safe Deliverance to Trusting Mother.**

(Volume VIII, Number 8, page 249.)

540 MAUMEE AVENUE,

TOLEDO, OHIO, November 28, 1900. }

REV. JOHN G. SPEICHER.

*Dear Brother in Christ:*— . . . We had a good sister of the Church with us, and while I was gone for the nurse, which took about an hour and a half, my good wife was delivered.

We are so thankful that our Father did care for her and deliver her. The babe is a nice boy.

We have not had much trouble with him yet, and we know that God will keep him well and strong. We will trust all to Him.

My dear wife is doing finely, for which we praise God and give Him all the glory.

Pray also that we may have wisdom to bring the child up to the honor and glory of God.

Your Brother in Christ,

C. R. MASON.

**God's Way Greatly Superior to Man's Way.**

(Volume VIII, Number 7, page 221.)

1904 WEST MAIN STREET,

MERRILL, WISCONSIN, November 25, 1900. }

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—I thank you very much for praying for me, and also my dear Heavenly Father for answering your prayers.

I have a nice baby girl who is very good; no trouble at all.

I was not sick at all to speak of.

I had no doctor nor medicines, only a midwife with me.

Your Sister in Christ,

(Mrs.) MYRTLE BOYCE.

**Safely Delivered in Childbirth. Mother and Babe Kept Well.**

(Volume VII, Number 18, page 576.)

WINGHAM, ONTARIO, CANADA, August 2, 1900.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I feel it my duty as well as a privilege to testify to being safely delivered in childbirth, without the aid of a physician.

I wrote to you previous to my confinement to pray for me.

In February I received a great spiritual blessing by having Elder Brooks pray with me.

He told me that as long as I kept the devil of fear out, I would be delivered safely.

On March 31st my baby was born. I sat up the third day, and improved very rapidly.

Your Sister in Christ,

(Mrs.) EMERSON THOMPSON.

**God Delivers From the Curse in Childbearing.**

(Volume VII, Number 11, page 343.)

MOLINO, SONOMA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, June 16, 1900.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I feel it my duty as well as a privilege to testify to being safely delivered in childbirth, without the aid of a physician.

I wrote to you a short time before I was confined to pray for me, and by the time my letter reached you, I began to improve.

I knew you had prayed for me, for I felt so differently, I felt so strong.

On the 10th of May my baby was born. I sat up and combed my hair the third day.

Your Sister in Christ,

(Mrs.) LIZZIE COLLINS.

**Notice to Officers and Members of the Christian Catholic Church.**

Send all newspaper clippings concerning the General Overseer, the Elders, or any department of the work in connection with the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, to Mrs. Carl F. Stern, Room 309, Zion Home, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Send as soon as possible after publication, and carefully mark name and date of the paper clipped from on each article. If this is not done, the clippings are absolutely useless.



"Honor thy father and mother which is the first commandment with promise."  
 "That it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest live long on the earth."  
 "And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath, but nurture them in the chastening and admonition of the Lord." — Eph. VI — 2-4  
 "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."  
 Prov. XXII 6  
 "Withhold not correction from the child, they that love him shall not die."  
 "He that spareth his rod hateth his son, but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes." — Prov. XIII 24

"Ye love our child so much that ye can not bear to punish him."

ZION'S PROTEST AGAINST FALSE LOVE OF CHILDREN.

# A VOICE TO ZION AND GOD'S PEOPLE IN EVERY LAND.

O thou that tellest Good Tidings to Zion, Get thee up into the High Mountains Lift up thy Voice with strength: Lift it up, be not afraid: Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

Isaiah, XL-9.

## THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL DECLARED.

Report of Divine Healing Meeting held in Central Zion Tabernacle, Tuesday Afternoon, July 17, 1900. Discourse: "Knowing and Doing God's Will."

REPORTED BY S. D. AND E. W. AND A. W. N.

ABOUT three weeks before his departure for his European mission, the General Overseer conducted a Divine Healing meeting at Central Zion Tabernacle, with great power and blessing. The Saturday previous was the glorious day upon which the Site of Zion Temple at Zion City had been consecrated to God in the presence of 10,000 people.

The wonderful power of that never-to-be-forgotten scene was fresh in the hearts of the people as they heard the teaching of the Messenger of God concerning the great truth of Divine Healing.

The all-important lessons of Repentance, Faith and Obedience were forced home with firmness and fearlessness, and yet with love, so that many were led to cry to God in sorrow for sin and determination to confess, restore and do right.

Although the General Overseer has not revised the report of that discourse, we pray and believe that God will, by His Holy Spirit, carry the truth spoken into many a weary, sin-sick heart, and not only reveal the obstacle which is blocking the way to God, the way to salvation, the way to healing and cleansing, but will lead that heart to turn to God in prayer for strength and grace to remove the obstacle, and receive His full blessing.

Central Zion Tabernacle, Tuesday Afternoon, July 17, 1900.

The General Overseer took charge of the meeting, which was opened by the congregation singing Hymn Number 167:

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear;  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer.  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,  
Oh, what needless pain we bear—  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer.

The General Overseer said, in commenting upon the hymn:

### Leave Sorrows, Griefs and Sicknesses With the Lord.

Beloved friends, I do not believe that our sorrows, griefs and burdens come "because we do not carry everything to God in prayer." I think my brother down there with that silver trumpet has taken his deafness to the Lord in prayer many times. He has the deafness still. He took it to the Lord in prayer, but the trouble was because he did not leave it. It is just as if I were to represent the sickness by this book. You have a burden and go to God with it in prayer. You lay it down before the Lord, and have a very good time in prayer. When you are through with prayer, you take up the same old burden again, and carry it away.

If I carry a burden to the Lord, I leave it with Him. I do not have that burden any longer. I leave it with the Lord.

I do not care to speak much of myself, but that has just been the secret of power in many departments of my life. I have a trouble. It is a sore trouble. I take it to the Lord in prayer, and I leave it there. I never bother myself any more about it. I will not let it trouble me. I will not take it up again on any account.

I go to the Lord. I tell Him that I am there to cast my burden on Him. Off it goes. I am done with it.

I say, "Father, You told me to cast it upon You, and I have."

When I am weary, I put my weariness on the Lord, and that is why I am here today. My weariness is gone. I had a bad throat last night. I took that to the Lord. It is gone. I can shout now as loud as anybody. I had not been talking enough. That was the only trouble. (Laughter.)

Cast thy burden on the Lord. "Roll it off," literally, in the Hebrew, upon the Lord. He longs to take your burdens. "Cast all your anxiety upon Him, because He careth for you." I believe that if you were to leave it with the Lord in prayer, before

the meeting is five minutes older you would have no more sickness. I have known of many, many cases of people leaving the burdens there with the Lord just at this point. Let me read the next verse, then, as I would like you to sing it now:

Have we trials and temptations?

### Trials, Temptations and Troubles Must be Expected.

If you have not, I do not take any stock in your Christianity. If you are not tried and tempted, you have not the



signs of a Christian; because the Devil does not bother himself about you.

Is there trouble anywhere?

You are sure to have trouble everywhere. I know that I will have trouble everywhere.

The Apostle Paul said that bonds and imprisonment awaited him in every city. He knew that he would get into jail in every place where he went. Nice prospect, that! I do not wonder that he did not carry around a wife.

He knew he was going to prison everywhere, but he left that with the Lord and triumphed.

The next words are:

We should never be discouraged.

Shall we sing: "Take it to the Lord," or shall we sing it, "Leave it with the Lord?"

Which is best?

Voices—"Leave it with the Lord."

General Overseer—Will you do that?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Are you sure about that?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—I will test you very soon. Will you ask God to show you today how to leave it with the Lord?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Do that now. Do not sing "Take it to the Lord in prayer."

I am tired of people taking things to the Lord and then taking them back. I am sure the Lord must be tired of it, too.

The Lord must be tired of a woman who comes saying, "Oh God, I have a great burden of sorrow, and I want to bring it to Thee." And she brings it, and when she is through she rises up and heaves a heavy sigh, and she has the same old heavy burden still.

If she had left that with the Lord, she would have come away with a song, and not with a sigh.

If you will leave it with the Lord, you will come away with a song, and not with a sigh. You are delivered.

Sing it, "Leave it with the Lord in prayer."

Referring to the third verse, the General Overseer again said by way of comment:

Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?

If we are not sinners, we have no right to be cumbered with loads of care. Our cares ought to be cast on the Lord. He undertakes it, and you have no right to carry what the Lord Himself says He will carry.

Precious Saviour, still our refuge, —  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?

#### Friends Do Not Despise and Forsake You.

"Yes," says somebody, "that is the trouble. I have friends who despise me. I have friends who have forsaken me."

That is not true. You never had a friend who despised you. You never had a friend who forsook you.

"Why do you say that?" some one may ask.

Because the Bible says:

A friend loveth at all times,  
And a brother is born for adversity.

If the person who called himself your friend torsook you and despised you, it proved that you had made a great blunder in supposing him a friend.

He never was your friend. He may have been the friend of Old Pocketbook. He may have been the friend of Old Cupboard. He may have been the friend of Old Flesh, but he was not truly your friend.

There is this about friendship, that if a man has Divine friendship for another, he will stand by his friend all the more in the day of trouble. That is the time we need a friend. True friends will never despise you, and never forsake you.

A man is standing in my presence now whose heart was broken by that thing. He had been a true Christian. He had gone astray, and had become a drunkard.

Somebody said to me, "Oh, that fellow is no good; do not bother about him."

I said, "I will never cease to pray for him. I will never cease calling him back."

Every chance I could get I went at him, and at him, and at him. Once when he had gotten down to the lowest, and was about to commit suicide, I sent one who had wronged him to

make it right. That one confessed his sins. When he did, this poor man broke down. He said, "If I do not believe in God, I do believe in Dowie. I will promise the Doctor that I will come this afternoon."

He came that afternoon, and then, of course, I spanked him properly. He gave himself up again to God.

No one who has ever been a friend has either forsaken or despised you.

Some of you women are breaking your hearts because of some unworthy man who said he would be your friend, your lover, your husband, who now forsakes and despises you.

Do not trouble about it. He never was your friend. He never was your lover, and he was never a true husband. If he had been, he would have been your friend at all times. He would have stood with you. Do not worry about that. Leave it with the Lord in prayer.

#### Worry Over False Friends Keeps Back From Blessing.

That keeps a great many people back from healing. They have sorrow because of somebody who has done them a wrong, and that is always in their minds. They do not leave it with the Lord, therefore they cannot pray.

In His arms He'll take and shield thee,  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Just as you sang that last verse I opened a letter and here are the first words of it:

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear General Overseer:—Last February and March my daughter was in great trouble. Her husband was trying to get her to do a thing which was wrong.

I wrote you and you replied, telling her to leave it with God in prayer, and that you had prayed.

I am happy to say that your prayers and ours were answered, and that she is now traveling with her husband, who is a traveling man.

All that is over. She goes on to tell me of having received a great blessing. She says that the man has not really yet surrendered himself to God, but that the wrong thing which he wanted his wife to do, he does not want her now to do. The prayer has been answered, and the trouble is gone.

She now asks me to pray for his conversion. She says:

Will you please pray for my daughter again, and for my baby boy?

I received a great blessing on Saturday, July 14th, when I went to Zion City Site. I came home feeling a hundred per cent better than when I went. While there I felt I was walking on sacred ground.

My blessing was spiritual as well as physical. I shall be a more earnest Zion Seventy worker for having visited Zion City Site.

I thank God for the blessing received on Sunday afternoon.

She then goes on to ask God to protect and bless myself and my family. She encloses her thankoffering and asks me to pray for her.

Here is another letter with a special contribution for Zion's work:

We humbly enclose a check for \$—.

God has been very good to us, and we feel all we have or ever expect to have He has given us through your agency.

May God keep and protect you for many years.

#### Testimony to Healing When Dying.

I remember this man. He was dying when his wife came and asked us to pray.

Are you here, Marshall Moulton?

Mrs. Moulton—"He is not here, Doctor."

General Overseer—You wrote this letter, did you?

Mrs. Moulton—"Yes, sir."

General Overseer—You remember when you came to me when he was dying?

Mrs. Moulton—"Yes, indeed I do."

General Overseer—Dying. He was a sinner, too?

Mrs. Moulton—"Yes, sir; unsaved."

General Overseer—They were making arrangements to take his body up to Wisconsin, when it suddenly struck him they had better ask God's servant to pray for him. They came to me—at the Auditorium, was it not?

Mrs. Moulton—"Yes."

General Overseer—The man was blessed so that he was able to give himself to God and get salvation and healing. Now that man has been able to give his tithes and this and other offerings to the Lord.

When that good woman came to me, she was in great trouble.

I said, "Leave it with the Lord."

"Oh Doctor," she said, "he was dying when I left."

I said, "He will be all right when you get back there."



And he was all right. She believed what I said.

The trouble with the great majority is that they are not sure of anything.

I will read with you the Word of God. I believe that I will read the eighth chapter of Matthew, that favorite passage which I often read when I have a Divine Healing talk.

#### The Importance of Following Jesus.

When Jesus was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed—the Apostle Peter.

Voices—"Followed Him."

General Overseer—"Great multitudes followed James."

Voices—"Followed Him."

General Overseer—"Followed John."

Voices—"Followed Him."

General Overseer—"Followed Martin Luther."

Voices—"Followed Him."

General Overseer—"Followed John Wesley? Followed the Masonic Methodist Church; the Baptist Church?"

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—"Whom did they follow?"

Voices—"Jesus."

General Overseer—"I know many people who say they are Methodists first, last and all the time. What are you? Do you follow Jesus first, last and all the time?"

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—"Are you willing to follow Jesus if He leads you out of the Methodist Church?"

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—"Are you willing to follow Jesus wherever He leads you?"

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—"Then He will lead you to the water tomorrow afternoon, all of you who are unbaptized. (Laughter.) You disobedient ones! You will have to be baptized properly. Some of you have only been dipped once and think that is all right. It is not all right at all. You must be baptized into the Name of—?"

Voices—"The Father."

General Overseer—"And of—?"

Voices—"The Son."

General Overseer—"And of—?"

Voices—"The Holy Spirit."

General Overseer—"You must do it because Jesus said it. You must do what He tells you.

Are you willing to follow Him this afternoon?"

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—"Whenever you see where Jesus is, will you follow there?"

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—"All right. You remember you promised me that at the start, and I will keep you to it.

And behold, there came to Him a leper and worshiped Him, saying, Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean. And He stretched forth His hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou made clean. And straightway his leprosy was cleansed. And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

#### Jesus instructed the Leper to Give a Most Convincing Testimony.

Some people think that when that leper was healed, Christ told him not to tell anybody about it.

That is not what the Bible says that Jesus said. He said: See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest.

The Levitical law said that he was to go and show himself to the priest to see if there were any leprosy there. If, after repeated examinations and periods of quarantine, he found that there was no leprosy on the man's body, he told the man to bring his offering of blood, and his wave offering, and his oil offering. When that was offered and accepted by the priest, the man was declared clean before all the congregation.

If that leper had gone and done that, the priest himself would have had to testify that the leper had been healed by Jesus' power. But the Gospel according to St. Mark says that he did not do it.

I suppose he thought somewhat in this way: "What is the use of going to that old priest with either doves or lambs or oil, or anything? He had nothing to do with my healing. I will not go near him."

Then he went back to his friends. When the priest, who

was the sanitary officer, saw him, he probably said, "Go away. You have not offered the gift which Moses commanded. You have not been declared free and clean."

The man would have to go away, back into the tombs. That is what he did, because the first chapter of the Gospel according to St. Mark and the last verse says:

See thou say nothing to any man: but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing the things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. But he went out, and began to publish it much, and to spread abroad the matter, insomuch that Jesus could no more openly enter into a city, but was without in desert places: and they came to him from every quarter.

It was not Jesus, because the very next verse says that Jesus entered into Capernaum that very afternoon. That was at the beginning of Christ's ministry, and He went in and out of great cities all the time.

It was the leper who could not enter into any city. It was the leper who had to stay out in desert places.

#### The Great Necessity for Obedience.

The leper did not do what Christ told him after he was healed. That is the trouble with a great many people who get the healing; they do not do what Christ tells them. They go away out into desert places, and there they stay. They go away back into the desert of Methodism. They go away back into the desert of the Baptist Church. They go away back into the desert of these apostate denominations, where they are not allowed to testify to their healing. They can find no green thing to feed upon there in the deserts, and they are no use at all.

Away out in the desert the Lord healed them. He commanded them to come out from these deserts, but they would not do what He told them. They would not be baptized. They would not yield. They said they were born in the Methodist Church, and that they would die in it.

Yes, and they die there soon.

That man could not go back to his wife and family, because he did not offer the gifts. He had to go out with the lepers, although he was healed.

He was wilful and he would not give what the Lord commanded him to give.

There are some of you who will not give your tithes and your offerings. You are away out in the desert, even after you are healed.

#### When You are Healed, Offer the Gift Which Christ Commanded.

When you are healed, offer the gift which Moses commanded. Offer the gift which Christ commanded. That is a higher gift. Do what God tells you.

And when He was entered into Capernaum, there came unto Him a centurion, beseeching Him, and saying, Lord, my servant lieth in the house sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.

Jesus saith unto him, Let him send for the best doctor in town. Let him take all the medicine he gives, and then let him pray to Me, and I will heal him through the doctor.

Is that what He said?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—"That is what the parsons say. But they do not tell which doctor. Just as if there were only one kind of doctor.

"Send for the *best* doctor," some of them say.

Who is the *best* doctor?"

Voices—"Jesus."

General Overseer—"Beloved friends, one of the saddest things in our experience last year was the conflict we had with Dwight L. Moody. In this city he spoke in contemptuous tones, not merely about myself, but about the doctrine of Divine Healing.

One day amid the laughter and applause of the people—unthinking people—he said, "Beware of the cranks who would tell you to go to God for healing when you are sick. If I were to get sick, I would send for the best doctor in Chicago, and I would ask God to use that doctor."

That very next day he took sick.

He sent for the "best" doctor, and he got sicker. One or two days later he went to Chicago University and tried to talk. He could scarcely open his mouth. He went back to bed. He sent for another "best" doctor.

He had to hurry back to Northfield, Massachusetts, amidst the laughter and the scorn of even the world, who said,

"Moody, it did not pan out. It did not turn out right, did it? Dowie has the better of it."

**Dwight L. Moody Found, Too Late, That Jesus Was the Best Doctor.**

He got a little better. He went down to Kansas City, still mocking at Divine Healing. He began his mockery there, and again his mouth closed right up. He was so sick that he had to be taken away in a few days back to Northfield. There he sent for the "best" doctor. The "best" doctors had him until he was in the throes of death. Then the good man awoke to it and said:

I am not at all sure but that God may perform a miracle and raise me up. I'm going to get up. If God wants to heal me by a miracle that way, all right; and if not, I can meet death in my chair as well as here. . . . Take those away, we do not want them (referring to hot applications), and the first thing I suppose we should do will be to discharge the doctor.

He walked to a chair.

Then, as W. R. Moody himself said, they all persuaded him to go back to bed, and let the doctor have him again. He went back to bed, and the doctor had him again, and he was dead in an hour.

Jesus said, "I will come and heal him."

Did he not say that for Moody?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Did He not say that for me?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Did He not say that for you?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Did not God say, "I am the Lord that healeth thee"?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Did He not say that, by the waters of Marah, 1500 years before Christ came?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Is He "the same yesterday and today, yea and forever"?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Then does He say it still?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—If any man mocks at that truth, will he be blessed?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—He will die, no matter who he is. God will allow none of His people to mock at His Word.

Divine Healing is not a new thing.

It is forever true. God gave it. God entered into that Covenant of Healing with His people, and those who say that it is not true, have sinned. God will not let them sin with impunity.

I said that to Mr. Moody, and I kept saying so. I kept warning Moody all the way along that he would die, if he did not stop, and he died.

I am very sorry, because he was a man of God. He did much good. I would that he were alive now and able to proclaim the Everlasting Gospel in all its fulness. He mocked at Christ as the Healer. He mocked at Divine Healing.

#### **Death Has Been the Fate of All the Mockers at Divine Healing.**

Let any man mock at this truth, and he will die. God will just leave that man alone and the Devil will kill him.

I could name many prominent people of this city and land who have mocked at Divine Healing, who do not mock any more, because their mouths are full of dirt. Their eyes are full of dirt. They are six feet below the ground so far as their bodies are concerned. If their spirits ever got into heaven, it was by the mercy of God.

Dr. James Etheridge, professor in the Rush Medical College, lived across Michigan Avenue from this Tabernacle. Two sweet Zion girls, members of Zion's Seventies, called there with their Message. Dr. Etheridge came out and said, "If you bring any more of this trash about Divine Healing to this house, you will do so at your own physical peril."

They came next week, but they found crape upon the door. The hand which had threatened to strike them was cold in death.

In Indiana Avenue another doctor said, "If you come next week, I will strike you."

Next week came, and they called; but that man had com-

mitted a murder that week and was in Cook County Jail, waiting to be tried and hanged.

In a saloon not far away from here, a saloonkeeper said, "If you come again I will hurt you."

They came the next week, but he was not there. He was in the cemetery.

This work of Zion's Seventies is full of these stories. You could get them told a hundred times over in this land.

It is a dreadful thing to fight God.

When you fight Divine Healing, you fight God. You are not fighting Dowie, you are fighting God.

When Jesus said to that centurion, "I will come and heal him," the centurion answered the Lord, "I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come under my roof."

But another account says that the Jews had said he was worthy. They said, "He hath built us a synagogue."

If you will only build a Methodist, Baptist or other denominational synagogue, you will cover a multitude of sins. They will say you are worthy.

Does building a synagogue make you worthy?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—The centurion knew better. Christ passed by these men who said he was worthy, and the man himself said he was not worthy.

I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come under my roof: but only say the word, and my servant *may* be healed.

Voices—"Shall be healed."

General Overseer—"Can be healed?"

Voices—"Shall."

General Overseer—Perhaps he will and perhaps he will not.

Voices—"Shall."

General Overseer—Sometimes it works and sometimes it does not.

Voices—"Shall."

#### **The Futility of a Doubting Prayer.**

General Overseer—Some of you pray, "Oh God, do it if You like; and if You do not, leave it alone."

That is not the way to pray.

Did Christ say, "Ask, and ye *may* receive"?

Voices—"Shall receive."

General Overseer—"Seek, and ye *may* find"?

Voices—"Shall find."

General Overseer—"Knock, and it *may* be opened unto you? Every one that asketh *may* receive"?

Voices—"Shall."

General Overseer—But listen! Many of you have knocked and it has not been opened. Why? Did you expect it to be opened? Did you expect to be set free? No! You had deep down in your heart this thought: "I am knocking, but perhaps it will not be opened." And it was not, because you did not ask in faith.

#### **The Absolute Surety of God's Promise to Heal.**

"The prayer of faith"—?

Voices—"Shall save him that is sick."

General Overseer—"And the Lord *may* raise him up"?

Voices—"Shall."

General Overseer—"And if he have committed sins, it *may* be forgiven him"?

Voices—"Shall."

General Overseer—"The eyes of the blind *may* be opened"?

Voices—"Shall."

General Overseer—"The ears of the deaf *may* be unstopped"?

Voices—"Shall."

General Overseer—"The tongue of the dumb *may* sing"?

Voices—"Shall sing."

General Overseer—"These signs *may* follow them that believe"?

Voices—"Shall."

General Overseer—"In My Name they shall lay hands on the sick and they *may* recover"?

Voices—"Shall."

General Overseer—Do you believe that shall?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—I do not believe you do. Every one who is sick—now honor bright—hold up your hands high enough to be seen.

You do not believe. If you did, you would be healed.

Perhaps there is something else. Your faith is of no use because you have not really fulfilled the Covenants.

**If You are Not Healed, the Fault Is With You, Not God.**

There are a great many of you who ask and receive not, because you ask that you may gratify your own desire. You are not asking for God's glory. You are asking for your own pleasure; for your own satisfaction; for your own deliverance, or else you are not asking in faith.

I believe that God is true every time. Do you?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—I believe that not one word of promise which He has given will ever fail. Do you?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—If the answer is not given, whose fault is it?

Voices—"Ours."

General Overseer—Yours or God's?

Voices—"Ours."

General Overseer—I believe the "shall."

For I also am a man under authority, having under myself soldiers: and I say to this one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. And when Jesus heard it, He marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

When Christ was here on earth, He used these words, "Great Faith," but twice. Once it was concerning a Roman centurion, and the second time concerning a woman of Canaan.

Speaking of the high priests and priests of God's Church, He said that they were faithless and unbelieving; that they were a pack of murderers, and thieves, and liars, and a generation of vipers.

The trouble is that in God's Church today, those who should have great faith, have simply no faith. Vast multitudes have no faith. You ask them, "Have you the power to pray the prayer of faith which saves the sick?" and they get angry. They say, "No; that was all done away with long ago. I find the best doctor."

These denominations have no faith. They are angry when they hear of any one else who has it. They do not like to be reminded that John Wesley had it. They do not wish to be reminded that John Wesley prayed for his horse, and it was healed. They do not wish to be reminded that John Wesley practically gave up medicine for about forty years before he died, although he wrote a book about medicine before he was fifty years of age. His Journal for the last thirty years of his life is full of Divine Healing, of people who were healed of cancers, and all kinds of diseases.

Charles Wesley wrote the hymn:

Thou, O Christ! art all I want;  
More than all in Thee I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.

They do not like to sing that hymn. When they give out the first hymn in their hymnal, they will tell you to sing so many stanzas, but they will not sing that last one:

Hear Him, ye deaf, His praise,  
Ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come,  
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

They do not like to give that hymn out, especially when they are going to denounce Dowie that day. (Laughter.)

**The Sad Lack of Faith in the Apcstate Churches.**

The fact of the matter is that they are afraid to test their faith by praying for the healing of the sick.

They know their faith is not worth that.

It is not Divine Faith at all.

Can you wonder that the churches are withering away?

Jesus said:

And I say unto you, that many shall come from the East and the West, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the Kingdom of Heaven; but the sons of the Kingdom shall be cast forth into the outer darkness: there shall be the weeping and gnashing of teeth.

There is a part of the old Temple wall where the Jews are allowed to gather. They call it the Wailing Place. There they weep and wail, and even dash their heads against the stone as they cry out, "Oh Messiah, when wilt Thou come? When wilt Thou come, O Messiah, and restore this Temple?" They groan and weep in the outer darkness. They will not recognize Jesus. They have been weeping and wailing in the outer darkness at these walls of weeping for all these centuries.

They are weeping and wailing still, and they will weep and wail until they acknowledge Christ.

It is a dreadful thing.

The Church today is pleading and wailing outside the gates. They have gone to the outer darkness.

A Bishop of the Methodist Church cried four years ago, "Let us make the last four years of this century the greatest four years that the Methodist Church has ever seen." Yet I showed them, when they were here in their Ecumenical Conference, that they had lost hundreds of thousands in one year.

They do not like to be told it, but they know it. They try to conceal it as much as they can, but they themselves have to admit the loss of 20,000, and the Call to Humiliation and Prayer which they sent out before that Conference, was a weeping and wailing, and incidently gnashing their teeth at Dowie.

They were gnashing their teeth because, while they were declining, we were growing by thousands. Hundreds of you who were in the Methodist Church have come into the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

Every one of you who used to be a Methodist, put up your hands. See those hands—there are hundreds of them. The good Methodists are coming into Zion, and the bad ones have gone to the Devil long ago.

And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And the servant was healed in that hour.

And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother lying sick of a fever—

"And He said, Send for the doctor; give her some medicine?"

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—Did He say anything?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—"He touched her hand, and the fever"—

Voices—"Left her."

General Overseer—And she was very weak, and she said, "I cannot do anything tonight. I am going to bed?"

Voices—"She arose."

General Overseer—"And ministered unto them."

**Healing Should be Followed by Strength.**

Do you not think it is time some of you arose and ministered unto your Lord? Do you not think it is time you arose and did something for your living instead of having people wait upon you all the time?

I will not say it of those who are here, but I will tell you that there are a very great many people who enjoy poor health. They love it very much. (Laughter.)

I asked a woman how she was one day, and she said, "Doctor, I enjoy very poor health."

I said, "Does your husband enjoy it, too? (Laughter.) Do your daughters enjoy it?"

Such people do not wish to be healed. There are many women, some men, too, who, if they were healed, would scarcely know what to do. They have a good time, while their husbands, or wives, or daughters wait upon them. "Keep everything quiet, mamma is very nervous this morning," the daughters whisper.

**Sickness Makes People Selfish.**

You hate to be selfish, but when you are sick, you cannot help it. If you have a bad head, a sick stomach, and pains all over, why, the Devil makes you think of these.

He keeps you attending to your head with a cold water cloth, and to your stomach with something else, and to your pains with something else. Everybody has to wait upon you, and after it has gone on for several weeks, you begin to enjoy poor health. (Laughter.)

I have seen women whose daughters have been breaking down their health, lifting them, nursing them, caring for them. No roses in those daughters' cheeks! No smiles in those daughters' eyes! Long nights of weeping and waiting, and the mother "enjoying poor health!"

The mother keeps sending for the doctor to keep her sicker, and refusing to go to God for healing.

The little sickness I had made me very selfish. I wanted to be attended to. I could not help it.

When you are sick you have no time for others, no matter how much your heart desires it. Your body cries out and cries out, Help, help! Some of the most unselfish people in the world have become the most selfish people through sickness.

When you are sick, you hate to think as much of yourself as you are doing. You hate to be a trouble, many of you who are sick, to others, but you cannot help it. You cannot walk. You cannot even feed yourself sometimes, and you are a trouble.

If a man has a very severe disease upon his face, he is thinking of himself as he walks down the street, because the people are all looking at him, and he wants to cover it up.

If a woman has a deformity, she hates to have attention called to herself, but she has attention called to herself all the time. Disease does not make you better, does it?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—Those who tell you that disease drives you closer to God, makes you lose self, and all that kind of thing, say what is not true. It is not true.

#### I Long to See You Arise and Minister to Jesus.

Many of you Christian people who are sick are not half so amiable as you look. You have lots of Devil in you.

I am right, am I not?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—You were ugly about Dr. Dowie once, were you not?

You said, "I believe in Divine Healing, and I believe in God, but I do not believe in Dr. Dowie." (Laughter.)

Moody said that he believed in God, but he did not believe in Dowie.

#### If I Am God's Messenger, You Must Believe in Me.

You must do what I tell you.

Some of you have not been baptized by Triune Immersion. You must obey.

I would rather pitch into you than pray with you. You are very anxious for me to pray with you. If I were to pray with some of you now, looking at your faces, I would say, "O God, this woman looks as if she were the most selfish wretch I have ever seen. (Laughter.) This woman is full of self-righteousness. She is such an amiable person. She is quite angry with me for what I have just said. Knock the Devil out of her, Lord."

If you heard some of the prayers, they would not be flattering to you.

I do not care who you are. I say this today before God, that if you are not willing to obey God and the Voice of His servant, so far as he speaks what God says, then you will not get healing today or any other time.

My beloved Brother Leggett, you helped to take your sister, Sara M. Leggett, to the station. Do you believe that Sara would ever have been healed if she had not obeyed?

Mr. Leggett—"No. Never."

General Overseer—I am delivering the last Divine Healing address that I shall deliver, probably, in this country for a long time to come.

#### No Healing for the Disobedient.

I may be delivering the last Divine Healing sermon in this country, where I have been talking for twelve years to multitudes of people; but I assure you that if you are unwilling to obey God to the very uttermost, to obey the teaching which you shall get today, to the uttermost, you will not get healing.

In all the many years I have been engaged in this work I have seen hundreds and thousands of people healed. I do not know of one being healed who was wilfully disobedient.

And when even was come, they brought unto Him many possessed with devils: and He cast out the spirits with a word.

That word was not Christ's word at all.

I do not believe that Christ ever cast out a Devil. I do not believe that Christ ever healed anybody. I believe what Christ Himself said:

The words that I say unto you I speak not from Myself: but the Father abiding in Me, doeth His works.

Who did the works?

Voices—"The Father."

General Overseer—Did Jesus do them?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—He never said He did. He said:

My Father worketh even until now, and I work.

He gave the glory to the Father.

The word which came from Christ's lips was not the word

of Christ at all. It was the Word of the Father. Christ never said to a sufferer, "Brother, be of good cheer."

#### All Christ's Words and Works Were the Words and Works of the Father.

He always said, "Son, be of good cheer." Was that not the Father's Word. Was it not the Father talking in Him?

He said to that woman, "Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole." Did He say sister?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—Was it our Brother or was it our Father who was talking?

Voices—"Father."

General Overseer—Remember that it is our Father who works; that He sends forth His Son; that He sends forth the Holy Spirit. I do not hesitate to say that the words which Christ spoke were the words of the Father.

If ever the Christian Catholic Church in Zion forgets to place the Father as Supreme in the godhead, then the Christian Catholic Church will lose its power.

Jesus is not doing anything of Himself. The Holy Spirit is not doing anything of Himself.

All power today comes through the Son of God and by the Holy Spirit, but it comes from the Father.

Did not Jesus say, "My Father is greater than all"? "My Father is greater than I"?

The trouble with many of you is that you pray to Jesus, or to the Holy Spirit.

You have no more right to pray to Jesus Christ or the Holy Spirit than you have to pray to the Virgin Mary.

Jesus said, "When ye pray, say, Our Father."

Why do you not pray to the Father, and have done with this praying to Jesus?

When the Holy Spirit comes into your hearts, He teaches you to cry "Abba, Father."

Then why do you not cry Abba, Father? Why should you always be crying to Jesus? Why should you always be crying to the Holy Spirit? Why do you not cry to the Father in the Name of Jesus?

Why do you not ask God the Father for Jesus' sake to let the power of the Holy Spirit come to you?

Why do you not obey Christ?

Multitudes of people are not obeying. They are constantly praying to Jesus Christ, to the Holy Spirit.

The Apostle Paul said:

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father.

All the apostles prayed to the Father. They prayed in the Name of Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit. They never forgot that Jesus Christ was the Son of God; that He had come to redeem them.

They never forgot that the Holy Spirit must give them strength; but they prayed to the Father.

#### There is One God in Three Persons; But the Father is Greatest.

I cannot tell you exactly, but I think I can say safely, so far as I can remember, that I have never consciously prayed to any one but to the Father in thirty years.

I believe that there is one God in three persons, and I believe that the Father is greater than all, because Christ said it.

Taking up the Scripture again at the sixteenth verse:

And when even was come, they brought unto Him many possessed with devils: and He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all that were sick: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our diseases.

If He took them, why should we keep them?

"But," you say, "I have not been taught so."

It is time you were taught. It is time you learned something. It is time you had humility enough to learn something. That is the trouble with some of you good Christians.

You do not have any humility to learn, and especially do you have no humility to learn from Dr. Dowie. There are some of you here this afternoon, for healing, because you hear God has used me to multitudes of people. When I have prayed with you, and after you have received healing, you intend to go right back to the Methodists or Baptists, or some other dead denomination. You do not intend to stand by God's servant. and God's work.

#### The People Who Do as They Like are Abominable Nuisances.

You simply say, "Oh, I come for healing, and then I am going to do what I like."

Then I pray that you may be healed, and you will not be. Before I pray at all, I tell you that what I feel like praying: "Oh God Almighty, disappoint every selfish wretch who has entered this building today. Disappoint every person who came here hoping to get healing, just as they come to doctors to whom they pay money, only they think they can get it quite cheap today of God. They think that they can get their healing and go on their way and do just what they like. Lord, disappoint them."

He will do it without my praying that prayer, but I will pray it just to let Him know how I feel about it.

I am through praying for people who are going to do as they like. They are abominable nuisances.

I apprehend the most trouble from those Christians who belong to the Go-as-you-please and Do-as-you-like Society. I wish they were all in heaven now.

I do not desire to detain them on earth. We would be better off without them.

If I am God's minister, am I not the representative of God?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Then I command you to be baptized into the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

As sure as you live and as God lives, obedience will be the test.

"He hath given the Holy Spirit to"—whom?

Voices—"To them that obey Him."

General Overseer—Did God ever give the Holy Spirit to a man who disobeyed Him wilfully?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—Will you get healing by the power of the Holy Spirit if you disobey Him?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—You had better obey Him.

In this matter of Baptism I am more and more convinced that the obedience of faith is essential to the reception of power.

If you will think over that Scripture, you will see that I am right.

When we pray, are you going to pray with me in your hearts for grace to do all God wishes you? You ought to do it.

That is the power both with you and with me.

Until I was willing to obey God out and out, there was no power such as there is now.

Prayer was then offered by Elder Graves.

#### KNOWING AND DOING GOD'S WILL.

After the announcements had been made and the offering received, the General Overseer delivered the following discourse.

##### INVOCATION.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, profitable unto this people, and profitable to these sick in spirit, soul or body, on whom we shall lay hands tonight, for His sake. Amen.

I desire to call your attention and to concentrate your whole heart and thought upon the few words which I shall read to you. I have read them already. I will read them again. I desire to make what I am now going to say the climax of all that I have said, that it may help you to understand the conditions upon which God will heal you.

##### TEXT.

And behold, there came to Him a leper and worshiped Him, saying, Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean. And He stretched forth His hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou made clean. And straightway his leprosy was cleansed.

I desire this evening to impress upon your minds and hearts these words, the words of Jesus:

I will.

The most important of all things is first to know, and secondly to do, the will of God.

He that doeth the will of God abideth forever.

If you desire to know the doctrine, do God's will; for Jesus said, "If any man willeth to do His will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it be of God, or whether I speak from Myself."

The great trouble with many people is that they do not do God's will, therefore they do not know God's teaching.

The reason why people are so ignorant of true doctrine is that they do not do what God tells them.

#### A Doubting Prayer is a Wicked Prayer.

I desire to call your attention today to the prayer of the leper. That is a prayer which neither you nor any Christian should ever offer.

It is a wicked prayer for you to offer. It is a prayer that will be fruitless.

The leper said, "Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean."

That leper was ignorant. In his case there was this excuse for him: that the Lord Jesus Christ was only unfolding His mission, and that He had not fully revealed God's will.

Ignorance of the Lord's will was the one thing which stood in his way of getting the healing. He saw that Christ was able. He said, "Thou canst make me clean." But he was in doubt as to whether Christ was willing. Therefore he said, "Lord, if Thou wilt." The Lord said, "I will," and the moment He said that, there was no more "If Thou wilt" in that man's heart.

A person came to me just now and asked me for a certain favor. I said, "No, I cannot. I will not attempt to do it, for I cannot."

Another person came and asked me for a favor, and I said, "I will, God helping me."

The person to whom I said "I will," will not come and bother me with that same request.

The request was for an interview at a certain time.

I do not expect that person until the hour named. But when that person comes, he has the right-of-way. I will tell my personal attendant that every one else is to stand aside, no matter who he is.

When the Lord Jesus says "I will," you have no more right to put in the words "If Thou wilt" than the man would have who might come to my door tonight and lie down and begin to howl, "Oh General Overseer, it is eight o'clock in the morning and you promised to see me; if thou wilt, see me. You promised to see me at a quarter past eight. If thou wilt. If thou wilt."

I should be disgusted, annoyed, vexed. I should think that that person did not believe what I said.

#### Christ's I Will Is for Every One Who Will Fulfill the Divine Conditions.

I am speaking to Christians now. Did the Lord Jesus Christ ever declare that He was willing to bless some and not to bless others, supposing that both classes fulfilled the Divine conditions?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—That "I will," therefore, is an "I will" to all men who will fulfil the Divine conditions, is it not?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Is it for you?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Then you must not say "If Thou wilt"; for the Lord has said "I will."

Some people say that when you come to God you must always say, "If it be Thy will."

I tell you the opposite. When you come to God, you must always say, "Oh God, my Father, I know it is Thy will to save every penitent sinner and to heal every obedient child of Thine."

Is that true?

You might say to me, "How can you be sure that the Lord is willing to heal me?" I did not say that.

There are quite a number of you whom the Lord is not willing to heal. You are not obedient. You are not willing to do His will.

Some of you have not repented of your sins. Some of you have not made confession to those whom you have wronged. Some of you are not trusting in God at all. The Lord is not willing to heal you, because Divine Healing is the children's bread.

Divine Healing is not for the children of the Devil; it is for the children of God.

There is no Divine Healing promised to any whose sins are not forgiven. There is no promise of Divine Healing to a selfish hypocrite; to a person who says, "I do not care what God says about tithes and offerings; I will do what I like about that."

You can do as you like, but you will go to hell for it before



you are through. You are a thief. You are the worst kind of a thief, and there is no use telling me that a thief is a Christian.

I am getting down to very straight business about this.

#### Those Who Rob God Cannot be Healed.

There are some who are ignorant, but you are not ignorant. I see some sitting here this afternoon who have been sitting under my ministry for years. They are not saved. They are not healed. They never will be if they continue as they are, because they are thieves. They rob God.

They ask, "Wherein have we robbed God?"

I answer, in the words of God, "in tithes and offerings."

You do not give your tithes. You do not give your offerings. You are a perfect sham and a humbug. You are a thief. You are cursed with a curse; for you have helped this whole nation to rob God.

You weigh that in the Word of God, and you will find that it is true. One dollar out of every ten that ever came into your hands belonged to God; and, if you have not paid it to God, you are a thief.

I see some others here who say they are Christians, but they say that they have a right to use the tithes and offerings as they like.

God says, "Bring ye the whole tithe into the Storehouse."

Have you a right to do with it as you please?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—If God has the Storehouse where these tithes are honestly used for God, where ought you to bring these tithes?

Voices—"Into the Storehouse."

General Overseer—If you do not do it, are you obedient?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—Some of you have gotten into darkness because you have distributed your tithes to various poor people. That is not what the Bible says. The Bible says the command is, "Bring ye the whole tithe into the Storehouse."

#### Satan, the Devourer, Rebuked for the Sake of Tithers.

Who is the devourer?

Voices—"Satan."

General Overseer—Does he not devour your bodies with disease?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Does he not devour the fruits of the field?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Will God rebuke the devourer for your sakes, if you do right?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Will He rebuke the devourer, if you do wrong?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—The devourer will eat you up. I do not wish you to live, if you are not obedient. I am speaking to you who are professing Christians. You are a great curse if you do not obey. You are a far worse curse than if you were bad men and women, because you are professing to be Christians, and you are positively robbing God and lying to Him.

#### No Healing for Those Willfully Disobedient in Baptism.

If you do not obey God in that fundamental Ordinance of Baptism, have you any right to expect as a disobedient child that God will heal you?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—Christ said:

Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you.

How many things?

Voices—"All things."

General Overseer—Is not Baptism one of these things?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—I am talking this afternoon to many Christians who have not yet obeyed God in this matter. I will talk very plainly.

There is not a single case of any authorized Baptism ever recorded in the whole of the first seven centuries of the Christian Church—with one solitary exception, which I shall mention presently—except the Baptism by Triune Immersion.

That is not merely my statement, but that is the statement

of every scholar, no matter to what denomination he belongs. The man who says the opposite, is either not a scholar or not an honest man.

The greatest Dictionary of Christian Antiquities which has ever been produced is that edited by Sir William Smith, D. C. L., LL. D., of London. In that dictionary the late Rev. Wharton B. Marriott, M. A., of Exeter College, Oxford, writes on Baptism. The Church to which he belongs believes in the sprinkling of babies.

Dr. Marriott, in writing the article upon Baptism in that great and learned work, says:

Triple Immersion, that is thrice dipping the head while standing in the water, was the all but universal rule of the Church in early times. Of this we find proof in Africa, in Palestine, in Egypt, at Antioch and Constantinople, in Cappadocia. For the Roman usage, Tertullian indirectly witnesses in the Second Century; St. Jerome in the Fourth; Leo the Great in the Fifth; and Pope Pelagius and St. Gregory the Great in the Sixth. Theodulf of Orleans witnesses for the general practice of his time, the close of the Eighth Century. Lastly, the Apostolical Canons, so-called, alike in the Greek, the Coptic and the Latin versions, give special injunctions as to this observance, saying that any bishop or presbyter should be deposed who violated this rule. . . . Eunomius (circ. 360) appears to have been the first to introduce simple immersion "unto the death of Christ."

Who was Eunomius?

Eunomius was a man who denied the Divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ, and denied the personality of the Holy Spirit. Eunomius was a bad man and a false shepherd. In order to show his contempt for the Holy Trinity of God, he baptized by one immersion.

#### There is No Longer Any Excuse on the Grounds of Ignorance.

There are the facts. The times of this ignorance about Baptism God has overlooked, but "now He commandeth men that they should all everywhere repent."

This Baptism by Triune Immersion is one of the great Seals of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion. You must be baptized. If you say you will not, you will not be healed.

You ask me whether only those baptized have been healed.

No. Many who have been healed were not baptized, but they were ignorant.

You are not ignorant. I am telling you now.

We do not punish a child who is ignorant, do we? We rebuke the child, and we instruct the child, but if the child knows, and knows perfectly well what it ought to do, and does not do it, that child has a right to be punished, and ought to be.

So will you be if you disobey. You will be left to the Devil in your body, even if your spirit is saved.

God is willing to heal every one of you who is willing and obedient. He longs to heal you.

I long to see you healed. If I could heal every one of you by a touch of mine, I am afraid I would be willing to do it.

But I am thankful that the healing power is not mine to bestow. I am thankful that the healing power is God's. I am thankful that God will not use me to the healing of any one who is disobedient.

There are some who are willing and obedient and yet they are not healed. I know that there must be something lacking. I know that their consecration cannot be complete. I know that the fault cannot be in God. The fault must be in you or in me, if we do not get the blessing.

I would urge every one of you who are Christians, and are willing and obedient up to your light and knowledge, to say, "O God, show me what I lack yet, and when I see my duty, O God, give me grace to do it at once." (Amen.)

Some of you see your duty, and then you put it off. You do not want to do it because mother will not like it; father will not like it; husband will not like it; brother will not like it; friends will not like it; neighbors will not like it. Because you are afraid of their censure, you get only the condemnation of God.

If you are willing and obedient, and will ask God to show you what you lack, and to give you grace to do it the moment you see it, then do not delay it.

#### An Example of the Terrible Results of Disobedience.

A woman came to me the other day, broken in spirit and bowed down in body. She said, "Doctor, if I had obeyed you ten years ago when you came to this city, I would not be as I am now."

"I heard you. I believed you, but I was the victim of an unholly man's passion. I, not knowing, became his mistress and not his wife. When you came, you pointed out his sin and

mine. We confessed our sin and you commanded us to separate, no matter what the cost. I was a lustful devil.

"He said, 'Maggie, let us live apart; the Doctor is right.'

"I said, 'No, let us live together. I do not care what the Doctor says.'

"Now he is dead, and I think he is in hell, and I ought to be there with him.

"I cannot repent as I want to repent. I cannot say from my heart, 'Oh God, I do repent.' I do not have the power to repent.

"Can you pray for a poor sinner who knows she is a sinner, and has not the grace to repent; who knows she ought to repent, but has not the desire to repent?"

I said, "That is a very hard case; one of the hardest I have ever had. I would like to know how I can pray?"

"I do not know how you can," she said, "but if you do not pray, and if God does not answer in some way, I have not long to live. I do not care much about my healing, but I do not want to go to hell. My mother has gone to heaven. My father has gone to heaven. I have dear little babies who are in heaven."

Then she burst into tears. She cried, "I do not want to go to hell. I do want to be a good woman."

I said, "You have repented," and she said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

I said, "You have repented."

She looked at me for a moment, and she said, "I believe I have. Thank God, I believe I have."

With that she went on. It was not very long ago that she died. She died doing two things. She died praising God and praying for the man who had gone to hell.

You may say she did wrong. I will not say that. I will not say that; because she cried to God in these words: "Oh God, will You not take him out of hell some way?"

I could not tell her not to pray that. You can put what theology you like against it, but I will tell you that prayer was a genuine prayer; and I believe that God has heard it.

If ever I should be sent to hell to help clean out hell, I would want to go for that man to get him out. (Amen.)

I believe that hell will be cleaned out one day. I believe that because the Bible says that

#### Death and Hell Shall be Cast Into the Lake of Fire.

That will be the end of death and hell, when God shall burn up hell.

I long to see an end of hell, because as long as there is a hell there will be legions of devils.

One of two things will have to be done, if order is to be kept in the universe. Either hell must be destroyed, or a lid must be put upon hell and some mighty power must sit on it and keep it down there; for if one of the devils should get out, there would be hell everywhere.

I believe that the time is coming when God's Kingdom shall be All and in All, and there shall be neither death nor hell.

That is a little distance off yet, and I am going to fight on until that time.

I am going to fight better after I am dead. After this body is dead, I am prophetically exulting in the thought that the Lord may permit me to do some fighting even in hell.

A man once said, "I believe the Doctor is such a fighter that if he were to go to hell the Devil would say, 'Let us get rid of him.'"

I said, "I have that kind of a thought, too."

I am glad to know that even my enemies think that the Devil would not want me in hell, but I do not think I would go because the Devil wanted me to go. I feel I would like to have it out with him there. I have a great desire to see hell destroyed.

I would like to see sin and disease and death destroyed.

I believe that I shall see them destroyed. I believe that some of us who fight this battle here, will fight it better when we get to the other side.

Some of you are not much account now. You will be more account by and by.

Are you willing to let God do His will?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Then He is willing to heal you.

#### Instantaneous Healings the Most Satisfying.

The healings which best satisfy my heart are the healings which come as quickly as that (snapping his fingers). I rejoice

in the healing of people like Sara M. Leggett, who got the healing in an instant. She arose at once, healed of a terrible condition of the heart.

Once, before her healing, when they tried to take her out just for a short ride, they lifted her in the bed and laid her on the sleigh, and it nearly killed her; but when she started to Zion it did not kill her. She was healed instantly.

That is the kind of healing I wish to see today.

Let this thing come at once.

If I were in your place, and I wanted a thing from God, I tell you I would just keep at God every minute, every moment, every hour, and before I was through I would have that thing.

Jesus told the parable of the man who went to borrow bread from a neighbor to teach importunate prayer. I have told the story, a little more in detail than the Gospels report it, in order to bring out the lesson. I call one man Lazarus and the other Jacob.

Lazarus knocks.

Jacob calls out, "Who is there?"

"It is Lazarus. I have a friend come to stay, and Jesus and His disciples have eaten all the bread. Get up and loan me three loaves."

"Lazarus, go home. It is no time to wake up a fellow in the midnight hour when he is in bed with his children."

Lazarus knocks again.

"Who's there?"

"Lazarus."

"What do you want?"

"I want that bread, Jacob."

"We have no bread except what is going to be used. Lazarus, go home. My children are with me in bed, and I cannot rise and give thee."

Lazarus knocks.

"Who's there?"

"Lazarus!" (Laughter.)

"Lazarus, go home."

"I will not go home until I get the bread."

"I will not get up."

Lazarus knocks again.

"I say, Lazarus, you will break down the door."

"I can't help it; I am going to have that bread."

"I will not get up."

Lazarus knocks.

"Lazarus, stop, and I will get up. Stop!"

So he gets up. He goes to the cupboard, and he gets not only three loaves, but all. When he gets to the door he says, "There it is, Lazarus. I never saw such a fellow as you. Go off with you."

That is the way to pray.

How have you been knocking?

Ugh! Your knocking would not kill a mosquito.

I will tell you how you have prayed: "O God, if it pleases You, will You not heal me?"

He does not do it. Somebody comes in and says, "Did you pray?"

"Yes."

"Did you knock?"

"Yes."

"Did He answer?"

"No."

"Are you knocking still?"

"Oh, no, I gave it up."

#### Importunity Gets Answers to Prayer.

Did not Christ say that the man who got the answer to prayer was answered because of his importunity.

Do you think I would have been anything in Chicago, if I had not been importunate?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—When I first came to Chicago, I knocked with a very polite knock.

Chicago said, "Go away."

I said, "I will not."

The next day I knocked louder.

Chicago said, "Get away, or we will break your head."

I said, "I will not."

"Then," said Chicago, "we will break your old head."

I have been knocking louder ever since, and I am knocking so loud now that they get no rest day or night.

A man said the other day, "I will be glad when that Dowie

goes, because I never hear anything from morning till night but Dowie, Dowie, Dowie. I am tired of it. I will not be good, and I will go where Dowie cannot get me."

One night he went away and he got drunk in the lowest levee district. He was sitting about three-fourths drunk in a dive. He was trying to forget Dowie, when, he said, somebody touched him on the shoulder and said, "Good evening, sir."

He looked up, and, "Bless my life," he said, talking of it afterwards, "if there was not my own sister looking in my face, saying, 'O Bob, what are you doing here?'"

"What are you doing here," I said?

"Why," she said, "I am doing the Master's work. I am one of Dr. Dowie's Saloon Seventies. I have come down here with LEAVES OF HEALING."

"O," I said, "it is no use. I cannot get away from Dowie anywhere."

He went home with his sister.

Do you think you can get away from God?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—When I came to Chicago I kept knocking, knocking, knocking. They said they never would hear me, and now they do hear me.

Whether they love me or not, they always want to know what I am saying.

#### How Leaves of Healing Won a Wicked Man to God.

There was one poor wretched fellow who was a Judge in a certain State, who told his wife that if ever he saw that paper again he would fling it out of the house. She kept on getting the paper, but he never saw it any more. He began to miss it. He used to read it regularly. He would often say to himself, "I wonder what that fellow Dowie is up to now. I would like to see that paper."

Nobody ever spoke about Dowie or LEAVES OF HEALING, but he knew they got it. He felt sure of it. They said nothing because they were put on their guard lest he should destroy the paper. One night the rest of the family went to church, and he said to the youngest child, "Laura, you stay with papa tonight; do not go with mamma to church." She stayed with him.

After a little while he said, "Now, Laura, you tell papa where LEAVES OF HEALING is."

"Oh no, papa," she said, "you will please excuse me. I cannot tell you. Mamma says you will tear it up."

"Do you read it?" he asked.

"Yes," she said.

"Do you know about Dr. Dowie?"

"Yes," she said, "I kiss his picture every time." (Laughter.)

Then they began to talk, and he said, "Laura, if you get the LEAVES OF HEALING, I will not destroy it. I will not tear it up."

She asked, "Sure?"

"Sure," he replied. (Laughter.)

So she took him away to a linen drawer. She was not able to open it because it was full of linen. Away down at the bottom of that drawer, she told him, under all those spare sheets, he would find it.

He went and found it, and then he sat down and began to read. She went to sleep and he put her to bed. He kept on reading. As he read, he began to cry. He began to see what a dirty stinkpot of a sinner he was. He began to pray, and when his wife came home she found him on his knees with his hand upon the Bible. He was praying silently.

She looked at him. She had not seen him praying like that for years; not since he became a politician, and a Judge. She went up to him and said, "What is the matter?"

"Matter enough," he replied; "this sermon"—and he pointed to LEAVES OF HEALING on the Bible. "That sermon was the last knock of God at my heart, and, if I do not answer that sermon, I will go to hell sure."

She said, "You do not want to go to hell?"

"No, I do not want to go to hell. Maggie, I used to know something about God, and, actually, I do not believe I was ever really converted; you get down and pray for me."

She got down and prayed for him. That man is now in the Kingdom of God. If I had not kept knocking, knocking, knocking, that man might have been in hell.

If you will keep knocking, knocking, knocking even at the sinner's heart, you will get an entrance.

If you keep knocking, knocking, knocking at God's door, and God sees that you are in earnest, will you not be answered?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—You will be. Never give up. Ask God why it is you have not been answered, and set to work to do His will.

You can do it.

#### A Full Blessing Depends Upon a Full Confession.

If you will make a full confession, I believe you will get a full blessing.

I do not wish to limit God. I shall ask God to greatly bless, but if there should not be one of you healed, I should feel that I had done my duty; that the blessing was in my own heart for having done my duty. I cannot doubt that God will bless, if you will do right.

Are you willing to do right?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Do you feel that God is able and willing to heal?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Do you believe that disease is the Devil's work?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—And that healing is God's?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Will you put away all drugs?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—All doctors?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Not once, but forever.

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Will you trust God, no matter what happens?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Will you obey God?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Will you obey Dr. Dowie?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Be sure that you are obeying God.

Every one who desires to do God's will and be where God wants you to be, stand.

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. Take me as I am; make me what I ought to be in spirit, in soul, in body. Give me Thy Holy Spirit, that I may do right to any whom I may have wronged; that I may confess the wrong I have done; that I may make restitution to any whom I may have wronged. Give me power to make the confession and the restoration. I vow that I shall. Give me grace to keep that vow.

Forgive me, for the sake of Thy dear Son, and heal me, cleanse my spirit, my soul, my body. Give me power to persevere; to ask until I receive; to seek until I find; to knock until the door is opened. Give me persevering prayer, that I may never give up until I get the blessing which Thou art so willing to give unto me. Help me to teach others; to tell others in all places at all times, for Jesus' sake. (All repeat the prayer, clause by clause, after the General Overseer.)

Now, my brothers and sisters, did you mean that?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Will you ask God for grace to do it?

Voices—"Yes."

The meeting was then closed with the following

#### BENEDICTION.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

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Hence it was with the greatest joy that the students of Zion College received the announcement that the General Overseer would deliver a Series of Lectures on the subject of Prayer. It was an inestimable privilege to learn how to pray from a man whose whole life had become a mighty power for God through Prayer. But joyful as the anticipation was, it was more than justified by the realization.

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At length, however, the appeal for them being urged, he consented that they should be sent forth, without his revision, during his absence in Europe and the Holy Land.

Accordingly this wonderful teaching will be printed, almost as it came from his lips, from time to time, in LEAVES OF HEALING. In preparing these Lectures for the press, we have eliminated some allusions to topics of the time and place and have written in some headlines. We have also cut out opening and closing exercises and arranged the matter consecutively without regard to number and date of Lectures.

We pray that God will bless these wonderful truths to all who read in even greater measure than He did to those who heard.

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## WALKING WITH GOD.

I have stated to you that in order to understand fully the great subject of Prayer, you must understand first of all *why* we must pray; the regrettable necessity which exists for Prayer without ceasing in one form or another.

Why have I prayed so many prayers today? I put a great deal of prayer in my continuous office work, stretching over fifteen hours. *Why* was it I had to pray?

### No Need for Prayer at the Beginning.

At the beginning there is no record of Prayer at all in the sense in which we now understand it: a cry to God for help, a cry for deliverance from ignorance, sin, disease, fears of death and hell; because at the beginning there was innocence, if there was ignorance. In those primitive days there was patience and a beautiful harmony with God. There was a willingness to wait for the development of knowledge, wisdom and love. Our first ancestors did not do what humanity soon became,

by nature, so prone to do: anticipate the joys of love by yielding to damning lust; anticipate knowledge by endeavoring to wear a garb of learning: anticipate wisdom by yielding to worldly wisdom, impure and unholy. All this is because of sin. Through these sins, which developed in the evil race of Cain, we have seen that the world became so wicked that "it grieved God at His heart" that He had made man. But "Noah was a righteous man, and perfect in his generations: Noah walked with God." The word "perfect" is better translated in the margin, "blameless in his generations."

There is no possibility of God ever bringing deliverance except in the path of righteousness. "The Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost."

There is no possibility of reversing these things. You cannot begin with joy. Divine love is a joyful love, but it does not begin with joy. Divine conception, Divine gestation, Divine birth is accompanied with faith. The joy comes afterward. There is weeping in the night, but joy cometh in the morning.

Think what it meant for Noah to live amidst a whole earth of people who had gone to the Devil, who were transformed, for the time being—thank God only for the time being, though it was for thousands of years—into spiritual demons.

### Christ's Preaching to Those Who Had Made Their Beds in Hell.

I always thank God for the words:

He went and preached to the spirits in prison which aforesaid were disobedient, when the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah.

There is no generation spoken of in all that Bible more wholly wicked than that generation, the thoughts of whose hearts were only evil, and that continually. As evil as this generation is, I do not think you will find many people in America the thoughts of whose hearts are only evil, and that continually. I think that even amongst the most wicked, although the greater part of their lives is evil, yet when you touch them in the right spot you will find that God has been before you, and that there is a longing for a better state of things; a good thought, a good desire, and an aspiration some day to be free from the evil. That generation was wholly evil, and yet that is the very generation to whom, it is written, Jesus went down into hell and preached.

That is a wonderful thing to me. I know He prayed for them. He would not have gone to them if He had not prayed for them. How little His disciples knew when He said, "I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Myself," that He meant those who had made their beds in hell; that He meant the very enemies who were thirsting for His blood; that He meant every sinner to the consummation of the age; that He meant every man throughout the Universe.

How narrow those early Christians were!

That was true of Peter even after Christ's resurrection. He was perfectly astounded that God sent Him to preach to the Roman centurion, and even half apologized for it to the Jews. God had to show him that he was not to call any man common or unclean.

### Our Great Advantage in Having Zion Teaching.

Just think what it must have been to walk with God in Noah's time. It is hard for us to walk with God sometimes even in our time. It is easier for us than it was for him.

Why?

Because you have Zion now.

I was not born in Zion. I was born in the valley of dry bones. I fed upon theological dust, or they tried to feed me.

You are different. You have the help which has come from five years of teaching in *LEAVES OF HEALING* and the testimonies.

Zion in the conflicts of the year has not been left prostrate in the dust. Zion is not stripped, or wounded, bleeding or dying by the roadside.

Fair as the moon,  
Clear as the sun,  
Terrible as an army with banners,

Zion is now going into the front ranks of the Christian fight, and the apostate churches are complaining of the progress of Zion and wishing so much that Dr. Dowie would let them alone.

Freemasons are crying, "Let us alone."

We will smash you, you Mah-hah-bones; smash every bone in your body.

We started out to smash up things, and we have been doing it. What for? To save the people. We must smash the corrupt organizations.

Noah had no help of this kind. You are standing in a generation where an ever-increasing body of bold, consecrated, humble and teachable men and women are seeking to know more of God; men and women in whose hearts were the highways to Zion even before I came upon the earth, in some cases; old men who thought these things, but could not speak them; good men and women in all the churches who thought these things, but could not utter them, and did not know where to find companionship. A Voice has been calling them and they are coming from the East, the West, the North, the South.

#### **Dangers in the Devil's Musical Attractions.**

In Noah's time the earth was in its infancy. The longevity of man was very great. They lived many hundreds of years, some nearly a thousand. The vigor and strength of those antediluvians were tremendous. Imagine yourself in the place of those antediluvians and ask yourself the question, "Would I have walked near God when all the world had gone to the Devil? Would I have withdrawn myself from its pleasures and follies, or would I have allowed the antediluvian musicians to drag me down to hell?"

"Would I have resisted the temptations to spend God's money upon the Devil's own? Would I have been able to say, 'Yes, it is true, Tubal-Cain is a first-class violinist, but I will see him further before he will get God's money.'"

I have not a cent for the Devil, have you? If I am never to hear good music on earth, I will wait until I get to heaven. Meanwhile, if need be, I will sing "The power of God is just the same today, it doesn't matter what the people say."

#### **Zion Will Develop Her Own Music.**

We are not reduced to that, however, because I wrote to New York two weeks ago to a lady who was trained by Paderewski's master, whose teacher has said that she is really, in some respects, one of the most brilliant pianists in the world. She is a member of this Church, and I told her to wind up things this year because I want her in Zion, although I might not be able to give her more than her bread and butter. But she said, "I will come."

Shall we develop music, or shall we hang around Tubal-Cain, or some other long-haired devil, for it? Can I not get satisfaction for my immortal spirit and the music in my soul without having to go and hear some dirty harlot?

It cuts me to the heart to hear that some of them sing "Home, Sweet Home" so divinely when they are the betrayers of home and the strumpets of libertines.

Going to hear them sing is simply crossing the line into the

Devil's territory only for an hour or two. If any of you think there is going to be a hall in Zion City where any of their ilk will sing and play, you are mightily mistaken.

We will develop our own music. Come on, you violinists, and learn to play the violin for God. Come on, you singers, and learn to sing for God. Surely we can develop the music in Zion without going to the Devil for it.

The thing you will notice about Noah is that he did not cross the line. He was 120 years building the ark, but he was singing all the time, walking with God all the time, and he was preaching to them all the time. Yet all whom he could get saved were Shem, Ham and Japheth and their wives, and I do not think they were very much saved, either.

There was a wicked spot about even Noah himself. After the Flood, I guess he thought he could let down the bars a little, as he was an old man, and take a little wine for his stomach's sake, and it pretty nearly sent him to hell.

Study Noah. Study the age in which he lived. Study him as a man of prayer, praying God that He would not cut off all humanity, but that He would spare a remnant, and in His infinite mercy, if he were to be the man, spare him.

#### **God Can Always Find a Man.**

Sometimes it is only one in a whole generation. While it repented Him at the heart that He had made man, and He had said He would destroy man, yet He knew He must fulfil that promise He made to the poor sinner Eve and the miserable Adam when He said, "The seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head." It had to be done.

God will fulfil all His promises. The man of faith or the woman of faith who walks with God will find grace in the sight of the Lord and will be saved in the midst of a faithless generation, but it is because they never tampered with conscience and made no compromise with the Devil. It is because they are righteous and blameless in their lives that the record is made concerning them, "They walked with God."

When you walk with God, you can talk to God; but you cannot talk to Him unless you walk with Him.

The secret of talking to God is walking with God.

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By DEACON WILLIAM S. PECKHAM.

THE Congress of the United States has assembled and the President has sent in his message, but there has been no unrest or anxiety in the business world. Every one feels that the commerce of the country is upon a solid basis. The financial system of the Government being now upon a solid gold basis, nothing is liable to occur to disturb the finances of the Nation, which enter so largely into all our commercial relations.

THE SILVER DELUSION has been buried alongside the green-back craze, and neither will ever have a resurrection.

Continued prosperity in all mercantile pursuits has followed the adoption of the gold basis for our financial system, and business men firmly believe it will continue to do so. That the President believes in the permanency of the present financial policy is shown by the fact that he has so little to say about financial affairs in his message.

THE FOREIGN RELATIONS of the country take up an important part of the message. But the Nation is to be congratulated that the foreign affairs are in the hands of such an able commission. The President has shown great wisdom in the selection of the men who will have so largely to deal with the great international questions which will enter so largely into the peace of the world as well as the peace and prosperity of the United States.

This Nation has gained prestige abroad by the able way it has handled all its diplomatic business. Its wise and conservative course in China has done much to preserve peace.

While there are dangerous breakers ahead, we believe this Nation will pilot the Ship of State into peaceful waters.

THE NEW ISLAND possessions are rapidly being put upon a stable financial basis. All these territories show largely increased revenues, and large sums will be ready for much-needed public improvements.

Our foreign trade has made tremendous gains, and is causing much uneasiness in some of the nations—notably in Germany. Our Nation has passed out of the borrowing class, and our great money centers are able to loan millions of dollars to other nations, and at a rate lower than can be secured by them at home.

THERE WILL BE a reduction in internal revenue taxes of about \$40,000,000. The tax on telegrams, express orders, bank checks and certain legal papers will be taken off, and a small reduction of the tax on beer will probably be made.

A NEW TREATY has been signed by representatives of the United States and Nicaragua, giving us the exclusive right to conduct and operate a canal through Nicaragua. With an isthmian canal, we shall be brought into closer relations with the rest of the world.

It is to be hoped that the Hay-Pauncefote treaty will be ratified by Congress, and that a bill will be passed providing subsidies for American shipping.

SECRETARY GAGE has adopted the policy of redeeming government bonds by the sinking fund law. The following from the *Economist* gives a good understanding of that law:

In reply to your inquiries, I have to inform you that the sinking fund of the United States was created by Section 5 of the act of February 25, 1862 (12 Stat., p. 346), which provides for the purchase or payment of one per centum of the debt of the United States each fiscal year after July 1,

1862, to be set apart as a sinking fund, together with interest on the debt so applied.

By reason of the large expenditures necessarily following the close of the Civil War period, no applications were made to the fund until the fiscal year 1869; but yearly thereafter the bonds and other securities purchased and redeemed, including interest and premium paid, were applied to the fund, so that at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891, the requirements of the fund between 1869 and 1891 had been fully met.

Since 1891 to June 30, 1900, the deficiency in the fund has reached the sum of \$345,998,471.37, owing to the excess of ordinary expenditures over the revenues, during which period no large redemptions of the debt were made, except in the years 1892 and 1900.

The requirements of the fund of more than \$50,000,000 annually were met last year by the application of the sum of \$56,544,556.06, and the present condition of the Treasury points to the belief that the full requirement can be met during this and the next fiscal year.

THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS of Zion are enjoying continued prosperity. The deposits of Zion City Bank have increased each week, and are now three times as large as they were at the beginning of this year. The number of depositors in the Savings Department has increased from something over 900 to 2600. The paid up capital stock of Zion City Bank is now \$161,000. An Assistant Cashier and another bookkeeper have been added to the working force this year. Many of the merchants of Chicago and other cities have opened commercial accounts with us. Checks on Zion City Bank are good Chicago exchange, and accepted everywhere in payment of bills. All checks on Zion City Bank are payable through the Chicago Clearing House. Firms doing business with Zion City Bank could use checks on this Bank instead of buying New York or Chicago Exchange.

We hope to have the number of depositors in both our Savings and Commercial departments doubled during the coming year. This would give us about 6000 accounts, and we can easily pass this large number if our people continue to cooperate with us.

Our hearts are full of praise to God our Heavenly Father, for the many and great blessings of the year now closing, and we look forward to the future with great faith for yet greater things to come.

THE WISDOM of our General Overseer in establishing Zion City Bank has been clearly proven. The many and great material interests of Zion have all been easily cared for. Cashier Barnard has wisely administered the affairs of the Bank, and "carefully guarded the deposit." There have been no losses on account of bad debts, and every department of the Bank is in perfect condition.

THE INTEREST on savings accounts is now being figured, and will cause many of our depositors to realize the benefit of saving their money in this way.

Interest checks will be mailed to all stockholders on or before January 1, 1901. Zion City Bank is on a paying basis and ought to be the pride of all our people.

OUR GENERAL OVERSEER lives for his people. He has, under God, established the Church and all the institutions of Zion for the good of his people. He expects his people to get the benefit of their investments in Zion City and in Zion City Bank. Under God he is working for the extension of God's Kingdom, but we are the people of the Kingdom, and must share in all its triumphs and victories.

God's people now have a safe place for deposit and investment. Zion's Institutions do not depend upon worldly support. Zion stocks are not subject to the fluctuations of the stock markets of the world.

Let all Zion praise God for Zion City Bank.

He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand; but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.—Proverbs 10:4.

# CHEERING WORDS FROM ZION'S GUESTS

NOTES FROM ZION HOME

THE regular Praise and Testimony Meeting held in Zion Home, Saturday evening, December 8, 1900, was conducted by Elder Fockler.

After the usual opening exercises, the States represented were enumerated and found to be eleven in number, as follows:

Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

The following foreign countries were represented:

Austria, Canada, China, England, Germany and Ireland.

The meeting was then thrown open for testimony.

MRS. GEORGE BAUMGARTNER, 1803 East Twenty-third Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I wish to speak of what God has done for me this week. About two months ago I had a very badly ulcerated tooth, with which I suffered greatly. I had the tooth extracted. My face was much swollen. I found that the cavity was filling up with some kind of a growth and that the jawbone had become diseased. It discharged so that my cheek became very sore and raw, and a part of the bone passed away. I asked Dr. Speicher to pray for me, which he did. The growth is now disappearing and the gum is becoming natural. I praise God for this victory."

ELDER A. W. McCLURKIN, 1320 Wrightwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth."

"It is a little more than two years ago since I came into Zion Home. Before that, when LEAVES OF HEALING came to me, I was delighted to read the testimonies. They have helped me and I know they have been helpful to others. I now enjoy being able to tell others of what God is doing in Zion and to be one of the Witnesses in Zion.

"I have greater joy in Zion than I ever had in my life. I enjoy God more, and it is something to trust in Him and obey Him. Sometimes I enjoy a real good fight with the Devil, too.

"I knew God was using those in Zion and I desired to be pure, so that God could use me also. That was my reason for coming into Zion. I thank God for the joy and blessing I have received in Zion. The last two years have been the best of my life, and this week is the best that I have ever had. I expect God to make next week better than this week, and tomorrow better than today."

MRS. LILLIAN RICHARDSON, Crow Agency, Montana, said: "I do not think there has been a year of my life, until the last seven, when I have not been sick for some weeks during the year I have not been sick for over two years. I think this in itself is enough to make me rejoice for having come into Zion. In addition to that, the great spiritual light has been something for which I praise God."

MRS. N. E. BAYLER, Roberts, Illinois, said: "I praise God for LEAVES OF HEALING. It has been a great blessing to me. I received a letter from a sister who had been afflicted for twenty years and was being treated by Christian Scientists, as she had become discouraged with doctors and medicines. I sent her LEAVES OF HEALING. She read the testimonies of those who had been healed in Zion, and as a last resort wrote to Zion for prayer. Her disease passed away and she has not seen any trace of it since."

MRS. ABBIE L. BURROWS, Nashville Center, Minnesota, said: "I thank God that I am in Zion. It is two years ago since I first received LEAVES OF HEALING. It has been a great

blessing to me. A short time ago I cut my finger to the bone, from the joint down. I left it with God. It healed up right away and did not leave a scar."

MISS HATTIE BOWLBY, Marion, Kansas, said: "I thank God for blessings I have received since coming into Zion. I came here about two months ago. I had made other plans for this fall instead of coming to Zion, but the Lord seemed to direct that I should come here.

"Two years ago my hearing became affected. It became so noticeable that I was obliged to give up my occupation. I had been a teacher for several years, but I became so hard of hearing that it was with difficulty that I could hear the recitations of the children. As we have no specialist in our town, I went to Kansas City for treatment. I was so bad that I could not hear a watch tick one inch from my ear. Their treatment did me no good. Such was the condition of my hearing when I came to Zion.

"Since I have been here, the Lord has wonderfully blessed me. I can now hear a watch tick eighteen inches from my ear, and I am trusting God for complete deliverance.

"This catarrh affected other parts of my body as well. I have received much physical blessing.

"I also desire to tell you of my little niece who was healed. On the 17th of November, she was run over by a wagon loaded with stone. Both her limbs were broken and badly crushed. The Lord speedily delivered her from all pain and she has not felt any pain since she has been sick. Her papa says she lies in bed singing and laughing, waiting for her limbs to grow together."

MRS. ANN STEVENSON, Zion Home (late of Beeston, Notts, England), said: "I feel that God has been to me, as the Psalmist says, 'A God of deliverance.' I have known the Lord as my Healer for twelve years and He has indeed delivered me whenever I have been sick. I used to go to pills and medicines and doctors, but now it would be natural for me to go to God whenever I am sick. But I am never sick now.

"I have indeed proved God to be a God of deliverance to me, especially in the last month. The enemy tried to prevent us from coming to Zion, but God has overruled that. I do praise God for being in Zion. I desire the Lord to use me here. I do not wish to be a drone. I wish to be used of God that He may glorify His Name in me."

CLARA SCHILDER, Davenport, Iowa, said: "About a year and a half ago I was given LEAVES OF HEALING. I did not receive it well at first. I would not read it, but it seemed that whenever I would look for anything, LEAVES OF HEALING would come before me. I then heard of a woman who was healed, and I became interested in Zion. I can say that I have never been so healthy in my life as I am now. I praise God that I have been led into Zion."

The meeting was then closed with the

#### BENEDICTION.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

# THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN OPENED.

**W**ILL a man rob God? yet ye rob Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with the curse; for ye rob Me, even this whole nation. Bring ye the Whole Tithe into the Storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you happy: for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the Lord of hosts.—*Malachi 3:8-12.*

**Z**ION has proved that the above promise to those who "bring the Whole Tithe into the Storehouse" was not for the Mosaic Dispensation alone. She has obeyed the command upon which the promise rests. The "windows of heaven" have verily been opened.

That brings both command and promise up to date, and proves that God intended that His children in every age should pay Him a tithe of all He gives them.

Thousands in Zion have proved for themselves the truth of the promise.

Some of their happy testimonies are given herewith.

They tell of spiritual, psychical, physical, financial, domestic and other blessings through paying God His tithe.

There are many testimonies to the especial blessings in having a Storehouse in Zion for the whole tithe.

Many other testimonies to similar blessing have been received and will be published on this page from time to time.

A. W. N.

## The Storehouse in Zion Aids in Giving Tithes and Proves a Great Blessing.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, December 1, 1900.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—In response to your call of last Lord's Day for testimonies on the subject of tithing, I herewith give you a little of my own experience along this line.

About fifteen years ago, through the teaching of a good Baptist Deacon in this city, I was led to see that the Scriptures very clearly taught that God required a tithe of my income.

Accordingly I opened up an account on my books with the Lord, and for many succeeding years I systematically set aside a tenth of all I received.

In doing this I was greatly blessed both spiritually and temporally, although the disadvantages of being obliged to be my own Storehouse were very apparent; for as these funds were allowed to accumulate in anticipation of the various special collections so common in the churches with which I have heretofore been connected, I found myself frequently borrowing from them, thus getting me into no end of trouble.

Matters went along fairly well for some time, however, until I allowed myself unwisely to become involved financially, when the adversary as an angel of light persuaded me that it was my duty to stop tithing until I had paid off my debt.

From that time on for nearly six years I carried a great load and was robbed of spiritual blessing. Instead of getting out of debt, it seemed as if I kept going deeper.

Sickness came into our home, and as a consequence there was added to our otherwise heavy burden the doctor's bill.

Still it did not occur to us that our robbing God might lie at the bottom of all our troubles until about the close of the year 1897, when it began to dawn upon me that this was possibly the case.

My conscience had troubled me a great deal, however, and as I reviewed my experiences, I traced my troubles back to the time when I stopped tithing. This led to my promising God then and there to live up to the light which He had given me many years before on this matter.

Beginning with the first of January, 1898, until this time, we have paid our tithes regularly and have been greatly blessed in doing so.

About four months after the time we began to tithe, there came into our possession from a most unexpected source a sum of money sufficient to wipe out all our indebtedness; and eleven months after we were led to investigate Zion, where we learned that tithing was being taught according to the Scriptures in the strictest sense, in that His Church is the recognized Storehouse and the place in which the whole tithe should be deposited.

This greatly pleased us, and I can truthfully say that nothing has given me or my good wife greater joy than the depositing in Zion that which we recognize as the Lord's own, a tenth of all we receive, for we have proved

by personal experience that this, like all other acts of obedience, brings its accompanying blessing.

May God lead all Zion quickly to see their duty and high privilege in this matter, that the Church may enjoy the larger blessings which are in store for her, is my prayer.

Sincerely your Brother in Christ,

A. F. LEE.

## God Enables One to Save Money When Tithes are Paid.

PLYMOUTH, CONNECTICUT, December 13, 1900.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Overseer Piper:*—A notice in LEAVES OF HEALING requested members of Zion to write you a brief testimony if they had received a blessing from paying tithes.

When I first began paying tithes, I paid to this, that and the other, but now all my tithes go into Zion Storehouse.

Since giving up medicine and insurance, and paying tithes, I find my money does not go so fast.

I often pay my tithes in advance.

Since paying tithes, I have saved from my small wages money to put into Zion Bank and Zion Lace Industries. I have also given free-will offerings, while before I could scarcely meet expenses, and many times had to borrow money.

The Lord has blessed me spiritually and financially since I have been paying tithes.

I feel tithes just as much of a debt to be paid, as I should if I went to a store and got credit for goods.

Before paying my tithes, once I drew a small amount from the bank to go on a visit, with the intention of putting it back afterwards; but I never was prospered to get enough ahead to pay it back, until I began to pay my tithes.

In Jesus' Name,

GERTRUDE A. SCOTT.

## Large Sum From Unexpected Source Sent When Tithes Were Paid.

CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, December 11, 1900.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Overseer in Christ:*—In reply to your request, in last LEAVES OF HEALING, for testimonies on tithing, I wish to say that we as a family feel that we have been blessed of God in so doing.

At first I was inclined to think Dr. Dowie rather arbitrary about the tithes, but as I read and meditated over what God says in Malachi, I saw our dearly loved General Overseer was right about that, as I have always found him to be about everything else.

As a practical illustration of God's blessing, I wish to say that about a month ago I sent tithing for sale of a lot and regular tithing for my mother and self, amounting to about \$—.

That same afternoon I received twice that sum, which I had not expected.

Who can doubt that God will be as good as His Word?

In grateful remembrance of all that God has done for us, I am faithfully  
Your Sister in Christ,  
(MRS.) B. G. BROWN.

## Extra Earnings More Than Pay the Tithes.

LEDYARD, IOWA, December 14, 1900.

REV. W. H. PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—In answer to your request for testimonies in regard to paying tithes, I wish to give my experience.

My intention was to give the tenth several years before I heard of Zion, but now I am more careful in keeping the account, and I pay the tenth instead of giving it.

We do appreciate having the privilege of bringing it into the Storehouse instead of putting it, we did not know where.

The first month after paying the tithes into Zion, my earnings were \$—, where before they were usually one-half or five-eighths of that sum.

My extra earnings every month since (now nearly a year) have more than paid the tithes, so I am richer instead of poorer.

I believed Mark 10:29-30 years ago, and called the attention of our minister to it. He applied it all spiritually.

We praise God that there is one Church which teaches that the promises of the Bible are for every part of the being, spirit, soul and body.

Yours in Zion,

J. B. RENDALL.



**ZION'S LITERATURE MISSION**  
BY DEACONESS SARAH E. HILL

AS COLD WATERS to a thirsty soul,  
So is good news from a far country.—Proverbs 25:25.

**T**HIS morning's mail brought us the following letter from Mr. O. L. Sprecher, Private Secretary to the General Overseer:

33 ROSEBURY AVENUE, E. C.,  
LONDON, ENGLAND, December 4, 1900.

DEAR SISTER IN CHRIST:—I enclose herewith two letters from British soldiers who have sent in their applications for membership in the Christian Catholic Church; one from a missionary in Japan, who is much interested in Zion, and thanks you for literature sent; and a letter from a friend of Zion living in Edinburgh, who sends an offering toward the free distribution of LEAVES OF HEALING.

We have been having sharp conflicts all along the line, but God has been with us, fighting for us and overcoming Satan and his hosts.

We are all safe and have won many to God and have seen His works in them.

We have met a number of people who have received Zion Literature from Chicago, and we laid that at your door.

One young medical student in Edinburgh said that Zion Literature had come to China "in pecks." He said it would have been all right if the missionaries and the doctors had asked it to be sent, but he did not think it right that they should be troubled with it when they had not ordered it.

I afterwards saw this young medico in the crowd of howling and riotous students who attempted to break up the meetings in Edinburgh.

The General Overseer is to hold a meeting with the members of the Christian Catholic Church in London on the 20th; in Grimsby on the 22d and 23d; and then he returns to London again and holds another brief series of meetings, God willing, from the 26th to the 31st of December, 1900, and January 1, 1901, closing with an All-Night Meeting on the last mentioned date.

I shall be glad to return to America and get back to Central Zion Tabernacle, Chicago.

With Christian regards, and prayers for all Zion at Headquarters, I am  
Faithfully yours in Jesus, O. L. SPECHER.

We thank those friends of Zion who have helped us, through Zion's Literature Mission, to fire into the enemies' camps. We are glad, also, that we did not wait for the enemies' invitations before firing.

A Bishop is reported by a missionary to have declared that Zion Literature has played havoc with the missions in China.

It does a work like that of the roll or book which the Prophet Zechariah saw going forth over the face of the whole earth, which God said He sent forth to purge people from their sins.

Jesus does not say, "Wait until the people ask you to bring the Gospel to them," but he says:

Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to the whole creation.—Mark 16:15.

**Protected in Battle by the Ninety-first Psalm.**

FORT NAPIER, PIETERMARITZBURG,  
NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA, September 20, 1900.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—It is with great pleasure and hope that I now forward my application for membership in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion. A comrade named Cox is also sending his application to you by this mail.

"It is an ill-wind that blows nobody good," and I thank God that ever I came to South Africa, as do hundreds of my comrades.

Just before leaving home my master and workmates presented me with a Bible, a hymn book and a silver-mounted pocket flask.

I told my friends and relatives that I felt as confident as I did that I was standing before them that I would return to them. The ground of my confidence was the ninety-first Psalm.

I was all through with Sir Charles Warren's force under General Buller; so formed a part of the Ladysmith Relief Column.

I was on Spion Kop during our awful fight, and although my comrades were falling around me by scores, I felt as calm and confident as I would had I seen Christ putting a visible shield in front of me.

I was in all the fights with my regiment, "The King's Own"; and after the storming of Pieter's Hill, during which my company formed the front firing line, I and one of my young company officers were mentioned in one of General Buller's dispatches for performing an act of mercy.

I just mention these things to testify to God's goodness.

After the relief of Ladysmith one division came to Pietermaritzburg in order to proceed to "t'otherside," but the order was cancelled at the last moment and the division sent back to Ladysmith.

I was left here for duty, however, and have been employed as a clerk ever since.

Now I see clearly God's hand in it all.

I had not been here long when I made the acquaintance of John Thomson, of the Natal Bank, for which I most heartily thank God.

I and my other comrades who attend the meetings at the Soldiers' Home have received copies of LEAVES OF HEALING from him, and we have been blessed through reading them. I expect to be on my way home by the time you receive my application.

I have sent copies of LEAVES OF HEALING to many of my relatives and friends, because I wish them to know the whole truth, too. If you can have some Zion Literature sent to me for distribution, I shall be pleased to distribute it.

I have several times had to go out to draw the enemy's fire, and should like to do that by distributing Zion Literature at home.

With heartfelt gratitude to you for your faithful, fearless teaching, I remain, dear General Overseer,

Yours faithfully in the Master's Service, JOHN COSGROVE.

PIETERMARITZBURG,  
NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA, September 21, 1900.

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

Dear Brother:—It is with joy that I apply for membership in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

What blessing I have received through reading LEAVES OF HEALING! I do praise God for bringing me in touch with you.

You will think it very strange when you see that I was not a member of any Church.

I never liked that word "member," because I saw so many people who were members of different churches and were not Christians.

God healed me a short time ago of a very sore leg, caused by the hot weather. It was a great victory over the enemy. Praise the Lord.

Yours in His Service, ERNEST COX.

**Zion Literature Sent Out From a Free Distribution Fund Provided by Zion's Guests and the Friends of Zion. Report for the Week Ending December 15, 1900.**

5474 Rolls to.....	England.
1387 Rolls to.....	Various States in the Union.
730 Rolls to.....	Hotels of the World.
660 Rolls to.....	Germany and Switzerland.
439 Rolls to.....	Various Foreign Countries.
320 Rolls to.....	Africa.
Number of Rolls for the week.....	9,010
Number of Rolls reported to December 15, 1900.....	848,567

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love which casts out fear, her patient suffering of blows and indignities without striking back, have won for her the respect, not to say admiration, of many of the people of Mansfield who formerly, blinded and deceived by a false pulpit and lying press, had nothing but hatred and contempt for her.

Interest is being awakened in Zion's proclamation of the Everlasting Gospel.

On Lord's Day, December 9, 1900, Deacon Orren C. Kibbey, of Zion Headquarters, was directed by Overseer Piper to conduct the meetings in Mansfield.

He conducted two meetings at the homes of members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

God was with him, and Zion in Mansfield received much blessing.

After the meetings, he was accosted by two members of the Mansfield police force, who asked him if he were Orren Kibbey.

He replied that he was, and they began to talk together.

In the course of the conversation the officers said, "You're all right. Piper is all right. All you Zion Elders who have come here are all right except the two who got out because they were afraid" (referring to two officers of the Church who had been removed for cowardice and disobedience).

All good men, all courageous men, all the world, and even the Devil hate a coward.

On Lord's Day, December 16, 1900, Rev. J. C. Reiff, Elder in-Charge of the Branch of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion at Toledo, Ohio, who had been the first Zion Elder to visit Mansfield unmolested since the beginning of the persecution, again went there to hold meetings.

He reported, by telegram, in the afternoon, that he had held two good meetings with all quiet, closing with the two significant words, "Zion encouraged."

#### Zion in Central New York.

Overseer George L. Mason's Tour.

Overseer Mason's recent meetings helped the faith and courage of friends in Zion in various cities and towns.

He sends us the following very bright and interesting report of conditions in the places he visited, of the work which faithful Zion Gatherings are doing, and of the meetings held during his visitation:

It was impossible to visit all the places where there are groups of Zion people.

At Maryland, Otsego County, midway between Albany and Binghamton, Leonard A. Dibble, a young preacher, assisted by the zealous Green brothers, also members of Zion, has been teaching Christian Catholic truth to a good congregation meeting regularly in one of the old deserted meeting-houses in the village.

There have been conversions and healings, and the young men have sold hundreds of copies of LEAVES OF HEALING.

It was a joy to speak to many hearers, although it was on a very rainy Monday evening.

In Binghamton the meetings were held in the W. C. T. U. Hall. A Presbyterian preacher induced some of the ladies to try to back out of their agreement to hire us the hall. But C. J. Cook, the Conductor, had wisely paid for the hall, and the Devil was defeated.

In the meetings in Binghamton and Ithaca, Mr. Dibble was very helpful to us in singing and in testimony.

The Binghamton Gathering meets at 3 P. M. Lord's Day, with Mr. and Mrs. Pike, 37 Broom Street.

Ithaca, the seat of Cornell University, is full of unbelief and vice. The majority of the students smoke, hundreds of them drink rum, and many of them are fornicators.

Intellect is the popular god.

A pure Christian character is not required in the teachers.

The cold-storage churches, with preachers dying of propriety and in abject fear of Secretism, do not save the throngs of young men and women from perdition.

Thank God for the earnest Zion band in Ithaca, led by the faithful Conductor, D. W. Fish.

Our meetings were in his home. The power of God was manifest.

Two of those receiving Triune Immersion were opposed by foes in their

own households, who said that they wished they would drown in the Baptism! George Markell's bold, blunt testimony that the Devil is in the hog has led scores of people, not yet members of Zion, to give up eating the flesh of the unspeakable pig.

The regular Zion meetings in Ithaca are held with D. W. Fish, 107 Fourth Street, Lord's Day, at 2:30 P. M., and Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The growing interest in Central New York needs the help of a resident Deacon or Elder.

Bluff Point, Yates County, was the next place visited. Here Frank Purdy and Mrs. Purdy and the two other faithful ones are bravely bearing up the Full Gospel Standard amid much opposition.

In Hornellsville, heavy rains on Lord's Day and Monday kept some from the meetings, yet the attendance was good.

On Tuesday, despite the cold, the Zion Message, both afternoon and evening, was spoken, not only in the hall, but in the open air on the street in song and testimony.

Several joyfully obeyed in Triune Immersion and applied for membership, thus rewarding the labor of love of the Conductor, Mrs. C. H. Osborn (19 State Street), and of her family and other earnest workers.

The regular meetings in Hornellsville are Lord's Day, 3:30 P. M., in Good Templars' Hall, and at 7:30 Thursday evening, at Mr. Taylor's, 65 Maple Street.

Let the bands in these several New York towns cultivate acquaintance through correspondence, visits, and, above all, through mutual prayer for each other. Zion work is one.

In your prayer meetings often name the Gatherings and the friends in other towns.

Let Zion in New York State pray often for unhappy China.

#### Bradford, Pennsylvania.

Burnett S. Love, Conductor of the Gathering of the Friends of Zion in Bradford, Pennsylvania, gives the following brief but significant account of the blessing which God gave His people in that place on the occasion of Overseer George L. Mason's recent visit:

Overseer George L. Mason was with us Sunday and Monday, December 2d and 3d.

We had a grand time.

The daily papers gave us some free advertising as a result of the meetings on Sunday.

The Devil was aroused somewhat.

Five were baptized, three children were consecrated and over forty Christians partook of the Lord's Supper.

Hands were laid in prayer upon over thirty.

There was a good attendance at each service.

All members were quickened.

Zion is Going Forward in Bradford.

#### Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

Deacon John G. Lake, in Charge.

Elder Daniel Bryant, in charge of the Branch of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion at Marinette, Wisconsin, recently held a mission at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, which was attended with great blessing.

Deacon John G. Lake, who is the Conductor of the Gathering of the Friends of Zion in that place, writes enthusiastically of the mission and of the progress which Zion in Sault Ste. Marie is making. He says:

I write to tell of Elder Bryant's mission and how wonderfully God has blessed his ministry among us.

Sinners have been saved, and our people have been drawn nearer to God.

There were two splendid healings in answer to Elder Bryant's prayers.

Five applications for membership have been received, which I enclose. Zion has been built up.

Christ is enthroned in all our hearts.

Zion's Seventies have been reorganized. We have gone to work.

We have increased our LEAVES OF HEALING order to 150 copies per week. We thought "The Story of a Nickel" was good enough to inspire us to use an extra fifty copies of LEAVES OF HEALING.

Zion in Sault Ste. Marie has received more applications for membership during the year than any Church in the city.

Our Messenger, Miss Nellie J. Mitchell, has been transferred to Oconto, Wisconsin, with instructions to get the Zion sheep together.

Miss Mitchell is a hustler. The Devil hates her, praise the Lord. He hates all Zion.

We rejoice with you over victory in Mansfield.

We rejoice in advance over the victory which will come to Elder Brooks in British Columbia.

We rejoice for victory in Europe under the General Overseer's banner.

We believe that Zion will conquer the earth.

One team of Zion Saloon Seventies has sold 1000 copies of LEAVES OF HEALING in three months.

We have a very nice little hall, which will seat 100. We made our own seats, did our own electric light wiring and have a signwriter who has made us some beautiful signs to announce our meetings.

We are going to pray for an Elder. We need one and we are going to keep on praying till we get one.

In the meantime we are going to keep on fighting.

God bless Zion everywhere.

#### Cambridge, Ohio.

Overseer George L. Mason visited the Gathering of the Friends of Zion in Cambridge, Ohio, on Saturday and Sunday, December 15 and 16, 1900.

Mr. W. M. Suitt, Conductor of the Gathering, thus tells of the blessing which God gave in the meetings held:

As the result of Overseer Mason's visit, Zion in Cambridge has been wonderfully quickened and encouraged.

The meetings were very well attended. The meeting in the evening at the hall brought out 150.

The Overseer's subject, "Christ Manifest to Destroy the Works of the Devil," was a wonderful message. He spoke for nearly two hours, holding the earnest attention of the audience, which was largely made up of lodge men.

He pointed out the great sin in using tobacco, and exposed the murderous oaths of Freemasonry, calling them to repent and come out and be separate.

Those present could not help seeing the truth as he made it plain.

The Secret Society Devil is stirred up here and is doing some wholesale lying; but Zion only laughs and goes forward as usual.

#### Zion in Providence, Rhode Island.

The regular meetings are held every Sunday afternoon at the home of Bert C. Lee, 367 Friendship Street. The leader of the band is Walter Jones, 497 Washington Street.

The meetings of Overseer Mason were held in the Franklin Society Hall.

Providence is cursed with Baal-worship in myriad forms, and the Christian people are split up into more than the usual number of sects and go-as-you-please movements which do not move.

Let Zion pray for the Providence friends, that they may present the pure Gospel in its fulness and authority to the self-satisfied people.

#### To Teachers.

We desire to register the names of teachers who may wish to teach in our Junior Schools. None need apply except *experienced* ones, who are members of the Christian Catholic Church, and who have first-class credentials, testimonials of successful work, etc., to accompany their applications.

Each applicant must be ready to pass examination in each of the following branches: Reading; Writing; Spelling; Arithmetic; Grammar; Geography; Physiology, including the evil effects of drugs; United States History, and Bible Study.

In your application state (a) your age; (b) married, single, or widowed; (c) amount of experience; (d) kind of school taught; (e) when can you accept a call to Zion work?

Applicants must be willing to go where sent.

Address Superintendent John H. Sayrs, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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THE

# General Overseer's Return TO CHICAGO.

## RECEPTION OF WELCOME

AT CENTRAL ZION TABERNACLE

1621-1633 Michigan Avenue

Thursday, January 17, 1901

### Addresses of Welcome

Will be made by the Heads of Departments in Zion. The General Overseer will respond. Admission by ticket only.

### Lord's Day Morning, January 20, 1901

The General Overseer will conduct the meeting at Central Zion Tabernacle, at 11 o'clock. Admission by ticket only.

### Lord's Day Afternoon, January 20, 1901

The General Overseer will address

## A Grand Public Meeting in the COLISEUM

At 3 O'Clock

This great building is situated on Wabash Avenue, between Fourteenth and Sixteenth Streets. It contains chairs for eight thousand persons.

The services will open with a **Processional by One Hundred Robed Officers, and Zion's White-Robed Choir**, increased to 250 voices.

All welcome. All seats free. Free-will offering.

### Lord's Day Evening, January 20, 1901

The General Overseer will meet members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion and Christian friends at the Communion of the Lord's Supper in Central Zion Tabernacle, at 8 o'clock. Admission by ticket only.

## TICKETS

For the above services in Central Zion Tabernacle can be obtained free, by members and friends of Zion, on and after Lord's Day, January 6th, at the following places:

Central Zion Tabernacle, Zion Publishing House, Zion City Bank, and at the other Zion Tabernacles in the city.

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BY DEACON H. WORTHINGTON JUDD.

FOR JEHOVAH hath comforted Zion: He hath comforted all her waste places, and hath made her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.—Isaiah 51:3.

ZION can give thanks and praise to Almighty God, who has brought great comfort, joy and gladness to the hearts of thousands of His courageous people during the year just closing.

IN SPITE of the bitter antagonism of her enemies (who were controlled by the Devil), she has kept valiantly forging onward, gathering in the trophies of triumph and victory which her enemies have been compelled to surrender and abandon in their retreat.

ONWARD, ZION! Strong in battle!  
Rouse ye! in the Name of God!  
Christ your Captain leads to conquer,  
His power will crush the oppressor's rod.  
Onward then! Be brave!  
Our King will conquer!  
Our God will save!

IT IS THE reproach, the revilings of men that keep men and women back from the truth of God which Zion is proclaiming. They are afraid of these whispering automatons, the "they says." But listen to what God says:

Hearken unto Me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is My law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye dismayed at their revilings. For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool.

WHY SHOULD there be any doubt in Zion, especially in the minds of those who know righteousness and in whose hearts is God's love? Why should any shrink from doing their whole duty by retaining their investments with those in the world who have no interest whatever in the promulgation of the Full Gospel and the establishment of the Kingdom of God?

BUT A FEW weeks remain before the General Overseer will return and announce to the world the Opening of the Gates of Zion City, and Zion Land and Investment Association will begin sending out the subdivided plats of the land to the shareholders, with the prices marked thereon.

SHAREHOLDERS only are to have the first choice in the selection of lots, and after they have made their selections the price of the remaining lots will be advanced and will continue to advance from time to time as improvements are made on the surrounding property.

IT IS THE EARNEST desire of the General Overseer that the members of the Christian Catholic Church, especially, shall receive the benefits to be derived from the increase in value of

these beautiful lots, which are bound to be in great demand as soon as they are placed in the market.

IT BEHOOVES not only every member of the Christian Catholic Church, but every true child in God's Zion throughout the world, to respond quickly if there is a desire in their hearts either to locate in, or see the early establishment of a true, clean and enterprising modern Christian City, wherein God Himself shall rule and reign.

IF ANY HAVE money to invest and have failed to receive one of the letters recently sent to all of the members of Zion by Zion Land and Investment Association, write at once and one will be forwarded to you, including our new pamphlet entitled "Zion City in Prospect and Consummation." The Articles of Agreement between the General Overseer and each shareholder will also be mailed if desired.

LESS THAN one year has elapsed since Zion announced to the world the location of Zion City, and God has enabled us to expend tens of thousands of dollars during that period in improvements upon the land. There are now in course of construction the factory buildings wherein Zion will manufacture, under the direction of Deacon Samuel Stevenson and his corps of experts, the unexcelled Nottingham laces.

IF YOU FEEL you have all you care to invest in the stock of the Land Association, send in your application for stock in Zion Lace Industries or Zion City Bank, which are not only safe investments, but profitable ones as well.

THE FOLLOWING is a list of buildings and other improvements at Zion City which are completed or in process of construction:

Zion Lace Industries Home;	Zion General Store;
Zion Planing Mill;	Zion Workingmen's Home;
Zion Freight Warehouse;	Zion Observatory,
Zion Passenger Station;	Zion Freight Depot,
Zion Artesian Well;	Sidetracks, Roadways, etc.;
Zion Speakers' Stand in Temple Grove;	
Zion Drainage Channel (one mile long);	
Zion Lace Industries Building.	

APPLICANTS for employment must not come on until sent for, or notice is officially given them either through this paper or THE COMING CITY.

SUBSCRIBE FOR THE COMING CITY, which furnishes all the news concerning the progress of the work at Zion City, and much other valuable information which God's people ought to know.

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BY REV. O. L. TINDALL, M. A., B. D., PRINCIPAL MINISTERIAL DEPARTMENT.

ZION students and instructors will appreciate the respite from their books for two weeks during the holidays, from December 22d till January 7th. We trust all will come back to their work refreshed and strengthened.

WE ARE rejoicing in a new Home added to the College. The three stories and basement building at 1245 Michigan Avenue has been rented for Zion College purposes. In the basement will be the Zion Laundry for all Zion students. There students can have their washing done at a very reasonable rate.

This will be the beginning, in this department, of the principle of cooperation which Zion expects to work out and give to the world, an object lesson of how to do business in a Christian way, so that the strong shall help the weak.

On the first floor will be the Central Junior Schools. The accommodations are a great improvement on what they have had.

It has been necessary to add a new teacher for this school. Miss Nancy Starratt, of Toronto, Canada, has been appointed to the place. Miss Starratt has had much experience in teaching, and, what is better, she knows God and His Son as her Saviour and Healer, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Her picture and testimony can be seen in LEAVES OF HEALING of December 8, 1900.

WHAT A BLESSING to the little ones to have as their instructors those who will teach them a Full Gospel, both by precept and example. Here lies the hope of the world. Solomon told the truth if he did not always live it.

Train up a child in the way he should go,  
And even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Solomon's training was not what it should have been. There were too many mothers in that home, for one thing. The examples around him were not always the most savory.

ON THE SECOND FLOOR will be the Musical Department. Several pianos are in the rooms for the use of the students for lessons and practice.

The Musical Department is doing most excellent work, as was evidenced by those who had an opportunity to listen to the recital on Tuesday evening, the 11th inst., given by some of the pupils under Miss McFarland's instruction.

They showed the results of their careful and efficient training of one term of lessons.

Our much appreciated Conductor Rice has, we believe, the largest and most remarkable regular church choir in the world, and is soon to be reënforced by a young girls' chorus of fifty voices. Whereunto this thing will grow no one can tell. We believe our General Overseer's prophecy will be fulfilled when he said, "In Zion Temple we will have a thousand tongues to sing our Great Redeemer's praise in Zion Choir."

The Conductor is to have a room where he can give lessons in voice culture.

Our young people should avail themselves of this privilege. What can be more helpful to stir men's sluggish spirits to praise and love than music?

THE THIRD FLOOR is for students. In the three Students' Homes and a Home for the teachers we can now accommodate the most of Zion College with good Christian homes at very low terms.

THE AFTERNOON popular lectures at 2 o'clock are much appreciated by the students and friends. Overseer Piper has been giving some very practical talks on many subjects. In connection with his lectures, opportunity is given for questions to be handed in by the students, which the Overseer answers in his own inimitable way.

Deacon Barnard, who has had many years' experience in banking, has given the students some very practical talks on the subject. Robert T. Aiston, D. D. S., one of our Zion dentists, has given some talks on the care of the teeth.

A YOUNG MAN writes us that he wants to come to Zion College. He says he would be willing to shovel coal to pay his way. This comes from a young man who has finished a high school course and is nearly through a university course.

He is afraid he will be dried up entirely in his spiritual life if he continues any longer in the valley of dry bones. He writes:

After being so thoroughly saturated with Zion teaching, the work in a worldly university has become so odious to me that it is impossible for me to continue any longer in this form of apostasy and retain what I have gained.

WE ARE ALL looking forward with much interest to the homecoming of our beloved President. We are praying constantly for his prosperity and safe return, and rejoicing in his wonderful victories through Him whose birth we now commemorate in these closing days of the Nineteenth Century.

Before the close of the next century we will, no doubt, see the Coming of our King, to reign on the earth for a thousand years.

Our Christmastime will then be turned into a jubilee.

May He be enthroned in all our lives now, and in our homes and in our Zion College.

WE TRUST Zion students and teachers will take a share in the work of getting new subscribers for LEAVES OF HEALING during their holidays.

What can be a better Christmas present or New Year's gift than a subscription for ten weeks for the small sum of twenty-five cents?

We hope no Zion Student will fail to furnish at least one new name to swell the list. They may then be able to tell a "Story of Half a Nickel."





REV. F. A. GRAVES, SUPERINTENDENT.

### CHRISTMAS CAROL.

F. A. GRAVES.

Luke 2: 14.

Norwegian Melody.

1. Hark, the heav'nly voices sing Glo - ry to a Saviour king.  
 2. Why should Jesus come to earth, Tak ing such an humble birth  
 3. Said the shepherds, wond'ring men: Let us go to Beth-le-hem.  
 4. Then to worship Prince of Peace Came the wise men from the east.  
 5. What does Je-sus ask of me? Free-will offering it must be.

Duet.

Glad ho-san-nas sang the angels; O, how precious was the message:  
 In a manger as a stranger, Come so low-ly yet so ho-ly,  
 There they found Him in a manger, Found the blessed lit-tle stranger;  
 Myrrh and gold and some frankincense All had brought him, costly presents;  
 All my heart and all my powers, All my days and all my hours.

Peace on earth, good will tow'rd men, Peace on earth, good will tow'rd men!  
 Come to set His people free, Come to set His peop-le free?  
 He, the Saviour of the world, He, the Saviour of the world,  
 Gifts of love were all of these, Gifts of love were all of these.  
 Here I give my-self to thee, Here I give my-self to thee.

AND THE ANGEL said unto them, Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people: for there is born to you this day in the City of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And sudd-nly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest,

And on earth peace among men in whom He is well pleased.

Thou shalt call His Name Jesus; for it is He that shall save His people from their sins.

And shall call His Name IMMANUEL, which is, being interpreted, God with us.

And His Name shall be called WONDERFUL, COUNSELLOR, MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE.

Cry aloud and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.—Isaiah 12:6.

What then shall one answer the Messengers of the nation? That the Lord hath founded Zion, and in her shall the afflicted of His people take refuge.—Isaiah 14: 32.

Surely Zion can say, "Great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee."

How many over this broad land are rejoicing in the Living Saviour? And we are so glad that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yea and forever."

We have been studying during the past year of the life of this Jesus who is sung about all over the land today.

How many of the Juniors remember the eight things which we learned about during the Silent Years?

His Birth;

His Visit from the Shepherds;

His Name;

His Presentation in the Temple;

His Visit from the Wise Men;

His Flight into Egypt;

His Return to Nazareth;

His Visit to the Temple and talk with doctors of the law.

While we read "for He shall save His people from their sins," we also read in Matthew 8:17: "Himself took our infirmities, and bare our diseases."

Many hundreds of Juniors are living today who can testify that God has not only saved them from their sins, but also their sicknesses.

Let us trust this same Jesus this coming year, for He hath said:

I will not fail thee nor forsake thee.

**C**H RISTMAS time has come again,  
 Peace on earth, good will to men.

**H**OW the words still ring on earth,  
 Since the day of Jesus' birth.

**R**ING, ye bells, sound out the strain;  
 Christmas time has come again.

**I**N a manger then He came;

Jesus was His blessed Name.

**S**AVIOUR He had come to be,

Found a home in Galilee.

**T**HIRTY years in humble work,

Never once was known to shirk.

**M**ARY, mother of this man,

Did her part in God's great plan.

**A**ND we know today He lives,

Heals the sick, and sins forgives.

**S**ING, O earth, in joyful strain,

Christmas time has come again.

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**ZION'S BIBLE CLASS.**

CONDUCTED BY DEACON DANIEL SLOAN.

MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS LESSON, JANUARY 9th or 10th.

**Happy-Heartedness.**

1. *It is impossible without a conscious knowledge of God.*—Psalm 144:7-15.  
Is everything you have in God's hands?  
Is God taking care of every family relation?  
Has He supreme charge of all your business affairs?
2. *Many persons are called happy who know nothing of happiness.*—Malachi 3:13-17.  
Is the man happy who has plenty to eat and wear?  
Is the man happy who owns wealth and estates?  
Is the man happy who shines among many admirers?
3. *It rests in the conviction that when right, nothing can harm one.*—1 Peter 3:13-17.  
Can persecution ever injure one?  
Can malicious falsehood injure one?  
Can the opposition of an evil generation injure one?
4. *He who through unselfishness lives to do no one harm, directly or indirectly, is happy.*—Romans 14:12-23.  
How far reaching is influence?  
How much does one person imitate another?  
How far shall appetite and desire be controlled?
5. *He who has learned the secret of getting help from God is happy.*—Psalm 146:1-10.  
How much is God willing to do for one?  
When does God surely help?  
When should we begin to thank Him for what He will do?
6. *He who seeks until he finds the wisdom from above is happy.*—Proverbs 3:13-20.  
Is one ever in perplexity who has Divine Wisdom?  
How does the man progress who has it?  
Recount the blessings which come from it.
7. *He who trusts not in himself or his achievements, but in what God is and does, is happy.*—Proverbs 16:20-26.  
When a man trusts self, what does he become?  
When in God only is the trust, what then?  
How sweet is the conduct of a happy man?
8. *He who shows mercy to the needy and lives for others is happy.*—Proverbs 14:15-28.  
How does God give to him who withholds mercy?  
Is a person to give to everybody who tells a tale of hardship?  
For whom are we to live?  
*The Lord Our God is a Happiness-Bestowing God.*

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS LESSON, JANUARY 13th.

**The Health of Cheerfulness.**

1. *The face tells the story of the work of sin.*—Isaiah 3:9-11.  
Do not impure food and intoxicants mark the face?  
Do lustful thoughts and sensuality disfigure the face?  
Do low spirits and loss of vitality pale the face?
2. *A happy countenance is contagious in others.*—Proverbs 27:15-24.  
Does a trouble-faced mother make spoiled-faced children?  
When you look into a cheerful face, what do you get?  
Why should we cultivate a cheerful countenance?
3. *The heart must be right before a happy countenance is permanent.*—Proverbs 15:8-15.  
What man gets the most out of life?  
Must not a smile come from the heart?  
Should not a person be happy, even when reproved?
4. *A man who does not know God in blessed relations is wise-faced.*—Ecclesiastes 8:1-5.  
Does not ignorance spoil every blessed relation in life?  
Can we be untrue to obligations and be happy?  
Cannot a happy face become permanently marked?
5. *God's face shining on ours will cause ours to shine on others.*—Psalm 67:1-7.  
Can God smile on us when we disobey Him?  
Does not God's smile fill the body with health?  
Are we happy when enjoying God's restored health?
6. *God has done enough to drive every cloud from every face.*—Psalm 104:10-24.  
Why should we think of the Water of Life God gives?  
Is it helpful to think of life in visible forms of expressions?  
What comes from thinking of the variations and changes God has ordered?
7. *Some think good cheer depends upon having comfortable surroundings.*—Proverbs 17:1-8.  
Are banquet halls happiness-producing places?  
Should we laugh at those who have little?  
Is being poor an excuse for not being all God would have you be?
8. *God's grace in the heart makes a joyful face whatever occurs.*—Hebrews 3:7-19.  
Does the man who gets joy from God have to go to others for it?  
Can one have the fruit of the spirit without joy?  
What does God's Elijah always get, and why?  
*God's Holy People are a Happy-Faced People.*

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Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle from March 14, 1897, to December, 14, 1900, by the General Overseer.....	4339	
Baptized by Elders, Evangelists and Deacons.....	1769	
Total Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle.....		6108
Baptized in places outside of Chicago by the General Overseer.....	311	
Baptized in places outside of Chicago by Elders, Evangelists and Deacons.....	2258	
Total Baptized outside of Chicago.....		2579
Total Baptized in three years and nine months.....		8687
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder McClurkin.....	15	15
Total Baptized since March 14, 1897.....		8702

The following-named fifteen believers were baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle, Chicago, Illinois, Wednesday evening, December 19, 1900, by Elder A. W. McClurkin:

Bogby, Mrs. Anna.....	Rush Center, Kansas
Borning, Mrs. Minnie.....	509 Wellington Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Glenn, Master Arthur.....	1314 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Hughes, A. G.....	Dixon, Illinois
Kellermann, Mrs. Reika.....	1028 Irving Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
McDaniel, Isaac.....	399 East Forty-sixth Street, Chicago, Illinois
McDonald, F. H.....	2256 State Street, Chicago, Illinois
McDonald, Mrs. Jennie.....	2256 State Street, Chicago, Illinois
Mewes, Mrs. Minnie.....	1097 West Nineteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois
Moody, Master Hubert.....	16 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois
Rogers, Miss Birdie Ethel.....	236 Burling Street, Chicago, Illinois
Roy, Mrs. Isabella.....	535 Burling Street, Chicago, Illinois
Schloen, Miss Emma.....	229 Mohawk Street, Chicago, Illinois
Stewart, James C.....	Bloomington, Illinois
Werner, Miss Rosie.....	237 Mohawk Street, Chicago, Illinois

The following-named three believers were baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle, Wednesday evening, December 12, 1900, by Deacon W. S. Peckham:

Fox, Walter.....	2008 La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois
Fox, Master Elmer John.....	2008 La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois
Nachtway, Mrs. Annie B.....	789 South Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois

The following ten believers were baptized in the Ohio River, at Sistersville, West Virginia, Wednesday and Thursday, December 12 and 13, 1900, by Overseer George L. Mason:

Boyd, Mrs. Marie.....	Sistersville, West Virginia
Bumpus, Mrs. Adelaide.....	St. Mary's, West Virginia
Cosper, G. W.....	Sistersville, West Virginia
Griffith, J. R.....	St. Mary's, West Virginia
Griffith, Mrs. J. R.....	St. Mary's, West Virginia
Kennedy, Mrs. Alice.....	Sistersville, West Virginia
Lamoreaux, A. A.....	St. Mary's, West Virginia
Lamoreaux, Mrs. A. A.....	St. Mary's, West Virginia
Lawrence, Miss Lela.....	St. Mary's, West Virginia
Mowrey, G. A.....	St. Mary's, West Virginia

The following-named six believers were baptized in Jackson's Run, at Warren, Pennsylvania, Thursday, December 6, 1900, by Overseer George L. Mason:

Anderson, Mrs. Thilda L.....	Falconer, New York
Baker, James.....	Riceville, Pennsylvania
Baker, Mrs. James.....	Riceville, Pennsylvania
Baker, Miss Kate G.....	Warren, Pennsylvania
Carpenter, Rev. De Witt M.....	Cochranon, Pennsylvania
Meeks, Mrs. Sarah A.....	Titusville, Pennsylvania

The following-named believer was baptized at Cleveland, Ohio, Lord's Day, December 9, 1900, by Elder R. N. Bouck:

Uhl, Mary L. Nita.....	Cleveland, Ohio
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**Notice.**

Shareholders in Zion Land and Investment Association, Zion City Bank or Zion Lace Industries should notify the officers of the respective Industries at once of any recent change in their addresses.

**All-Night Assemblies With God in Zion.**

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**1900-1901.**

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ZION is looking forward with great joy to the coming All-Night with God in Central Zion Tabernacle, at the end of the Nineteenth Century and the dawn of the Twentieth Century. Her General Overseer will be conducting All-Night Assemblies with God in London on that night, but he will be present in the meeting in Chicago in spirit.

All who love God and Zion are invited to attend.

We quote the following from the General Overseer's call to the All-Night Meeting of 1899-1900:

It gives me joy to say, in His Name:

“Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord; “And He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His

Paths:

“For out of Zion shall go forth Instruction.”

Prepare your hearts for a blessing.

Let all evil be repented of and put away.

Purity is the Grace which is waiting to bless thee at the Door of the New Year.

“Bring a blessing, and you will get a still greater blessing.”

“The pure in heart shall see God.”

“All things are now ready.”

Come: for the feast is spread.

All Heaven attends at God's command to bless you in spirit, soul and body, for time, and for eternity.

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**Monday, December 31, 1900—Tuesday, January 1, 1901.**

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9:00 p. m.—Preliminary Prayer and Praise Exercises of All-Night with God.

10:00 p. m.—Opening Exercises, with Anthem by Zion's White-robed Choir of 150 Voices.

11:00 p. m.—Sermon: “The End and the Beginning,” by Rev. W. Hamner Piper, Overseer-at-Large of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

11:30 p. m.—Communion of the Lord's Supper. Century-closing Hymn.

General Greeting and Handshaking.

Hymn by Choir and Congregation—“Go Forward! O Zion.”

Distribution of Cards with Motto for 1901.

Adjournment for Refreshments in Refectory for one hour.

2:00 a. m.—Prayer for General Overseer and Party and all Europe.

2:30 a. m.—Prayer for Zion City and Lace Industries.

3:00 a. m.—Prayer for Zion in Chicago and her Institutions.

3:30 a. m.—Prayer for Zion in China and Australasia.

4:00 a. m.—Prayer for Sinful, Sick and Sorrowing who have sent in request, and who will then make request.

5:00 a. m.—Questions and Answers.

6:00 a. m.—Closing Prayers and Praises.

Hymns by Choir and Congregation.

He sendeth His word



and healeth them.

# LEAVES OF HEALING

I am the Lord that healeth thee.

And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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## GOD'S WITNESSES TO DIVINE HEALING.

MIRACULOUSLY HEALED OF INTERNAL DISEASE, HEART TROUBLE, AND NERVOUS PROSTRATION.

MY WORD . . . SHALL NOT RETURN UNTO ME VOID, BUT IT SHALL ACCOMPLISH THAT WHICH I PLEASE, AND SHALL PROSPER IN THE THING WHERE TO I SENT IT.

A little bit of torn, soiled paper, blown about the streets, attracted the attention of a child.

He carried it home, and gave it to his mother.

That bit of paper has been used of God to change the entire course of many lives, for time and for Eternity.

It has brought the unspeakable blessings of Salvation, Healing and Cleansing, through Jesus Christ the Son of God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to many who were wandering in the dark ways of sin and sickness.

It has made happy many homes where all was dark before.

And its Story is only begun.

Time will see it grow more and more beautiful; Eternity only will see its consummation.

That bit of paper was a torn piece of Zion Literature.

It was brought to the woman whose bright and happy face smiles out from this page

It found her in the deepest distress of spirit, far away from home and mother, in a strange

land. It found her terribly tortured by many foul diseases.

She had internal trouble which caused her ceaseless pain.

She had undergone the merciless butchery of a surgical operation in the vain hope of finding relief, but was nothing bettered. Her physician told her that her only hope of recovery was another operation.

But her heart was too weak to endure another such ordeal. Hence she must suffer on, humanly speaking, without hope.

She was also racked by the nameless miseries of nervous prostration.

Almost in despair, she ignorantly blamed God for all her troubles.

Hope came into her weary heart through that bit of paper.

It told her that God was her loving Father, and that He was more willing that she should be well and happy than any earthly father could be.

She resolved to attend the services then being held in Zion Tabernacle No. 1.

She went, and heard Mrs. Dowie tell of God's love and power.

That Message, so sweetly and so lovingly told, touched her rebellious heart, and she found peace for her spirit.

When Mrs. Dowie prayed for her, with laying on of



MRS. ROSA PEETZ.

hands, she received a great physical blessing, and immediately began to grow stronger.

Soon after she was given strength to have removed a surgical appliance without which she had been unable to walk.

She went to Zion Tabernacle again the next day.

She heard the wonderful Message which God had sent by His Messenger, John Alexander Dowie.

She heard that her diseases were all the work of the Devil. She heard that Jesus came to destroy the works of the Devil.

She heard that God had said, "I am the Lord that healeth thee."

She heard that He had said, "I am the Lord, I change not."

She heard that Jesus, who "went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the Devil," was with us still, according to His promise, and was "the same yesterday and today, yea and forever."

She believed that message.

She arose at the close with the words trembling upon her lips:

"My God and Father, in Jesus' Name, I come to Thee.

"Take me as I am, and make me what I ought to be, in spirit, in soul, in body, by Thy Spirit's Power.

"Help me to repent of all my sins; to confess to all whom I have wronged; to restore all in my power to any whom I may have defrauded.

"Forgive my sins and heal my sicknesses, for Jesus' sake."

As she spoke the words she was instantly, miraculously and perfectly healed.

She distinctly felt the wonderful work of God being done in her body.

Her healing was so wonderful and so perfect that even her physician, upon examining her, the next day, exclaimed, "A miracle is done!"

Six years have passed since then, and she still remains well, strong and happy.

During those six years, she has faithfully witnessed for God to the wonderful things He has done for her.

She wrote her testimony to her mother in far-away Germany.

Through that testimony and the prayer of faith of the General Overseer, her mother was instantly and perfectly healed when given up to die of catarrh of the stomach.

She told the Story of God's love and what He had done in her to her cousin, Mr. Carl F. Stern, a dying drunkard, who had sounded the deepest depths of sin.

The Holy Spirit blessed that Story to him and he was led to Zion Tabernacle No. 2, where he was saved, healed and cleansed.

He is now working for God as the trusted personal attendant of the General Overseer.

He has been untiring in telling the glad tidings as he has gone about among men.

His testimony has been greatly blessed to the salvation and healing of many, his own aged father and mother among the number.

All these, in turn, are going forth giving their testimonies, and God is blessing them to others.

So the work of that little bit of paper goes on in ever-widening circles.

The Little White Dove now carries its Story, multiplied by thousands upon thousands, to every land beneath the sun.

Through it may thousands, now in the hell-forged bonds of sin and sickness, realize the blessed truth which shall make them free.

May they be led, by His Spirit, to make Repentance, Confession and Restitution, and by obeying God's Word show Him that they trust Him.

May they cry to Him to make them what they ought to be in spirit, in soul and in body.

His promise cannot fail.

He is no respecter of persons.

He longs to heal.

He will heal.

A. W. N.

#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF MRS. ROSA PEETZ.

741 NORTH WASHTENAW AVENUE, }  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, December 6, 1900. }

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—With a heart full of thanks to my God and Father, I write my testimony, believing that it may go forth for the Glory of God, to be a help to other poor women suffering as I did.

It was six years ago last summer, when I first heard of Dr. Dowie's Mission near Jackson Park.

A little boy, now grown up and in Zion Choir, found a piece of one of Dr. Dowie's tracts on the street when coming home from school. He picked it up, brought it home to his mamma, and she, knowing of my suffering, brought it upstairs to me to read.

I at once decided to go and find out all about it.

The following Sunday we went.

Mrs. Dowie led the meeting.

I, for the first time in my life, heard the Full Gospel preached.

I felt within me that that was the only place where I could be made whole again.

I can never forget Mrs. Dowie's words, full of love, which went straight to my heart.

I saw in God a different God, a living and loving Father.

I was sick for seven and a half years with internal troubles, caused by childbirth; displacement, heart trouble, nervous prostration and other ailments.

I had undergone an operation, but was not benefited by it.

My physician gave me to understand that I had to undergo another operation.

But I knew I could not stand it a second time, on account of the heart trouble and having to take an anesthetic.

The first time I went into the healing room, Mrs. Dowie prayed with the sick, and when she came to me and laid hands on me, I felt a hot stream like electricity going through my whole body.

From that moment I grew stronger.

One day after that it came to me to go to my physician and ask him to remove the instrument I had to wear internally; for without it I was unable to walk.

On Thursday, October 17, 1894, I went to my physician and asked him to remove the instrument.

After much persuasion he did so, but told me to lie down and not be on my feet, and in two days I should call again.

I suffered horrible pains that time. I said to him, "Yes, I will come again in two days."

I went home, hoping and praying that the next day, being Friday, when, it was announced, Dr. Dowie would pray with the sick, would bring deliverance to my poor, diseased body—and so it was.

Before I left home I knelt down and prayed that if Dr. Dowie were a man of God, I should receive a healing; and if not, I would rather keep my sickness.

After I was through praying, I opened my Bible and my eyes fell upon the fifteenth chapter of Matthew, which I read. Then I went, expecting help.

To my greatest surprise, Dr. Dowie's lesson for that afternoon was the fifteenth chapter of Matthew.

At the close of the sermon, when the Call for Consecration was given, I arose and repeated Dr. Dowie's prayer, clause by clause.

At that moment I received an instantaneous and perfect healing.

A voice in my heart seemed to say "fear not," and as I repeated the Prayer of Consecration I felt the diseased part returning to its normal position, and felt it being fastened there.

After this was done the Prayer of Consecration was over and I, by the Grace of God, was healed.

I was so tired after that, that I wished I could lie down and sleep for a few minutes.

When I reached home and told my husband and others of my healing, they would not believe me, but said it was imagination.

I cried out, "Oh, what shall I do?"

Then the thought came to me, "Tomorrow is Saturday and the second day when I promised to go to my physician. I will go. Maybe they will believe me after the doctor has seen me."

I could hardly wait till the time came when I should see my physician. How happy and glad I was!

When I entered his office he asked me how I was. I thanked him and told him that I was very well. He looked at me, not believing it, and said, "I will have to examine you." I said, "You can do so," thinking and praying in my heart that it should be only done for the glory of God.

He examined me, questioning: "You have no pain, no particle of a pain?"

"A miracle is done!"

"The organ is in its place and fastened.

"When did that happen?"

The inflammation and laceration were gone and I was as normal as if I never had been sick.

"Come again," he said; "I want to see if it lasts."

I did so.

Over six years have passed now and I am kept by the power of God.

Whenever I get sick or whenever there is trial or temptation, I go to my Heavenly Father, who has never failed to help and deliver me.

One thing more I wish to say, and that is concerning the great spiritual blessing which I received in the first meeting which I attended, led by Mrs. Dowie.

I was homesick and heartbroken.

I cannot tell all the agony I suffered.

I hated Chicago. I almost hated the people and was in despair, accusing God all the time for my being here, and crying out: "Why is it, that I had to leave all my loved ones and come to Chicago?"

When I heard Mrs. Dowie, I saw how wrongly I had accused God, and everything rolled away from my heart. I found in Him my Father, my mother, my brother, my All.

In closing my testimony, I thank God with all my heart for Zion, for our beloved General Overseer and his dear wife.

May God richly bless them and continue to use them in proclaiming the Full Gospel to every nation.

Thankfully and faithfully

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) ROSA PEETZ.

**TESTIMONY OF MRS. ANNA ARNETH, WRITTEN BY HER DAUGHTER, MRS. ROSA PEETZ.**

CHICAGO, December 7, 1900.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I wish to give thanks to God for my mamma's healing through the General Overseer's prayers.

Her name is Mrs. Anna Arneth, and she lives in Munchen (Munich), Bavaria, Germany.

She was sick for about twenty years with chronic catarrh of the stomach and bowels.

I received letters from my uncle and brother, telling me that they did not expect her to live.

She was not able to digest any food and could not sleep.

The physicians had given her up.

Knowing through letters about my wonderful healing, she asked me to tell the General Overseer about her sickness, and send in a request for prayer.

We set a day and a certain hour for prayer, making allowances for the difference in time between Chicago and Munich.

The General Overseer prayed here, and mamma, at the same time there, and received an instantaneous healing.

That very evening she could eat, digest her food, and sleep well.

This happened four years ago, and in a letter written to me a few days ago mother said that she was well and feels younger from day to day.

Some weeks ago she caught a heavy cold, but she trusted in God for deliverance and did not take any medicine.

She also says that she is praying for Dr. Dowie and this glorious work in Chicago.

Her heart's desire would be to see the General Overseer, who is used so much by God.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

(MRS.) ROSA PEETZ.

**Notice to Officers and Members of the Christian Catholic Church.**

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**Child Healed Instantly of Worm Fever.**

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REV. JOHN G. SPEICHER:

*Dear Brother in Christ:*—Myself and family received your kind letter saying that you had prayed for our child who was so very sick with worm fever.

We feel very grateful for the prayer you offered.

The child began to mend immediately, and by the next day was seemingly as well as ever. By evening he had gained most wonderfully, so that he slept at night as though he had not been sick.

Now he is one of the most playful of five.

We give God all the praise and glory.

We constantly remember Zion's Messengers and God's co-workers in our prayers.

May He wonderfully lead in all your plans and deliberations for the extension of Christ's Kingdom in all the earth.

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### GOD BLESSING CLOSING DAYS OF EUROPEAN MISSION.

**Paris Meetings Blessed. Large Meeting at Grimsby. New Officers Ordained. Large Number Received Into Fellowship. Zion Going Forward Everywhere Gloriously.**

AS THE General Overseer's Mission in Europe draws to its close, God is most gloriously pouring forth showers of blessing upon the work.

All Zion is looking forward to and praying for a great season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord at the closing meetings in London, from December 26, 1900, to January 1, 1901.

Especial manifestations of the Spirit's presence and power are Zion's expectations on the closing night of the Nineteenth Century and the dawning morning of the Twentieth Century.

Zion will pray in London with the General Overseer.

Zion will pray in Chicago, with Overseers and many Ordained Officers.

Zion in all the lands, and in the Islands of the Sea, even where only two or three are met together, or where only one faithful child of the Kingdom kneels, will pray in that midnight hour.

Already there is "the sound of abundance of rain."

The following cablegram from the General Overseer, read to the thousands in Central Zion Tabernacle on Lord's Day afternoon, December 23d, tells of the wondrous things God is doing, through His servant, in the Old World:

GRIMSBY, ENGLAND, December 23, 1900.

ZION, Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

Rejoice.

God blessed in Paris.

Arrived with wife and daughter in London, Thursday night.

Met with Zion there.

Preparation going forward for closing Mission in Bermondsey Town Hall, December 26th to January 1st.

Arrived Grimsby last night.

Began Mission, Town Hall, this morning.

Large meeting.

Ordained one Elder, two Deacons, two Deaconesses.

Received large number of members into fellowship, from Manchester, Doncaster, Nottingham, Grimsby, etc.

Zion going forward everywhere gloriously.

Hallelujah.

Pray for us.

Read last two verses of Bible:

(He which testifieth these things saith, Yea: I come quickly. Amen: come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with the saints. Amen.)

Mizpah.

DOWIE.

On Christmas Day, December 25, 1900, the following beautiful Christmas verse was received, by cable, from the General Overseer:

LONDON, December 25, 1900.

ZION, Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

From Babel and from Satan's seat

Come Christmas Crowns to Zion's King;

The Continents and Islands meet,

The angels' song again to sing:

To God the highest Glory;

His peace to men on earth,

The sweetest, oldest Story,

The sinless, holy Birth.

DOWIE.

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**ZION'S LITERATURE MISSION**  
BY DEACONESS SARAH E. HILL

YE WALKED according to the course of this world, according to the Prince of the Power of the Air, of the Spirit that now worketh in the sons of disobedience.—Ephesians 2:2.

THE following extract is from the letter of an English lady who attended the meetings held by the General Overseer in London. She writes:

I also think we are nearing the latter days.

I for one am praying that I may be accounted worthy to escape those things that are coming to pass upon the earth. May God grant it.

Unbelief, rebellion and defiance against God and His truth and rule is rampant here in England. Now that our General Overseer is preaching such a Full Salvation for spirit, soul and body, it seems as if a fresh consignment of demon spirits have been dispatched to London and taken possession of all classes of men and women.

The press, the medicals, the men in our pulpits and the so-called Christians in the pews, all seem to have gone mad against our General Overseer. But, then, it is not he, it is the truth he teaches; yea, the God who speaks through the man and denounces their sins.

May God have mercy on them.

What pains me most, is the professed Christians, the professed holiness people, circulating anything they can obtain, even from any half-penny paper, and stating it as if it had a "Thus saith the Lord"—while the lie is clearly seen in the statements.

We are more than conquerors through Him.

Pray for London.

On the day the General Overseer appeared in the Police Court against the medicals, I had the text from the Lord, "Surely the wrath of man shall praise Thee: the residue of wrath shalt Thou restrain."

On that day the riots began to subside.

A Mrs. Hurren read the dreadful lies in the *Daily Mail*.

This aroused her curiosity, so she came to see and hear for herself.

She was suffering from Bright's disease of eleven years' standing. You can doubtless conclude the rest.

She stayed. The General Overseer prayed. God answered, and she felt at once the Lord had touched her, and she is now healed.

Here the wrath of man was made to praise Him.

God has blessed, and Eternity alone will reveal how much.

Personally, I have many of God's truths in a new light.

May grace, mercy and peace be the cement to bind all Zion hearts together.

#### Zion Literature Helps a Man in India to Quit Drink and Tobacco.

A Christian worker in India writes to Overseer Piper:

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR:—I feel it my duty first to thank God and then Dr. Dowie for the good teaching and doctrine concerning salvation and healing.

My heart is so full of praise and thanks that I have no expression in words.

I am a native of India, belonging to the Congregational Church.

Believing that Christ was my Saviour only, I was doing the same bad things I did before, and saying every day that I was trying to lead a good life.

Thus I had not given up my bad habits and ways until I saw the good pamphlets and LEAVES OF HEALING, published by the Rev. Dr. Dowie.

I have been reading the LEAVES for more than ten months.

I have read the little books also.

I have given up my bad habits.

God, my Father, through Jesus Christ, helped me, and delivered me from tobacco, which I had been using for more than seventeen years.

I was a man addicted to drinking also.

I thank God from the bottom of my heart that the drinking, etc., is gone from me.

Really He has given me a sort of hatred to smoking and drinking.

I am glad to say that I am saved and healed from all my bad ways.

In my times of temptation God keeps me by His power and grace.

Pray for me and my family to grow in God's Grace more and more.

I am writing this letter with a great wish to become a member of Zion.

My wife has a great desire to be a member also.

We both trust God in our sicknesses and weaknesses that He will heal us and our children. We have no mind now to take any medicine, fully trusting in the Lord.

In this place there are a few members of the Christian Catholic Church.

By reading LEAVES OF HEALING I am growing in grace.

May God bless Dr. Dowie abundantly in his work, and God bless all in Zion Home who publish the things for man's salvation and healing.

Pray for me and send me LEAVES OF HEALING.

#### A Family in Africa Kept in Health by Trusting God.

The following letter was written by a mission worker in Africa to our General Overseer:

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

Dear Brother in Christ Jesus:—Your letter came safely to hand, a week or so ago. I have read and re-read it. It has made me think and search my heart very much.

Yes, I do believe that my repentance, confession and consecration are what they ought to be in God's sight.

I thank you for your kind interest in the welfare of my family and your prayers on behalf of the children.

I am thankful to say that since we have trusted ourselves and children fully to God for healing they never were in better health, blessed be God.

I must also acknowledge receipt of tracts and LEAVES OF HEALING for distribution.

The LEAVES have been a great blessing to us.

We thank God for the many wonderful cases of healing on record.

Pray for us.

I feel God is going to own our labors among these poor, dark-minded people in the healing of their diseases.

We have not up to this time prayed for any sick, but it is impressed upon my heart that I must do so.

I feel sure it is God who is leading. We have no one but God to lead or direct, for we are quite isolated from white people.

I am sure there will be great rejoicing the day that an officer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion lands in Natal.

May God hasten the time.

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14,876 Rolls to.....	Various States of the Union.
523 Rolls to.....	Hotels of the World.
153 Rolls to.....	India
130 Rolls to.....	Germany.
Number of Rolls for the week.....	15,682
Number of Rolls reported to December 22, 1900.....	864,249

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# CHEERING WORDS FROM ZION'S GUESTS

NOTES FROM ZION HOME

THE regular Praise and Testimony Meeting held in Zion Home, Saturday evening, December 15, 1900, was conducted by Overseer Piper.

After the usual opening exercises, the States represented were enumerated and found to be ten in number, as follows:

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

The following foreign countries were represented:

China, England, Ireland and Japan.

The meeting was then thrown open for testimony.

N. A. ROBINSON, Zion College, said: "This morning when I arose I had a severe pain in my neck. I asked for prayer in the Students' Home, and I praise God I have felt no symptoms after that.

"God has healed and has kept me. I feel to rejoice greatly in God for this present help. I am very glad to be in Zion. God does manifest His power over disease today when we trust in Him for it."

DEACONESS SARAH E. HILL, Zion Home, said: "The first winter that I was here I suffered a great deal with chapped hands; my hands would be raw and almost bleeding. I always used something on them, either vaseline or glycerine; not to heal them, but to soften them and protect them from the weather. I got to thinking that I had better not use anything and trust God. Now winter after winter my hands are in the same condition as in the summer. This week my hands have become a little chapped. I believe it is because I have not been praising God enough. I have not praised God enough for what He has done for me through Zion, and I find the more I count my blessings, the more God blesses me.

"I thank God for the wonderful healings which have taken place in this room. Many have come into this room seeking healing and they have gone away rejoicing in health."

ELDER EMMA K. MASON, Zion Home, said: "Thank God for the good news from China and Japan. Four applications for admission into the Christian Catholic Church in Zion have come from China from our own people; one who was my Bible woman for some time and one from a little girl who lived with us for six months. Letters have come from missionaries who are looking Zionward.

"I feel very thankful for these applications, with others. Our Chinese and Japanese people are accepting Christ as the Healer."

MRS. J. H. SAYRS, Zion Home, said: "I thank God for healing of a cold. God has healed me of many things which I have mentioned before. I was healed of writers' cramp about three years ago, about which I have never testified."

MRS. MARY BARR, Logansport, Indiana, said: "I thank God this evening that I am in Zion. It is two months since I came. I had very poor health. For two years we have tried the best doctors in Logansport. I have been suffering with terrible pains in my side. The Elders have prayed for me, and I have been getting better ever since the first week I came."

J. W. BARR, Logansport, Indiana, said: "I praise God tonight, especially for spiritual blessing received since coming here. When I came here I was totally deaf in my right ear, and had been for eight years. I have been wonderfully blessed, and I feel it a great joy to be in Zion."

MRS. CHARLES HOWE, 1425 Michigan Avenue, Chicago,

Illinois, said: "I have been suffering this week from a severe attack of neuralgia in my face and arms. The pain was very severe and it seemed that I must get up and fight the Devil. I walked back and forth and the promise came to me that His love was ever the same and it shall be done, and all at once the pain left me. I praise God for delivering me."

ATTORNEY DAVID COWAN, Zion Home, testified to his having received great blessing and to his being partially delivered from paralysis since coming to Zion Home.

DEACONESS SOPHIA J. HERTRICH, Zion Home, said: "I am so glad for the privilege of being again in Zion Home in this gathering. I do praise God for His goodness and His mercy to me while away from home. I praise Him for having answered prayer when a request was sent into Headquarters before the letter had time to reach the Home, and above everything else, I thank Him for His precious blessings in sowing the seed of the Full Gospel, even amid those who are bitterly opposed to the truth, and for the privilege of telling them something about Zion. I realize that some seeds have been sown which will bear fruit in the days to come.

"I praise God for Zion every day that I live. I praise Him for answering prayer this afternoon in visiting the sick here in Chicago."

DEACONESS H. E. ROBBINS, Zion Home, said: "Three weeks ago this evening, Overseer Speicher sent me to Pontiac, Illinois, to see a lady who has a cancer. Two doctors had given her up and said that she ought to be operated upon, but for six months she has been too weak to undergo it.

"I mentioned her case to several Zion people and asked them to pray for her, and we also prayed for her at our Gathering. She is very much better now. She can sleep well and eat well and suffers no pain, and she can sit up some every day. She has no other thought but that she is going to recover. We are glad and praise God.

"A nice gathering of thirty-two members, several of them living in the country, meets at Pontiac. Three places for weekly cottage meetings were established and good leaders put in charge. We also started some saloon work. We visited eight saloons in two nights, sold forty-nine copies of LEAVES OF HEALING, and distributed quite a bit of literature in business houses.

"I think it a grand field to work in. I feel as if I would like to be thirty-five years old and a Zion Elder. I think I could do wonderful work there. I could hardly give it up."

DEACON A. F. LEE, Zion Home, said: "I thank God for the blessings received in this room. I was just trying to think of some special blessing which I have cause to be thankful for. The greatest blessing I have had for the last two years is that I have been thoroughly kept. I well remember the first meeting I attended in this room. It was on a Sunday morning two years ago. The General Overseer took the services. We came with our doubts and we were full of doubts, but we listened to the words which were spoken. It seemed strange that we had been living so long in Chicago and had heard so little of this work.

"When Mrs. Lee came here, many of you will remember how ill she was, and how different she looked then from what she looks today. We were slow to get the whole of this teaching, but God has been gracious. We have such a large

field for labor in Zion, and God blesses us day by day. It seems to us that the longer we are in Zion, the more blessings we receive and the more cause we have for rejoicing."

ELDER F. A. GRAVES, Zion Home, said: "Thirteen years ago last week I gave up medicines. It seemed to be quite a big risk at that time. It was an untried road, but I can look back now over those thirteen years and thank God for His wonderful keeping power.

"I, too, am glad to be back in this room. It is nearly two years that I have spent in this room, more or less. Many changes have come during that time."

MISS MARGARET EINS, Detroit, Michigan, said: "I praise the Lord for what he has done for me this last week. There has been a marked change in the circulation of my blood."

N. L. MOSHER, Menominee, Michigan, said: "I thank God for the privilege of being among Zion people. Although I am not a member of Zion, the people of Zion have met at my home and held prayer meetings. I believe the work of Zion is the work of the Lord, and I praise God for the work they are doing."

WADE H. MYERS, Zion College, said: "I want to thank God for blessing received since I came into this room tonight. I had a very bad cold today and a very sore throat. Since coming in, the pain has all gone."

G. S. HONG (Chinese), Zion Home, said: "About two years ago I was in San Diego, California. At that time I was very sick. A friend gave me LEAVES OF HEALING and asked me why I did not trust God for healing. He told me of a minister of God in Chicago, and said that if I was a good Christian man, this minister would pray for me and I would be healed. This was the first I had heard, and I said, 'Yes, I believe God is the Healer,' but I did not understand much about this work.

"The doctors had been giving me many kinds of medicines and treatments, but they did not help me. I kept growing worse. The man who gave me LEAVES OF HEALING called on me and told me how Christ was the same, yesterday and today, yea and forever. I could not read English, so he explained it to me by the pictures. I became interested, and I knew Dr. Dowie was a man of God. I believed it.

"I am very glad to be in Zion. Since I have come my body is strong and my diseases have left me. My eyes have been troubling me, but they do not trouble me any more."

HORACE P. B. STANLEY, Logansport, Indiana, said: "I thank God for the many blessings I have received. I have been sitting here almost choking, wanting to tell of the many ways in which God has blessed me. I am very glad to be in Zion. I praise God that He has given me strength to stand in Him and to trust Him for everything."

GEORGE MARTINEAU, Zion Home, said: "I thank God for the blessings of this past week. I had a very bad cold, which seemed to take hold of my whole body. I thank God for deliverance. I was going to a cottage meeting the other night and the Devil told me, 'You had better not go, as you have a very bad cold.' But I went, and before I came back, the cold had entirely left me."

MRS. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER, Zion Home, said: "As I sat here, I was thinking of the past six years, the 20th of this month, since I have been healed. They have been wonderful years to me.

"When I came here six years ago, I did not care whether I lived or died, scarcely, and when I heard the teaching for the first time, life seemed to have new duties for me. I felt like living.

"I thank God for blessings received this last week. I have been annoyed greatly with what Overseer Piper calls 'the cold

devil' I do not know what it was. I would begin to get cold from my feet up. Sometimes I would get two or three such chills in a night, but I have been entirely delivered from them.

"I have been healed of a great many things in the past six years. I feel that I have not appreciated my privileges in Zion as I should have done. I desire to leave everything with God."

W. R. STARRETT, 6837 Green Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I have many things to thank God for. On Tuesday night I caught a severe cold. I had chills all over my body. It seemed I just could not get warm. Then a great fever came upon me. Then the Devil gave me severe pains in my head, such as I have never had in all my life. It just seemed as if some one had a spike and was driving it through my head. I would wake up and pray and turn over and try to get to sleep, but I had that pain up to 4 o'clock in the morning. I got down on my knees before God and I said, 'I must have the victory,' and I did. At half-past 6 in the morning I awoke as bright as a dollar and did as much work that day as I have ever done in my life.

"I also praise God for healing of a fractured limb, caused by a fall. Elder Stokes and Overseer Speicher prayed for me. I was healed almost instantly when prayer was offered."

The following testimonies have been omitted from the regular weekly reports, and are appended without date, that they may go forth as a part of Zion's record:

MRS. MARY MUNGER, 1514 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "It was about six years ago, in the Little Wooden Hut, that I was healed. I was carried into Divine Healing Home No. 2. I was given up by seven doctors. I was very sick.

"I was afflicted with kidney and bladder trouble. I entered the Home on a Saturday and stayed till the next Saturday. I went home on the street cars and then walked five blocks from the cars to my home.

"I had a fall once since then from the range in my kitchen, while washing the paint. I dislocated my right shoulder. I went to Zion Tabernacle and had the General Overseer pray for me. I went home and could use my arm as well as ever before.

"Since I have been in Zion, I have seen all kinds of healing, I believe sometimes when death was on the people."

T. H. KETTELL, Zion Home, said: "It is nine months since I have had any desire for tobacco. I thank God for that deliverance. Best of all is the assurance that I have salvation and peace in my heart. I have found God to be my Saviour, Healer, Cleanser and Keeper."

MISS MARGARET EINS, Detroit, Michigan, said: "I came to Zion four years ago. I had stomach trouble for twenty years and I was immediately healed of that. I was gradually healed of catarrh. I was healed of curvature of the spine last July. I am very thankful for what God has done for me. I am getting stronger and stronger, and I praise Him for it."

DEACONESS MARIE BRIEGER, Zion Home, said: "I have been feeling so weak that I felt unable to do my work, but united prayers were offered for me, and God has given me renewed strength for my daily task. I am so happy to be in Zion. It is glorious to be here. Every day is happier than the last."

#### ZION COLLEGE NEEDS THREE PIANOS.

The Musical Department of Zion College is growing rapidly and its needs are increasing. Three pianos are very much needed. Who will give one or all of them to be used for God?







# A VOICE TO ZION AND GOD'S PEOPLE IN EVERY LAND.

O thou that tellest  
Good Tidings to Zion,  
Get thee up into  
the High Mountains  
Lift up thy Voice  
with strength:  
Lift it up, be not afraid:  
Say unto the cities of Judah,  
Behold your God!  
Isaiah, XL: 9.

## THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL DECLARED.

*Report of Meeting held in Divine Healing Home No. 1, October 17, 1894.  
Morning Talk. "Healing Ever God's Will."*

THE eighth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew is an inexhaustible treasure-house of God's freedom-giving truth, concerning the glorious teaching on Divine Healing Day after day, month after month and year after year God's Messenger to Zion has been searching out its riches and giving them to the hundreds of thousands who have heard his talks on Divine Healing.

God has blessed these gems of truth, and many, now serving God in fulness of health and strength, praise Him for healing received through His Word as proclaimed to them from this chapter.

The talk which we publish this week was delivered in the early days of Zion in Chicago, six years ago.

It contains very important truths concerning God's willingness to heal, and closes with the most remarkable prophecy, which has since been so marvelously fulfilled, that Divine Healing, although at that time a "small thing," would become one of the leading questions of the end of the Nineteenth Century.

There is scarcely a newspaper, secular or religious, or a pulpit in any denomination, today, which is not discussing the subject of Divine Healing, on one side or the other.

The General Overseer has not revised this report. We know that God blessed the words as they were spoken, in that little room in Divine Healing Home No. 1, and we pray and believe that He will bless them now as they enter the hearts of tens of thousands over all the earth.

### HEALING EVER GOD'S WILL.

Divine Healing Home Number 1, October 17, 1894.

Dr. Dowie read from the eighth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew.

## The Willingness of God to Heal Inseparable From a Right Conception of His Nature.

The willingness of God to heal is, upon reflection, absolutely inseparable from any right conception of God's nature. We know it to be true, that "like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him."

The analogy throughout all the Scripture demands that we shall consider God in the light of a father toward his children. It also demands, consequently, that we shall not have, for one

single moment, any conception that a good, kind father on earth would give evil things to his children. Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself brought that out in His talk with the bad men around Him.

Wicked and evil as these Pharisees and Sadducees were, cruel and hating the Lord for His purity and for His courage in smiting their impurity and uncleanness, there was not a Pharisee or Sadducee among them who, when he entered his home and took up his little baby in his arms, did not feel that he wanted to do for that baby every good thing.

### Even the Wicked Desire Their Children to Become Good Men and Women

How often you will see these bad men carefully shield their children from bad influences. Most saloonkeepers do not want their wives and children to live over the saloon. The last place they want their children to come into is the saloon. Over and over you see them guard their offspring with the utmost care. Gamblers and saloonkeepers and men who live vile lives will keep their wives and children in the suburbs, in a nice cottage away from the contaminating influence of the city. They would be exceedingly angry if their children were allowed to come into any of these bad places.

The proprietor of a theater in Australia said to me, "I never permit my wife or children to enter the theater. It is demoralizing. I have been a theatrical proprietor and manager for thirty

years, but never permit my wife and children to attend the plays."

I was using his theater for my Sunday services. I was about to deliver two lectures against the theater. I asked him to call upon me, for I wanted a little conversation with him. I told him what lectures I intended to deliver.

I said, "Of course, if you desire to cancel my lease because of that, you are at liberty to do so; but if you do so for these two Sundays, you must do it altogether."



"No, sir," he said; "I wish you more power in fighting against the theater. It is demoralizing to the very depth. There is nothing good about it. I thought I did know one or two virtuous actresses, but I was mistaken. In all my life I have never found a virtuous actress, whether star or others. It is demoralizing. It aims to present life as it is, and life as it is for the masses of the people is essentially evil. I never permit my wife and children to enter the theater."

**God is More Willing to Give Good Gifts Than are Our Earthly Parents.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ took that analogy. If even bad men would shield their children from bad influence; if they would not give their children a stone for bread, a serpent for a fish, a scorpion for an egg, how much more should your Heavenly Father give good things to them that ask Him? Christ Himself puts that argument from the point of view of an ordinary earthly father who has no other desire than to save his children from disease of spirit, soul or body.

I have known of women who have lived the most infamous of lives, and on a large scale; have been keeping wicked houses and getting large revenues from them; but their children, who were carefully trained, never knew what their mothers did.

I know of one girl in Scotland who was educated with the utmost care by a most pious person who lived in a little cottage with her outside of Edinburgh. She never knew what her mother was. She thought that her mother lived in a distant part of England; but her mother lived an infamous life in the neighboring city of Edinburgh. That child was trained up in all respects a modest, sweet, pure, virtuous girl. She was a true Christian. Only after her mother's death, when she was twenty-five years of age, did she learn what her mother had been. Of course she was distracted with grief when she knew that the money which she had received had been badly acquired. She made a good use of it.

If such love for their children is shown in the lives of the vilest people, how can we imagine for a single moment that the infinitely good and Eternal Father could ever be the author of vile disease which torments the life out of His children and makes them to be miserable and wretched?

You cannot imagine it. There is the analogy given by God Himself:

Like as a father pitieth his children,  
So the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.

It is not reasonable to suppose that God could be the author of sickness and other evil.

**God is Pure, Hence No Disease Can Come From Him.**

God could not be the author of disease on this ground; there is no disease in God and disease cannot come out of God. If there is no disease in me it is impossible for me by any touch to convey disease to you.

It would be impossible for you to get disease from my hand if I had no disease in me. Is it not in like manner impossible for God to communicate disease if there is no disease in God? Is there any disease in God? Is there any corruption? Then it is impossible for God to communicate them.

Lady in audience—"All things are possible with God."

Dr. Dowie—There are some things impossible with God.

**It is Impossible for God to Do Any Evil.**

I say it is impossible for God to lie; it is impossible for God to do evil. All things are not possible with God. There is no such statement in the Scripture. God is incapable of being a devil. God is incapable of being anything else but absolutely good. How could He be anything else and be God?

It is impossible for God to lie.

It is impossible for God to steal.

It is impossible for God to be filthy.

It is impossible for God to do evil.

It is impossible for God to be corrupt.

It is impossible for God to be diseased, and it is not possible, therefore, for God to communicate disease.

Is that not reasonable?

There rests the whole argument concerning this matter. God must be willing to heal because He cannot communicate disease.

Disease is the consequence of sin and the work of the Devil and would not have been in this world had there been no

Devil. When you come to think right into that, you see how it falls into everything else in Scripture.

**It is Impossible for Disease to Enter Heaven; Hence It Cannot**

**Come From Heaven.**

If it were possible for disease to enter heaven, then it would be possible for God's own dwelling place to be defiled.

I think you will read very plainly in the Word of God that that is impossible; for here is the revelation of God concerning the City of God. Here is a description of the City of God:

And the gates thereof shall in no wise be shut by day (for there shall be no night there); and they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it; and there shall in no wise enter into it anything unclean, or he that maketh an abomination and a lie: but only they which are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Nothing which is unclean can enter heaven; nothing that defiles.

Does not disease defile? Then it cannot enter heaven. Therefore it cannot come from heaven.

As it cannot come from God and cannot come from heaven, where does it come from? It comes from just the opposite sources. It comes from Satan and from hell.

These simple fundamental truths are things which you must get a good firm hold of and tenaciously keep as the foundation of your whole faith in these things.

If one of you can imagine for a single moment that disease is a beneficent and good thing, throw up your hands and let disease come down in floods you cannot contain until you sink beneath them. The more disease you have, the better.

If disease is beneficent in its character, God forbid that I should want any of you to lose any of it. O God, here is a man with tuberculosis in his foot. If disease is beneficent in its nature, Lord, give him tuberculosis in the other foot.

Here is a dear brother who is blind. If disease is beneficent in its nature, O dear Lord, make him deaf, too.

Here is a sister who is deaf, and if it is a good thing to be deaf, O God, please make her blind, too. Of course that is right, if it is good and beneficent and works out good purposes.

Hallelujah! The more you get of it the better! Praise the Lord for what you have, and ask for more. That is logical.

The common sense of humanity as well as the Word of God is absolutely opposed to all this silly nonsense about disease being beneficial. People have tried to make themselves imagine that it would make them sweeter and better, but nobody was ever yet made sweeter by neuralgia or better by typhoid fever. No one ever realized how much sweeter the air was when they had lungs being eaten out by wretched little parasites.

**Christ Came to Destroy the Works of the Devil.**

The willingness of God to heal is absolute; because disease, as I have said before, is a consequence of sin and the work of Satan, and our Lord Jesus Christ came into the world to destroy the works of the Devil.

To this end was the Son of God manifested, that He might destroy the works of the Devil.—1 John 3:8.

The great purpose of God in Christ is to go about as a Destroyer of sin and evil. Christ is a Deliverer of men from the power of the enemy and a Restorer of all that is wasted and destroyed by the evil one. He is the Giver of a power and life which will enable his people to carry out His blessed will; His redemption. If it were not for that, I could not claim the strength which I have to claim from day to day when truly weary and worn out with ceaseless toil. I have to claim it, and I do get it. I ask it and get it, and have gotten it all the years through, because I know it is there for me.

**God Desires His Children to Be Clean.**

Turn to the story of the leper. Notice that the Lord said, "I will," and took the "if" out of the leper's prayer, saying, "Be thou clean." Emphasize, please, these words: "Be thou clean." It is very clear that God wishes you to be clean.

First of all, you must be clean in spirit. You must have a clean heart.

Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
And renew a right spirit within me.

We consist of spirit, soul and body. This soul is the animal life, the blood. The next thing is the cleansing of the blood.

Once a brother minister said to me, "I listened to you with great pleasure. Many things you teach are new to me; yet I see they are true. I think, however, that you go too far in

saying that God is absolutely willing to purify the soul, in the sense in which you use the word, and I now think rightfully, the animal life. I do not believe it is anywhere said in the Scripture that the blood is to be cleansed by the Lord."

"How long have you been a minister?" I asked.

"Thirty years," he replied.

"Just thirty years too long, so far as this teaching is concerned; just thirty years of gross ignorance," I said.

"Pretty strong words, Doctor," he said.

"You know you told me to talk candidly, and I am doing it," I answered. "I told you I would not enter upon this conversation unless you would stand all I had to say."

"Well," he said, "I challenge your statement. I will give you all I have if you point to a single passage of Scripture which says that God will cleanse the blood."

I said, "I believe you have spoken rashly."

"No," he said, "I have not."

I said, "Either one of two things will happen: either in five minutes I will have a deed or some note in hand giving me all your possessions, or else you lie, and I believe you lie."

"Oh," he said, "that is worse than ever."

I said, "You do not intend to give me all you have. If you do, I want your paper in five minutes. Turn to your Bible. I will put it all on one clear, straight passage, although we can find a hundred."

He said, "The words I want are that the blood is to be cleansed by God. It isn't there."

I said, "Stop. You do not know anything at all about it, Brother, was not Joel the prophet of the Holy Spirit dispensation, and therefore the prophet of this dispensation?"

"I agree to that," he said.

#### God's Promise to Cleanse the Blood of His People.

I said, "Here is the word. The third chapter of the prophet Joel, and the last verse:

"And I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed; for the Lord dwelleth in Zion."

He looked at that passage and said, "I never saw that before."

I said, "Hand over to me all your property, right off."

He said, "I will not."

I said, "I told you you would lie."

He did lie, too. I did not covet his property. I would only have used it for good if I had gotten it. He erred, not knowing the Scripture nor the power of God.

What was the healing of the leper but the cleansing of his blood?

#### Divine Healing is in Most Cases the Cleansing of the Blood.

What else is Divine Healing but the cleansing of the blood? Nineteen-twentieths of it, you might say the whole of it, is the cleansing of the blood.

Rheumatism is a blood disease.

Cancer is a blood disease.

Scrofula is a blood disease.

Catarrh simply means an impoverishment and pollution of the blood.

This absolute cleansing of the blood has been promised. That is healing. Healing is the cleansing out of the body, by the power of God, the impure thing which has caused the disease.

The spirit and soul and body of man have to be clean. You cannot have a clean body without clean blood.

It is only the power of the Holy Spirit, the Eternal Power of God Himself, that can cleanse the blood. When I pray for the healing of a rheumatic, I am praying for the cleansing of the blood; and I know there must flow through me some Power, the Power of the Spirit, which shall at once cleanse the blood.

#### The Purpose of Jesus in Sending the Healed Leper to the Priest.

I wish to point out to you something about the leper's story which is not generally understood. When this man was cleansed, immediately Jesus said to him, fourth verse:

And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, show thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

I desire to point out to you two things. First, what Christ's command was and the purpose of it; second, the disobedience of the leper and the very serious consequences of it.

Why did Christ tell the healed leper not to tell any man, but to go and show himself to the priest? Simply because the

priest, under the Levitical law, was the proper sanitary officer. Under that law it was necessary for the man to report himself so that he could be officially cleansed and allowed to return to his family. In order to secure that official recognition of cleansing, a sacrifice had to be made.

#### The Ceremonial for a Cleansed Leper.

Refer to the fourteenth chapter of Leviticus and you will see what the law required in connection with the healing of a leper.

Taking that whole requirement, you can see the great wisdom of the Lord in sending this man to the priest.

When a man was cleansed and sent to the priest, the priest quarantined him. He examined the man again and again to prove by the closest scrutiny that there was no leprosy. Then the priest, with the full responsibility of what he was doing, showing the bare skin of the man, brought him, in the presence of all the people, to the door of the Temple—in the tabernacle times it was the door of the Tabernacle. There, before the vast multitudes, the priest would declare that the man was cleansed.

These multitudes would know that man had been unclean until the hand of the Lord touched him and said, "Be thou clean." You can see that symbolical touching, first, of the blood on the right thumb, on the ear, on the right big toe; the priest declaring that he was cleansed through the blood.

Then the oil, emblem of the Holy Spirit, was applied.

The oil is a type of the Spirit, and the blood typical of the sacrifice, Christ Himself, the Spotless Lamb.

The effect of that testimony in the presence of all the people would have been glorious. But the man did not do what Christ told him to do.

Perhaps the man said to himself, "What have I to do with the priest? He had nothing to do with my cleansing."

Some people nowadays say, "Why should I stand up in my Church and say, 'I am healed'?" My minister had nothing to do with it."

That is just the place to tell it, "for a testimony unto them."

But this healed leper did not obey Christ.

#### The Serious Consequences of Disobedience.

Please refer to the first chapter of the Gospel according to St. Mark, the forty-fourth and forty-fifth verses:

See thou say nothing to any man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing the things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. But he went out, and began to publish it much, and to spread abroad the matter, insomuch that he (marginal reading) could no more openly enter into a city, but was without in desert places: and they came to him from every quarter.

To prove that the marginal reading is correct, I refer you to the next verse, "When He (Jesus) entered again into Capernaum." It was not Jesus who could not enter into the city. It was in the early part of Christ's ministry. Jesus openly entered into the cities of Capernaum, Bethsaida, and went in and out of the Temple at Jerusalem openly. Even in the days preceding His crucifixion, He went in and out openly. As He said, "I have spoken openly to the world, I ever taught in synagogues and in the Temple, where all the Jews come together." Why the translators put in the word "Jesus" I do not know. The correct reading is, "Insomuch that he (the leper, not Jesus) could no more openly enter into a city." In the Greek Testament it is simply the personal pronoun, "he."

Because of this man's disobedience, he was driven out into desert places. He could not resume his position in the city. The priests said, "How dare you come into this city? We have not cleansed you. We have not pronounced you clean. You have never offered the ceremonial cleansing sacrifice." They refused to believe that he was healed.

#### Loss to the Cause of Christ by the Healed Leper's Disobedience.

Not only did the man lose much by being out in the desert places, where they came to him from every quarter to see that he was healed; but his family lost much and the Church lost much. The spectacle of that man standing in the door of the synagogue, or perhaps the very door of the Temple itself, and being proclaimed to be clean by the priest, would have been a striking testimony to the Lord's having healed him. Instead of that, his testimony was conveyed to the few people or the many who came to him from the various places from all quarters. O how much more powerful would that testimony have

been had it been delivered in a place where multitudes could have heard it!

It does not pay to disobey the Lord.

Perhaps this man thought he could save a little money. Perhaps he thought, "I did not get cleansed by the priests. It will cost me so many dollars to buy the lamb, to pay the Temple fees, to buy the log of oil and do this and that and the other thing," and in order to save a few dollars he disobeyed the Lord; and the consequence of that disobedience was that he was shut out.

I think that there are a great many people under this present dispensation who forget to make their offering to the Lord. They forget that the power and the blessing and the healing which came to them have to be spread abroad, and they do not make their offering to the Lord. The consequences are that they miss the blessing and are without in desert places. They do not stand forth boldly in the Church of God and witness.

#### Loss of Blessing Through Failure to Testify.

Beloved friends, I have seen a great many people wondrously healed, who, instead of giving their testimony, were afraid of what the priests would say, afraid of what the parson would say, afraid of what somebody else would say. They have trembled, kept it back and waited for a better occasion. Of course it never came, and their testimony was stifled, and people in their own churches did not know they were healed, because they did not have the boldness to rise up and say it in the Church.

The very best thing a Roman Catholic could do on being healed would be to go back to the priests and tell them.

What a mighty opportunity that man lost. He never got it again.

#### Opportunities Come to Us But Once.

I am never going to live inside this body a second time. I am never going to walk over the same road I am walking today, a second time. I am not going to live over October 17, 1894, a second time. Hence the opportunities which I have today I must seize and use now, because they will never come again.

Some other opportunity may come, another day may dawn, but it will not be the same opportunity, nor the same day. Before this day is over, some one whom I might have helped will pass beyond the possibility of my helping. Hence I take this opportunity. I desire to fill up all the day. I wish you to fill it. That you can live this day, that you have an opportunity of saying something for Christ today, are privileges which will never come again.

O how many opportunities we have lost; how many words might have been spoken!

You hear that some man is dead and you think, "Did I ever speak to that man? Did I ever talk to that man about his salvation? I was his next door neighbor. I met him in business. I never spoke to him."

You may think, "Here is my neighbor sick. I went down and I heard all these teachings, and I am ashamed to tell my neighbor; I am ashamed to write to my sister; I am ashamed to confess that Christ is the Healer."

Perhaps one of the reasons why the healed leper did not witness for Christ before the priest, was that he was afraid that these priests, whom he knew hated Christ, might take some steps to put him to death. It might have been fear, because he knew the priests hated Christ, which caused his disobedience.

These priests showed in their faces, and by their actions, that they were conspiring against Christ's life; trying to entrap Him. The great mass of the people saw the priests were bent on Christ's destruction just as soon as they could bring it about.

Whether it was fear or whether meanness to save a little money and not make the sacrifice that Moses commanded, whatever it was, he lost the opportunity. It does not matter how you lose the opportunity, whether through fear or through meanness, you will never have it again.

I have an opportunity now of devoting every dollar I have and every dollar I can get to the extension of the Kingdom of God. I have that opportunity now. I use it. I put every dollar on wheels to run around the world. I put dollars into type; I put them into Divine Healing Homes; I spread literature. I help some one.

This leper's opportunity was lost, and this most glorious healing lost nine-tenths of its power because the man from

meanness or cowardice or some other wrong motive was disobedient. God requires of us the consequences of lost opportunities.

I repent every lost opportunity; repent in dust and ashes.

I used to think that expediency was an excellent thing and it was a good thing not to talk. If I were to keep my life by expediency now, I would not talk some of the things I talked yesterday. I would not talk some of the things I talk often. I have given expediency to the winds when it interferes with the plain, bold declaration of truth.

I have said:

**"I Will Declare the Whole Counsel of God, Regardless of What Man May Say, Do, Think, or Threaten."**

Witness to all the knowledge of God that you get. Some persons say, "I am not healed, how can I witness?"

Witness to what you know. Witness that others are healed. Witness that you know what the Bible teaches. If people turn around and say, "Why are you not healed?" confess that it was not God's fault, but some imperfection in yourself. Then ask the brother putting that question, "Brother, may it not be because you do not help me? May it not be because my own friends hinder me a little?" That will be a question for them to think about, because they can hinder a great deal.

Witness to the truth that you are not healed. Witness that Christ is the Healer of the sick. Tell others that the reason you are not healed is because you have failed somewhere to do your duty. You notice I say comparatively little about my healing publicly, because I do not need to. I am sure I am healed. People do not need me to tell them I am healed. They can see me and hear me.

You know that my lungs are in good order, because I make you hear me. One brother minister said, "Doctor, if you go on and talk like that, delivering two or three discourses a day, you will not last five years."

I said, "Brother, I will live to bury you, if I am in this country."

"Do you not think that you hurt your lungs?" he asked

"No. I expand them; I strengthen them," I replied. "The way for a man to get good lungs is to use them; not to lie on a sofa. The way for a person to have a good strong arm is to use it. If you do not use it, you will lose it. If you keep your eyes shut, no matter if you have ever so good and bright eyes, by and by the eyelids will refuse to open."

That is the way with some people. They shut their eyes against the truth until by and by they do not need any exercise of will to keep their eyes closed.

For this people's heart is waxed gross,  
And their ears are dull of hearing,  
And their eyes they have closed;  
Lest haply they should perceive with their eyes,  
And hear with their ears,  
And understand with their heart,  
And should turn again,  
And I should heal them.

Testify to what you have.

Use for God what He has given you.

Some one may say, "I am sick, I cannot preach the Gospel."

I would preach the Gospel with the last lung power I had, if I were sick. I would fight the Devil with the last blow I could give. I would fight if I could only fight with my head or if I could only kick.

#### I Hate Sin and Disease and Death With Intense Hatred.

I hate sin. I will fight it to the end of life; I will die fighting the Devil's works.

I hate disease. That is one thing which keeps me up in this ministry. I hate tuberculosis; I hate to see a strong man's lungs dug out by the Devil. I hate to see a full, active life wasted. I hate to see a dear old mother tortured with rheumatism in her last days, which should be so peaceful and happy. I hate disease. I hate it with my whole heart, I hate it with a perfect hatred. That hatred was put into my heart by God. God hates sin.

O ye that love the Lord, hate evil.

Hate evil with all the intensity of your nature. Your love for God will be in exact proportion to your hatred of sin.

These men about the world do not like to have you attack evil. They say, "Let it alone!" That proves they never learned to hate sin. If you have to deal with a fire and let it alone, it will burn down the house. Leave that little spark

alone in the room and our house is gone. Sin is hell fire, and I will not leave it alone. God put me in this world to fight it. Did not His own Son come into the world to fight the works of the Devil?

I fight because I long to see you men and women free.

I have no weapons of war. I do not propose to use gunpowder or dynamite; but I propose to use the Word of God. I do not propose to use artillery to free men from sin; but let the enemy look out.

**A Church Which Blocks God's Way Will Die.**

Let the Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians and others who are blocking the way to the delivery of men from sin and disease, look out.

The Jewish Church blocked God's way, and what did He do with it? He scattered it like the wind. The Jewish system has never been resurrected since that day. Christ said, "Your house is left unto you desolate."

If the Church of the Living God today will not do right, the Almighty will spew it out of His mouth. There are churches in this city God has spewed out of His mouth already. They have no life. Some churches die when their leaders die.

When John Alexander Dowie is dead, Divine Healing will still live, because it lives now. It lives in every place where I have ever taught it. It lives in the homes, in the lives of tens of thousands. If I were not preaching a living, Everlasting Gospel, it would not live. Divine Healing has never been dead. The Gospel has never been dead, but the churches which fight it will be. Last year in the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church in this city influential persons asked the minister, "Why do you not ask Dr. Dowie to come down and hold a mission in this church? This church would be full."

The pastor refused.

I dare say there are 200,000 people within half a mile radius of that church. Sometimes the congregation can be counted by tens. The church has a high steeple, and has seats for a thousand people. It is as dead as a door nail. They rejected Divine Healing; shut the door against it.

Divine Healing has come back to the earth, and if the Protestant churches will not accept it, they will suffer.

Divine Healing is a small thing today, but I believe it will be one of the great questions of the century.

**Read The Coming City.**

For all matters pertaining to the founding and building of Zion City, there is no source of information, complete and reliable, but THE COMING CITY. The story of Zion City is being and will be told in its pages, both by descriptive articles and by engravings from photographs. The paper also contains much other interesting matter, such as science notes, household suggestions, special articles on matters of interest to Zion people, and the news of the day.

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Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ

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Hence it was with the greatest joy that the students of Zion College received the announcement that the General Overseer would deliver a Series of Lectures on the subject of Prayer. It was an inestimable privilege to learn how to pray from a man whose whole life had become a mighty power for God through Prayer. But joyful as the anticipation was, it was more than justified by the realization.

Many members of the Christian Catholic Church also attended these Lectures and were amazed, from week to week, by the great depth and scope of the subject as it was opened up by the man of God.

Since the delivery of these Lectures there has been a loud appeal, from many sides, to have them published.

The General Overseer was reluctant, as he felt that in the great pressure of his other duties he had not been able to give the Lectures as he might have done with more time at his disposal. He also felt that he should revise them before their publication, and this he could not find time to do.

At length, however, the appeal for them being urged, he consented that they should be sent forth, without his revision, during his absence in Europe and the Holy Land.

Accordingly this wonderful teaching will be printed, almost as it came from his lips, from time to time, in LEAVES OF HEALING. In preparing these Lectures for the press, we have eliminated some allusions to topics of the time and place and have written in some headlines. We have also cut out opening and closing exercises and arranged the matter consecutively without regard to number and date of Lectures.

We pray that God will bless these wonderful truths to all who read in even greater measure than He did to those who heard.

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## HOW TO GET ANSWER TO PRAYER.

The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto a treasure hidden in the field.

There is no treasure greater than the treasure of True Prayer.

There is no power greater than the power of Prevailing Prayer.

But, if we pray aright, we must understand the Divine conditions and human necessities. We must understand the Divine Way through which alone Prayer can be answered.

The Divine conditions are absolute. There can be no variation.

**God Will Never Allow His Law to Accommodate Itself to Our Lawlessness.**

Our natural lawlessness proceeds from Satan; from Sin; from Disease, and from the Powers of Death and Hell.

We do not understand God's conditions until we understand

our own necessities. The fitness which God requires is that we shall feel our need of Him, and this He gives us.

It is "the Spirit's rising beam."

Therefore in pursuing this subject we have held that it was right to consider the regrettable necessity for Prayer. It is a most regrettable necessity. In a state of innocence man never prayed as we pray.

The necessities were not there. Satan had not entered. There was no need to pray for deliverance from Satan. Sin had not entered. There was no guilt, no transgression of law, hence no need to pray for deliverance from the consequence of sin.

Disease had not entered, death was unknown, and the powers of hell had no place on earth. Therefore there were none of these necessities existing.

Man was perfectly happy and the pursuit of knowledge was unaccompanied by pain. Some of you know that it is not unaccompanied now by pain.

The pursuit of knowledge was not perplexing on account of the persistent folly of mankind substituting ignorance for knowledge; substituting evil for good; substituting light for darkness.

Our principal difficulty is to unravel the tangled skein of human knowledge. These hard conditions were absolutely unknown to man in his innocence. They will again be absolutely unknown when Satan, Sin, Disease, Death and Hell have no place on earth: when "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea," when we shall be delivered completely, and "the kingdom of the world is become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ."

**Man Not Entirely Responsible for the Fallen Condition of the Human Race.**

Meanwhile this regrettable necessity exists. It has been imposed upon us, like so many other things from which we suffer, by the hereditary bondage coming down to us from primal transgression. That transgression goes far back beyond the fall of Adam and Eve. It is to be found first of all in the fall of angels.

There can be no doubt whatever that for the most part our thinking regarding these things and the teaching of the schools have been miserably short-sighted. The eye of the teacher has not looked into the conditions which made it possible for man to fall.

It is neither fair nor right to saddle the entire responsibility for its present condition upon the human race.

God has shown us clearly that but for the intervention of a being who did not belong to this race, man would have retained his primitive innocence. That being was a fallen angel of wondrous power even in his fallen condition. He was a leader of fallen hosts.

It is not right to consider man's condition apart from the fall of angels. But for the fall of these beings before man's creation, there would be no sin, humanly speaking.

Sin was imported. It was not generated. It was injected into humanity. It was the result of seduction and temptation.

God Himself says it is not right for us to consider the condition of humanity apart from these facts.

It is not possible to understand today how to pray, if you leave out the tremendous fact of diabolical possession.

If you consider man's transgressions to be spontaneous, of

his own will, and do not look back and fairly consider the effects of sin in the generations preceding, hereditary transgressions, not merely of evil thought, but of decayed morality and distorted physical and psychical nature, you do mankind an injustice.

If you do not go back and recognize the fact that man became at one time so completely the habitation of demons that, excepting eight persons, the whole earth had to perish and the race of Cain had to be utterly destroyed, you cannot understand fully the subject of Prayer.

If you do not realize the fact that Cain was the offspring of the Devil; that he "was of the evil one, and slew his brother"; that all his race without exception went to the Devil until God permitted the Devil to destroy them, you cannot know how to pray.

If you do not realize the tremendous fact that the temple which God designed for Himself, of spirit, of soul, of body, had become the temple of demons and is now the temple of demons where God does not rule, then you do not understand anything about how to pray and nothing about how to help humanity.

You will never understand in its fulness how to pray until you understand these things.

If you do not realize these conditions, you will pray as most people pray: without getting any answer; you will get into the condition into which most people get, of not being troubled that they do not get an answer.

#### **Billions of Ignorant Prayers Get No Answer.**

It is a tremendous fact that 27,000,000 of praying Church members in this country uttered 81,000,000 of prayers every day last year. In the 365 days they prayed altogether probably thirty billion prayers, and at the end of the year the statistics of the churches in this country showed that the churches had grown about one-fourth of one per cent. For the most part the prayers were not only not answered, but the Church lost in numbers.

The prayers of these Church members were ineffectual to protect the petitioners themselves, much less save others.

That is the statistical fact. Well may the infidel point at that fact and say to the masses of the churches, "Where is your God?"

In eighty-four of the largest cities of the United States the Methodist Episcopal Church last year lost over 3000 members.

It is clear that they do not know how to pray.

God does not answer them while He does answer Zion.

Sometimes it seems to me as if they were tossing up a coin which has tails on both sides; tales of woe. "No answer! No answer!"

Is Zion College to produce men and women who shall know how to pray? If it is not, I wish to close Zion College.

I do not care how beautifully you can talk. The eloquence with which you can pray in words becomes a sounding of brass and a tinkling of cymbals. The great mass of people is being carried away by these things. They have itching ears.

#### **The Devil Enters Man Through the Five Senses.**

Sound! Sound!! Sound!! Boom! Ugh! (Laughter.) Sight of eye. Beauty. Art. Ugh! The nose. How sweet! The tongue. Ugh! How nice! Five senses ministering to the flesh damnation. The world has gone to hell again and again through the five senses.

You must watch them: ear, eye, nose, taste and feel.

Keep your hands clean. Keep your thoughts pure. Keep your eyes from evil. Shut out sounds which may be like the siren song leading you to the rocks of death.

The spiritual being of a man must be awakened. He must be above the senses which minister only to the flesh, and let

the spiritual senses develop that he may be the Temple of God.

Hear as God hears; see as God sees; taste as God tastes; touch as God touches; smell as God smells.

Do not see what God does not see; do not hear what God does not hear, nor let the sense become subject to the demoniac powers which have dragged men down to hell.

#### **Humanity Today Must Beware of the Same Tempter Who Brought About the Fall.**

Therefore you are to go back to the beginning and understand that the same devil who whispered temptation in the ears of Eve is tempting man today.

He began by suggesting the doubt as to whether God had said something: "Hath God said?" After long discussion, he boldly admitted that God had said it, but declared that there was a better way; that God had said it because He did not want man to be happy. He said that man could be happy after the forbidden fruit had been eaten; that then they should be as gods.

How many of you have eaten the forbidden fruit? How many of you are eating the forbidden fruit? How many of you are drinking the damning poison which the druggists are dispensing; the accursed things which destroy brain, stomach and life?

How many of you are listening to the voices which you know are not inspired by God? Who is there of you eating of the forbidden fruit?

You must watch the same tempter.

If the Kingdom of God is to be established within you, must these powers of evil not be driven out? Unless you go back to these fundamental conditions, you will never understand how to pray.

To the great mass of the Church today it is perfectly shocking to talk about the Devil. They do not know any Devil. The Devil is a dead thing, an exploded fallacy, to them.

Christian Science comes to you in the flowing garments of a beautiful female, telling you that there is no evil.

Theosophy comes and tells you there is no Son of God, that there is no Holy Spirit.

The churches have become so broad and so shallow that their breadth is coextensive, for the most part, with all the vanities of the world, and their depth so shallow that the dry land appears everywhere.

It is a question as to whether some of them have a drop of Divine Life. The Water of Life is not there. It has dried up.

There is only one thing to be done: that is for man to be a real Temple of God, for the Devil to be wholly dispossessed, and for a generation to be raised in whom God dwells from the center to the circumference; a generation of men and women who are obedient.

Zion College would break on the rocks within a week; Zion Home would break on the rocks within a week; the Christian Catholic Church in Zion would break on the rocks within a week, if you were to destroy the principle of authority; if you, in your folly, should imagine that your own will was to be your authority. I speak this afternoon on this general principle for the reason that through the whole of these talks I have been developing the subject of Divine possession and demoniacal possession. The one is God's will and purpose in sending His Son and His Spirit, and the other is the Devil's will and purpose in sending innumerable spirits of the damned from hell.

Our warfare is not against flesh and blood. It is against principalities. It is against powers. It is against the world rulers of this darkness. It is against the hosts of evil spirits in

the upper air who are around everywhere, and ever coming to you and saying, Assert your independence.

**All Just Government Does Not Derive Its Power from the Consent of the Governed.**

I hate the principle of government by the people. I hate the lie which says that the power of government must rest upon the consent of the governed.

Can you govern your family upon that principle? Must you get the consent of your babies in order to govern them?

**True Government Rests Upon the Will of God; the Truth of God.**

True government is not the rule of the people by the people; it is the rule of the people by God. It is not the rule of the people for the people; it is the rule of the people for God. It is not the rule of yourself by yourself and for yourself; it is the rule of yourself by God and for God.

Do you accept that principle in Zion?

Voices—"Yes."

President Dowie—If you say that the rule of yourself must be by yourself and for yourself, then you have no other God than yourself.

When a man told me the other day that he was a self-made man, I looked at him, I believed him (laughter), and he was like unto his maker. (Laughter.)

Let us be divinely made men and women; not self-made; not American-made; not British-made; not Dutch-made; but God-made.

There must be rule somewhere. You recognize the fact that you cannot make yourself, if you have any sense. You cannot make yourself proficient in anything unless you avail yourself of the knowledge of those who kindly communicate to you the knowledge which they have acquired. If you would counsel men in knowledge, you must first know at least all that they know about the subject in hand.

Recognizing these things, you must at the very beginning, as a practical matter, continue to remember that the Divine conditions are essential to your blessing. You must recognize the Divine revelation of your necessities, and the Divine revelation of the sufficiency of God to supply all your needs upon compliance with His Divine conditions.

Then you will get answers to Prayer.

I do not care further to exploit theory, no matter how effectual and good that theory may be, but I will close the address of this afternoon by endeavoring to bring you a little thought concerning immediate answer to Prayer.

**A Practical Illustration of Answered Prayer.**

Two hours ago my long-distance telephone bell rang. I was informed from the central office that a gentleman away up in the State of Minnesota wished to talk to me.

The wires were all connected. Everything along that line was put aside so that that man could talk to me. That has to be done.

The first thing in connection with Prayer is to be quite sure that all the wires are connected. The telephone company will not connect the wires up unless the price is paid; unless they know they will get the money for connecting these wires.

You cannot get in communication with God unless the price is paid.

When that gentleman walked into the telephone office in Rushford, Minnesota, he was told what it would cost; so many dollars. He had to go into his pocket and find the dollars; pay the price. The wires between Zion and Rushford had cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. He was called upon to pay, not even hundreds of dollars. He never could have paid them, but he was called upon to pay a fair thing; what he could pay.

The line which is established between Zion above and Zion on earth has cost an immense deal to make. If you were to

pay the price, every time, of what it had cost to make the connection with God and man, you never could telephone to heaven at all. There is a price, however, which even we have to pay. God calls upon us for our proportion.

This man had a dying daughter. He wished to talk to Zion in Chicago. He paid his toll and got to the wire.

The wires were all connected.

There is no use in talking to heaven if the wires are not connected. There is no use of a man standing at a telephone and saying, "Dr. Dowie, are you there?" when the wires are not connected. There are scores of wires which must be disconnected in order that one wire may be connected.

There is no use in your standing at the other end of the telephone and trying to talk to God unless you come in His own way. You must pay the price. You must recognize Christ as the price paid.

You must recognize that the telephone company paid the price. You must recognize their right to control that line. You will not get to me in Zion at Chicago if you do not.

If you will not recognize God, you will not get an answer.

That man got to the other end of the wire and began to talk to me. He did not know how to talk. There were several things preventing. He was too much excited. He was choking. His voice was choking. His daughter was dying, and he was crying. There was a sob in his throat. He was standing too far away from the instrument.

I therefore said two things to him:

"You must stop crying, and then you must put your mouth into the phone."

"All right, Doctor," he said, and he did it.

**Great Demonstration Does Not Indicate Deep Feeling.**

Your tears will not get anything. Tears do not amount to anything. People who howl most, grieve least.

In the early days of my ministry I attended a great many funerals. I buried a great many people, and when I would be burying a man, and his wife would keep howling and would want to throw herself into the grave from grief—breaking her heart—I always knew that she would be married again within three months or thereabouts.

People who make great pretenses of love, and imagine that love consists in slobber, are very disgusting. You ditty slobberers! (Laughter.) That is not love; it is damning lust. It makes me angry. As if love consisted in so much physical contact!

If I find any of you slobbering in Zion College, you will go.

Emotions have their place. There is a place for tears. There is a place for kisses. It ought never to be permitted under circumstances which are debasing. A woman's lips and a woman's body are sacred.

The person who thinks that the way to God is by tears, will find that is not so.

I said to the man at the other end of that telephone wire, "Stop your crying. Put your mouth into the telephone and talk quietly and sensibly, like a man."

That stopped him. I did not want his tears. I knew he must be sorry, but that crying must stop. I no more wanted his tears than his fears. The moment that I found he was full of emotions I said to myself, "That man will be full of fears as well as tears."

When I got him to speak the first thing was, "My daughter is very sick. I am afraid she is dying. Send an Elder."

There were three things: "She is sick; I am afraid; send an Elder." I saw at once where that man was.

**Fears Keep One From Receiving Answers to Prayer.**

He was so excited, so full of fears and tears and impending death and present sickness, that he did not ask me to pray.

I said, "What is the matter with you? Why should I send an Elder?"

"Oh, she is sick and dying, Doctor."

"Why should I send an Elder? I can pray. Can you?"

He did not answer. I said, "Can you?"

"Yes."

"Why do you not? Put your ear to the phone and I will pray. God hears." So I prayed: "Oh God, have mercy upon this miserable sinner named ——."

"Amen," he said. (Laughter.)

He recognized the indictment in a moment. (Laughter.)

"Oh Lord, stop all tears and fears. He wants an Elder. He shall not get an Elder."

"Oh," he said. (Laughter.)

I said, "You did not say Amen. Say Amen."

There came a faint "Amen."

I said, "Lord, forgive the poor, wicked, fearful and tearful man."

"Amen," he said.

Then I said, "Lord, stretch forth Thine hand to heal. Bless that sick and dying girl tonight. May this man go home expecting to find her blessed, and let him write to me tonight, for Jesus' sake."

"Amen," he said. "Will you send an Elder?"

"No," I said. (Laughter.) "You will have to go over that Prayer again, and I will not pray a part of it."

"Amen," he said.

I said, "Either telephone to me or write to me after you have gotten home tonight, and I will consider the question of sending an Elder after you report to me."

It was 8 o'clock in the evening when he telephoned to me, and he got a letter into the mail which reached me at about midday the next day, saying that when he got home the girl was wonderfully well and I did not need to send an Elder.

There was a bit of long-distance telephoning.

I did not slobber over him. I did not weep over him. It was not a time for weeping. If I weep over every one who is sick, will my eyes ever be dry? Does Christ stand forever weeping in heaven? Are tears or fears or osculations or slobbers manifestations of faith or love?

Voices—"No."

President Dowie—Can you not get over the bridges of this miserable sensuality? You will never know how to pray until you cast the Devil out. Then with a love which is like the love of a little child who knows no fear, go to your Father.

**We Should Go to God With the Fearless Confidence of a Child to His Father.**

I knew that my Father in Heaven loved the child in Rushford. I knew that my Father in Heaven pitied this poor, broken-hearted father whose tears and fears were blinding his eyes, clouding his heart so that he could not see God. So I helped him to dry his tears. The only way to dry them was to tell him that he was a miserable wretch. He acknowledged it, too. His tears and his fears were sinful. They were the expression of his agonies, and apprehensions and dreads. There was no faith in them.

Whenever you are to be helpers of others, you must know how to pray.

Could my zeal no respite know;  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Christ must save, and He alone.

God in Christ must be my Healer.

My tears will not do it. There is a place for tears, and the best place is between you and God alone.

There may be a time when sympathy makes you weep. Let that be short.

Cast about for ways to help others. Do not merely cry with them or for them, and be more or less professional mourners with a doleful voice.

Some ministers come in and say, "Oh, my dear Mrs. Jones, it is a dispensation of God's providence." He has his funeral voice on. Humbug!

Ask the mother, "What did the child die of?"

"Oh, Doctor, I do not know."

"Is it not a fact that you gave that child some unripe fruit?"

"I am afraid it is."

"Then can you be surprised that your child is dead? You are a careless mother, Mrs. Jones. You do not deserve to have any child. Look sharply after the rest now."

That is the way to sympathize with Mrs. Jones. Sympathize with Mrs. Jones, but be sure you put Mrs. Jones right.

#### **Prolonged Grief is a Curse to People.**

A woman came to me one day and said:

"Oh Doctor, I am suffering so."

I said, "What are you suffering from?"

"I am suffering from the death of my dear daughter."

"How long since she died?"

"Two years, Doctor, and I have never gotten over it. I have cried every day. She was the best of all my children."

"You are sick in consequence of that?"

"Yes."

"You sinner! Was she a good girl?"

"Yes."

"Whither has she gone; heaven?"

"Oh, I am sure of that."

"You do not look as if you were sure. (Laughter.) You look as if you thought she were in great trouble somewhere."

"It is I who am miserable; I miss her so."

"Then you are an ungrateful wretch."

"What! Doctor, is that the sympathy for a sorrowing mother?"

"Yes. You have been pining away. You have not been attending to your family. You should have been making husband and sons and daughters all around you happy, and in your grief you have gone away out to her grave and have lain down upon the cold earth and gotten rheumatism. It served you right, you sinner."

She looked at me. She had never been treated so in her life.

I said, "How beautiful and encouraging it is for the rest of your children for you to say that the only good one was taken. How it encourages these dear children."

"Doctor!" she said, "I never had anybody talk to me like that before."

"It would have been a blessing if somebody had talked to you like that two years ago," I replied.

It was only her own selfishness. There was never any good done by anybody but this daughter, and this selfish sorrow for her daughter after all was only for herself. There were the other children neglected for two years and the husband walking through a vale of tears all the time until he went out at last and joined the lodge. He went to places where he could hear a song.

#### **There is a Definite Way to Get Answer to Prayer.**

I got the answer. If I had said over the telephone, "Dear Mr. ——, we will send an Elder. When does the next train go? I will send an Elder then. I am so anxious about that child" (laughter), that child would probably have been dead.

If God's people were where they ought to be, they would not need an Elder.

I have come down to a little bit of practical common sense; but all these things which I have said today have enabled me to exercise that common sense. Original from

# ZION BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.

BY REV. J. G. SPEICHER, OVERSEER IN THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ZION FOR CHICAGO.

## ZION HOME OF HOPE FOR ERRING WOMEN.

WE AGAIN at this time claim a share of the attention of the members and friends of Zion for Zion Benevolent Institutions. The first of these, Zion Home of Hope for Erring Women, was organized about two years ago. We herewith give our second annual report for this Home.

God has wonderfully blessed the work in connection with this Home. Deaconess Paddock has more than ever manifested her capacity for this kind of work, and the words of love and appreciation expressed in the appended testimonies prove conclusively that God has ordained her to this special service. While, perhaps, in many ways, the most trying position of any in all the work of Zion, yet it is full of opportunities to do good and win the lost souls to Christ for Salvation, Healing and Cleansing.

The Story of the Year told in full would be a long one, but full of great interest. The way the poor girls were found and the condition in which they were found and their utter helplessness, and in some cases indifference, and then the Salvation, Healing and Cleansing which have come to them in Zion Home of Hope, makes a story over which angels rejoice and for which all Zion thanks God.

One poor woman who was covered with an awful disease and was an inebriate and an outcast, told me a few weeks ago that she was forty-seven years of age, and that until she came to Zion Home of Hope had never earned one honest dollar. She had been a clairvoyant, and according to her own confession lived a life of shame and dishonesty. She said that she had no more power to foretell the future than any one else; that there is absolutely nothing in the claim of clairvoyants, and that while she had a great influence among business men and young men and young women in all ranks of society who came to her for help, her predictions were simply based on what she could read of human nature. Yet she took their money, knowing that she did them a real injury.

This woman was most miraculously healed of her dreadful disease, was healed of her appetite for liquor, was converted and made repentant, was baptized, and today she is rejoicing in the knowledge of her salvation. This one case alone well repays for all the work which was done in Zion Home of Hope last year.

Other poor unfortunates were picked out of the streets, helpless and destitute.

Even the police of the city have taken these cases, when they have found them, and brought them to Zion Home of

Hope. One poor woman, found with an arm broken, in a drunken fit, has found refuge in the Home, for which she thanks God.

We herewith present a report, given by Deaconess Paddock, of the work done in the Home which can be set down in figures:

Whole number sheltered in the Home for the year .....	59
Number of babies brought into the Home for the year .....	9
Number of babies born in the Home for the year .....	10

Total number cared for .....	78
Number baptized by Triune Immersion .....	33
Number received into Church fellowship .....	29

Number paying tithes .....	26
Number saved and returned to their mothers and friends .....	17
Number at work in this city in good homes .....	20
Whole number who have gone back to sin .....	4
Number remaining in the Home .....	18
Number of babies in the Home .....	13

Let the friends of Zion rejoice at this excellent record. Let their prayers ascend daily for dear Deaconess Paddock and the girls who shall be received in the Home for the coming year.

The following testimonies have been written by Deaconess Paddock and the girls under her care:

### Deaconess Paddock Praises God for the Work He Has Done.

ZION HOME OF HOPE, CHICAGO, ILL., December 23, 1900.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I praise God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon me during the past year.

I thank Him for His keeping power, after raising me from a dying bed.

I have been given strength to attend to the many duties I have been called on to perform in connection with this work.

Oftentimes I have felt discouraged, when Satan has sown discord and strife among the inmates of the Home, but still I have spent a happy year and realize the rich blessings I have received while teaching these dear girls the Word of God, and also to do housework.

I am so happy that only four have returned to sin.

I thank God for the health He has given the babies born in this Home. I pray that they may live to be true witnesses for God, and be loyal and true to God and Zion.

I thank God for the blessed privilege of doing this work for Him and for this beautiful Home, which you, our beloved General Overseer, and your dear wife, Mrs. Dowie, have opened for us.

I thank God for sending you and your dear family here, and for the love He has given me for these fallen sisters.

I find nothing too hard for me to do for the Master's sake.

Pray that God may still bless me with health and strength to do a greater work during the coming year

I remain your Sister in Christ, (MRS.) JENNIE PADDOCK, Matron of Zion Home of Hope.

18 EAST SIXTEENTH STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, December 23, 1900.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I wish to thank you and God for the blessing I and my little girl have received in Zion. I have been saved from



DEACONESS JENNIE PADDOCK. Matron of Zion Home of Hope for Erring Women.



sin. I thank God for Zion Home of Hope and the love and kindness of Deaconess Paddock, and for her true teaching of God in the Home.

I have learned to trust God for healing and for all.

My little girl has been healed of measles here in the Home.

LEAVES OF HEALING has been a great blessing to me.

We pay God our tithes and are blessed for it.

Pray for us to be ever faithful to God and Zion.

Yours in Christ,

LYDIA T.—

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, December 23, 1900.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I praise God for Zion Home of Hope, and the blessings baby and I receive here.

I was very sick. Deaconesses Paddock and Hertrich prayed for me and, thank God, I am well now.

I thank God for the General Overseer, Dr. Dowie, and dear Deaconess Paddock. May they live to be with us many years, to teach us the Full Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I have given baby to God, and I am a member of Zion.

EMMA B.—

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, December 24, 1900.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—My heart rejoices tonight over the blessings received since my arrival in Zion Home of Hope in September, and especially for the advent of a little daughter, which, by God's power, was a blessed deliverance.

I also feel grateful to Him for having raised up the kind and loving mother I have found in "Ma Paddock."

I thank Him for Dr. Dowie, through whom this Home has been established.

Yours most gratefully,

ETHEL M. O.—

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, December 23, 1900.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I praise God for the teaching which I received in Zion.

I entered Zion Home of Hope January 9, 1899.

I thank God for the great blessing and healing which I have had in Zion.

I also thank God for His wonderful healing of diphtheria of my little girl, when dying.

Deaconess Paddock prayed, and, thank God, the little one was instantly healed.

I give God all the glory.

I thank God for the beautiful Home which I have, and also for our dear Mother Paddock, who has been a true, good mother to me.

I thank God I have received a great blessing since I have been paying tithes.

I thank God for Dr. and Mrs. Dowie; for the teaching which I have received in Zion.

Pray that I may be faithful to God and Zion, and that I may lead others to God and Zion.

Your Sister in Christ,

EMMA M.—

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, December 23, 1900.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I praise God for teaching which I have received since I have been in Zion.

I entered Zion Home of Hope May 23, 1899, and I praise God He saved a poor sinner like me.

Upon entering the Home of Hope I found a dear mother who helped to lead me to Christ, who told me of a Saviour mighty to save and to heal.

I was very sick with rheumatism. Deaconess Paddock sent for Overseer Speicher to pray with me, and I was instantly healed.

I am today happier and stronger than I ever was in my life. God has wonderfully blessed me in spirit, soul and body.

I have been blessed since paying tithes.

I find plenty of work and better wages.

I also praise God for Dr. Dowie and Mrs. Dowie, and for the blessed teaching which I have received in Zion.

Pray for me, that I may be faithful.

Yours in Christ,

CARRIE Z.—

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, December 23, 1900.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I praise God for the teaching which I have received since coming to Zion.

I entered Zion Home of Hope April 10, 1899.

I praise God He has saved me and healed me.

I suffered everything but death when I came, but I thank God, when Deaconess Paddock prayed I got some better. I went to Overseer Speicher and he prayed for me, and I thank God I was instantly healed.

I do praise Him for the good home which I have, and also for our dear mother.

I thank God for healing my little boy of measles, and for keeping him in good health.

I thank God for Dr. and Mrs. Dowie and for the teaching which I have received through them.

God has blessed me since I have been paying tithes.

Pray that I may be faithful to God and Zion.

Your Sister in Christ,

FREDA V.—

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, December 24, 1900.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I have been in Zion Home of Hope but a short time, yet I praise God for His loving kindness, for Dr. Dowie, for Deaconess Paddock, and for the blessings I have received in spirit, soul and body; also for His goodness to my little boy.

I have thrown away the medicine I had for my little boy.

I thank God there is a Healer greater than man.

ANNA A.—

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, December 23, 1900.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I praise the Lord that I found Zion and Zion Home of Hope. It is a blessing to those in need of the teaching of God, and a home.

I thank God for Deaconess Paddock and her kindness to my dear little babe and me.

Baby is almost a year old, and is growing nicely. I intend to raise her for God.

I have a nice place to work.

I pay my tithes and God is blessing us.

Please pray for baby and me; we are both in Zion.

NETTIE F.—

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, December 24, 1900.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—Since coming to Zion and accepting the teaching of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living, consecrating my life and my little son to God, I feel that I have been wonderfully blessed, in spirit, soul and body.

Since paying tithes, I have received special blessing, direct answer to prayer, opportunities previously not afforded, and a sweet peace.

For all this I constantly praise and thank God.

I thank Him for our dear General Overseer and his noble wife, and for all who have helped in forwarding the work of Zion.

I thank Him especially for our dear "Ma Paddock," and more than words can express for Zion Home of Hope.

Most gratefully yours,

KATHARINE C.—

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, December 24, 1900.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—Before coming to Zion, I was driven to misfortune for want of a home and a friendly hand.

I was in the downward path of sin until the Lifeline of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living was thrown out to me by one of Zion's Seventies.

I was brought to Zion Home of Hope, with a broken arm in bandages. After being there two days, I discarded all the dressings, in faith, and God is healing me wonderfully.

I can truly say that God has cleansed my life and given me a thorough change of heart, for which I thank and praise God, and for Dr. Dowie, and especially for Zion Home of Hope.

Yours most gratefully,

(MRS.) H. F. O.—

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, December 23, 1900.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I praise God for the beautiful teachings I have received since coming to Zion.

I entered Zion Home of Hope October 8, 1900.

I praise God that He has saved and healed me, and also keeps me and my little one.

When I entered Zion Home of Hope I found a dear mother who taught me the love of Jesus.

I praise God that I have been blessed in paying tithes.

I am thankful to God for all He has done for me through the General Overseer and his noble wife.

Pray for me, that I may be faithful to God and Zion.

Your Sister in Christ.

NELLIE W.—

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, December 24, 1900.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I praise God for what He has done for me and for my baby.

I came into Zion Home of Hope March 22, 1900. My baby was born on the 27th of May. It was then I found Jesus, my Saviour, Healer, Cleanser and Keeper.

I was a Roman Catholic before being baptized and joining Zion.

I have received many blessings, in spirit, soul and body.

My baby was very sick about November 20th.

I had Deaconess Paddock pray for her and she got better.

On Thanksgiving Day she was on the verge of having spasms. Again our dear Matron prayed for her and she was healed, praise God.

I thank God for our General Overseer, for Zion Home of Hope which He has given us, and for the blessings through the teachings of our General Overseer.

I thank God for dear Deaconess Paddock, who is a good mother to us.

Pray for me and for my baby.  
Gratefully yours in Christ,

ELIZABETH H.—

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, December 23, 1900.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I praise God for the teaching I have received since coming to Zion.

I entered Zion Home of Hope March 12, 1899.  
I praise God He has saved me and healed me.  
I also thank Him for healing my baby.

When I came to the Home my baby was given up to die, but I praise God that when our dear Deaconess Paddock prayed for him, he got well, and has been well ever since.

I praise God that when I entered Zion Home of Hope, I found a dear mother, who showed me the way to Christ.

I thank my Heavenly Father for the General Overseer and Mrs. Dowie, and for the teaching which I have received in Zion.

Pray for me, that I may be faithful to God and Zion.  
Your Sister in Christ,

HANNAH J.—

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, December 24, 1900.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I praise God for the teachings of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living as set forth in Zion by our General Overseer, and for Zion Home of Hope and for our dear Deaconess Paddock.

Coming from the hospital with a little three-weeks-old baby boy, whose right hand was paralyzed, and not being very well, I feel that I have been wonderfully blessed in receiving my healing and in the healing of my little boy, through Deaconess Paddock's prayers and God's great goodness.

I came back to the Home a second time and my little boy was healed of measles, bowel trouble and a large running sore on the back, a result of the effects of medicine given him at the Foundlings' Home.

For all this, I thank and praise God.  
Most thankfully,

ANNA C.—

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, December 23, 1900.

DEAR OVERSEER SPEICHER—I have many things to thank God for.

I came into Zion Home of Hope February 9, 1900.  
I was discouraged and suffering very much.

I had no hopes for the future; my life seemed a mere existence.  
I thought myself friendless and homeless.

When I met Deaconess Paddock, I found a true friend and a mother.  
Since coming to the Home my baby was born.

I lost my eyesight and seemed nigh death's door.  
Elder Ernst and Overseer Speicher came and prayed for me.

After Overseer Speicher prayed, my sight returned, and my eyes feel stronger than they have for years.

I had been afflicted with tumors from childhood, but since coming to Zion I suffer no pain with them. I give all the praise to God.

I overtaxed my strength and caused a rupture, from which God has healed me.

My baby was ruptured when six weeks old. Elder Graves prayed for him and next morning the rupture had disappeared.

I thank God that Dr. and Mrs. Dowie have been raised up as leaders in Zion, and for the Home which they have opened.

I also thank Him for Deaconess Paddock, who has been such a kind mother to me.

I ask prayers of all Zion that I may ever prove faithful and be a help to others, and tell them of Jesus, "the Friend who sticketh closer than a brother."

Your Sister in Christ,

EVA C.—

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, December 24, 1900.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I thank God for Salvation, Healing and Holy Living, which I have found since coming into Zion, under the teaching of dear Deaconess Paddock.

I praise God for answering her prayers for me at different times, when I had toothache, headache, sore throat, and a severe burn on my left side, of which I was healed instantly.

I pay my tithes and feel blessed in doing what I think my duty. I will not rob God.

Pray for me.

Most truly grateful,

FLORENCE D.—

ZION WORKING GIRLS' HOME.

THIS Home, which is under the care and supervision of Mrs. M. C. Moody, was formally opened less than a year ago. During the year, a large number of Christian girls who have sought employment in Chicago have found a home and shelter in this Home until suitable employment could be found. More than 100 different girls have been entertained during the year. We give below a report of the work done.

Many kind and encouraging words have come to us from those who have occupied this Home.

There has been some misunderstanding about the object of the Working Girls' Home. This is not a Home for sick people, neither is it a place for the weak and destitute, nor is it a place for those coming to Chicago seeking teaching in Divine Healing or the truths taught in Zion.

It is just what the name indicates, Zion Working Girls' Home. It is a Home for Zion working girls. It is our aim and object that there may be a Christian Home to which our dear girls may go for rest and recuperation and help; where they may find opportunities for securing employment in Zion homes when their fitness has been demonstrated.

The dangers of a great city are many. For even Christian girls to be cast upon a cold and heartless world in a great city exposes them to the temptations which otherwise would never come.

By giving them a place of refuge, we prevent all this danger of temptation and keep them from falling into the snare of the evil one.

We invite the hearty coöperation of the members and friends of Zion for the work of this Home.

Those who obtain girls from this Home ought to feel it their duty to do something to the support of the Home in thankfulness for the privilege of coming to such a place, and for the benefits derived in obtaining a Christian girl from Zion.

Mrs. Moody has been very self-sacrificing in caring for her girls and in going with them to find places of work. She depends upon the income of this work for her support, as she receives no salary.

It gives us great pleasure to append a report of the work of less than a year, for the Home was only opened May 1st, although Mrs. Moody had been receiving girls before that time.

We also give a very much abbreviated testimony of Mrs. Moody, and also a few of the many testimonies from the girls who have been blessed by and in the Home.

Number of girls received and cared for .....	101
Number of girls for whom employment was secured .....	87
Number of people supplied with girls .....	97
Number of girls supplied to Zion Home .....	10

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF ZION WORKING GIRLS' HOME.

Testimony of Mrs. M. C. Moody.

After receiving and reading a few copies of LEAVES OF HEALING, while I lived in Brandon, Manitoba, I decided to come to Chicago to learn about Zion.

I remained a month in Zion Home.

I decided that Zion was the only place in the world I could have my five children taught as I wanted them to be taught.

I am more than thankful I came, for all my children have, of their own free will, been baptized, and with one exception all are members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, attending Zion School and happy.

My eldest daughter is at work in the General Recorder's office, and although she works hard and attends school three evenings out of the week, she is well and strong.

From a tiny babe weighing three and one-half pounds when born, she has grown to weigh 157 pounds when seventeen years of age.

I have received and cared for 101 girls and women in this Home since May 1st.

I have secured work for eighty-seven different girls and supplied



ninety-seven people with help of different kinds; some for housework, some as seamstresses.

I have placed ten girls in Zion Home to work.

In addition to this I have had the greater part of the time two little girls besides my own children to take care of, and part of the time three.

God has wonderfully kept me, for although I have been obliged to go out in all weather and at all times, besides attending to the children and the Home, I have not been ill one day, and scarcely had even a cold.

If I do not have a girl in the Home when a call for help comes, and I know of one anywhere in the city, if there is not time to write, I go and find her and tell her of the work.

If the girls are strangers, I have made it a rule to see them safely to the place.

I thank God I have been enabled to do the little work I have here among the girls, and that I am counted worthy to work for Him.

I pray I may have more wisdom and be better able to carry on the work as it increases as Zion grows.

I thank our General Overseer and Mrs. Dowie for the teaching of Zion, and for allowing me to help in this great work for our Master.

I also thank Overseer Speicher for his kindly advice and help, and interest he has always shown and given in my work.

May God bless all the Overseers and officers in Zion.

M. C. MOODY, Matron.

1411 MICHIGAN AVENUE,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, December 13, 1900.

DEAR MRS. MOODY:—It is with pleasure I look back upon my stay in your Home, and again I wish to thank you for your motherly kindness to me while there.

It is an ideal refuge for working girls, because of its homelike atmosphere and privileges.

It is a delightful feeling to one who is alone in the world to know there is some place she can call "Home," and be received from time to time with pleasure, as such has been my experience in Zion Working Girls' Home.

Gratefully yours,

LULU MAY FISHER.

5327 WASHINGTON AVENUE,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, December 15, 1900.

MY DEAR MRS. MOODY:—I wish to thank you for sending me such a nice girl, and am only sorry that I had engaged one on Saturday.

If the one who is coming does not prove satisfactory, I would like to have one of your girls later.

Very sincerely,

SARA R. ZANE.

16 EAST EIGHTEENTH STREET,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, December 5, 1900.

DEAR MRS. MOODY:—Knowing that you are about to make out a report of the work of Zion Working Girls' Home, I wish to tell in that report what a help and blessing the Home has been to me.

I came to the Home March 17, 1899, and you have in every way possible helped me to find employment, even accompanying me to many places to make inquiries about work.

When I have been out of work I have felt in coming back to the Home that I was really coming home.

I thank you for what you have done and are still doing for me.

I thank God that He has raised up a handmaiden in Zion who is so truly a home-mother to the working girls in Zion.

Sincerely yours in Christ, (MISS) EMILY S. ARNOLD.

NEW AVON, MINNESOTA, December 16, 1900.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I feel it to be my duty as well as my privilege to praise God and to thank you for opening up a Zion Working Girls' Home. I was so glad for it during the five months I was there last summer. I know of many others who are.

A Home like that is needed for girls who have their own living to earn, yet need to be where they can receive the teaching which can be found nowhere outside of Zion.

I went to Chicago in order that I might attend the meetings in Zion Tabernacle, intending to sew with my cousin, but the way for me to do so seemed not to be open when I arrived.

I soon learned of the Home and the work Mrs. Moody, its Matron, was doing.

I went there to find work. At first she said she did not know of any, then finally said I might stay there and help her with her own sewing and attend the May meetings, then about to commence.

I did so, and from that on God gave me work there all summer.

I do most joyfully give Him all praise for all the blessings I received while there.

May God make it more of a blessing each day to the many girls who pass through its portals.

I pray daily that God will bless and keep you and give you power to go on until your work is done, and that you will come off more than conqueror through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please pray that I may be faithful to God and Zion.

With Christian love, ELLA C. HUBBARD.

## ZION ORPHANS' HOME.

WE desire to make a report upon a Home which has not yet been established. God has put it into our heart during the last year to pray for this very desirable and most necessary institution.

We are in great need of a place to care for helpless children, whether they are orphans or not.

God has been, in a measure, answering prayer in this direction. Last week a brother and sister sent in a check for \$100 to be applied to this work.

A lady, a member of this Church, has recently made quite a large bequest for the founding of an Orphans' Home in Zion. This, of course, will not be immediately available.

We need a large sum of money immediately for the establishment of a Zion Orphans' Home.

Has not God put it into the heart of some of you to devote that which God has given you that we may undertake now the care of the children who are on the streets and are going to destruction, of whom Zion could well take care? We know there are those in Zion who could well do this and not feel it.

There is no better work to be done in all the world than the rescuing of the dear children; those whose parents have died and who are left upon the cold charities of the evil world, to be captured by the evil one and led into the paths of sin. They may be reclaimed in later years from their hard and terrible experiences by the sacrificing endeavors of godly men and women, but how much better to reach them before they have gone so deep into sin!

We believe we are praying the prayer of faith for this blessed consummation; the realization of a large fund of money for the establishment of an orphans' home in 1901, the first year of the new century.

Let all Zion pray with us for this.

## THE MAKING OF WILLS.

WHILE we do not teach men to get ready to die, and it is our delight to help prepare men to live, yet we all know that unless Christ shall come, we will all have to fall asleep sooner or later.

Because of this fact, it becomes the duty of every man and every woman to whom God has given the stewardship of His good things: money, houses, lands and property of various kinds, to make sure that when he or she shall come to lay down the burdens of this life, the property shall not pass into the hands of those who belong to the world to be used against Zion, but that God shall get His own, that it may be used for the establishment of His Kingdom on earth.

To this end, then, it becomes the duty of every man and woman to write down upon paper, in black and white, the desires of their hearts as to the distribution of the means in their care, and state definitely just what shall be done with their property.

It is not their privilege to say that this or that man shall inherit the property if this or that man is an ungodly man.

It is the duty of Christians to see that God's money remains in the hands of Christians, and the time has come when it is necessary that the members of Zion appreciate more fully their responsibilities before God in taking steps to prevent the Devil controlling that which belongs to God in case of their departure from this life.

God claims at least one-tenth of the property which is left; and, in a great many cases, this is entirely too small an amount.

There is no danger that too much will be given to God.

Write your wills as the Holy Spirit directs, and trust Him for blessing, because you have done your duty.



## CHICAGO.

A HAPPY and helpful Christmas Rally was held at Central Zion Tabernacle on Lord's Day afternoon, December 23d. Over 2000 members and friends of Zion joined hearts and voices in bringing Christmas Crowns of praise and glory to Zion's Triumphant King.

His sinless Sacrifice had paid the great price of the Salvation, Healing and Cleansing of nearly all of those present, and they could not praise Him enough on the anniversary of His birth.

Zion's White-robed Choir, including the reorganized Boys' Choir, filled almost the entire large choir gallery. Never did the music from these consecrated singers sound more sweetly than on this occasion, when the pure treble of the boys' voices joined with the resonant volume of the trained voices of the adult choir in singing "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men in whom He is well pleased."

"The Birthday of a King," a ringing baritone solo by Conductor Burt M. Rice, with a glorious chorus by the choir, was rendered with a truth of spirit which uplifted the entire audience. There was great inspiration in the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah." This masterly composition was sung with accuracy and harmony, and with the joyful praise of every singer's heart in every Hallelujah. Only a Zion Choir could sing that wonderful Chorus with a genuine appreciation of the words: "The kingdom of the world has become the Kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ, and He shall reign for ever and ever."

Overseers Piper and Speicher, and Elders Stith, McClurkin and Stokes paid tribute to Jesus the Saviour, Healer, Keeper and Coming King, and others from the audience added their meed of praise to Him who, by the power of the Holy Spirit, had brought such great blessings to them and to Zion.

## Granville, Ohio.

In the last number of LEAVES OF HEALING this department contained a brief account of the shameful attack upon Overseer George L. Mason at Granville, Ohio, by a Secret Society mob.

Many important facts not then known to us are reported in the story of the fight, given by Overseer Mason, who is at home again in Zion Home, after a nine weeks' absence.

What hotbeds of lawlessness colleges are becoming when hypocritical cant which deceives no one is the only protest against disgraceful violence upon a Christian minister of unblemished reputation, for eighteen years a prominent missionary in China and an alumnus of the very college whose students and President were guilty!

The following is Overseer Mason's account:

In a mission tour of nine weeks, during which I spoke in eight States and in twenty-seven places, the only town where mob violence was met was Granville, Ohio, the seat of the Baptist College, Denison University, my own Alma Mater.

The first evening the meeting was in the home of E. E. Witter. A goodly number of students came, but those who came into the house were not specially boisterous.

The second evening, the meeting in Convention Hall was crowded and there were various attempts at disorder, which were promptly quelled. My subject was "How God Led Me Into the Christian Catholic Church."

Threats of violence against Zion coming to the ears of President Purinton, he addressed the students in chapel, giving weak advice and begging them not to disturb my meeting. He evidently does not know how to command.

The next evening, December 19th, the Devil raged when, in obedience to the Spirit's guidance, I declared "The Son of God manifest to destroy the works of the Devil in Granville." I gave an exposition of the Anti-Christian nature of Masonry and Oddfellowship. No reference was made to College Greek-letter fraternities. But, as usual, the Greeks came to the rescue when their mother, Masonry, was exposed.

Student "hooligans" of the Phi Gamma Delta Secret Society mingled with town rowdies and were active in making disorder.

Stinking chemicals were thrown into the stove and on my clothing. Tobacco, snuff, a dead chicken, large stones, and many eggs were thrown into the hall.

Before the close of the meeting I appealed to Mayor Lewis. But the coward immediately left the scene. Outside he told a brave woman who rebuked him that the "Dowieites" would likely get in Granville what they had gotten in Mansfield.

After the meeting had continued more than an hour, I closed it.

The angry mob then crowded in upon me. Several men who claimed to be Freemasons, but who had done nothing to help keep order, now came to my side and offered to escort me to Mr. Witter's. The rabble surged upon us and the table was crushed beneath us.

Faithful Zion men and women stood by, ready to suffer with me if necessary. The mob followed to the house, but soon dispersed.

In the home of Mr. Witter we had a joyful season of praise and prayer. Then we partook of the Supper which shows forth our "Lord's Death until He come." The twenty-third Psalm seemed very real: "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies."

The violence was threatened before my arrival. It was not provoked by what I said, nor by any wrong spirit in saying it. The rowdy students planned the outrage beforehand.

The vote of disapproval of the riot which the President had the students express the next morning was sincere, doubtless, on the part of many, but, of course, was a hypocritical farce on the part of those students who had been active in fomenting the trouble and who yet voted their disapproval of it.

The real blame for the outrage, however, must be placed not on the students, but upon those preachers and professors who have long failed to teach the public the essential selfishness and lawlessness of secret, oath-bound societies, and have thus fostered the popular idea that secretism must not be publicly rebuked.

A chief offender has been President Purinton himself. At the Huron Association in 1898, at New London, he is reported to have spoken in favor of lodgeism, saying that he would join other secret societies if he could afford it.

No wonder that not a few cases are known of innocent Baptist boys being sent to Granville and returning home in a few years, smokers or Secret Society tricksters, or even infidels.

The salt has lost its savor.

Intellect is worshiped.

Spirituality is at a discount.

Many of the students are tobacco slaves. Many of the Baptist leaders are genteel backsliders.

Overseer Piper has received a letter from Mr. E. E. Witter, the brave Conductor of the Gathering of the Friends of Zion at Granville, telling in detail of the mob.

He speaks of the courage and calmness with which Overseer Mason faced the Mah-hah-bone demons. He also tells of the faithfulness of a number of fearless Zion women who surrounded the Overseer, when the mob was at its height, and formed a bodyguard to protect him.

He tells of the friendly action of many good people who deplored such disgraceful violence, and very significantly asks that twelve blank forms for application for fellowship be sent him.

Zion always takes a big stride forward when the Devil has been especially foolish and furious.

# THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN OPENED.

**W**ILL a man rob God? yet ye rob Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with the curse; for ye rob Me, even this whole nation. Bring ye the Whole Tithe into the Storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you happy: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts.—*Malachi 3:8-12.*

## Employment Found When Last Dollar is Paid in Tithes.

God's wonderful faithfulness in keeping His Covenant, "I am Jehovah, thy Provider," is witnessed to in the following letters which arrived just one week apart in the office of the Overseer-at-Large:

1635 MICHIGAN AVENUE,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, November 26, 1900. }

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*My Dear Brother:*—Your invitation to write of anything practical about tithing hits me, and I write.

Tithing, with me, has been a lifelong practice.

The blessings following are without number.

Zion's way of tithing was not plain to me until yesterday, and my practice usually was convenience.

Now I see I was mistaken.

The amount I now owe to God is \$——. Here is the amount and a little more.

I am out of employment; have been for several weeks.

This leaves me with just twenty-five cents, and my board is paid up to tomorrow night.

I have not one penny to lay my hands on and call it mine, save as above.

Whatever comes, I desire to be right with God.

He has never failed me and never can.

Will report to you the results.

Very truly,

S. S. PALMER.

1635 MICHIGAN AVENUE,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, December 3, 1900. }

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*My Dear Brother:*—Is not this practical on the question of tithes?

After writing you November 26th, one week ago, I met a friend whom I had not seen for thirty-five years.

We served in the same regiment during the Civil War, about four and a half years.

He is now a Colonel in the Regular Army and at the head of one department here in Chicago.

Had my courage been sufficient, I might have secured then what finally came today, employment and a renewed acquaintance of a very warm friend.

The salary now is not large, but will be much better as soon as I pass examination before the Civil Service Commissioners.

On the day my tithes were sent in, I also received information the value of which, to me, could not be measured by money.

The Lord is very gracious. His promises are sure.

This is my promised report.

Most truly yours in the Faith,

S. S. PALMER.

## God's Blessing Upon a Faithful Tither.

BROWNVILLE, IOWA, December 18, 1900.

REV. W. HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—We feel we have been greatly blessed in paying our tithes.

We feel we are not giving it, but that it is our Father's, and we will be very glad when the time comes we can do more to advance God's work.

Your Brother in Christ,

T. J. WOOLDRIDGE.

## Blessings in Every Form Follow Faithful Tithing.

HARVEY, ILLINOIS, December 17, 1900.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*Beloved Overseer:*—In reply to your inquiry, "Has God blessed you in tithing?" beg to say that Mrs. Dinius and myself joined the Christian Catholic Church in Zion in the spring of 1898. A few months thereafter we began paying our tithes regularly the first of each month.

At this time our debt to God is discharged before any other debts or expenses of living are counted out.

God has blessed us wonderfully, spiritually, physically and financially, and we know we have gained strength in every way in obeying this command.

While we recognize it as a command, we also consider it a privilege to

have this opportunity to extend the Kingdom of God, even though it be in so small a way.

Faithfully yours,

B. C. DINIUS.

## Easy to Find Employment When Tithes are Paid..

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, December 18, 1900.

DEAR OVERSEER-AT-LARGE:—I would like to give my testimony on tithing.

After I became acquainted with the Word of God sufficiently to know that one-tenth of what God gives one belongs to Him, I can truly say that I have been abundantly blessed.

Before I paid tithes, when I happened to be out of work it was hard to find it. After I paid tithes, one morning two men wanted to employ me at the same time, with more wages than I had had for several years.

It was only a short time after that, a man for whom I worked before found out where I was and came after me. He offered me whatever wages I wanted. I did not accept, so he afterwards called again.

I went with him and received more than any man in the same place before or since.

My boss said it was hard to get a sober butcher and a steady man.

Since I resigned and took a more humble position in Zion Home, I have received spiritual blessings which I could not have gotten selling ham and oysters.

Your Humble Servant,

AUGUST ERHARDT.

## God's Promises to Those Who Pay Tithes Found True.

DYER, INDIANA, December 18, 1900.

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—We desire to tell how God has kept His Covenant with us regarding tithing.

Since my mother was healed so wonderfully, five years ago, we have given tithes, but did not understand fully, therefore gave to many different places where we thought God's work was being done. But when the tithe envelopes were issued, we began to bring the "Whole Tithe" into Zion's Storehouse.

We are glad to bring it where we believe it is being used for the extension of God's Kingdom.

When we receive money, God's tithe is laid aside first.

We have received God's blessing.

We have been kept from illness, and have prospered financially.

We know that God's promise in Malachi 3:8-12 is true.

Yours in Jesus,

(MRS.) CARRIE JOHNS.  
(MISS) KATHERINE JOHNS.

## The Devil Gets Money Kept Back From God. God Blesses When Repentance is Made.

2523 KIMBALL AVENUE,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, November 29, 1900. }

REV. W. H. PIPER.

*Dear Overseer in Christ:*—In regard to tithes, I have been paying tithes since 1897 and some in 1896. I am sorry I did not begin sooner.

I ask God to forgive me for wasting this money in the Devil's lodges.

I gave up my insurance policy of \$2,000 some time ago.

It gives me great pleasure to pay tithes.

Once, not long ago, I was short and I kept back a dollar. I said I would make it up the next time. But the Devil got that dollar and I did not get to use it at all.

The Lord showed me that I did wrong.

I repented, and the Lord gave me three times what I had lost.

I thank God for Zion and His many blessings.

Your Brother in Christ,

W. H. HANDYSIDE.

## Great Blessing, Spiritually and Financially, in Tithing.

CAMBRIDGE, OHIO, December 17, 1900.

DEAR OVERSEER:—I have been in Zion nearly one year, and it has been the best year of my life, spiritually and financially.

I have given more money to God than during my entire membership of twelve years in the M. E. Church, and I have more money left than any year previous to coming into Zion.

I have learned that it pays to obey God.

I am so glad I am no longer a thief and a robber.

Your Brother in Christ,

W. C. SUITT.



# NOTES OF THANKSGIVING TO ZION'S GOD

## God Supplies Every Need. Healed of Grip.

SYCAMORE, ILLINOIS, December 5, 1900.

DEAR OVERSEER:—I feel it my duty to write a testimony, to tell you the goodness of God to us, and also to thank you for your kindness to me. I wrote you some time ago stating our circumstances.

You prayed that God would supply all our needs, and my husband has not been idle one day since.

About a year ago I was taken very ill with the grip. I had had it before and came near losing my life by it.

I thought that I could pray myself out of it, but all the time something seemed to tell me to write to you for prayer.

Still I delayed, until I got very ill.

One morning I was suffering intensely. I said to myself, "I will write to Dr. Speicher for prayer."

I arose from my couch and wrote a short note to you.

When I lay down again I was sorry I had not written before.

God showed me very plainly His promise, "Before they call, I will answer.

I was better that instant, and in a short time was as well as ever.

I never felt God so near as now.

Your Sister in Christ,

ANNA HALL.

## Boy Speedily Healed of Jaundice and Lung Fever.

PONTIAC, ILLINOIS, November 7, 1900.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

Beloved Overseer:—For several days I have felt it my duty to write and tell you of my immediate recovery from illness, after sending you the request for prayer.

Our dear little son John was healed in answer to your prayer on the 21st of October, 1900. He had jaundice and was so sick he scarcely had any appetite.

But immediately after you prayed for him his complexion and eyeballs became natural in color and his appetite returned, so that for several days I really was afraid he would eat too much.

God gave us a glorious victory.

Satan made him sick since that time, his symptoms being lung fever.

But, praise God, his sickness was of very short duration, and in a week's time he was attending school again.

He used to have what was called a chronic cough, but he is healed of that complaint since we do not give him medicine.

I am thankful to you for your prayers.

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) ANNIE B. BALMER.

## Healed After Six Months' Suffering.

FITZGERALD, GEORGIA, December 6, 1900.

DEAR BROTHER IN CHRIST:—Your letter at hand.

I can say, praise the Lord, I could feel your prayers, it seemed to me, in my restoration.

Glory to God for such a Healer!

For six long months my head was in such a condition that I could not hear the Word of God preached, and my friends thought there was no chance for my recovery.

I went to church last Sunday and testified that I was healed through faith in Jesus, and the dear people seemed not to understand what it meant.

But I knew, and when I spoke the fire seemed to spread.

I do not believe in drugs, but launch out on the promises.

I wish that God would send some one to open a Zion Mission.

Your Sister in Christ,

GENE BURNHAM.

## Instant Healings in Answer to Prayer.

GALESVILLE, WISCONSIN, December 7, 1900.

DEAR OVERSEER SPEICHER:—I was severely kicked by a horse.

I just looked to God in prayer, and all pain instantly left me.

D. E. MOUGHMER.

GALESVILLE, WISCONSIN, December 7, 1900.

DEAR OVERSEER SPEICHER:—I wish to tell of an experience I have had, hoping it will benefit some one.

I destroyed all of the medicine we had in the house, but left a syringe. Something seemed to say to me, "Do away with that."

"Oh," I thought, "that won't hurt anything, and if necessary I will do away with it some time."

One day my little boy was eating wheat. My little girl also took some, and got a wheatbeard fastened in the root of her tongue and stuck in her nostrils.

She screamed and cried. I knelt down and earnestly prayed; but no help came.

I again prayed. Before I arose I asked God if there was anything in the way on my part.

The thought of that syringe came into my mind. I ran and took it from its case out the back way and smashed it.

When I came in, the little girl said, "I am all right now, mamma."

We have had answers to prayer too numerous to tell.

Our prayer is that God may bless Dr. Dowie, family and party who are laboring in Europe, and all members of Zion everywhere.

(MRS.) D. E. MOUGHMER.

## Little Boy Instantly Healed of Gathering in the Head and Fever.

4502 EMERALD AVENUE,

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, December 13, 1900.

OVERSEER J. G. SPEICHER.

Dear Brother in Christ:—I write to inform you of the complete recovery of our little boy.

He had a very bad gathering in his head, and in answer to prayer it broke and the pain stopped.

Two days after, he became very sick with a high fever. Red blotches began to appear on his body and we began to think scarlet fever was developing.

We sent for an Elder, and at 5 o'clock that afternoon, I think about the time you received the message and prayed, he began to perspire.

His bowels had not moved for three days, and an hour after perspiration began, they moved perfectly naturally, praise the Lord.

It is the most wonderful healing we have had in our family.

I have just come in from my Zion's Seventy route. We had a good fight with the Devil.

By God's Grace we were enabled to enter three saloons, a thing I never thought I could do.

Praise God for Zion.

Faithfully your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) E. AISTON.

## Blessed Fourfold in Giving to God's Work.

EDINBURG, OHIO, December 8, 1900.

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—I received your circular letter of November 10th, containing tract.

It came just at a time when it seemed, humanly speaking, simply impossible for me to spare the money for a subscription to LEAVES OF HEALING, as we needed coal and many other things to prepare us for the winter; but I told God about it, and at once it was made plain to me that it was a call from God to help forward His cause.

At the same time I received faith to believe that He was abundantly able to supply all our needs.

At once I put my trust in Him and responded to your call, sending money for a subscription to the LEAVES, to be sent to my brother who lives in California.

Within two weeks I received a letter from that same brother (he not knowing anything of what I had done), containing \$5, with the explanation that it was a Christmas gift to myself and daughter.

Thus, from the very place I had sent the LEAVES, God returned the money I gave, fourfold.

I send enclosed for another subscription to the LEAVES, to be sent to another friend.

Faithfully your Brother,

G. G. NORTHROP.

## Children Healed of Measles; Mother of Severe Cough.

607 EVERGREEN AVENUE,

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, December 9, 1900.

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—It is with a deep sense of gratitude to God that I write these lines, and tell of some of the blessings which He has brought to our home in the past two weeks.

Two weeks ago our little John was taken very sick with a cold, sore throat, vomiting and high fever.

It soon developed that he had a severe attack of the measles. His stomach would retain neither food nor water.

We had Elder Stevens come and pray with him, and soon after I prepared a nice supper for him. Before he ate, we all gathered around him and prayed that God would enable him to retain and digest the food.

God heard and answered prayer. The bad symptoms all disappeared and the boy was soon well.

One week ago Friday night, Ralph and Mudge took the measles.

Their symptoms were as severe as John's, but they believed God would heal them.

Madge's fever was so high it seemed as if she would have spasms. We could not keep her in bed.

We prayed. In five minutes she was quiet, and soon went to sleep.

Sunday morning they both woke me calling for something to eat and begging me to get up.

We did not think it best for them to get up that day, so they were contented, and passed much of the day in singing.

Monday morning they got up and dressed as usual, and assisted me with the housework. They have been all right ever since.

We praise God for their healing, and give Him all the glory.

I also desire to thank God for an instantaneous healing on Saturday.

I had been miserable for several days, but still kept up.

I was busy doing my Saturday's work when I took sick very suddenly.

I had a sharp, cutting pain in my lung, and began coughing.

I expectorated yellow phlegm streaked with brown.

I was so sick that I could not stand up, and so short of breath that I could not lie down.

Everything seemed dark around me.

There was loud rattling in the lower part of my lungs and in my throat. I coughed continually.

I called the children to me and we all prayed.

God heard, and the answer came instantly

I only coughed once after that, and all bad symptoms disappeared.

I bless God for this victory over the Devil, and thank Him for Zion teaching, through which I have been led to know Christ as my Healer.

Your Sister in Christ, (MRS.) CHARLES E. ROBINSON.

#### God Heals Little Girl of Croup at Time of Prayer.

On December 9, 1900, Overseer W. Hamner Piper received the following telegram, sent from Platte, South Dakota, by C. N. Richards:

Please pray at once for little daughter Hazel.

Croup.

Reply.

He prayed earnestly to God for the child's healing, and replied that he had prayed at 3:20 in the afternoon and would pray again at 9 in the evening.

On December 12th he received the following letter:

CASTALIA, SOUTH DAKOTA, December 10, 1900.

REV. W. H. PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—Yesterday we telegraphed you to pray for our little Hazel, who was very sick with croup.

You replied that you prayed at 3:20 and would pray again at 9.

She became much better in the afternoon.

At about twenty minutes to 4 she asked for something to eat, and ate heartily.

She is now almost entirely well.

We are very thankful to God for His goodness to us, and for this answer to prayer.

We also thank you for your kindness.

Some of our friends tell us that writing to Zion for prayers savors of Roman Catholicism.

I think it savors of obedience to God, according to His Word.

We are very thankful that there is a Church whose Elders can pray the prayer of faith.

May God bless you and all Zion everywhere.

Yours in Christ, MR. AND MRS. C. N. RICHARDS.

#### God Heals Father, Mother and Daughter.

BLOOMER, WISCONSIN, December 13, 1900.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—I have felt it my duty for some time to write and tell you what God has done for us since we became members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

About eight months ago we were converted and began at once to trust God for keeping our spirits, souls, and bodies. He has kept us in good health, with but a few slight attacks of disease, since.

Our little girl, now nearly two and one-half years old, had medicine nearly every day for the first year and a half of her life, and was never well until we began to trust God for our bodies. She has not had one drop of medicine from that day to this.

About two months ago her mouth was cankered so she could not eat anything. We took her case to the Lord and asked the prayers of Zion members in this place.

God heard, and she was healed right away.

I was taken with cholera-morbus a short time ago, and we asked God

to heal me, but I did not get relief until our little girl, two and one-half years old, asked God to heal papa. Then I was healed at once.

My wife had a gathering in her head about two weeks ago. She wrote to you for prayers, and she is getting along nicely now.

We are holding meetings in our log Tabernacle every Lord's Day, and we are having some wonderful meetings.

God is with us, but we need an Elder or some one to teach us.

We have been praying for Mansfield, Ohio, and are glad to hear that God has come out victorious, which He always will do.

Thanking you for your prayers,

Your Brother in Christ,

A. S. BOWERS.

#### Baby Healed in Answer to Prayer of Faith of Zion Elder.

ALBION, INDIANA, December 15, 1900.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Brother in Christ:*—I wish to send you a brief testimony of the healing of our little baby.

On September 29th last I telegraphed you that our little one was very sick with stomach and bowel trouble. He was quite low.

We had prayed for him and he would get some better, but then would become worse again.

The night on which I sent you the telegram, he was very ill, but was much better the next day. Toward night he became worse again.

This was the way he went on for several days.

Then Elder Fletcher, of Wolcottville, was impressed to come over and see him.

He prayed and laid hands on him, and he began to get better immediately. We could see the change the same day.

He gradually grew better, and now is strong and well, and weighs more than his twin brother, who has never been sick.

We praise God every day for His goodness to us, in keeping our dear ones for us.

My wife and I want to thank you also for your kindness.

God bless Zion.

M. O. DECAMP.

#### Boys Healed When Near to Death with Diphtheria.

MONON, INDIANA, December 12, 1900.

*DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:*—I will send you my testimony to the wonderful deliverance we have had from measles.

When Deaconess Hertrich arrived, the Devil had gotten in ahead of her, and my little boy Charlie was quite sick with measles.

He had vomited every few minutes for one day and night.

On Sunday morning at 3 o'clock his head drew back and he became unconscious and cold; but it only lasted a few minutes.

At about 7 o'clock I telephoned to the Deaconess, and she prayed.

His vomiting ceased at once and he called for something to eat.

I must confess I did not have faith to believe the other little boy would not take the measles, so in two weeks he took it. He had a spasm at 1 o'clock in the night.

I prayed for him, then ran to the telephone and called the Deaconess. She prayed, and he was better in a few minutes.

At 4 o'clock he had another spasm, and I sent for a sister in the Christian Catholic Church. We prayed and held the fort until morning.

Then the Deaconess came and prayed for him, and the next day he was up all day, and has been well ever since.

I thank all in Zion who prayed with us at that time.

Yours in Christ,

BLANCHE W. SPARROW.

#### Quickly Healed of Injury and Blood-Poisoning.

TELLURIDE, COLORADO, December 7, 1900.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—In answer to your letter just received, we can say that we are very thankful for healing received after you prayed.

About six weeks ago my husband fell and cut his knee to the bone, and we think smashed the bone.

He quit work for three days, but it was very sore and painful when he went to work. It eventually turned to blood-poisoning.

His whole leg to his ankle was a terrible sight. It was turning black in places when we sent the telegram, on Tuesday evening.

On Wednesday he sat up nearly all day.

On Thursday (Thanksgiving Day) he was at work around the house all day and felt well.

Friday he went to his regular work. He said he never felt better.

He has been working a week now, and his work keeps him on his feet all the time. His leg has never pained him a bit. There is hardly a trace of where the poison was.

We feel that we had a great deal to thank God for on that Thanksgiving Day.

We are also very thankful for one whom we feel God will answer when our own prayers fail.

Thanking you for your kindness, I am faithfully

Yours in Christ,

(MRS.) F. C. VAN ZANDT.

# ZION IN THE ORIENT.

By REV. G. L. MASON, B. A., B. D., OVERSEER OF THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CHINA.

THE BLOODY UPRISING against all foreigners in China has sent many missionaries to the coast for safety. Thus some have been brought into contact with Zion at Shanghai.

Let all Zion pray much for Elder and Mrs. Viking, and for a blessing on the literature which they distribute to missionaries, merchants, soldiers and others.

AN EXCELLENT COUPLE, Rev. W. H. Cossum and wife, have joined the Christian Catholic Church, largely through the clear teaching of the Word by Elder Viking. Brother Cossum is the man who once threw a bombshell into the national meeting of the Baptists by intimating in a speech that what they needed was not more Rockefeller, but more religion. Mr. Cossum had been an active and popular speaker in the Student Volunteer Movement. The subjoined incisive message from him is well worth pondering:

WHY I BELIEVE IN ZION AND THE MINISTRY OF JOHN ALEXANDER DOWIE.

I. Because his ministry fits "the times" as no other ministry of which I know.

(a.) He emphasizes the apostasy. We are living in the apostate end of this age. Laodicea! She thinks she is rich and in need of nothing, but God sees her to be blind and naked and miserable and poor. "Ye hypocrites, ye discern the face of the sky, why can ye not discern 'the times?'" The ministers and Church members of the day do not discern the apostasy, but live in it and breathe its atmosphere. John the Baptist was the minister to the apostasy of the last age or dispensation. His language was incisive, even harsh. "Vipers! who hath warned you to flee from wrath?" Not very polite. Deep-seated apostasy needed rough, piercing language to shake the proud Pharisee, the leaders, the clergy from their delusion that God was pleased with them. They were "vipers." Dr. Dowie has stopped fighting "behind entrenchments" and has come out to smite the forts of the enemy, and the apostate Church—not merely Rome, but the denominations—are being battered to pieces. Glory to God! John had a narrow message because his call was to the apostasy. Dr. Dowie's "call" is to reconstruct the Church. He must assail its apostasies in repeated messages. And yet he has the most loving appeals to the unsaved; his work is organized into "Seventies" doing the most thorough evangelistic work of any organization in existence. Thousands of the unsaved are being reached. Romanists, Jews, denominationalists and other religionists of the apostasy are also being cleaned up and saved.

(b.) His message of *Healing* is clean cut and garbled by no compromises. Medicine and doctors have sat in Christ's seat in the Church and in the hearts of Christians. They must be ousted. He does it. No place for doctors nor drugs in the Gospel of Healing. The medical missionary is preaching "another gospel" when he says he is doing as Christ told His disciples to do, preach and heal. It is the Devil's lie. Jesus never told any one to go and treat the bodies of the sick with poisons. His own pure life was the treatment poured in through the Holy Spirit.

(c.) Cleansing the Church and calling out the elect is a large part of the ministry of Zion. There are many whose hearts are sad over the condition of the Church in which they find themselves. They do not know what ails them. This is the fact: they have been born into the apostasy and the Spirit within them is protesting against it. My own ministry and Church membership illustrates this. I also had to preach searching sermons, sermons against sins in the Church and against worldliness. I would correct myself and my friends would correct me, but the Spirit repeatedly forced back upon me the same messages. I understand it now. I was the inheritor of apostate traditions, and yielding myself to the Spirit, He spoke in me against those things. This kind of preaching was necessary in the mind of God before the "feeding" could be profitable. We cannot leave sin alone and preach a "positive Gospel," so-called. There is no room for the richest and best of Gospel food in sinful and compromising lives. Dr. Dowie is doing the first thing first.

II. ZION and Dr. Dowie stand for *Authority in the Church*. The Church—"the congregational polity"—no longer rules the eldership and the overseers, but vice versa, as God intended.

III. A blessed and real *Unity* of God's people. This I have longed for for years, and intensely of late. It is a real thing in Zion.

IV. The simple platform of Church membership allowing room for fellowship for all Christians who will consent to listen to plain preaching about things on which they may differ.

V. *God believes in Him*. John 5:36-38; 9:16, 17, 24, 25, 30-41; 10:36-39; 12:34-41; 14:10, 11; 15:20-25. Note, also, Acts 4:14-19; 13:40, 41; 28:26-29.

HEALINGS IN JAPAN.—The following is from a private letter from Rev. T. A. Cairns, Nakamura, Yokohama, Japan:

God graciously answered prayers for the people in Hamamatsu. When I was there a month ago I prayed with some of them, and this time I heard their testimonies.

One woman who had brain disease was healed immediately, as was a man who had rheumatism of three years' standing.

One child was healed of croup, another of boils, one man of piles, etc. One man for whom I prayed had the "kakke," or "beri-beri," a disease "for Japanese only."

This time I found that he was not better and I asked him where the trouble was, if there was any sin in his life. He said he knew of none.

But I saw an inscribed coin dangling from his watch chain as a charm, and after questioning him I found it to be inscribed with the name of the Buddhist god of health. People wear them with the hope of recovering. I told him that was the Devil's sign, and he must give it to me, for it belonged to Zion.

He did so, and I told him it was a trophy captured from the Devil, and I was going to send it to be nailed on the walls of Zion. Then I told the people that if there were any more trophies of war I wanted them, for they belonged to Zion.

I expect to get more the next time I go. I will keep this till an opportune time to send it. The characters on it mean, "Heavenly Shining Great Imperial God."

The work in Yokohama is going on nicely. God graciously answered prayer for one little Zion babe who had the measles.

Quite a number of children have died in Yokohama with the measles this fall, but one little Zion girl never got sick enough to go to bed. She was all broken out for a day or two, but did not seem to be sick at all.

We prayed for a blind woman. Immediately the pain left her eye, and her body, which had been completely poisoned by medicines, began to mend. She is much better, but cannot see yet.

## Zion's Conflict With Methodist Apostasy.

This book of 200 pages, just issued by Zion Publishing House, contains nine powerful discourses delivered in Central Zion Tabernacle by the General Overseer last May, during the session of the Methodist General Conference. They are of especial value for the full and fearless exposure of Freemasonry.

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"The Christian's Duty in Breaking a Bad Oath" is the address which preceded the public working of Masonic and Odd Fellow degrees in Central Zion Tabernacle, a full account of which is given.

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REV. F. A. GRAVES, SUPERINTENDENT.

BUT ye are come unto Mount Zion, and unto the City of the Living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable hosts of angels.—Hebrews 12:22.

And there shall be night no more; and they need no light of lamp, neither light of sun; for the Lord God shall give them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.—Revelation 22:5.

And the building of the wall thereof was jasper: and the City was pure gold, like unto pure glass.—Revelation 21:18.

**S**UCH is the description of the Beautiful Home about which we speak, from Zion Junior page, this week. How it helps us over the hard places in life to know that when we are all through with this life, a Beautiful Home is waiting for us.

I remember reading about a little girl who was playing in front of an old tumble-down house, built of sod, on the Western prairie. The roof leaked when it rained, and the windows were broken, and some of the doors were nearly off their hinges.

Yet she was singing and playing very happily. A stranger came along on horseback, and as he saw the poor, worthless "shanty," and noticed how happy the little girl was, he said to her, "Little girl, how can you be so happy when you are living in such a poor, miserable home?"

"Ah," said she, "if you ride on a little farther over that big hill, you will come to a new house that is being built. That is my papa's house, and we are going to live there just as soon as it is finished. And in that house is one room all my own. Papa is making it for me. I am so happy to think that I am going there soon, that I do not mind living in this old house a little while longer."

I wonder if all Zion Juniors are looking forward with such joyful anticipation to the Heavenly Home.

Even now, as I write, my mail brings me word of the death of one of my loved ones nearly eighty years old. He was not in Zion, but read LEAVES OF HEALING with much interest. I sat at his table one week ago today and ate breakfast with him. How sudden does the summons come to some.

God grant that he may have been ready to meet his Maker. Juniors, "prepare to meet thy God."

BUT WHO are to enter that Beautiful Home that we have been talking about? Those who have "washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

Who are excluded? "And there shall in no wise enter into it anything unclean, or he that maketh an abomination and a lie: but only they which are written in the Lamb's Book of Life."

God has made beautiful things for us in this world, and very much to enjoy. But the glories of the Home waiting God's

children are well expressed in the words of Paul in 1 Corinthians 2:9:

Things which eye saw not, and ear heard not,  
And which entered not into the heart of man,  
Whatsoever things God prepared for them that love Him.

HE LOVES me too well to forsake me,  
Or give me one trial too much;  
All His people have been dearly purchased,  
And Satan can never claim such.  
By and by I shall see Him and praise Him,  
In the City of unending day,  
And the toils of the road will seem nothing  
When I get to the end of the way.

When the last feeble step has been taken,  
And the gates of that City appear,  
And the beautiful songs of the angels  
Float out on my listening ear:  
When all that now seems so mysterious  
Will be bright and as clear as the day,  
Then the toils of the road will seem nothing  
When I get to the end of the way.

#### Relieved of a Very Severe Attack of Asthma.

CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, December 11, 1900.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Overseer in Christ:*—In reading the testimonies of others, to healing, I have felt that they have been so helpful to me, and the conviction has come that I should witness to what God has done for me.

This fall I had a return of my old enemy asthma, and the Lord had almost delivered me when I again caught cold, and the next morning I had one of the worst attacks I ever remember having had.

All day I waited upon the Lord.

I telegraphed Zion for prayer, and toward evening, when one naturally gets worse, I began to improve so that I was able to lie down and sleep. Oh that I could encourage some one else to "wait on the Lord."

I thank and praise Him for all His tender mercy to me.

Praise God that the shed blood of Christ can cover me completely, spirit, soul and body.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

(MRS.) B. G. BROWN.

#### God Heals a Horse of Blindness.

ADELINE, ILLINOIS, November 27, 1900.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—We are thankful to you for your prayers, and we thank God that He heard and answered.

One of our horses was so nearly blind that she could not keep in the road, when driven.

Now she can see as well as ever. The other has not fully recovered his sight, but is getting better.

Yours in Christian love,

(MRS.) HANNAH M. MAYBEE.

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LEAVES OF HEALING.

# The GENERAL OVERSEER'S Return to Chicago

**Reception of Welcome** AT CENTRAL ZION TABERNACLE  
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Addresses of Welcome will be made by the Heads of Departments in Zion, to which the General Overseer will respond. Admission by ticket only.

**Lord's Day Morning, January 20, 1901**

The General Overseer will conduct the meeting at Central Zion Tabernacle, at 11 o'clock. Admission by ticket only.



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**TICKETS** For the above services in Central Zion Tabernacle can be obtained free, by members and friends of Zion, on and after Lord's Day, January 6th, at the following places: Central Zion Tabernacle, Zion Publishing House, Zion City Bank, and at the other Zion Tabernacles in the city.

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## THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN OPENED.

**Blessings in Spirit, Soul and Body Through Tithing.**

MASON, WISCONSIN, December 16, 1900.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*My Dear Overseer in Christ:*—I do thank and praise God for the health and strength I have received from Him, physically as well as spiritually, since I began to pay to God what belongs to Him.

Before I was in Zion I paid it to doctors and for drugs, besides losing many days in the year from pain and sickness.

Praise God for Zion. It took me out of the doctors' hands and placed me in care of the Great Physician for spirit, soul and body,

Your Brother in Christ, MAT WHITE.

**Wages Increased When Tithes Are Paid.**

BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS, December 17, 1900.

DEAR OVERSEER:—God has prospered me since I began paying tithes.

I began work here the 4th of September, at \$1.50 per day, and the next day my wages were raised to \$1.75 per day.

Where I have been working since October 26th my tithes will average \$1.20 per week. O. M. MARSHALL.

**Nine-Tenths Has Greater Purchasing Power When God Receives His Tenth.**541 FIFTY-FIFTH STREET,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, December 10, 1900. }

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—In regard to tithing, I can say that since paying my tithes into the Storehouse of God I have been greatly blessed, spiritually, physically and financially

I find that by paying God one dollar out of ten, the other nine have a larger purchasing power than the ten had before.

Your Brother in Christ, J. A. MEARS.

**More Means in One Year When Tithes are Paid Than in Five Before.**

HUSTLER, WISCONSIN, December 13, 1900.

REV. W. H. PIPER.

*Dear Brother in Christ:*—I and my wife can truly say that God has blessed our paying our tithes.

We have more means to do with now in one year than we had in five before we paid God what we owed Him.

Your Brother in Jesus, BERTON B. FOBES.

**Income Increased and Home Made Happy Through Tithing.**108 EAST FORTIETH STREET,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, December 11, 1900. }

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—I thank God for His blessings since I have been paying tithes.

My income has increased.

Our home is a happier one now.

I have had many spiritual blessings.

Your Sister in Christ, (MRS.) W. M. JOHNSTON.

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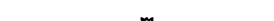
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**Marked Increase in Income.**

CEDAR FALLS, IOWA, December 12, 1900.

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—The year before I came into Zion my income ranged from \$50 to \$75 per month.

That was a year ago.

Since coming into Zion and tithing my income has grown to \$109 per month.

Sincerely,

Original from JOSEPH F. LEAVITT.

# FORM OF APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

— IN THE —

## CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

*To all who are desirous of entering into Fellowship with the Christian Catholic Church:*

**MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS:**—The principles of the Christian Catholic Church have been fully set forth in the Reports of Two Conferences on Organization, held in Zion Tabernacle No. 2, which are fully reported in **LEAVES OF HEALING** for January 31 and February 7, 1896. The Basis of Fellowship is set forth in the second section of the Resolution passed on February 5th (see **LEAVES OF HEALING**, Volume II, Number 17, page 267):

**FIRST**—That we recognize the infallible inspiration and sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures as the rule of faith and practice.

**SECOND**—That we recognize that no persons can be members of the Church who have not repented of their sins and have not trusted in Christ for Salvation.

**THIRD**—That such persons must also be able to make a good profession, and declare that they do know, in their own hearts, that they have truly repented, and are truly trusting Christ, and have the witness, in a measure, of the Holy Spirit.

**FOURTH**—That all other questions of every kind shall be held to be matters of opinion and not matters that are essential to church unity.

All who are conscious of fulfilling these conditions, no matter where they may reside, are invited to fill up the following blank and answer the questions contained therein.

I am, faithfully yours in Jesus,



*General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church.*

No. ....

To the Rev. John Alex. Dowie,

*General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church,*

*1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill., U. S. A.*

*I hereby make application to be received as a member of the Christian Catholic Church, and declare my agreement with the Basis of Fellowship agreed upon at a Conference held February 5, 1896, as set forth in your circular letter of February 7, 1896.*

*What is your full name?* .....

*What is your age last birthday?* .....

*Are you married, unmarried or widowed?* .....

*If married, how many of your children are living?* .....

*Where is your residence?* .....

*What is your occupation, profession, or trade?* .....

*Where were you born?* .....

*How long have you lived in America (or the country where you are now living)?* .....

*When and where were you converted to God?* .....

*Are you conscious that you are saved through faith in Jesus?* .....

*Were you sprinkled or immersed in Baptism?* .....

*When and where were you sprinkled?* .....

*When and where were you immersed?* .....

*With what Church were you formerly connected?* .....

**REMARKS:**

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# ZION'S BIBLE CLASS.

CONDUCTED BY DEACON DANIEL SLOAN.

MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS LESSON, JANUARY 16th or 17th.

SUGGESTIVE NOTES FOR THE USE OF ZION'S BIBLE CLASS OUTLINES

### Key Thoughts for Teachers.

- You cannot become too familiar with God's Word to make it easily understood.*—Nehemiah 8:5-8.  
How many can put real life into the reading of the Bible?  
How can one grasp the truth as he reads it?  
Why is it so few people have an understanding heart?
- In imparting truth, there must be much repetition in varied form before it is fully grasped.*—Isaiah 28:13.  
Is there enough relying on God in behalf of those taught?  
Must not the truth be forced home on all?  
Is it not slow work to get people awake to the truth?
- Strive to grasp the deep things of God. Do not be afraid to receive all the truth.*—Hebrews 5:14.  
Who is it that enables one to see the deep things of God?  
Must not one learn first principles well?  
Who guides from truth to truth in all truth?
- Aim to inspire others whom you teach, to impart what is given them to others.*—2 Timothy 2:1-7.  
What is a person to do with what is taught him?  
Are they to give it out in the same spirit in which it is received?  
What kind of persons are to be sent out to teach?
- Remember that varying results and blessings come from the truth taught.*—Matthew 13:18-23.  
Do all get a like blessing from the truth taught?  
Why do some get no blessing at all?  
Why do some so soon lose all the help gained?
- Do not be afraid to press home the truth on the hearts of hearers, making it each time of close application to all present.*—2 Timothy 4:1-8.  
Is a lesson to have reproof in it?  
Is it to have exhortation in it?  
Is it to have appeal in it?  
*The Lord Our God is a Teacher-Exhorting God.*

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS LESSON, JANUARY 20th.

### The Religious Footwashing Delusion.

- Footwashing is not a commanded or perpetual ordinance.*—Matthew 28:19, 20.  
Where is the warrant for making it an ordinance?  
What is the prime mission in evangelization?  
What is the seal of a genuine repentance?
- Footwashing was a cleanly social custom of respect.*—Luke 7:36-50.  
Is not footwashing a physical necessity?  
Is it a religious duty or sanitary edict?  
Was this custom in vogue where shoes were not worn?
- It was a household act of courtesy, prudently exercised and consistent with saintly relations.*—1 Timothy 5:5-13.  
In these households, who served the guests?  
What acts of benevolence does it center about?  
What fitness were these acts to vouch for?
- Jesus used this social custom to teach humility—a true ministerial quality.*—John 13:3-12.  
Before whom did Christ exhibit this spirit of service?  
Should preachers become puffed up over their office?  
Is a true minister above readiness for doing good where there is need?
- The example was not to establish an ordinance, but to teach ministers to prefer each other in honor.*—John 13:13-17.  
What has one servant to boast of over another?  
How can one esteem another better than himself?  
Is God's greatest minister the greatest servant of His people as God directs?
- In a country where dress admitted of it, and where shoes were not worn, footwashing was an unconventional act.*—Genesis 18:1-8.  
Is there any need of washing feet which are clean?  
Is it not folly to make it an act of worship?  
Would not, in this country, giving a cup of cold water to the thirsty, or clothing the naked, or feeding the hungry, be a more gracious act?
- It is not an act of piety to be subject to forms which operate against that grace which should strive for perfection.*—Hebrews 6:1-5.  
Do not some people go back to dead letters when God says Go on?  
Do not some talk about conversion as if that were all?  
Do not some Baptists make more of Baptism than they do of their Lord?
- To wash the feet often is a duty to health and cleanliness, which the custom everywhere in the Bible emphasizes.*—Genesis 19:1-3.  
When a person is in health, cannot he bathe himself?  
Is eating with unclean hands also a cause of ill health?  
Is not washing the exposed parts of the body a frequent necessity?  
*God's Holy People are Not a Hobby-Riding People.*

The Seed is the Word of God and the Field is the World. Therefore go ye and preach the Gospel to every creature; which means that people must be touched at home centers. Divide your town into two or more divisions, your city into smaller sections by streets, your township into districts by roads, and then begin and systematically follow up a house-to-house visitation with short calls. Give a small Zion tract or a copy of LEAVES OF HEALING or A VOICE FROM ZION.

Do not argue or controvert with people, but in cheerfulness of spirit and glow of countenance extend the literature with supplication in spirit and a "God bless you." Where your peace is returned, note all such places, together with the names of the parties.

Continue then in thus so doing, and you will not have gone over a very large or compact area by such thorough and systematic work until you have found material enough near at hand for an occasional Cottage Prayer Meeting in some home which may open to you.

Then you will follow this up in due time with a Zion Bible Class Gathering in a home centrally located. This Gathering will be continued regularly each week with great blessing and profit to all who attend. If it is persevered in, it will ultimately grow into a strong Zion Assembly, and eventually become a Branch Church, with an Elder-in-Charge.

Every member, however, must set aside a time for doing this preliminary work. Where there are only a few members in a place, the division of the territory must be planned in conference with the Conductor of the Gathering or the Elder-in-Charge, or whoever else may be appointed by the General Overseer at Headquarters as the representative to thus have charge of Zion's affairs. An understanding will then enable every one to set about this work in an orderly way, reaching every home as speedily as possible, without two or more persons working in conflict or covering the same territory.

This is Christ's method of evangelization as outlined in the Gospels, and will win victory for God every time, in every place and by every person who is deeply consecrated to Him in discipleship.

The day has come when this must be done. Those who refuse to do it are cursed with a curse, for God says: "Woe unto those who are at ease in Zion."

### A True Use of Sabbath Day Hours.

They should be improved well by every member and friend of Zion. The Bible Class Lesson outline should, with the Bible in hand, be gone over carefully and prayerfully, and the sermon by the General Overseer should also be attentively read. Assemble, sometime during the day, your own family. Invite in, if possible, those who want to know God in power, or desire from Him some blessing for spirit, soul or body. Where this is not possible, go where the sick and sinful, poor and neglected are, who have tasted only of bitterness of life, and open up to them the Gospel which Jesus commanded should be preached to the poor. Where there are two or more members of Zion near you, do not fail to regularly come together sometime during the Lord's Day. Pray and speak with one another, and study together the Bible Class Lesson and talk over the marvelous doings of God in Zion. DO NOT OFFEND GOD BY GOING TO SOME CHURCH SERVICE WHERE GOD IS EVER DISHONORED AS THE HEALER, CLEANSER, KEEPER AND PROSPERER OF HIS PEOPLE. Do not go to hear His truth perverted by the cry of Peace, Peace, when sudden destruction is so near because of the prevalent wickedness of the world, which, with a worldly Church, is becoming more and more corrupt. Do not go where scoffing is everywhere heard from so-called Christians at the imminent coming of "the great God and Saviour Jesus Christ." He will receive unto Himself only those who look for Him; even ZION, whom He is now calling into Purity and Holy Living, who daily, in obedience to Her Lord, whatever the cost may be, is thus making herself READY TO SOON BECOME THE BRIDE OF CHRIST AT HIS APPEARING.

Be Alive to Your Opportunities for God. Through a Diligent Study and use of Zion's Bible Class Lessons and the fitness they will give toward a greater familiarity with the Holy Scriptures and a clearer insight into God's truth, you will be prepared and furnished into every good work.

They will equip you for teaching those who will know God in power and blessing; for reproving those who trifle with God's mercies and despise His grace; for correcting those who have ignorant and false views of God and His relations to His people; and for instructing in righteousness those who are teachable and who would escape the corruption in the world though lust, who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus, and be blessed with all spiritual blessing in the world that now is as well as that which is to come.

This will include long life, happy heartedness and clearer insight into the purpose of life in all its relations, contributing to prosperity and financial success, as well as soul-saving usefulness.

Study Zion's Bible Class Lesson Daily. At family prayers let each member read a division of a lesson, the leader afterward asking the questions noted, receiving the answer in Scripture language with the particular verses used. An unfinished lesson can be continued at the next prayer season. Arrange in your home regularly some evening or Sunday afternoon a meeting, inviting in a few neighbors and friends, and with them study the lesson according to the plan above suggested, and recount to them the work God is doing in Zion. Above all, read carefully when all alone the Scripture class in each lesson, marking a line around the same in your Bible, praying ever that God may bless the Word read to your own heart and life and enable you to speak it faithfully to others to their own good or admonition. Ever obey God and His Word will come with increasing light.

### How a Zion Bible Class Lesson is Prepared May Interest You.

Aside from years of close study of the Bible and special capacity and gift from God for teaching, comes first the choosing of subjects within the scope of Scripture truth. Then comes their development and logical arrangement in outline, with the Scripture bearing upon the same which appears in the unfolding of a subject.

All the Scripture thus suggested is arranged in order by clipping and pasting, so that all verses pertaining to a given lesson fall under the eye at once.

It is then carefully weighed and the emphasis given it is considered. Thoughtfully the questions are prepared, bringing out and enforcing the phases or special truth of the subject, which, when done, complete the manuscript.

After this the lesson's outline is dictated and typewritten. The copy is then gone over carefully, modified or strengthened for greater force or clearness. It is then handed to the printer.

After being put in type, it is again considered carefully for final form or correction. All of this for a single week's outlines requires hours of time under prayer, preparation and Divine guidance. It is done that the thousands who each week read, and we believe increasingly study these lessons, may receive the greatest possible blessing from God through the power of His Word and thus extend the Kingdom of God in these days of the Restoration of His Church to its primitive power and usefulness. God is raising up a people and has commanded that the Truth be known, for He says: "Say unto Zion, thou art My people."

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DO YOU KNOW GOD'S WAY OF HEALING?

BY THE REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

Let it be supposed that the following words are a conversation between the reader [A] and the writer [B].

A. What does this question mean? Do you really suppose that God has some one especial way of healing in these days of which men may know and avail themselves?

B. That is exactly my meaning, and I wish very much that you should know God's Way of Healing, as I have done for many years.

A. What is the way, in your opinion?

B. You should rather ask, WHO is God's Way? for the Way is a Person, not a thing. I will answer your question in His own words, 'I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; no one cometh unto the Father, but by Me.' These words were spoken by our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, who is both our Saviour and our Healer. (John 14:6.)

A. But I always thought that these words only referred to Him as the Way of Salvation. How can you be sure that they refer to Him as the Way of Healing also?

B. Because He cannot change. He is 'the same yesterday and today, yea and forever' (Hebrews 13:8). He said that He came to this earth not only to save us but to heal us (Luke 4:18), and He did this when in the flesh on earth. Being unchanged, He must be able and willing and desirous to heal now.

A. But is there not this difference, namely, that He is not with us now? B. No; for He said, 'Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world'; and so He is with us now, in Spirit, just as much as when He was here in the flesh.

A. But did He not work these miracles of healing when on earth merely to prove that He was the Son of God?

B. No; there was still a greater purpose than that. He healed the sick who trusted in Him in order to show us that He came to die not only for our sins, but for our sicknesses, and to deliver us from both.

A. Then, if that is so, the atonement which He made on the Cross must have been for our sicknesses as well as our sins. Can you prove that is the fact from the Scriptures?

B. Yes, and the passage are very numerous. I need quote two only. In Isaiah 53:4, it is written of Him, 'Surely He hath borne our griefs (Hebrew sicknesses), and carried our sorrows; . . . and with His stripes we are healed.' Then in the Gospel according to Matthew, this passage is quoted and directly applied to the work of bodily healing, in chapter 8, 17th verse, 'That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our diseases.'

A. But do you not think that sicknesses are often God's will, and sent for our good, and therefore God may not wish us to be healed?

B. No, that cannot possibly be; for diseases of every kind are the Devil's work, and his work can never be God's will, since Christ came for the very purpose of destroying 'the works of the Devil.' (1 John 3:8.)

A. You mean by that to say that every disease is the work of Satan?

B. Yes, for if there had been no sin (which came through Satan) there never would have been any disease, and Jesus never in one single instance told any person that sickness was God's work or will, but the very contrary.

A. Can you prove from Scripture that all forms of sickness and infirmity are the Devil's work, that can be done very easily. You will see in Matthew 4:23 and 9:35 that when Jesus was here in the flesh, He healed 'all manner of disease and all manner of sickness among the people.' Then if you will refer to Acts 10:38 you will see that the Apostle Peter declares that He [Jesus] 'went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the Devil.' Notice that all whom He healed, not some, were suffering from Satan's evil power.

A. But does disease never come from God?

B. No, it cannot come from God, for He is pure, and disease is unclean; and it cannot come out of Heaven, for there is no disease there.

A. That is very different from the teachings which I have received all my life from ministers and in the churches. Do you really think that you are right, and that they are all wrong in this matter?

B. It is not a question as between myself and them. The only question is, What does God's Word say? God has said in all the ages to His Church, 'I am the Lord that health thee' (Exodus 15:26); and therefore it would be wicked to say that He is the defiler of His people. All true Christians must believe the Bible, and it is impossible to believe that good and evil, sickness and health, sin and holiness could have a common origin in God. If the Bible really taught that, it would be impossible to believe our Lord Jesus Christ when He says, 'A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.' (Matthew 7:18.)

A. But even if I agree with you all you say, is it not true that the Gifts of Healing were removed from the Church, and are not in it now?

B. Yes, the Gifts of Healing were never withdrawn, and can never be withdrawn, from the true Church of God; for it is written, 'The gifts and the calling of God are without repentance.' (Romans 11:29.) There are nine gifts of God to the Church (enumerated in 1 Corinthians, 12:8 to 11), and all these are in the Holy Spirit. Therefore, so long as the Holy Spirit is in the Church, all the gifts must be there also. If they are not exercised, that does not prove that they do not exist, but that the faith to exercise them is lacking in God's servants. The gifts are all perfectly preserved; for the Holy Spirit, not the Church, keeps them safely.

A. What should a Christian then do when overtaken with sickness?

B. A Christian should obey God's command, and at once turn to Him for forgiveness of the sin which may have caused the sickness, and for immediate healing. Healing is obtained from God in one of four ways, namely: First, by the direct prayer, which you can get any aid from the members of the Church, praying as the Centurion did, in Matthew 8:5 to 12; second, by two faithful disciples praying in perfect agreement, in accordance with the Lord's promise in Matthew 18:19; third, by the anointing of the elders and the prayer of faith, according to the instructions in James 5:14 and 15; and fourth, by the laying on of the hands of them who believe, and whom God calls to that ministry, as the Lord commands in Mark 16:18, and in other places.

A. But are people healed in this way in these days?

B. Yes, in thousands of cases. I have myself laid hands upon many hundreds of thousands of persons, and I have seen the Lord's Power manifested in the healing of great numbers, many of whom are living witnesses in many countries, who have testified publicly before thousands, and who are prepared to testify at any time. This ministry is being exercised by Auevets in many parts of America, Europe, Australasia and elsewhere.

A. Is it not the same as Christian Science, Mind Healing, etc.?

B. No. Divine Healing is diametrically opposed to these diabolical counterfeits, which are utterly anti-Christian. These impostures are only seductive forms of Spiritualism. Trance Evangelism is also a more recent form of this delusion, and it deceives many.

A. But how shall I obtain the necessary faith to receive healing, which faith I am at present conscious I do not possess?

B. It is written, 'Belief cometh of hearing, and hearing by the Word of Christ.' (Romans 10:17.) Our Missions are held for the express purpose of teaching fully the Word of God on this matter, and I very heartily invite you to attend the meetings which are announced for Zion Tabernacle. All are welcome and there are no charges of any kind made for God's gifts or free gifts. Salvation is the first of these, without which you cannot be healed through faith in Jesus. All the costs of this work are covered by the free-will offerings of the people who attend these meetings, and others whom the Lord leads to help; but the poorest who have nothing to give are as heartily welcome as the richest.

A. Do you see the sick and lay hands upon them in this Mission?

B. Yes; after we feel satisfied that they are fully resting in the Lord alone for the healing, we see unto you a hearty invitation to attend the meetings, but under no circumstances do we claim the power to heal any; for 'power belongeth unto God.'

A. Have you any writings upon this subject which can be purchased?

B. Yes; these can be obtained at the office of Zion Publishing House, 1207 Michigan Avenue, or at Zion Tabernacle, 1621-1633 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill. But the best book on Divine Healing is the Bible itself, studied prayerfully and earnestly. We extend to you a hearty invitation to attend the meetings, which are free to all. Our prayer is that you may be led to find in Jesus Christ our Lord and God, your present Saviour from sin, your Healer from sickness, your Cleanser from all evil, your Keeper in the way to Heaven, your Friend, and your All for Time and Eternity. We pray that these words may help many who read, and that our little conversation may bear fruit in leading many readers to look to Jesus only.

"The Healing of Christ's seamless dress Is by all beds of pain; We touch Him in life's throng and press, And we are whole again."

He sendeth His word



and healeth them.

# LEAVES OF HEALING

I am the Lord that healeth thee.

And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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## GOD'S WITNESSES TO DIVINE HEALING.

HEALED PERFECTLY AND PERMANENTLY OF CATARRH, CHRONIC SORE THROAT, STOMACH TROUBLE AND TUMOR.

**C**AST THY BURDEN UPON THE LORD. With her heart full of praise to God, this Witness tells of His love. She has cast her terrible burden of sickness upon Him. It is gone. She left it with Him.

She suffers its tortures no longer.

Freed from its galling weight, she serves God with joy in the daily tasks He has given her to do.

For years she bore this burden laid upon her by Satan.

It grew heavier every day.

She suffered with the foul pollution, catarrh.

Chronic sore throat and stomach trouble caused her many days and nights of pain.

But more cruel than all was a tumor with its complications.

Growing and spreading, it impeded vital functions and caused intense agony.

The "physicians of no value" administered their poisons.

She only grew worse.

They took her to a hospital.

Her sufferings increased.

They told her that only an operation could save her life.

But they admitted that the operation itself might end in her death.

She endured the operation. She came from the bloody altar of the modern Moloch, Surgery, suffering the very agonies of hell. The operation had not brought death. In her despair

it seemed to her that death would have been preferable.

Life seemed hopeless.

No ray of light penetrated the unutterable gloom of her heart.

Her burden had grown to a mountain-weight of woe.

The Methodist Church, to which she belonged, could only tell her the horrible lie that God had laid this affliction upon her for her good.

They made Him a blood-thirsty, cruel God, delighting in the writhings of His children in exquisite torture.

While thus afflicted and ready to die, one of God's Witnesses in Zion brought her the wonderful Message of the Everlasting Gospel of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living.

With that Message there came hope.

God opened the way and gave her strength to go to Zion Home.

There she learned the blessed truth that God was her Father, and that "like as a father pitieth his children, so the



MISS MAUDE SMITH.



Lord pitieth them that fear Him." She learned that He was the Healer, not the defiler.

She learned that He made a Covenant to heal His children, when He said, "I am the Lord that healeth thee."

She learned that He had said, "I the Lord change not."

She learned that He has sent His Son into the world, "teaching . . . and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing all manner of disease among the people."

She learned that He had "healed all that were sick: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our diseases."

She learned that Jesus "is the same yesterday and today, yea and forever."

She learned that He had promised, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

She learned that He said, "These signs shall follow them that believe: in My Name they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover."

What blessed truths were these to her weary heart!

Eagerly she fulfilled the Divine conditions of Repentance and Obedience.

She took her burden to God.

But alas! she did not leave it with Him.

In so far as she trusted Him, He healed her, and she grew better.

But she still bore her burdens.

She went to her home, seeking healing, but not "casting all her care upon Him."

God, in His Infinite Love and Mercy, again sent her a Message, by one of His Witnesses.

He told her to leave her burden with Him.

With a bound of joy her heart received the truth.

At night, as she lay in bed, she left it all with Him and fell into a sweet, peaceful sleep of absolute trust.

She had been healed in the twinkling of an eye.

Everywhere men are weary.

They are bowed down under burdens too great to be borne.

Fly to them, Little White Dove, with this beautiful Story.

Tell them the blessed truth which set this Witness free.

And may God, by His Holy Spirit, send that truth home to their hearts with convincing power.

A. W. N.

#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF MISS MAUDE SMITH.

MEAFORD, ONTARIO, CANADA, December 25, 1900.

REV. JOHN ALEXANDER DOWIE.

*Dear General Overseer:*—Having enjoyed the life, light and liberty of the Full Gospel of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living, through Jesus Christ our Lord, I send my testimony and can say with heartfelt gratitude, "Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, in Zion."

In 1888 we moved from the town of Thornbury to a farm five miles from Meaford.

I was at this time in very poor health, and as the years wore on I became more delicate, until I suffered a great deal from catarrh of the head, a chronic sore throat, stomach trouble, and worst of all a pain in my side, which became decidedly worse in 1894.

From this time on I suffered most intensely with my side, and in October, 1897, went to a hospital for one month for treatment.

My doctor said he thought this treatment would be very beneficial to me, but it proved the opposite—a curse.

My suffering became unbearable, so that in February, 1898, I went to the hospital again and underwent an operation.

The doctors discovered that I had a tumorous growth.

Mine was a complicated case.

I had suffered so long that I was just a wreck and could sleep and eat but very little.

My doctor, who was very honest with me, told me of the danger of death, but my suffering was so great death would have been a happy release. I used to say to mother, "If there were an animal on the farm suffering as I do, they would, out of pity, shoot it and put it out of misery."

But there seemed no help for me, no ray of light. No one told me of

the love of God for the sick, and that in all our affliction He was afflicted.

No one told me of the gentle touch of our Heavenly Father's hand.

I write this to the shame of the apostate Methodist Church, which I had attended from my childhood and in which from the time I was twelve years old my soul had cried out for the true Bread of Heaven and the Living Water.

In my blindness and ignorance I was glad to undergo this operation, hoping to be benefited by it, or get relief in death.

I came out from under the effect of the chloroform, struggling in the agony of death.

We do not need to die to suffer the tortures of hell. It is useless to try to describe this suffering. It was beyond description.

One night when the doctor and two nurses stood near my cot, my hand and arm began to stiffen in death.

I knew I was very near the shores of eternity, but God spared my life; for in those days I looked to Him in prayer.

I do not remember that I could put my prayer into words, but God saw my heart.

I prayed, "Oh God, if I can be of any use in the extension of Thy Kingdom, raise me up."

If I could not, Oh how I longed for rest and freedom from this fiendish torture!

I lived on, and was in hospitals this time over two months. I could feel myself sinking every day.

They began poulticing my side before I left the hospital. I believe the doctors and nurses tried all they could to help me, but I came home about the 3d of May feeling that it was all an awful mistake and that there was no hope for me.

Years before this, when I used to read my Bible, where the Lord healed the sick—

"Then I longed for a Saviour—Could it be  
That the God of the Universe cared for me?"

I did not know the way to go to God for healing. I did not then know that Christ was "The Way, the Truth, and the Life."

All this time I had never seen LEAVES OF HEALING, and only got a faint echo of the work of Zion in Chicago. How I longed to know more about it, but could not even get the address.

Let me say to the members of Zion, be careful how you spend every five cents. Think what a five-cent copy of LEAVES OF HEALING might have saved me from!

When I was home from the hospital about seven weeks, I heard that a Mrs. McConnell (who lived about four miles from my home) was healed.

My sister, Mrs. Campbell, of Hamilton City (who was then home on a visit), and my younger sister went to see Mrs. McConnell.

She sent me some literature, including "He is Just the Same Today," by Rev. John Alexander Dowie. As my sister read this to me, how near God seemed to be!

On the following Sunday Mrs. McConnell came to see me. As we talked, how wonderfully the Spirit did speak within her!

I said, "I know none but the Great Physician can ever heal me, for I have had ten doctors, four of these being specialists."

She said, "I believe if you go to Chicago you will be healed."

A few days before this I had written to Dr. Dowie, telling him of my illness and that I would like to go to Chicago, but did not see my way clear to go. About the time Dr. Dowie got my letter, I got some relief, which we knew was in answer to prayer, and I asked God to open up the way for me to go.

The next Saturday my brother brought two letters to my bedside, one from Dr. Dowie, saying that if the Lord opened up the way for me to go to Chicago, they would do all they could for me in the Name of the Lord.

The other was from my youngest brother in Montana with a money order for \$25 enclosed. He did not know that I wanted to go to Chicago. This I knew was a direct answer to prayer and gave me more confidence in God.

I told my parents that I wanted to go to Zion Home, but as they had spared no expense in trying to help me, they thought this would only be another failure, for they knew nothing of God's Way of Healing, and then I was so very ill in bed.

They said some one would have to go with me, and of course this meant double expense.

I said, "No! If the Lord is doing such wonderful things as to heal people, He can take me to Chicago alone."

They knew I could not be much worse than I was, and as there was nothing but death for me so far as earthly help was concerned, they consented to let me go.

Although I could scarcely sit up until my father brought the buggy to the door, I went alone in simple faith, for I had so little strength.

I did not ask any one to meet me in Chicago, for I did not know any one there.

I was seeking the Saviour, and my Father in Heaven took care of me. In a few minutes after leaving the train I was in Zion Home. Oh, what

a haven of rest this was to me! I felt so safe and at rest, for I knew that I was in the midst of God's people. They were all so kind to me.

I had money enough to stay only one week, for my people thought if there was anything in Divine Healing that I would get it in that time. How little we knew or understood God's Way.

At the end of the week I cried to God, "I cannot go home," for I felt that I needed more teaching. I stayed another week and trusted God to send the money, and He did.

During the time I was at the Home, I received a measure of healing. I was perfectly and permanently healed of constipation, which had been caused from the long-continued inflammation in my side. I also received new life and blood; my flesh became healthy-looking—just like a little child's.

When in Zion I heard the wonderful, plain and powerful teaching, which I had never heard before, of Repentance toward God and Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

There God gave me not only a glimpse of myself, but a good, plain look at a wasted life.

I had always been unruly, disobedient and self-willed; had skated, danced and studied far beyond my strength; had lived, as it were, about three days every day of my life. I had never taken any care of my health, and when I heard that my body was the Temple of the Holy Spirit, and that we should glorify God in our bodies, I began to see how grievously I had sinned.

I deeply repented and, thank God, I got down deep enough in humility and repentance to put my foundation upon the eternal and solid Rock Christ Jesus.

I cried, "Lord, take me as I am"; and, praise His Holy Name, I have proven Him to be the Helper of the helpless.

Although I have not a merit to offer, I came just in the Name of Jesus and found that the blood of Christ cleanseth from all sin, and that God saved me to the uttermost.

When in Zion Home I came out of the Methodist Church, and am thankful to God that I had the privilege of following my Lord in Baptism, and also of becoming a member of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

At the end of two weeks I came home and was very much exhausted by the journey. I had to stay in Meaford from Friday until Sunday before I was able to go out home.

Then I began to seek God day and night, for I could sleep but very little. During this time God gave me a heart to know Him and impressed upon my mind the truths I heard in Zion.

I gathered up all my medicine, threw some of it out and burned the remainder, and looked to God alone for healing.

I had been praying for perfect healing, yet there seemed some hindrance in the way. The thought came to me so plainly, "The fault must be in yourself. God never fails."

Praise God, I have found out that Christ never yet lost a battle. I prayed to God to show me where I was wrong.

I heard that an old school friend, Ben Heslip, of Clarksburg (who had been a helpless cripple from rheumatism whom three doctors had pronounced incurable), had been healed by the "Great Physician," so I wrote and asked him and his mother to come up. They came.

As we talked, he said, "We are old friends. If I came and asked you for my dinner, you would give it to me?"

I said, "Yes."

This is the illustration he used: There was a table in the room. He said: "If you put the dinner on the table and I just stayed back here and kept begging and begging for it, it never would do me any good unless I accepted it. That is just what you are doing. You are begging and begging the Lord to heal you. Why don't you accept it? God is willing, waiting and able to heal you, and He does not want you to wait five minutes for your healing; for He never wanted you to be sick at all."

I said, "That is just where I am," and I felt that Christ was no farther than across the room from me.

When they were leaving for home that evening I asked him to pray for me, and said, "They are praying for me in Zion and I will pray for myself."

I claimed the promise in Mark 16:17, 18: "These signs shall follow them that believe. . . . They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

Dr. Dowie had laid hands upon me and prayed, and I knew that he believed; and I felt that when I fulfilled all the Divine conditions relative to my healing, God's promise would be fulfilled.

It was a beautiful night, the 28th of September, 1898.

As I was lying still praying, all at once I felt that Christ was bending over my bed, holding out to me that blessed gift of Healing.

I said, "Lord, I will accept that blessing right now."

I thanked Him for it and felt that it was all right.

On other nights I would not get to sleep until two, three and often four o'clock in the morning, but now I simply went to sleep without a doubt or fear.

In the night I became very warm, and thinking that there was too much clothing on the bed, threw off some quilts and went to sleep again.

Again I awakened up and the words were coming out of my mouth, "Glory to God in the highest," "Praise the Lord," "Thank the Lord, I am healed."

I was just glowing from head to feet; had not an ache or pain, and knew that I was made every whit whole, for I had the witness of the Spirit.

I felt that I had been baptized with the fire of the Holy Spirit, with the cleansing, healing, purifying, life-giving rays of "The Sun of Righteousness."

The next morning my sister and I drove to town, five miles.

In the afternoon I did a good-sized ironing.

That night after retiring, as my father and mother were going upstairs, I called them into my room and told them about my healing; for I had not told them much about it before.

After they left my room, the fulness of joy came and I said, "Lord, I never can thank Thee enough for this wonderful blessing. I will have to have help," when all at once the room seemed to be filled with singing.

The next morning I took the pony myself and drove two and one-half miles; came home, swept and cleaned a room, my mother following me around to take the broom from me, for she did not understand, and thought it terrible to see me sweeping.

Next day was Saturday, and as I had asked God not only for the crumbs, but the whole loaf, when I went to Him for healing, I mopped the large kitchen floor, to the amazement of all in the house.

On Sunday I drove eleven miles and went to church twice.

On Monday did some washing and went to visit a friend; came home Tuesday evening, so happy and well, without an ache or pain.

My spine, which was bent from a fall when a child, was also straightened.

One time, over a year ago, I began to be troubled with a pain in my heart. My hands and arms would get numb.

I saw Mr. Heslip and asked him to pray for me. He did, and I was healed.

Shortly after this God permitted me to be very sorely tried. One night I awakened up with a terrible pain in my heart. I felt as if there were a hundred nerves around my heart and as if there were a kink in every one of them.

As I had been lying on my left side, Satan's first suggestion of doubt was, "Call some one to turn you over." But I said, "No! Lord, You know all about this."

I determined to trust God even to death.

After a while I sat up. Then I was worse than ever—suffocating—first gasping for breath; and for some time could not move again.

I suffered all night.

I did not think of taking medicine. I have not taken a drop of medicine since I was healed, over two years ago.

In the morning I got up and went to work as usual, realizing that this was a temptation.

I had been intending to visit a friend, but Satan said, "You dare not go; you would be sure to get worse."

I did not believe him, so in the afternoon I started off, walking two and one-quarter miles. When I got there I was all right.

My heart is perfectly well ever since, and thank God it is a *new* heart, pure and clean.

One of the Redeemed, MAUDE SMITH.

#### Healed of Pneumonia at Time of Prayer.

SAWYER, WISCONSIN, December 19, 1900.

REV. W. H. PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—I had a request for prayer sent to you last week, and, praise God, your prayer was answered.

I am thankful to you and do praise God for His great love to the people of His creation.

I was very sick indeed with pneumonia, but the pain ceased as soon as the time came that I asked you to pray.

May God bless and keep all Zion.

Yours in Christ Jesus, (MRS.) D. L. MCLENNAN.

#### God Heals Bone Felon.

IDAVILLE, INDIANA, December 18, 1900.

REV. W. H. PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—It is with a grateful heart that I write to tell you about the healing of my finger, which had what they call a bone felon.

People said the bone would surely come out

When I thought it was time for you to pray for me, the felon broke and all the corruption came out.

My finger got well very nicely, without a scar, for which I thank you and give God the glory.

Yours in Christ, MATTIE E. GATES.



And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.  
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BY THE TIME this number of LEAVES OF HEALING reaches the majority of our readers, the General Overseer, God willing, will again be upon American soil!

How all Zion rejoices that the time of his homecoming is so close at hand!

How all Zion gives joyous thanks to God that He has preserved His Messenger and those with him amidst the perils of travel and amidst the still worse perils in the midst of demon-possessed, murderous men and women who were thirsting to kill him.

How all Zion praises God and gives Him glory that He has done such a marvelous work through His Messenger in the few short months that he has been away!

The story has not even begun to be told in these pages.

The cablegrams from the General Overseer, full of blessing as they have been, have given only glimpses of the wonderful battles which have been fought, of the glorious victories which have been won.

God, through His Messenger, has been making history in Europe. It is too much to expect of flesh and blood that the same man should make history and write it at the same time.

On Lord's Day, December 30, 1900, the following cablegram was read in the presence of nearly 2000 happy worshippers in Central Zion Tabernacle:

LONDON, December 30, 1900.

ZION, Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

Rejoice!  
 Grimsby Mission successful.  
 Overflowing meetings City Hall.  
 Many blessed.  
 Baptized forty-four.  
 Branches organized Doncaster and Manchester under ordained officers.  
 London meetings Bermondsey Town Hall successful amidst much opposition and disturbance.  
 Several Miracles of Healing.  
 Organized London Branch today.  
 Over one hundred members.  
 Ordained Overseer, Jane Dowie, five Deacons, one Deaconess.  
 Installed Evangelist Cantel temporary charge.  
 About to baptize nearly fifty this afternoon.  
 Will cable Zion's New Year Motto tomorrow.  
 Praise God.  
 Pray.  
 Mizpah.

DOWIE.

ZION'S MOTTO FOR 1901.

**"Arise Ye, and Let Us Go Up to Zion Unto the Lord Our God."—Jeremiah Thirty-One, Six. The General Overseer's Cablegram to the All-Night Meeting, Central Zion Tabernacle.**

LONDON time is six hours earlier than Chicago time, and when the midnight hour was reached, the Lord's Supper celebrated and the midnight song sung by the General Overseer, at the All-Night Meeting in London, the All-Night Meeting in Central Zion Tabernacle, Chicago, had not yet begun.

When that hour came, in London, the General Overseer announced Zion's Motto for 1901, and cabled it to Zion in Chicago. It was read in Central Zion Tabernacle, at midnight, after the Lord's Supper.

There was a most fervent Amen from every true child of God

in the Tabernacle, when they heard the glorious words of the Motto which God had given His Messenger for the first year in the New Century. The following is the cablegram:

LONDON, December 31, 1900.

ZION, Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

Zion's Motto for the New Year is, "Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the Lord our God."—Jeremiah 31:6.

My deepest sympathy and heart's love goes forth to you each in Central Zion Tabernacle.

As the gates of the Twentieth Century are opened to you and to Zion in every land, multitudes shall come and sing in the height of Zion.

God willing, I sail for Boston in Cunard steamer *Saxonia*, on Wednesday, January 2d.

Hallelujah! God reigns.

Pray in faith for a closer walk with God and for Christ's Triumph everywhere.

Mizpah.

DOWIE.

### GENERAL OVERSEER'S FINAL MESSAGE FROM EUROPE.

**God Delivers Zion Party From Very Dangerous Mob in London, and Reveals a Plot to Murder the General Overseer at All-Night Meeting. Plot Foiled. Zion Absolutely Victorious in London. Zion's Message Made Known to Millions in Europe. Landslide Impending. More Lace Experts Coming.**

THE last message of the General Overseer from Europe was sent from Queenstown, Ireland, Thursday, January 3, 1901, where the Cunard steamer *Saxonia* touched on her way to Boston, Massachusetts, U. S. A.

It was read in Central Zion Tabernacle, Chicago, on Lord's Day afternoon, January 6, 1901.

There was great rejoicing over the wonderful victories which it related and the glorious prophecies of still greater blessings which it contained.

Every heart sent up a fervent prayer that God would protect His Servant and those with him on the sea and bring him safely home to Zion, Chicago. The following is the cablegram:

QUEENSTOWN, January 3, 1901.

ZION, Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

Rejoice!

Philistia is howling.

See fourteenth Isaiah, thirty-first, Revised Version. (Howl, O gate; cry, O city; thou art melted away, O Philistia, all of thee; for there cometh a smoke out of the north, and there is no straggler in his ranks.)

All see that there is no straggler in his ranks.

Terrible riot Bermondsey, Lord's Day night.

Hundreds of medical rowdies violently interrupted us and came to blows with quiet Christian people, who expostulated.

Police seemed paralyzed with fear.

All Zion behaved nobly.

Overseer Jane Dowie and our daughter were especially brave.

There was much danger to our lives.

God gave us victory.

The enemy was utterly routed and went howling into the darkness.

Zion continued until nearly midnight, when all was quiet.

But Zion's foes were determined to murder me at Camberwell, Monday night.

God revealed their plot and we held our gatherings in Hotel Russell and a private house near Russell Square.

Medical Philistines were left in London still howling to the Masonic Baal.

Hungry press Philistines clamored for interviews even to the ship, but

none were granted, so they brought forth broods of lies and are sending them everywhere.

Zion is absolutely victorious in London and has a strong hold on the attention of Europe.

Zion's Message of God's Eternal Covenant of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living has been made known to millions in these five months.

Branches of Zion are springing up everywhere.

Miracles of Salvation and Healing have been wrought.

Great landslides from apostate churches are impending.

Zion is everywhere discussed.

All eyes are on Zion City and many will soon be on their way.

"Arise ye, and let us go to Zion," finds an answer in multitudes of hearts.

Many are preparing to obey the Watchman's cry from the hills of Ephraim.

Go Forward, O Zion.

Victory is assured.

Do not delay.

We had bright sunshine yesterday all the way from London to Liverpool. After terrible storms, delightful night at sea on voyage to Queenstown.

Deacon Sprecher, Stenographer Williams and Captain Stern are my companions on *Saxonia*.

All well.

Hope to enter Boston eleventh and arrive Zion, Chicago, seventeenth.

Another party of Lace Experts sail today from Liverpool and the remainder with Arthur Stevenson on seventeenth.

Rejoice!

The Twentieth Century is Zion's.

"Howl, O gate; cry, O city; thou art melted away, O Philistia, all of thee; for there cometh a smoke out of the north, and there is no straggler in his ranks. What then shall one of them answer the Messengers of the nation? That the Lord hath founded Zion, and in her shall the afflicted of His people take refuge."

Glorious days are at hand, and victory for God all along the line.

Pray for us on these wintry seas.

God rules the elements.

Hallelujah!

Mizpah.

DOWIE.

Immediately after sending this cablegram, the General Overseer and party started on their ten-days' voyage across the Atlantic, homeward bound.

Tens of thousands of loving friends await his homecoming with great joy; the American public looks forward to it with

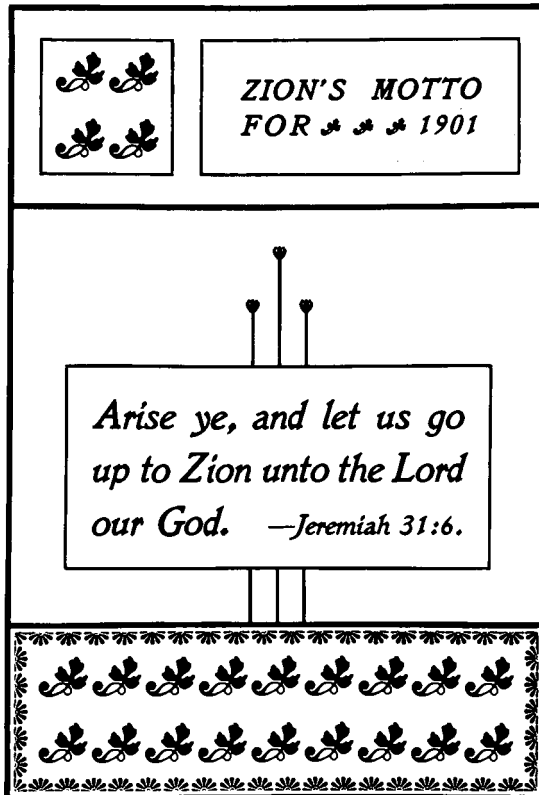
intense interest; the sorcerers, the murderers, the adulterers, the false swearers, the oppressors and those who fear not God, against whom he is coming to witness, are regarding his approach with terror and would vainly attempt to prevent his return.

But he will return and, under his Divinely-guided direction, Zion will Go Forward as never before.

All indications point to showers of blessing which will begin with the first great gathering in the Coliseum on Lord's Day, January 20, 1901.

Zion in America has won respect and confidence for her marvelous harmony, unity, progress, and loyalty to the General Overseer, during his absence in Europe.

This, with the added impetus of the great victories which God has given the General Overseer in Europe, will make Zion a still greater conquering power for God, and for the extension of His Kingdom.





**ZION'S LITERATURE MISSION**  
By DEACONESS SARAH E. HILL

WHEN John the Baptist sent his disciples to Jesus to ask Him if He were the Christ, our Lord performed Miracles of Healing before them and said to them, "Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good tidings preached to them."—Luke 7:22.

This was to be the proof for John that they had found the Christ.

He has not changed, but is ready to do the same for His people if they have sufficient faith to claim it.

We give extracts from a letter written by a lady in an institution for the deaf.

Your kind letter is received, and I thank you for the Christian interest you express.

I often feel the need of sympathy as well as of advice and instruction.

You ask of my work here and regarding the distribution of literature among the deaf. I have thought a great deal on Divine Healing and its practical bearing on the deaf.

Surely the time will come when they shall be delivered from this terrible bondage—more awful, it seems to me, than blindness, because it lays a band of iron upon the intellect and the sensibilities which few are strong enough to break.

My "cranky" views upon the subjects of pork, medicines, etc., are known to all of the teachers and officers here, and are regarded for the most part with polite silence or curiosity.

Several are genuinely interested, however, and ask me questions regarding Divine Healing and Dr. Dowie.

One of the patrons of the school is a Methodist minister. At first he expressed himself pleased with Zion teaching; but after I loaned him LEAVES OF HEALING, in which he read some plain teaching on Secret Societies, he has had nothing more to say, only announcing that Dr. Dowie was "badly off" on that subject. He informed us that he has more than a dozen passwords to Secret Societies.

I loan Zion Literature to all who will read it.

**We Thank God Every Day for Leaves of Healing.**

Thus writes a lady in New Whatcom, Washington, who is actively engaged in distributing Zion Literature. She says:

The enclosed \$— is for the Zion Literature Mission Fund.

I cannot express my thanks for the literature which you have sent me to distribute.

I do the work faithfully, distributing them from house to house and on the streets and through the cars.

I send them as far as Alaska and Maine.

When I get ready to go out with them, I first ask God to direct me where to go and to bless the words to whomsoever gets them.

After I had prayed one day, I felt impressed to go to the business houses and to the banks.

It came to me like a message, "Those are the people who get the daily papers from all parts of the world with all of the lies about Dr. Dowie and the work of Zion; take them the LEAVES and let them see the right side of the matter."

I selected the LEAVES having the picture of Dr. Dowie and his Business Cabinet on the first page, as being the most likely to interest them.

I distributed these in the business houses, the bank and Court House.

In talking with me, one of the business men since said, "The reading of Zion Literature puts a different light on the subject."

Nearly every week I buy extra copies and send them out; but I always wish I had many more to give out when I see how many need this teaching.

Many who believe themselves to be Christians are seeing the teachings of the Bible in a new light, through reading LEAVES OF HEALING.

One lady has just left the Methodist Church. Elder Simmons anointed her and prayed for her healing when he was here last week. She was at the meeting in our home today and was feeling better. Her face was beaming with happiness.

I wish I might carry LEAVES OF HEALING to every home in this city, for no one knows what God can do with even one copy.

God sent the Little White Dove five years ago into our home in a strange way. It was a Divinely-sent Message and an answer to my thirty years of prayer.

I praise God it was a glorious Message.

We thank God every day for LEAVES OF HEALING and for our General Overseer.

May God bring him and his loved ones safely back to us.

A lady writes from Dayton, Ohio, and says:

I have been very thankful to God and Zion Literature Mission for the papers received.

I have nearly one hundred copies of LEAVES OF HEALING in a circulating library.

One week after I give them I visit the families where I have left them and take them up, leaving others for them to read. The work is going on as well as could be expected, after all of the newspapers have been read and no one to defend. Praise God, the people do read and accept the true side. God is blessing us very much.

Today's mail brought us from one of our regular contributors an unusually large contribution, with the following note:

Enclosed find draft for Zion Literature Mission.

I am glad you are still firing LEAVES OF HEALING at the saved and unsaved.

I have been asking God to give me more for the Mission work, and, praise His Name, He is doing so.

"The silver is mine and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of Hosts."—Haggai 2:8.

Why should not God's children ask Him to put more of it into their hands to be used for His works?

The German edition of LEAVES OF HEALING is meeting with much favor. We hear of those who have been blessed through reading it.

A lady in Germany writes:

With great joy have I and my husband followed up the work of Zion. We have read LEAVES OF HEALING with great interest. Many a seemingly dark place in the Gospel has been cleared up to us by the General Overseer.

We thank God He let the Little White Dove fly to our home.

I have always believed some in Divine Healing, and my husband and I have been much strengthened through the teaching of Dr. Dowie.

Cut out or write the following form and send with your contribution:

..... 1901.  
I desire to become a member of Zion's Free Literature Distribution Mission, and, God willing, to contribute..... the sum of.....  
Weekly, Monthly, Quarterly, Annually.

—Mark 16:15.

**Zion Literature Sent Out From a Free Distribution Fund Provided by Zion's Guests and the Friends of Zion. Report for the Week Ending December 29, 1900.**

2045 Rolls to .....	Various States in the Union.
2000 Rolls to .....	England.
1560 Rolls to .....	France.
1559 Rolls to .....	Hotels of the World.
233 Rolls to .....	Africa.
155 Rolls to .....	Various Foreign Countries.
Number of Rolls for the Week .....	7,552
Number of Rolls reported to December 29, 1900 .....	871,801



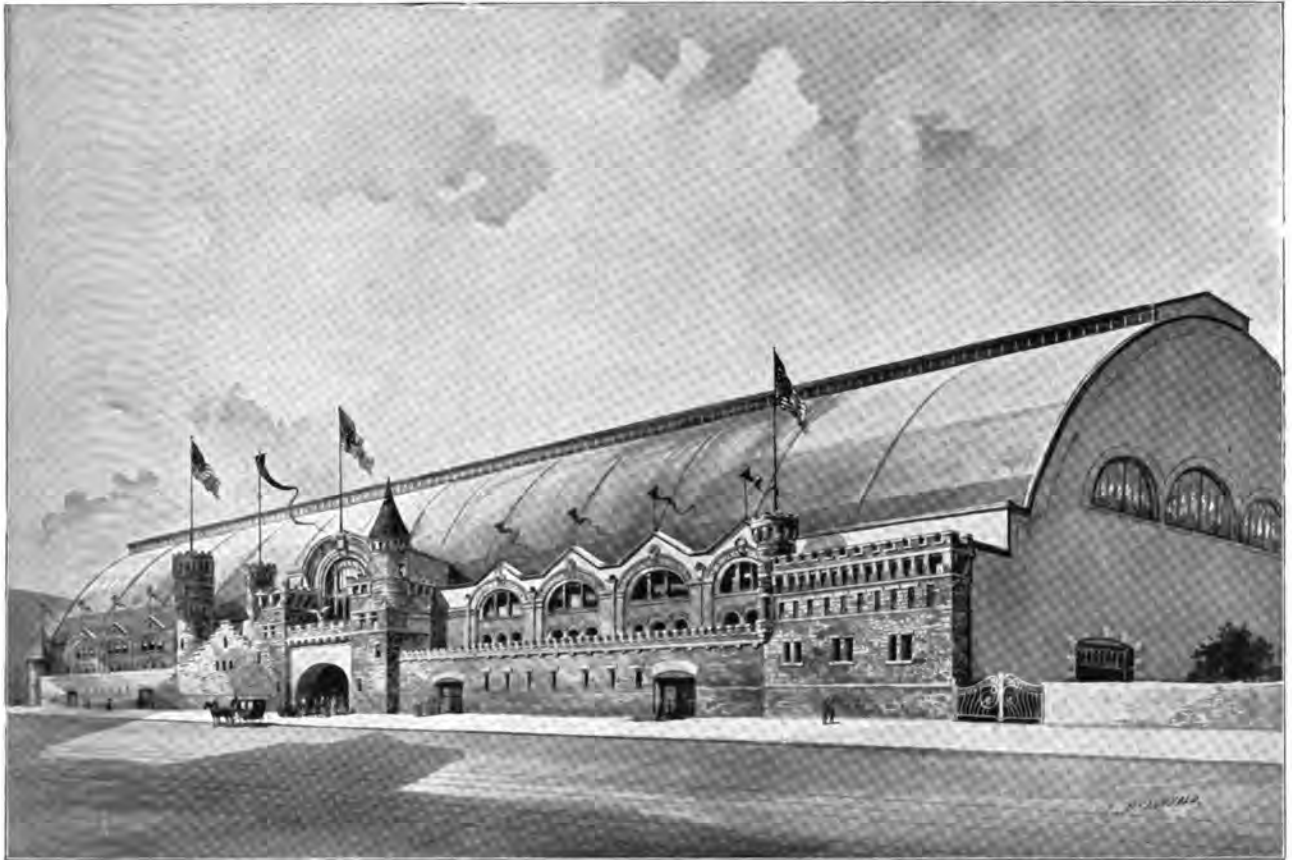
# The GENERAL OVERSEER'S Return to Chicago

**Reception of Welcome** AT CENTRAL ZION TABERNACLE  
1621-1633 Michigan Avenue, **Thursday, January 17, 1901**

Addresses of Welcome will be made by the Heads of Departments in Zion, to which the General Overseer will respond. Admission by ticket only.

**Lord's Day Morning, January 20, 1901**

The General Overseer will conduct the meeting at Central Zion Tabernacle, at 11 o'clock. Admission by ticket only.



**Lord's Day Afternoon, January 20, 1901, at 3 O'Clock**

The General Overseer will address a

## GRAND PUBLIC MEETING IN THE COLISEUM

This great building is situated on Wabash Avenue, between Fourteenth and Sixteenth Streets. It contains chairs for eight thousand persons. The services will open with a **Processional by One Hundred Robed Officers, and Zion's White-Robed Choir**, increased to two hundred and fifty voices. All welcome. All seats free. Free-will offering.

**Lord's Day Evening, January 20, 1901**

The General Overseer will meet members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion and Christian friends at the Communion of the Lord's Supper in Central Zion Tabernacle, at 8 o'clock. Admission by ticket only.

**TICKETS** For the above services in Central Zion Tabernacle can be obtained free, by members and friends of Zion, on and after Lord's Day, January 6th, at the following places: Central Zion Tabernacle, Zion Publishing House, Zion City Bank, and at the other Zion Tabernacles in the city.

**CHRIST IS ALL AND IN ALL**

# THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN OPENED.

**W**ILL a man rob God? yet ye rob Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with the curse; for ye rob Me, even this whole nation. Bring ye the Whole Tithe into the Storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you happy: for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the Lord of hosts.—*Malachi 3:8-12.*

## Prospered in Many Ways When God is Not Robbed.

WASHINGTON, IOWA, December 19, 1900.

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—Since paying the tithe, almost six years ago, the Lord has prospered me in many ways.

I have experienced greater blessing in first giving the Lord His portion.  
Yours in Christ Jesus, (MISS) IRENE ECKELS.

## Crops Better When Tithes are Paid.

PERRY, MISSOURI, December 20, 1900.

OVERSEER W. H. PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—We have found great blessings follow tithing.

We have more money, better crops and greater spiritual blessings since we began to give God what was due Him and to trust our all with Him.

Faithfully yours in Jesus, MR. AND MRS. F. C. ROSS.

## God Supplies Every Need of Those Who Pay Tithes.

SHERIDAN, WYOMING, December 28, 1900.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—I do feel wonderfully blessed in paying my tithes.

I know God's promises are sure.

We have been blessed in many ways.

When I have paid my tithes out of what money I had, and needed more, God has always supplied my need.

Your Sister in Christ, (MRS.) HATTIE M. McCULLOCH.

## Physical and Spiritual Blessings Result from Obedience in Tithing.

WASHINGTON, IOWA, December 27, 1900.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Brother in Christ:*—God has wonderfully blessed me in paying tithes.

Carelessness has hindered, but after making things right, deliverance came.

My wants have been less in number and my needs supplied.

Blessings, both spiritual and physical, have been the result of obedience.

Yours faithfully in Jesus, (MRS.) JOSEPHINE CHERRY.

## Blessed Spiritually and Financially in Obeying God.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—We are glad to testify that God is a Covenant-keeping God in regard to tithes.

We never paid tithes until we came into Zion.

Since we began, God has blessed us both spiritually and financially.

We have been enabled to make more money since going to Zion, four years ago, and give at least four times as much, as we did in the ten years previous.

We thank God for leading us to Zion to hear the Full Gospel as taught by the General Overseer.

Yours in the Master's Service, W. HURD CLENDINEN.

## God's Tenth the First Fruits.

NEW WHATCOM, WASHINGTON, December 27, 1900.

REV. WILLIAM H. PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—God has blessed us, according to His Word, in bringing the tithes into the Storehouse.

When my husband brings his wages home, we take the tenth out first.

Then I take the rest, lay it before God in prayer, and ask Him to bless it. And He does bless.

We help the needy whenever the call is made on us.

We praise God that Zion is teaching the whole Word of God.

Faithfully yours in Jesus, (MRS.) J. O. LEMACH.

## Great Increase in Profits When God Was Paid His Tithe.

212 MAGNOLIA STREET. }

CINCINNATI, OHIO, December 26, 1900. }

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—I feel that it is my duty to write you a testimony thanking God for the blessings which we have received through tithing.

I can refer to two summers at work with our canal boat.

The first summer I was not in Zion, and we did not pay any tithes, and we made seventy-five trips.

The second summer I was in Zion and paid tithes.

The season was a little shorter and we only made sixty-five trips, but I cleared \$75 more the second season than I did the first season.

Had I made the other ten trips, how much more I could have cleared.

We are off the canal now, and can feel the blessing. Our money goes further in our home now than it ever did before. We have more money to do God's work, and we love to do it. We thank God for health and strength and all His blessings and the teaching of Zion.

Your Brother in Christ Jesus, WILLIAM BARROWCLIFF.

## Blessed in Bringing the Whole Tithe into the Storehouse.

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, December 10, 1900.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—In reply to request in LEAVES OF HEALING, we can heartily say God has blessed us in bringing the Whole Tithe into the Storehouse, and shown us how we can add an offering besides, even though it is small. It is no burden, but a pleasure, which results in God supplying all our needs. Mother and sister join me in sending the above testimony, as we are of one mind.

I am yours all for Christ,

NINA WAZAU.

## The Nine-Tenths Goes Further When God Receives His Tenth.

842 GARDEN STREET, }

NEW WHATCOM, WASHINGTON, December 24, 1900. }

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—We can truly say we believe we have been blessed in many ways through tithing.

When we get our pay and take God's share out first, and lay it aside for His use, it seems that what is left goes twice as far as it did before.

We never seem to be short of money for all our needs.

We feel that every dollar we put into the care of our beloved General Overseer will be faithfully used in our Father's work.

We can both see and feel the work that is being done by Zion. We would not be happy now if we were not paying our tithes to God.

We believe a glorious future awaits the faithful children of Zion.

Faithfully yours in Jesus, WILLIAM AND MARY MANN.

## God Blesses Abundantly Those Who Pay Him His Own.

GERMANTOWN, CALIFORNIA, December 19, 1900.

REV. W. H. PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—A little over a year ago we began reading and studying Zion Literature.

This has been the most blessed year, spiritually, physically and financially, we ever experienced.

We understand the Bible as we never did before. We live closer to our Heavenly Father, and enjoy more of His Presence.

We have had wonderful answers to prayer.

We put our business in the hands of the Lord, and this has been one of the most successful years we ever had.

We keep a careful account of our tithing, which is difficult in a farming business. We pay to the Lord's work, and He blesses us abundantly.

MR. AND MRS. KENDRICK.

## God Sent Fourfold When Tithes Were Paid.

450 BEACON AVENUE, }

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, December 30, 1900. }

DEAR BROTHER IN CHRIST:—The first tithes I paid, I had gotten down to \$4. I owed \$3 to God.

My husband, a traveling man, was then on the road. I did not know where to write him.

If I paid \$3 I would have only \$1 to live on for perhaps a week.

I determined to pay my tithes. I said, "God says, 'I will pour you out a blessing.'"

I sent the \$3 to Zion.

The next morning a lady who had been owing us for over a year came and paid me \$8.50.

When the mail came it brought me \$5 from my husband.

I also received \$15 from another source, so that in all I found that I had more than fourfold.

Since then I have never been afraid to give up my last cent.

I think great blessings come from paying tithes.

I am one who heartily believes in paying tithes.

Yours for Jesus,

(MRS.) O. C. FORD.

# A VOICE TO ZION AND GOD'S PEOPLE IN EVERY LAND.

O thou that tellest Good Tidings to Zion, Get thee up into the High Mountain lift up thy Voice with strength: lift it up, be not afraid; Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

Isaiah, XL: 9.

THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL DECLARED. GIFTS OF HEALINGS PERMANENT IN THE CHURCH.

Report of Meetings held in Divine Healing Home No. 1, October 22 and 24, 1894. "Gifts of Healings Permanent in the Church," and "Lord, but Say the Word."

A TRUE WORD, spoken in love, is an inestimable power. It never dies. It goes on and on, spreading the light until the time shall come when "They need no light of lamp, neither light of sun; for the Lord God shall give them light."

All the wonderful words of God's truth; words based upon God's Word; words given him by God's Holy Spirit; words spoken with all the power of a Divinely-imparted love, which God's Messenger in Zion has spoken, have brought blessing to men in ever-widening circles.

They have been carried on the snowy wings of the Little White Dove over mountain and plain; over burning sands and ocean wave; into kings' palaces and into the dark haunts of poverty; and everywhere they have gone, men have turned from sin, have cried unto God for mercy, and have found pardon, peace and healing.

Those words have been treasured up in grateful, loving hearts and have found expression in holy lives, deeds of consecrated service and joyous testimonies to God's wonderful works in them.

The two talks which follow are full of the most blessed Divine truth, spoken by God's Messenger to Zion six years ago.

The absolute unchangeableness of God's Way of Healing, from the earliest days of His dealings with His people down to the present time, is set forth in a striking and convincing manner in the first talk. In the second is shown the great blessing which God gives to those who, through faith, can say, as did the centurion, "Lord, but say the word, and Thy servant shall be healed." These discourses have brought many blessings to those who heard them and lived the truths as set forth. They have proved, in their own bodies, that the Gifts of Healings have not been taken away.

The General Overseer has not revised these reports.

Divine Healing Home No. 1, October 22, 1894.

Dr. Dowie said: We are tarrying a long time with the eighth chapter of Matthew, for this is the center of all our teaching, especially the first seventeen verses. We have found it so for many years, these words especially, "Himself took our infirmities, and bare our diseases." I was dealing with the willingness of the Lord to heal. "I will; be thou clean."

Everything in Divine Healing Turns Upon the Willingness of God to Heal.

The origin of disease has engaged our attention in previous talks. I have dealt quite at length with the position that disease is the consequence of sin and the work of Satan. I have showed that inasmuch as our Lord Jesus Christ came to destroy the works of the Devil, He could not destroy these works without destroying disease, for disease is the work of Satan. Disease is the progeny of Father Satan and Mother Sin, who have brought forth a horrid brood of all kinds of miseries which curse humanity, disease being by no means the least.

Because disease was the work of the Devil, and our Lord Jesus Christ came to destroy the works of the Devil, and as Peter said in the house of Cornelius, "went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the Devil," and inasmuch as never did our Lord Jesus Christ say that disease was the work or will of God, I hold it was reasonable, logical and Scriptural to declare that our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to destroy disease.

After all, that was a negative side of the question, and the question is, Can we be quite sure that His will is positively to heal, and are we sure that He is at all times willing?

An Objection to Divine Healing on the Ground of an Alleged Change in God's Way of Healing.

Against the position that He is, people sometimes argue: "Dr. Dowie, you make a mistake; you are speaking as if God were willing to act now as He did nineteen centuries ago. God is not willing to act in that way now because it has pleased Him in His Infinite Wisdom to work by other means. The Gifts of Healings were only given for a time. They were removed when the necessity for them ceased to exist. The necessity for these gifts was to establish the Christian religion, and inasmuch as that has been firmly and fully established, the



necessity for miracles has passed away and healing reverts to the old operation of nature and its laws."

That is the common teaching of the theological seminaries and the common teaching of the churches.

It is wholly false.

**There is No Scripture Commanding, Advising or Even Implying the Use of Drugs for Healing.**

In the first place, the whole assumption that God ever at any time had designed that men should be healed by means of medicines, science or doctors, whichever you wish to call it, is an assumption which cannot be based upon a single iota of Scripture truth. From Genesis to Revelation there is not one single passage which says or even implies that God has said to His people, "Is any among you sick, let him call for a doctor."

If that is the case, do you not see that the assumption is wholly unfounded in Scripture?

Inasmuch as the Scripture is to Christians the one infallible rule and guide, and inasmuch as for 4100 years of dealing with His children God never once commanded that they were to seek for healing through man, the assumption that medicine is a reversion to God's ordinary way of healing is totally unfounded.

Such teaching is diametrically opposed to the fact that God has always revealed Himself as the Healer. He made a Covenant with Moses and His people at the waters of Marah 1490 years before Christ came in the flesh. He told Moses what to do when he came to the springs and found them polluted, so that they could drink. He bade Moses cut down a tree in that desert and cast it into the waters, and promised that when he did this the waters would be healed and that the people who were famishing with thirst should drink.

Everything happened as God had declared. Moses, with simple faith, in advance of all science, so-called, cut down the tree and threw it into the water. The highest and truest science was to obey God. He obeyed God and God did what He promised. He healed the bitter waters. He made the bitter waters sweet. Then He made a Covenant. Then He gave Divine Healing as an absolute Covenant with His people; made it upon certain distinct and clear conditions. He said:

If thou wilt diligently hearken to the Voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His eyes, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases upon thee, which I have put upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee.

**Old Testament Verses Which Seem to Say That God Caused Evil Should be Translated Permissively.**

I will call your attention to a point contained in the closing words of the passage: "I will put none of the diseases." The verb there is permissive, not causative. Dr. Robert Young in his Hebrew Concordance of the Scriptures agrees with me in that interpretation. I said it years before the Concordance appeared. As a matter of satisfaction, I am glad that a scholar has agreed to that which I declared years ago. I have called the attention of far greater scholars, professors of certain universities, to the point. They said that the point had never been raised, but they were perfectly amazed to find that a very large number of cases to which I gave them a clew were undoubtedly cases in which the active verb must be translated permissively.

The last clause is properly translated in the permissive sense: "I will permit to be put upon thee none of the diseases which I have permitted to be put upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee."

God, as you know, did not want the Egyptians to suffer at all. He sent His servant Moses to demand that His people be set free. Pharaoh hardened his heart, and God simply withdrew His protecting hand that they should reap as they had sown: plague after plague. "He that hath the power of death . . . is the Devil." God simply permitted the Devil to have his way by permitting him to bring plague after plague on the land—within limits. God simply permitted him to do certain things.

The question of permission is always a fine and somewhat difficult question. It is clear in God's work that God never causes evil. He may permit man to reap the consequences of sin.

There is no good whatever in disease. God simply permits man to receive the consequences of his own transgressions. There is no good in it except in this sense, that man is thereby taught that the wages of sin is death, and that the Law

of the Spirit of Life, in Christ, is come to set him free from the Law of Sin and Death.

**God Never Does Evil That Good May Come.**

He is ever pleading with humanity to avoid falling into these things. In the case of the Egyptians, for instance, He sent His servant for the very purpose of beseeching the Egyptians, who had broken the covenant with Him and His people, to no longer continue this breaking of the covenant and enslaving the people, and to let God's chosen people go. But the Egyptians refused to obey, and God permitted them to reap a little of what they had sown.

God does not permit man to reap all he has sown. He is constantly interposing, permitting the Devil to go only so far and evil men to go so far, restraining them in His Infinite Mercy; for the sake of His people sparing humanity.

If thou wilt diligently hearken to the Voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His eyes, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases upon thee, which I have put upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee.

God says that these conditions being fulfilled, He will permit to be put upon us none of these diseases. But the conditions are that we shall hear God and do what God tells us. The conditions never alter in any dispensation.

**The Only Faith Worth the Name is That Which Finds Expression in Obedience.**

For people to talk about an abstract faith which does not come down to Obedience is arrant nonsense.

Faith is absolute and practical and constant and determined Obedience to God, no matter what the consequences may be. Faith is hearing and doing. It is four times repeated in that Covenant: "Diligently hearken to the Voice of the Lord thy God," and "Do that which is right in His eyes," and "Give ear to His commandments," and "Keep all His statutes." You are to have nothing to do with listening to any other voice. It will be no excuse to say that some one else said so and so. The question is, "What did God say?"

In the great Day of Judgment you will not be vindicated; your conduct will be disapproved and severely condemned and you will lose, by not obeying God absolutely.

The trouble is that men are listening to the voices of ten thousand times ten thousand men, and not to the Voice of God. I do not ask you to listen to my voice except in so far as God in His Infinite Love and Mercy permits me to voice His own Word.

Some suppose they have nothing to do to get their healing. In a passive way they sit here and say, "I suppose that is all essential to my healing, but the sooner it is over the better." Those who listen like that will never get blessing. You must listen, and you must listen diligently. You must be quite sure that it is the Voice of God to which you harken.

You can determine whether any voice is the Voice of God or not. If it is, it will agree with all that is good and right in your conscience and reason. It will agree with the Word of God. If it differs from the Word of God, it is not the Voice of God, and if it differs from sound reason, it is not the Voice of God.

You are at liberty to disobey the Voice of God; but if you disobey, you sin; not because I say it, but because God said it.

**The Covenant of Divine Healing Has Never Been Altered.**

I therefore hold that those who say that medical science is a reversion to God's original plan, that God is not willing to heal today, must be charged with erring, not knowing the Scriptures nor the continuous power of God manifested in continuous ministry of healing.

There is no change in God. "I am the Lord, I change not," was said through Malachi by God Himself in the last of the Old Testament, and this Covenant is at the opening of the revelation to His chosen people, 1100 years before.

"I am the Lord that healeth thee," is at the beginning, and "I am the Lord, I change not," at the end. In the very middle of the Bible you will find:

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
Who forgiveth all mine iniquities;  
Who healeth all thy diseases.

God's Word gives voice always to the same thing.

As for the New Testament, the man who does not see Divine Healing taught in it is wilfully blind. He shuts his eyes. He

shuts his ears. He hardens his heart. The New Testament from the very beginning to the end is full of Divine Healing.

From the opening of our Lord's ministry He went about doing good, teaching, preaching and healing. He proclaimed, when He opened His mission in the synagogue of Nazareth, fourth chapter of Luke, that He had come for the very purpose of saving and healing. Divine Healing is all through every Gospel and in the Acts of the Apostles down to the very last line, when Paul turns upon the rabbis and Jews of Rome and declares to them:

For this people's heart is waxed gross,  
And their ears are dull of hearing,  
And their eyes they have closed;  
Lest haply they should perceive with their eyes,  
And hear with their ears,  
And understand with their heart,  
And should turn again,  
And I should heal them.

#### Divine Healing in the Epistles and Revelation.

The Epistle to the Romans is full of it. The redemption of the body is the very center of the whole teaching in Romans: the redemption of the body from the power of Satan and sin and disease and death and hell.

All through the Epistle to the Corinthians there is a command to yield your body to God, and the glorious promise that the life of righteousness shall be made manifest.

Throughout the other epistles the same thought runs. When you get to Revelation it is full of it until you come to the end, where the River of Life is flowing from God and the Leaves of the Tree are for the Healing of the Nations.

To say that God has revealed Himself to humanity as healing in any other way, is not in accordance with the Word of God. This statement which is made in theological seminaries is merely an assumption and a poor, pitiful excuse for the purpose of supplying a faithless ministry with a false reason for the cessation of the Gifts of Healings.

The statement that the Gifts of Healings were only imparted for a time is entirely contrary to the Word of God; for the Word of God declares:

The gifts and the calling of God are without repentance.

There can be no possible mistake as to what these gifts are; for they are enumerated with exceeding accuracy by the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 12:1-11:

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

How often ought this passage to be read in Church! Never was the Church so intensely ignorant as today on the question of spiritual gifts.

For to one is given through the Spirit the word of wisdom; and to another the word of knowledge, according to the same Spirit; to another faith, in the same Spirit; and to another gifts of healings, in the one Spirit; and to another workings of miracles; and to another prophecy; and to another discernings of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; and to another the interpretation of tongues; but all these worketh the one and the same Spirit, dividing to each one severally even as he will.

#### Gifts of Healings are Permanent in the Church.

Taking that passage in connection with the one just quoted from Romans, "For the gifts and the calling of God are without repentance," you will see that any one who says that God has taken from us, or repented of, the Gifts of Healings, lies. Either he lies or God lies.

God cannot lie.

Hence the theologians lie.

There are a great many liars around, are there not? The Gifts of Healings are among the Nine Gifts. There is no man in the Church today who would say that the first three are taken away: the Word of Wisdom, the Word of Knowledge, and Faith.

What about the other six? Do not we need them still?

There is no use of people spinning out theological theories which have no Scripture to back them. As Protestant Christians have refused to take the interpretation of a fallible Church and have demanded that the Church shall be guided by the Word of God, which is infallible, they should believe the doctrine of Divine Healing which is taught all through that Word.

#### The Church of God Must be Guided by the Word of God.

We care nothing for the Roman Councils, or the decisions of Roman popes, or the writings of Roman fathers, except in so far as they are in accordance with the Word of God.

The Church of God is not the superior of Scripture. Scripture is inspired by the Holy Spirit for the guidance and the control of the Church of God. The Church which refuses to be guided or controlled by the Scripture is a false Church, whether Protestant or Roman Catholic.

The man or woman who refuses to be guided by the Word of God has fallen away from Him. There is no other decision. Either the Church must be above the Word of God or must be ruled by the Word of God. It cannot be both.

As for the power to interpret the Word of God, the Church cannot interpret it in a manner which is opposed to common sense, to sound reason and to the clear, unmistakable meaning which the words were intended to convey when they were first written.

It does not matter whether it is a Church of Rome, a Presbyterian, a Congregationalist, a Baptist or any other Church, the Church or minister who refuses to be controlled and guided by the Word of God is apostate and fallen.

The Protestant churches are apostate in so far as they have denied the perpetuation of that which God declares is absolutely without any change.

The charge of apostasy is a very serious charge, and no man should make it lightly.

If a Church has it in its own hands to purge itself of that charge, it must purge itself.

Instead of teaching that God has set Gifts of Healings permanently in the Church, they say 'He has set the science of medicine.

#### Medicine, Physicians Admit, is Not a Science.

Doctors themselves laugh at the expression. The wisest physicians of the day, not the least in rank in the army of Hippocrates or Galen, not the least in rank in the various schools of medical treatment, and every man of common sense and honesty throughout the whole medical profession, will tell you that medicine is purely speculative. They will admit that they have not found the first stone to lay as the foundation of a science, and that they are continually being disappointed.

They cry "Eureka! I have found it!" and they find it is only one more bubble which they have grasped; a will-o'-the-wisp which leads them into deeper bogs of fraud and humbug and lying. Take LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume I, Number 4, pages 61 to 63. There are about one hundred doctors' own statements as to what medical science is. Who challenges these statements? I did not invent them. They are quoted accurately. They are not quoted out of their proper context. They are statements which can bear only one interpretation. I know from my own personal knowledge in the great University of Edinburgh, in which many noted doctors have received their education. The highest professors in that University have declared in my hearing that medicine is not a science.

This statement that medicine is a science is met by the doctors themselves, who say with one voice, "You are wrong, medicine is not a science." This statement is also met by the fact that you can take any congregation, as I often take the congregations in Zion Tabernacle, and say to them, "All who have been to doctors and taken medicine, put up your hands." Almost without exception all hold up their hands. When you ask all who were perfectly healed by doctors and medicines to put up their hands, no hands are raised. When you ask all who have been healed through faith in Jesus to stand, hundreds rise to their feet.

#### God Would Not Take Away Gifts of Healings and Give Such an Inefficient Substitute as Medicine.

A bit of sound reasoning would make you think, "Could God have taken away the greater and substituted the lesser?"

Thirty five centuries ago God revealed Himself to Moses and that rabble which came out of Egypt; to that poor mass of enslaved humanity, so long ground down under oppression, so wretched, so unclean, that they all perished in the desert except a very few who, with their children, entered into the Promised Land. Thank God for giving so mighty and glorious a Covenant to these, His people, in their discouraged condition.

Is it in accordance with your conception of God that now, at a later period, with all the glory of Jesus Christ and the manifestation of the Holy Spirit, He should take that Covenant away and leave in its place every medical quack and medical sham and all kinds of abominable opposing systems, none of



which heal? Is that in accordance with God's mercy in dealing with His children? It is not. God would never take away the greater to substitute for it the lesser, even if the lesser were a good thing, which in this case is not provable.

It is not provable that medicine is at all a beneficent thing. It is not provable that men would have gotten better quicker with the use of any medicine. Doctors themselves confirm this. "People get better," one candid man says in these quotations, "in spite of our medicines, and not because of them."

**Miracles of Healing are Needed Now to Prove the Truth of the Gospel as Much as in Jesus' Life and Apostolic Times.**

The statement that the Christian religion has been sufficiently established by works which were wrought nineteen centuries ago is not reasonable, inasmuch as historical statements can be questioned with more or less show of reason. As a matter of fact, coming to a candid admission, we have no older manuscripts of the New Testament in existence than those written in the Fourth Century. If Christianity is depending simply upon the possession of historical documents to prove its truth, then the infidel may say to us, "Find me a manuscript of your documents, written between the First and Fourth Centuries."

Christianity does not depend for its truthfulness upon the possession of any such manuscripts. It depends and always will depend for its truthfulness upon the fact that the Church of God is the possessor of the gifts, founded upon Christ, graces and powers which God revealed in these Scriptures.

**If Christ is the Same, Christianity Should be the Same.**

The same works are wrought in the same Name.

It is, therefore, important that the Church of God should express the same characteristics in the Nineteenth Century as in the First. The infidels have a perfect right to demand that Christianity of today shall be exactly like the Christianity of nineteen centuries ago. You have no right to demand, on the ground of pure reason, that they shall believe the miracles of nineteen centuries ago if you cannot show them the same wonder-working God in the Nineteenth Century.

Inasmuch as Christ said, "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also"; "these signs shall follow them that believe: in My Name they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover"; "the prayer of faith shall save the sick," reason demands to see the things done. Therefore, the assertion of the Church that Christianity was sufficiently established by miracles nineteen centuries ago, the proof of which depends, so far as manuscripts are concerned, upon manuscripts written nearly three centuries after the events, will not do. It is not sufficient to satisfy human reason.

If you can show that God is the same God; that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yea and forever; that the same works are wrought today in Chicago which were wrought nineteen centuries ago in Jerusalem, then you are writing another page of the Gospel which goes to show as many and just as clear proofs of its Divinity as the pages before us. That is what the world needs.

We cannot rest upon words which were merely for nineteen centuries ago. The Words of Christ are spoken to us. We declare and He declares that they are Spirit and Life. They are Eternal, and the same results will follow faithful obedience to them.

**Miracles Wrought by God Today Cannot be Denied.**

Robert Ingersoll may sneer at the miracles of nineteen centuries ago, but all the sneering of Ingersoll cannot alter the fact that miracles are wrought today. He cannot alter the fact which each of the issues of LEAVES OF HEALING asserts. He cannot deny that the little boy who came in with a paralyzed leg is running about today, attending the Armour Avenue public school on the other side of the city, and is in the class for physical instruction.

The infidels ask for facts, and we are stuffing them down their throats until they will have to stop talking.

If the whole Church of God instead of trying to mislead humanity by trying to reason away the plain language of Scripture, would just set to work and put it into practice, all infidelity would be swept away like chaff before the wind, like stubble before the fire.

**"LORD, BUT SAY THE WORD."**

Divine Healing Home No. 1, October 24, 1894.

Dr. Dowie read from the eighth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first seventeen verses, and from the first ten verses of the seventh chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke.

He then said: This morning we will speak concerning the centurion's servant's healing. Many persons have believed that this is a case in which it is evident that the Lord Jesus Christ healed without any faith upon the part of the person who was healed; that He healed in consequence of the faith of the person asking Him, and not upon the faith of the person whom He was asked to heal. The argument is that this centurion was faithful, but that the servant had nothing to do with the healing at all; that he was simply one whom his master loved, and that his master, therefore, had come to Christ concerning him.

**Faith Necessary to Healing.**

Dealing with that point, first of all, let us say that it is not in accordance with the facts nor with the principles of faith. "Without faith it is impossible to please God."

I think that the seventh chapter of Luke, which we have been reading, will take away that objection. Read the first and second verses:

After He (Jesus) had ended all His sayings in the ears of the people, He (Jesus) entered into Capernaum.

And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear unto Him (Jesus), was sick and at the point of death.

Make the antecedent of the personal pronoun all through, "Jesus." The conjunction *and*, which makes a separate sentence of the second verse, was really a word of the same sentence.

The assumption that the centurion's servant was dear unto the centurion and not to Jesus is not sound. Read the two verses as if one. Read the pronouns he, him and his, all through as referring to Jesus. It referred to Jesus in the first verse and why to the centurion in the second verse? Many read it as dear to the centurion, but I read it as dear unto Jesus.

**The Centurion's Servant May Have Been One of Jesus' Disciples.**

Possibly, as oftentimes was the case among rich people of those times, the centurion was blessed through his servant. Servants were often faithful and led their masters to Christ. In that case the Lord, of course, knew perfectly well who this servant was.

A little later than this He healed Peter's wife's mother, one of His disciples. The Word does not say that because she was Peter's wife's mother He healed her. Faith must be exercised by the persons themselves who are to be healed, except in a case of mental incapacity. In that case, the faith must be exercised by the person responsible before God and before man for the infant or imbecile person.

This passage throws a great deal of light on the subject. It shows that the centurion's servant was dear unto Jesus and therefore subject to His care. Having been appealed to, He healed him because the servant had faith to be healed—not only the master, but the servant had faith.

Possibly the master might have come because the servant implored him to beseech the Lord to heal him. However, in any event, the rule is laid down, "Without faith it is impossible to please God," and he had faith, however limited and imperfect it may have been. The principal point is to consider the story itself and how the Lord healed in this case.

It is a very beautiful story. It has been very much used in our meetings. I trust that God will use my exposition of it this morning.

The centurion was a man of considerable station. At this time Galilee was held in the grip of the conquering power, the Roman Empire. A centurion, although he commanded, as you see by his name, only 100 soldiers, was a man of considerable power. These soldiers inspired great terror.

At this time the whole Roman Empire was held by 180,000 soldiers throughout the eastern and western portions. Today there are 12,000,000 of armed men in the same country, and peace is not maintained.

The power of pagan Rome was very great. The terror her legions inspired was very great. One hundred soldiers represented a great deal, just as in India 100 British soldiers make quite a representation of British power.

**Remarkable Faith of the Centurion.**

But this centurion had become a devout Christian. It is evident that he believed that the Lord Jesus Christ was not only a good man, but that He was God. His faith was very remarkable. The Lord said He had not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

In the first place, that faith was based on a very deep humility and a consciousness of his own unworthiness. Reading the passage in Luke, you see that the rabbi first came to Jesus and besought Him to go and heal the centurion's servant, and the recommendation which they gave was, "He loveth our nation, and himself built us our synagogue." They thought that was a proof of his worthiness. It proved beyond all question that he took a great interest in them, and probably was a Jewish proselyte.

**Church-Building Not Necessarily a Manifestation of Piety.**

Many build churches who are servants of the Devil. They take a great hand in building, without any piety at all. It is not an evidence of piety to build a church. The Cathedral of St. Patrick in Dublin was restored by Sir Arthur Guinness, the great brewer, who was knighted for his services. It stands amidst the most squalid surroundings and on every side you can read, "Guinness' Beer, Guinness' Stout." It was out of the people that the money was taken. God will not bless that kind of church-building. The leprosy of sin is in the very walls.

This centurion was a man who built the synagogue because he really loved God and loved the nation and loved God's own people. They thought he was worthy on that account. The centurion did not think so. The proof that the centurion was really pious was that he did not think he was worthy. Hence he sent the rabbi to the Lord. Hence he said, when he talked with the Lord, "I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come under my roof."

True humility is always accompanied with great courage, great boldness, great faith. There is a spurious humility as there is a spurious imitation of everything that is good. Everything good is counterfeited. You never saw any one counterfeit a piece of brown paper, because it is not worth counterfeiting. People counterfeit bank notes and United States currency because they are worth counterfeiting. People counterfeit Christianity because it is worth counterfeiting. People counterfeit humility because it is worth counterfeiting. There is a spurious humility rarely accompanied by courage or faith.

This centurion was really an humble man. His heart was truly humble.

**You Can Measure the Majesty of a Man's Faith by His Humility.**

This centurion, with his deep humility, believing that Christ was God, did not feel himself worthy, although a man of high station, that Christ should enter under his roof. But in the very same breath, he was most courageous. Christ had already said, "I will come and heal him." Most people would have been very much pleased and would have said, "O come along, Lord; I will show you the way."

But the centurion had more faith than that. He had the faith and courage to say to the Lord not only that he was unworthy to have Him come under his roof, but he said, "But say the word, and my servant shall be healed."

There was the courage of a great faith there; a faith which believed that every power in the Universe was obedient to Christ. It was a very sublime faith, when you come to think of it; for Christ's social position was a very humble one as compared to the centurion's. The centurion was a man representing the Roman power, the conquering power, probably coming down to the garrison at Capernaum and holding Galilee in his hands, while our Lord Jesus Christ was only a peasant in appearance. He had been a village carpenter; He had worked to support His mother and His brothers and sisters when His reputed father had died.

**The Beautiful Illustration of Christ's Authority Given by the Centurion.**

This centurion was a man of dignity, of rank and of power; owning a magnificent mansion, probably, having many servants and soldiers around him, and yet he said he was not worthy for Christ to come under his roof. He believed that Christ was God. The beautiful illustration which he gave shows this. He said, in effect, "I am under authority, yet I can command men

under me and be obeyed. I am under the Roman Procurator Pontius Pilate, and he is under Caesar. I have power and can command all men under me to go, to come, to do, and they are bound to do it."

The Roman law was very strict on the subject of obedience. If a man disobeyed, he was put to death, especially if he were disobedient in the face of the enemy.

The centurion said, "I say Go, I say Come, I say Do this, and my servants obey. Thou hast only to say, Come, Go, Do this, and every power throughout the Universe must obey. But say the word, and my servant shall be healed."

Our Lord admired that faith and admired the courage of that faith. The centurion recognized that which I hope you will increasingly recognize, that it is in the power of the Holy Spirit that all these works are wrought. The mere physical presence of Christ was not essential to the working. He is present wherever there is faith, and He will speak the word wherever true faith calls upon Him to do it. But your faith must be equal to it. There are not many whose faith is equal to this.

**Large Faith Necessary for Healing Without Laying On of Hands.**

There were not many persons who had faith for healing without the touching of the Lord or the laying on of hands. Still there were and are some.

We had one yesterday in the healing-room whom you saw, a lady living at Morgan Park. On Friday week last Mr. Ashley came to me and told me about her case. She was in dire distress. Her life was despaired of. Physicians said that she could not live many hours. A most malignant cancer was winding itself literally around her heart.

I could not go to see her. I knew about the lady; knew she was needed for her family, but I had great pressure upon me. Serious cases in the Home required my attention. I had duties that morning of a very pressing character.

If I had gone at the time asked, I could not have gotten back to the meeting until 6 o'clock.

I looked at my duty and saw my duty was to stay here. I said, "I cannot go and still do my duty here. I long to go. I will go in spirit. You are a man of God. We will pray and believe that God will heal her. She has earnestly called for me and I cannot come, but the Lord will but say the word, if you have faith, if her husband has faith and she is faithful. I will pray at such an hour this afternoon, expecting the healing. Send me this in the morning."

Next morning I received a letter returning the request for prayer and saying that the lady had been most marvelously healed, but needed strength. Mr. Ashley came on the Lord's Day following and told me that when he got home she was very much better. Now she is up and about, and yesterday some of you saw her in this room and heard what she said. The cancer was not one-half the size it was ten days ago. It had been firm and hard, but was getting soft. It was a most malignant looking cancer even in its death.

**Instances of Healing Without Laying On of Hands.**

We have seen a great deal of this healing without human touch. I should like to see a great deal of it; I should like to see the people see it much more complete in God.

After a few years of ministry in my Tabernacle in Melbourne, my people would very seldom ask me to pray for their healing. The members of my own Church, in hundreds and hundreds, went on day after day, week after week, and year after year, either coming to me for prayer or requesting prayer while in their homes. In four years I do not think I went to their homes in more than half a dozen cases. Yet prayer was always answered.

In my ministry in Australia there was a very great deal of healing of this kind in the meetings where we were speaking. One morning I was expounding this and pointing out the beauty of this centurion's faith and that the Lord had said, "Go thy way, as thou hast believed, it shall be done unto thee," and his servant was healed. When I got to the end of the exposition I said, "I am impressed, all at once, that you shall pray, and that all who are in the Home (the meeting was in my home) shall seek the Lord for their healing and expect to get it. You say, 'Lord, but say the word, and I Thy servant shall be healed.'"

We knelt in prayer. It was very crowded. We let the people at that time come into the Home. The staircase was crowded; it was quite crowded outside and everywhere.

As we knelt and prayed, there was a gracious sense of God's presence and power. I exhorted the people, before we prayed, to ask the Lord—no matter what the trouble was, blindness, deafness or anything else—to fulfil the conditions and God would answer.

We had knelt and prayed then silently for perhaps two minutes, when I heard a rustling behind me. I thought they were getting tired, so I said Amen and arose.

**Touching Story of Restoration of Sight to a Girl Who Had Been Blind for Twelve Years.**

I had scarcely gotten to my feet when a little German lady, whom I had not noticed at all, sprang forward, literally sprang forward, seized my hand and said, "O Herr Pastor, Herr Pastor, my maid say she can see."

I said, "Who is your maid?"

She turned round and almost dragged forward in her excitement, a great, big, tall, awkward-looking girl about twenty-one or twenty-two years of age. She towered over her little mistress and looked very poorly clad. Dragging forward this maid, she said, "Katrina, you can see, can't you?"

The maid did not say anything. She had large brown lustrous eyes. She looked all around the room. She did not seem to hear her mistress. She did not seem to notice anybody. She looked as one in a dream, as if walking in her sleep.

"Katrina, did not you tell me you could see?" said the mistress, excitedly. "Tell the Doctor; tell him."

She muttered something under her breath almost, and continued to look in the same stolid way at the audience and myself. I was watching very closely, and put up my hand for them to be still. I said, "Katrina, come here."

She just looked at me.

I said, "How long were you blind?"

"Twelve years," said her mistress; "she be blind twelve years."

I said, "Katrina, can you see?"

I never will forget the pathetic tone in which she then said words like these, I think I have them almost exactly, "O can it be that I can see?" Then looking all round she said, "Shall I wake and find it is only another dream. I have so often dreamed I could see. O shall I awake and find it another dream?"

I took her hand and gave her a pinch. Then she started, then she knew she could see, and the tears flowed. She and every one wept. There was much excitement, although I kept things as quiet as I could.

**How the World Looked to One Who Had Been Blind for Twelve Years.**

When they got calmed down, I said, "Katrina, I want to know what you can see." She did not know the names of some of the objects. She could tell there were flowers on the table, but had not seen any for twelve years. She was quite sure they were flowers. She remembered flowers, for she was about ten years old when she lost her sight.

She had lost her sight completely after a fever. Her blindness took that form which is most hopeless of all, absolute destruction of all nerve power. Her eyes were perfect in form, but she had no power to see.

I began to try and get her to tell me what she saw, and I thought a simple way was for her to count the number of persons on the other side of the table and tell me how many there were. She began counting, and I found she always counted one too many. She counted them again and again. "That is a man, that is a woman, that is a girl; thirteen, I am surc."

"No, Katrina, you are wrong again. One too many."

She went at it again. "There are thirteen," she said, "and the thirteen, every time I come to her, points her finger at me." Then we saw what it was. She saw herself in the mirror, which was a large one, opposite her, and did not know herself.

She received perfect sight. A few days later she rapidly began to read. She had never forgotten the form of the letters.

One day, standing at my door, I asked her to describe the persons standing on the other side of the street. She told me even to the color of the hair.

That was instantaneous and perfect and, so far as I know, permanent. It was received just as she was kneeling in prayer.

**Faith of One Inspires Faith in Another.**

One evening in our Tabernacle in Melbourne, I had received a letter from Madame De la Pierre, of Mentone, France, wife of

a French Protestant, saying she was watching for the arrival of the French mail steamer in Australia and expecting me to pray for her on the night succeeding the arrival of the mail, fixing the exact time when we would be at my evening meeting, Australian time. She said she would pray at the same time, expecting to be healed.

I remember reading that letter to my people and saying, "Now, I believe that woman will be healed. It is for the glory of God. She has been reading our literature and believes these things; believes the Word of God. She believes my prayer will be answered. She will be answered."

Some had been there a long time without healing. One woman was under our teaching for twelve months and had not received the healing. She was afflicted with asthma.

The people knelt, and when I prayed the prayer of faith for Madame De la Pierre, of Mentone, France, this woman prayed, "Here is Thy servant, O Lord, offering the prayer of faith which I believe in my heart is answered. I also pray for healing for this lady in Mentone, yet here I have been under this ministry and believe these things and am not receiving healing. Lord, but say the word and I believe Thou wilt heal me now."

She had asthma in an exceedingly aggravated form and various internal disorders, and as she knelt, she lost all sense of time and place and everything. She did not know how long she was kneeling there, but was conscious that God had answered, that she had come to the "secret place of the Most High." She was so sure that she arose and breathed perfectly, freely. She turned to the people and said, "I am healed," and she retained the healing.

These things have happened so frequently in our missions that they are quite numerous now. Indeed, there are more cases in our knowledge than there are recorded in detail in the New Testament. We have seen this again and again.

One of the instances in this country which impressed many persons on the Pacific Coast was that of Rebecca Potts, told in our *American First Fruits*. I will tell it briefly. It is told by herself.

**Healing of an Aged Woman of Severe Strangulated Hernia.**

Mrs. Rebecca Potts was an aged lady over seventy years of age, wife of a minister, a godly woman, one of the oldest inhabitants of Los Angeles, renowned for her piety, and loved for good and kind consideration for the poor.

For ten years, a doctor told me, she suffered from strangulated hernia of the most aggravated kind and was oftentimes in great pain. She had to wear internal instruments for the purpose of keeping her from dying. She could not walk from her bed across the floor until all these instruments were in place, nor walk more than a block at the farthest. She was in pain so that her life had become one of comparatively feeble power for good compared to what it had been. She mourned over it a great deal.

When I came to Los Angeles she came to the meetings. It was the third day of our meetings when I had given out the hymn, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." I commented on it as I did the other day. I said, "I believe the trouble with you is not that you do not take your troubles to the Lord, but that you do not leave them with Him. I believe that there are godly people who have taken their sicknesses to the Lord in prayer and that the Lord answered them, but they did not leave them with the Lord. I believe that if you will go to the Lord and say, 'Lord, but say the word and I Thy servant shall be healed,' you will get the healing."

After I said these words, she said in her heart, so she tells the story, "O God, Thy servant has spoken truly. I never saw that truth. I never left my trouble with Thee; I have taken it back again. I believe Thou art able, art willing; have I not the faith to leave it with Thee? I leave it with Thee now and I say, Lord, but say the word and I believe it shall be done now."

While the people were singing, she was standing there praying, and then she stopped because she could not pray any more. She described what followed like this: She seemed to feel a hand laid upon her head and a burning fire went through her body and the parts so seriously disordered. The pain was terrible for a moment or two. All at once it ceased and she felt she was healed.

**Faith Manifested in Doing.**

After service was over, she went into a retiring room in the building. She had an empty small valise with her, intending

to take something home that night. She took off all her trusses and instruments, and put them into the little bag and went away.

This occurred at the afternoon meeting.

Her husband came in for the evening meeting. He said, "Rebecca, do not go too far forward. The meetings are late. I enjoy them very much; but I cannot pay for a carriage every night for two and a half miles. We will miss the car again tonight if you go forward. We cannot get out quickly."

She said, "I am going forward to my old seat."

After it was over, he said, "Now, Rebecca, just as I said, the last car has gone and we will have to hire a carriage."

"No," she said.

"What do you intend to do? Stay in town all night?"

"I intend to walk to Boyle Heights." That is where they lived. It was two and a half miles away.

He said, "Rebecca, I am sure you are daft now; you have lost your head. You cannot walk two blocks, let alone two miles."

She said, "John, look at that bag." There he saw all the things. She said, "There is nothing to be said, just walk to Boyle Heights."

She walked two and a half miles home, up and down hill. She got home all right. She got that healing as she stood there.

I do not say that all have that faith. I know that all do not.

Ask God why you should not have faith? Why not let the Lord do it? He must do it, whether through my agency or through your faith. I should be very glad if you could exercise the faith this morning which would bring a perfect healing as you pray. I do not know what hinders. It is not in my power to tell. I do not see your hearts, I do not see your lives. You are strangers to me, whose faces I have never seen before. I cannot tell what in your past or present lives may be lacking. I only know that God demands a full Repentance. Do your part and the Lord is just as willing to say, "Go thy way; as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee," as He was nineteen centuries ago. I believe you could get that healing now as I got my healing thirty years ago without any human touch or any human ministrations.

I should like faith to be increased so that Christian people everywhere could get this healing.

**You Must Lean Upon the Lord.**

I am willing to help all I can, but if you would only say as you pray, in simple faith, "Lord, but say the word and I Thy servant shall be healed." If there is nothing between you and God, what is there to prevent your being healed now? This is a good time, a good place, and the Lord grant it. In so far as you have faith, it will be done.

Lord, increase our faith.

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 "Therefore the shewers have been withholder, and there hath been no latter rain: yet they hadest a whore's forehead, thou refushest to be ashamed."  
 "Return again, O backsliding children, saith the Lord, for I am a husband unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion."  
 "And I will give you shepherds according to Mine heart which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." —Jeremiah III:1-3-14-15.

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Hence it was with the greatest joy that the students of Zion College received the announcement that the General Overseer would deliver a Series of Lectures on the subject of Prayer. It was an inestimable privilege to learn how to pray from a man whose whole life had become a mighty power for God through Prayer. But joyful as the anticipation was, it was more than justified by the realization.

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At length, however, the appeal for them being urged, he consented that they should be sent forth, without his revision, during his absence in Europe and the Holy Land.

Accordingly this wonderful teaching will be printed, almost as it came from his lips, from time to time, in LEAVES OF HEALING. In preparing these Lectures for the press, we have eliminated some allusions to topics of the time and place and have written in some headlines.

We have also cut out opening and closing exercises and arranged the matter consecutively without regard to number and date of Lectures.

We pray that God will bless these wonderful truths to all who read in even greater measure than He did to those who heard.

A. W. N.

## PRAY WITHOUT CEASING.

After reading the eighteenth chapter of St. Luke, President Dowie said:

Beloved students, the tremendous question as to when the Kingdom of God shall come and where, has been answered by the Lord.

It would be very delightful, if our time would permit, to examine that answer, but my purpose this afternoon is to deal with the beautiful words concerning Prayer which Christ interjected into His answer.

He gave them in the parable concerning Prayer, and in the illustration which followed the parable. His illustration was taken from that very day's life in the Temple; something which His own eye had seen; something which they, to whom He spoke, were accustomed to see.

### The Sin of Self-Righteousness Must be Destroyed.

The proud Pharisee, with his broad phylacteries, would sweep into the Temple, leaving behind, in the Court of the Gentiles, the poor, despised taxgatherer who could not enter the sacred precincts where the sons of Abraham prayed.

That scene was not only visible then, but it is visible today. The diabolical pride which imagines that God must hear you because you are connected with some favored nation or some favored Church, or because you are doing something which merits and demands the attention of God Almighty, is in the hearts of many today.

The infernal sin of self-righteousness must be utterly destroyed.

In the chapter which I read, Jesus begins His talk of the Kingdom of God in His rebuke to those who refused to permit the little ones to be brought to Him. They thought that it was not the time for babies who were sick to be brought to the Lord. He was busy. He was talking to the men. He had no time for babies. But the Lord set them aside and told the mothers to bring the babies who were wailing in their pain that He might lay His hands upon them and bless them. He healed them and consecrated them to God's service, and told His hearers incidentally that unless they could receive the Kingdom of God as a little child, they would never enter into that Kingdom.

Pride and imperious vanity will be resisted by God, and He will put those with Divine humility above the proud.

One reason why men do not get an answer to Prayer is because they do not pray, even when they talk about praying, and even when they seem to pray. Their so-called Prayer is an offense to God. It is the prayer of the wicked. It is only hateful to Him and rejected by Him. Sometimes they pray to some one whom God does not recognize as Himself.

"Oh Thou Supreme Architect of the Universe!" That is not the way to pray to our Father who is in Heaven.

### The Great Power of a Divine Humility.

That humility which is always accompanied with strength, which is always accompanied with boldness, which is always accompanied with courage, is a necessary quality if Prayer is to be answered. The meekest man upon God's earth in his time was Moses. Yet he was the man who could march, unarmed, up the steps of Pharaoh's throne, and in the face of that mighty potentate could say: "Jehovah, God, the Eternal, I AM hath sent me to say, 'Let My people go.'"

He might have lost his head in a minute at the hand of the tyrant, but that did not trouble him.

The meekest man upon God's earth was the bravest. He always is. The coward who is ever afraid to speak out never knows how to pray.

The centurion had the courage to say to the Master when He said He would come and heal his servant: "Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come under my roof; but say the word, and my servant shall be healed. For I also am a man set under authority, having under myself soldiers: and I say to this one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it."

Always with great faith there is great courage and great humility. A coward is full of pride. He has no humility, even though he stands washing his hands in invisible soap and water, saying to you, "How humble I am."

**The Great Mass of Men Do Not Know How to Pray All the Time.**

There are really few who do. I do not wish to speak of myself, but I do understand something about this. That is why I have had the temerity to lecture to Zion College upon the greatest of all themes: Prayer. I do know something about the continuity of Prayer.

In my daily life, and my nightly life, too, there is not a single day or hour in which a cry does not come for Prayer. Sometimes there is not a minute, if I average them, in which there is not a cry for Prayer. These cries reach me from all the lands.

They come by cable. They come by telegram. They come by telephone. They come by letter. They come by special messenger. They come from earth's remotest bounds.

The one thing in my life which I enjoy most is, that right through it all I have understood a little of what that word of the Lord means: "they ought always to pray, and not to faint." His disciples ought always to pray, and not to faint.

What is the fact regarding His disciples?

What is the fact regarding yourselves?

Are you praying always, or when the task is hard and you are putting brain and toil into it, do you forget to pray?

Your task will be exceedingly hard when you forget to pray. Pause for a moment and audibly say to God, "You can solve that proposition. You can make my blind eyes see. You can make my stupid mind understand. I will apply myself again. This time I will pray."

As you pray, do you know, the lines will all come out, and you will be able to solve the problem, because God is solving it in you. The Greek and the Latin will not be nearly so hard. Not that there will not be toil, but Prayer will be the solution of the whole.

When Prayer delights thee least,

Then learn to say:

Now is my greatest need that I should pray.

**The Parable of the Importunate Widow.**

This is a parable for the Church represented in the form of a widow with children bereft of their father, who have been robbed by an adversary. Perhaps he was a brother to whom the care of the estate had been given by a confiding man, who thought he would be kind to his wife and the orphan boys. He left the estate, as one might suppose, to a brother who was a thief, a liar, a cheat; to a trustee who was not worthy of trust; to one who feared not God, and did not regard man.

This robber was on good terms with the Judge and bribed him to give a false judgment. He bribed the Judge to leave the estate in his hands, to pass his fraudulent accounts and to declare that there was nothing left for the widow, when the fact was that this false trustee and the Judge had divided the estate between them.

The woman who had been left well provided for found that she not only had no home, but no bread. It had come down to this, that they were poor and hungry.

She knows that the estate has been stolen, and she is a brave widow. She is poor. She is hungry. Her garments are worn; but there are her little children, and they shall not die.

She goes to the unjust Judge and before his judgment seat she says calmly, "Judge, avenge me of mine adversary."

"Go and get a lawyer," is the brutal reply.

"Judge, I have no money for a lawyer. Avenge me of mine adversary. He is seated by your side there upon the judgment seat. He took dinner with you last night. He was drunk with you. He is your boon companion. He is my husband's brother, and he is a thief. Make him give up the money which belongs to me and to my orphan children."

"Get away. You have no standing in this Court. There is no money here. The case was settled long ago. This man

is a good citizen. Take care what charges you make against him, or I will send you to prison, and then you will not be able to take care of your children at all. Get away."

She is driven away, and the man thinks, "I have gotten rid of her now."

That night the false trustee and the unjust Judge are at their wine and with their women, and they are drunk. They are singing their bacchanalian song, when a cry pierces through even into the banqueting hall which strikes dismay into both their hearts. It is the cry of a woman in the night: "Avenge me of mine adversary."

The servants have driven her off, but she has come back again. She has burst in upon them at the banqueting hall, and they fling her out into the night, bruised, wounded, bleeding, cold and hungry.

On the next morning they find her again before the judgment seat, her face aflame with mother love and godly righteousness, demanding justice. "Avenge me of mine adversary. You have taken an oath before God and man to do right. Do right by my orphaned children and by me."

"Drive her off."

She is driven off, but that night again in the banqueting hall there is the piercing cry, and night and day, even when she is not there, that Judge hears the cry, "Avenge me of mine adversary."

At last he says to his companion in the theft, "Life is not worth living. I cannot sleep. I hear that woman crying in the night her demand for justice. Even though I do not fear God and I do not regard man, she will wear me out. I will avenge her."

That is the story.

**The Apostate Church is Not Importunate in Prayer.**

When the Church of God has ceased to pray with importunity that the vengeance of God shall come from heaven and smite the hosts of hell who have robbed the Church of all its glorious powers; when the Church of God ceases to cry to God against these false shepherds who have usurped the place of the true, and have stolen the birthright of the Church, and in their daring hypocrisy are telling their people to pray to God for the restitution of that which they have stolen themselves, it is time for us to understand that parable. It is time for the true Church of the Living God to go to God the Righteous Judge, who will hear His own. How long He has borne with us when we have not been like that widow.

The fact of the matter is that the widowed Church has become a harlot. She has played the harlot with the unjust judge; has played the harlot with the unjust trustee.

The widowed Church, the so-called Church, has sold the birthright of her children and gone into the shambles of the Devil's own Lust.

God has borne long with her. Coward that she has been, she has been afraid to appeal to God the Righteous Judge. She has been afraid to ask Him to compel the unjust judge to do right.

I thank God that that fear does not exist in Zion today. I believe that the time has come when the True Church, emerging from her poverty, emerging from the darkness of the long winter of the ages, and realizing at last that there is no help in man, has gone to the Just Judge, who will avenge her speedily.

Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

One of the things which you must remember in connection with this appeal of the Church of God in Prayer to God—continuous appeal—is that

**God Will Not Recognize a Church Which Prays Spasmodically.**

The Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church asked their people to pray from March 25th to April 1st. I never

heard of any result. They were to fast; they were to pray. I hear of no revivals. I hear that the man who called for that is sick.

**The Application of the Parable.**

I desire to apply the parable. The Church is not one single individual person.

Ye are the body of Christ and severally members thereof.

Assembly, *ecclesia* (ἐκκλησία), gathering, is the simple meaning of the word church. A church is a gathering of those who are called by God and have obeyed God's call. That is the Church which consists of all believers.

The Christian Catholic Church in Zion does not and cannot, no matter how strong she may be, embrace all Christians. I wish she did. I think they would be a good deal happier in our communion than in any other.

If I did not think that, I should not go forward. But the Holy Catholic Church in Christ, throughout the world, comprises the full and complete Church, of which the Christian Catholic Church in Zion is but a part; for there are large numbers of God's children in all the churches, and they have not come out.

The cry of God in this latter time is, "Come out of her, Oh My people."

It is as it was nineteen centuries ago, when they had to come out of the Jewish Church to be saved. They could not be saved within the Jewish Church.

When men are brought into the fellowship of many of the churches of today, they become very much worse. Their prospects for salvation on earth are very much diminished. That often happens when they become Methodists and Freemasons. When a man becomes a Presbyterian and a Freemason, or when he becomes anything else and allies himself with some Secret Order, he has taken a patent road to hell. That Church which is composed, even in its highest offices, of wicked men and unjust judges who fear not God and do not regard man, is a curse to the man who enters its fellowship.

The men and women who have in their hearts the spirit of the unjust judge are damned. They are under the condemnation of God. They will not escape the damnation of hell. They turn aside to crooked ways, and God will let those who turn aside to crooked ways, turn with the workers of iniquity. In these days our appeal is to God, and not to an unjust judge.

**I Have Suffered From Unjust Judges.**

I have suffered from the unjust judgment of an unjust press; from the unjust judgment of an unjust pulpit; from the unjust judgment of an unjust people. I have appealed from press and pulpit to God, and God has answered.

Our appeal must be to God. We must compel the unjust judge to do right by an appeal to God, just as my importunity has compelled the wretched municipal council of this city to do right.

They did not want to do right. They wanted to destroy Zion, and I had to smash their infernal ordinance.

One reason why God commands us to continual Prayer is, because if you do not continually pray, you will drift away into laziness; you will drift away into neglect of the Word of God; you will drift away into association with the world. But if you pray when you rise in the morning, or before, and pray all the day long, I will defy you to go into a saloon and take a drink. You will either have to quit praying or quit sinning.

A man who intends to sin will have to quit praying. A man who will keep praying will quit sinning.

"Oh, Doctor, how can I pray always and do my work?" asks some one.

You will do better, if you pray.

You will wash your dishes cleaner, if you pray while you are washing them. Pray while you are washing the dish, "Oh

God, help me to wash this dish so clean that no one, sitting down to eat, will see it dirty and have a charge against me as a Christian servant. Wash my heart, O God, so clean that no one shall see in my life defilement."

That is a good Prayer, is it not?

Pray when you are lighting the fire or cleaning out the clinkers, if that is your part.

Some of you, I hear, are rather above that kind of business. The Lord have mercy upon you. You will never be much good until you know how to wash dishes properly and how to clean doorsteps and do all kinds of things.

I am contemplating giving you lots of things to do in the future. I really do think I will have every one of you wash dishes. (Laughter.)

I am glad that in Zion you have a little practice.

**Rising to be the Highest by Keeping Down to be the Lowest.**

Overseer Wilhide is Overseer of the work in the most lovely Continent in the world, Australia. I first took some stock in him because, when his money was all out, he began to wash dishes in Zion.

"Doctor, did you ever wash dishes?" you ask.

Yes.

"Sweep floors?"

Yes. I remember once in my ministry in Australia there was a poor woman who had been abandoned by her husband in the very hour when she was about to become a mother. Twins were born and they died, and nobody would come near that woman. They thought the house was haunted. I went to her room in their hovel and the stench was intolerable, for the dead bodies of the babies were there lying in that bed. The woman had swollen dreadfully and erysipelas had set in.

I washed her face. I brought her some refreshment and gave it to her. I acted as the nurse.

That day a lady came to me and said, "Doctor, I would like very much to be employed by you in missionary work."

I knew she was a humbug, and I said to her, "I have a case. I will give you half a sovereign if you will come down with me and see it."

She came down. At the sight of the place she said, "Oh, I cannot go in there."

"Do you want some missionary work?"

"Yes."

"Come in here."

"Oh, Doctor, I want missionary work. I want to preach."

"Yes, you do. Go away. I thought you were that kind of a woman. Get off."

If ever you are to rise to be powerful for God, you must begin by taking notice of those who are in their misery and continually crying out against the injustice of the unjust judge.

Remember that this world is full of injustice.

The great mass of people are suffering from injustice.

There are many men who are suffering from wicked wives. Injustice is cast upon them for having to care for children who have been abandoned by vile women. There are still more poor women who have been abandoned by the unspeakably vile men who have left thousands and tens and hundreds of thousands of women to bear the burdens of maternity and to care for children who bear the mark of Cain upon their brow, for they are the offspring of men who were only incarnate devils.

You must cry to God against the injustice. You must go to the Just Judge. Whom will He hear? His own.

Did not Jesus say, "Ye did not choose Me, but I chose you?"

It has been His own choice and His love which have brought us where we are. It was His electing grace, mani-

festly, in all cases, when in His Infinite Love and Mercy He chose to listen and hear our cry when we were sick and far away out in the desert of sin and ready to die. We are His chosen. He chose us. Many another one went to the Devil, but He chose us.

**God's Elect are Whosoever Will.**

Who are the elect?

The elect are those who are candidates for election.

Every one who is a candidate for election is elected.

"Whosoever will, let him come."

You are all invited to be candidates. You who have been candidates for Salvation have received Salvation. You chose principally of your own will, a will which had been graciously aided by the Holy Ghost. You chose to be a Christian. You may, if you will, choose to be something more than a mere average Christian who scrapes into heaven, leaving everything behind him except his own miserable spirit, which squeezes through somehow. Such a spirit is a very small spirit. It has to get in through an exceedingly small hole.

There are some people who are saved as by fire. There is no sweeping through the golden gates. Any crack in the door will let that spirit in, it is so small.

The spiritual stature of some men and women who get into heaven will be very small. They are singing:

Hallelujah! hallelujah! let the victor in.

They are no victors. They only escaped by the skin of their teeth. They got into heaven without anything to lay at Christ's feet. They never won anything from the great harvest field.

Poor kind of Salvation, that.

That is not the way I would like to go into heaven.

Such people are like a ship which has lost all its masts, and has to be towed into the harbor. I have seen ships come in like that without a mast. They had been caught in the wind at sea, and because the men were drunk and did not get the sails in in time, they lost their masts. Perhaps they were asleep. That is the trouble with many people. The fact of the matter is that there are some of you half asleep now.

"Awake, thou that sleepest!"

"Arise, shine, for thy Light is come!"

Many people say, "Oh it is too much trouble to arise. One cannot shine all the time. It is too much trouble."

Yes, you can.

"Oh Doctor, a man cannot shine all the time; he has to sleep some."

You do not need to sleep.

You can always be awake. Your body may be asleep when your spirit is awake.

"You will not get much sleep or rest," says somebody.

I only had four hours today, and I had a great deal of rest. I made a business of resting in those four hours. My body had a real good sleep. My spirit was away to Africa, China, Australia. I was in the South Seas, and in the front in the Boer war. I was whipping the Methodists at Carmel (laughter) and fighting Baal.

**With God in Prayer Even When Asleep.**

If you keep in Prayer with God even when your body is getting its soundest sleep, your spirit will be with God. You will learn how a spirit can be absent from the body even here, and how it can rest sweetly when the body is at work. My body wanted to sleep all night, and I would not let it. I said, "You mean old hulk, you will have to keep awake. (Laughter.) You will have to keep going."

The body said, "I want sleep."

I said, "God wants you to keep awake," and I kept awake twenty-seven hours. I love to do it. I do it often, and thank

God for it. There is a time coming when we shall never need to sleep.

Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

If we are like Him, we shall not sleep.

The Lord who is our Keeper never sleeps. His eye never closes. His ear is always hearing.

One can make the body do a great many things under God. If God gets into your body and makes it His temple, and you keep it clean, you can be used. But if you have dirt in it, that is, if your eyes are full of lust; if you secretly read bad books, if your heart is craving the flesh-pots of Egypt and the filthiness of the flesh, music by the apostate harlot of the Church of Rome, God cannot make your body His temple.

If you yearn to hear some Mass in B or E or O or P or Q; if you are hunting and thirsting after Beethoven, and you cannot do without Wagner, and your spirit is longing for Paderewski, and your soul is all astir for Irving and Helen Terry, then you are led astray by the Devil. You may be a sweet-looking lady, but you have the Devil in you. You have so much of the Devil that I do not know whether you are Christ's at all; because, if you are God's, your soul, your flesh, your spirit will cry out for the Living God; for the Temple of God; for the Altar of God, and for the streets of the City above, and for all that is good and holy and bright and pure here. You will let Paderewski and the rest go in their way to the Devil. You will say, "I cannot afford to spend a cent of God's money that way."

**The Joy of the Lord Should be the Christian's Joy.**

"Oh Doctor, you are not going to take the joy out of our lives?" some of you cry.

No. I have more fun than any other man upon God Almighty's earth. I have more serious business, perhaps. I have all the comedy I need in being a Christian when I look at the contortions of the Devil. No man who was ever in a pantomime ever looked as ridiculous as does the Devil in the form of the editors and reporters and others.

Friends, you can get more fun out of the Devil than any being upon God Almighty's earth. It is serious fun, but it is ludicrous when you see the Devil in a Methodist Bishop.

But there is a better joy than that.

There is the Joy of the Lord.

Pray without ceasing. If you do not get an answer, pray. Ask God to give you increasing light to see what hinders, and to put it away. Keep praying; praying while you are putting it away; praying while you are tearing the idol from your heart; praying while you are getting the accursed thing out of your heart. Some who came to Zion College have left because they wanted art and oratory.

The most magnificent orator is the man who, knowing God and being filled with the Spirit of God, speaks forth the Message of God in the plainest words that he can utter.

I would rather have the oratory of the Apostle Peter at Pentecost than that which all the schools of oratory of the world could supply. The oratory of Peter moved 3000 men and women into the Kingdom of God in one day. I would rather have the oratory of Peter and John at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple when 5000 men were won to God in one day.

I would rather have the oratory of the holy life of one who does his duty or the humblest taxgatherer who makes no profession, than a gilded, artificial and ineffective oratory.

I would rather be the despised taxgatherer whom the Lord has chosen than Herod upon the throne or the high priest in his palace.

I would rather be chosen to be honored by the presence of the Lord in my humble home, if it were but a fisherman's hut, as Peter's was when Peter's wife's mother was healed.

Friends, we count ourselves honored when some one of

highest station condescends to visit us, but when He who is the highest, the King of Kings, comes into our hearts and into our lives and into our work, how much more highly honored we are! We are the children of a King, and our bodies are the palaces of God.

Get close to God.

Pray always.

Live purely, and you will pray powerfully.

May God bless you.

#### Six Bound Volumes of Leaves of Healing.

What six books, besides the Bible, could be more precious, more valuable to every member and friend of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, than the first six volumes of LEAVES OF HEALING?

They contain more of the Everlasting Gospel; more testimonies to Salvation, Healing and Cleansing through Faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God; more sound teaching, than any other six books published.

The world may scoff at that, but Zion knows it to be true.

Not only that, but these six Volumes contain, in some measure, the priceless record of God's dealings with Zion in these latter days. In them, as nowhere else, can be found the history of the mighty work which God has established for the extension of His Kingdom and the preparation of the world for the coming of Jesus as King.

In them is contained a large portion of the wonderful Message which God sent to the world by His Messenger.

In fact, when we stop to consider all the glorious things which have gone into the composition of these six Volumes, we find words insufficient and inadequate to express their value.

Those who have been saved, healed, cleansed, made prosperous and happy through the Message brought by one copy of the Little White Dove, perhaps know something of what a mighty storehouse of power these six Volumes are.

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#### Has God Blessed You in Tithing?

Have you realized a fulfilment of God's promise to those who "bring the Whole Tithe into the Storehouse"? If so, let others know how true the promise is. Write your testimony and send it to Rev. William Hamner Piper, Overseer-at-Large of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Let your testimonies be brief and straight to the point.

## GOD'S WAY OF HEALING.

BY THE REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

#### God's Way of Healing is a Person, not a Thing.

Jesus said, "*I am* the Way, and the Truth, and the Life," and He has ever been revealed to His people in all the ages by the Covenant Name, Jehovah-rophi, or "*I am* the Lord that Healeth thee;" (John 14:6; Exodus 15:26.)

#### The Lord Jesus Christ is Still the Healer.

He cannot change, for "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yea and forever"; and He is still with us, for He said, "Lo, *I am* with you alway, even unto the end of the world." (Hebrews 13:8; Matthew 28:20.) Because He is Unchangeable, and because He is present, in spirit, just as when in the flesh, He is the Healer of His people.

#### Divine Healing Rests on Christ's Atonement.

It was prophesied of Him, "Surely He hath borne our griefs (Hebrew *sicknesses*), and carried our sorrows: . . . and with His stripes we are healed"; and it is expressly declared that this was fulfilled in His ministry of Healing, which still continues. (Isaiah 53:4, 5; Matthew 8:17.)

#### Disease Can Never be God's Will.

It is the Devil's work, consequent upon Sin, and it is impossible for the work of the Devil ever to be the Will of God. Christ came to "destroy the works of the Devil," and when He was here on earth He healed "all manner of disease and all manner of sickness," and all these diseases are expressly declared to have been "oppressed of the Devil." (1 John 3:8; Matthew 4:23; Acts 10:38.)

#### The Gifts of Healing are Permanent.

It is expressly declared that the "Gifts and the calling of God are without repentance," and the Gifts of Healing are amongst the Nine Gifts of the Spirit to the Church. (Romans 11:29; 1 Cor. 12:8-11.)

#### There are Four Modes of Divine Healing.

The first is the direct prayer of faith; the second, intercessory prayer of two or more; the third, the anointing by the elders with the prayer of faith; and the fourth, the laying on of hands of those who believe, and whom God has prepared and called to that ministry. (Matthew 8:5-13; Matthew 18:19; James 5:14, 15; Mark 16:18.)

#### Divine Healing is Opposed by Diabolical Counterfeits.

Amongst these are Christian Science (falsely so-called). Mind Healing, Spiritualism, Trance Evangelism, etc. (1 Timothy 6:20, 21; 1 Timothy 4:1, 2; Isaiah 51:22, 23.)

#### Multitudes Have Been Healed Through Faith in Jesus.

The writer knows of thousands of cases and has personally laid hands on scores of thousands of persons. Full information can be obtained at the meetings held in Zion Tabernacle, 1621-1633 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, and in many pamphlets which give the experience, in their own words, of many who have been healed in this and other countries, published at Zion Publishing House, 1207 Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

#### "Belief Cometh of Hearing, and Hearing by the Word of God."

You are heartily invited to attend and hear for yourself.



ZION COTTAGE MEETINGS.

By REV. JOHN G. SPEICHER, OVERSEER IN THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ZION FOR CHICAGO.

TO ALL them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in all sincerity, To all the Members and Friends of Zion, and To all whom these words shall come: Peace be with you, and love and faith, from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. We invite your hearty cooperation with us in the Cottage Meeting work. God is wonderfully blessing these meetings in the salvation of lost humanity, in the healing of the sick and suffering, and in building up in the most holy faith those who are redeemed by the precious Blood of Jesus.

Do you desire these blessings to come to your home? Will you not open your doors for a weekly Cottage Meeting? Let every member of the Christian Catholic Church enter into a loving rivalry, striving to make each home the greatest possible blessing to their own communities.

We solicit invitations from those who are not in Zion, that we may enter their homes with weekly Gospel meetings.

Will you not write to the above address if you desire us to come? We will not be content until we place a meeting in every home in Zion, and in every home where there is a desire to know honestly the Full Gospel. Below we append a list of Cottage Meetings.

Attend those nearest your own homes. There are now 242 Zion Cottage Meetings in Chicago, in nine different languages: English, German, Swedish, Danish, Norwegian, Bohemian, Chinese, Japanese and Italian, besides in the homes of our colored people.

Central District.

South of River to Forty-seventh Street.

Rev. Cyrus B. Fockler, Elder-in-Charge of Cottage Meetings.

Central Zion Tabernacle, 1621-1633 Michigan Avenue.

REV. JOHN ALEXANDER DOWIE, GENERAL OVERSEER.

Table listing members and meetings in the Central District. Columns include NAME, ADDRESS, TIME, and LEADER. Meetings are listed by day and time, such as Monday evening, Tuesday evening, etc.

Southeast District.

South of Forty-seventh Street, between Cottage Grove Avenue and Lake Michigan.

Rev. W. J. Strith, Elder-in-Charge of Cottage Meetings.

Table listing members and meetings in the Southeast District. Columns include NAME, ADDRESS, TIME, and LEADER.

South Side District.

South of Forty-seventh Street and East of Cottage Grove Avenue.

Rev. S. H. Stokes, Elder-in-Charge of Cottage Meetings.

Table listing members and meetings in the South Side District. Columns include NAME, ADDRESS, TIME, and LEADER.

West Side District.

All West of River.

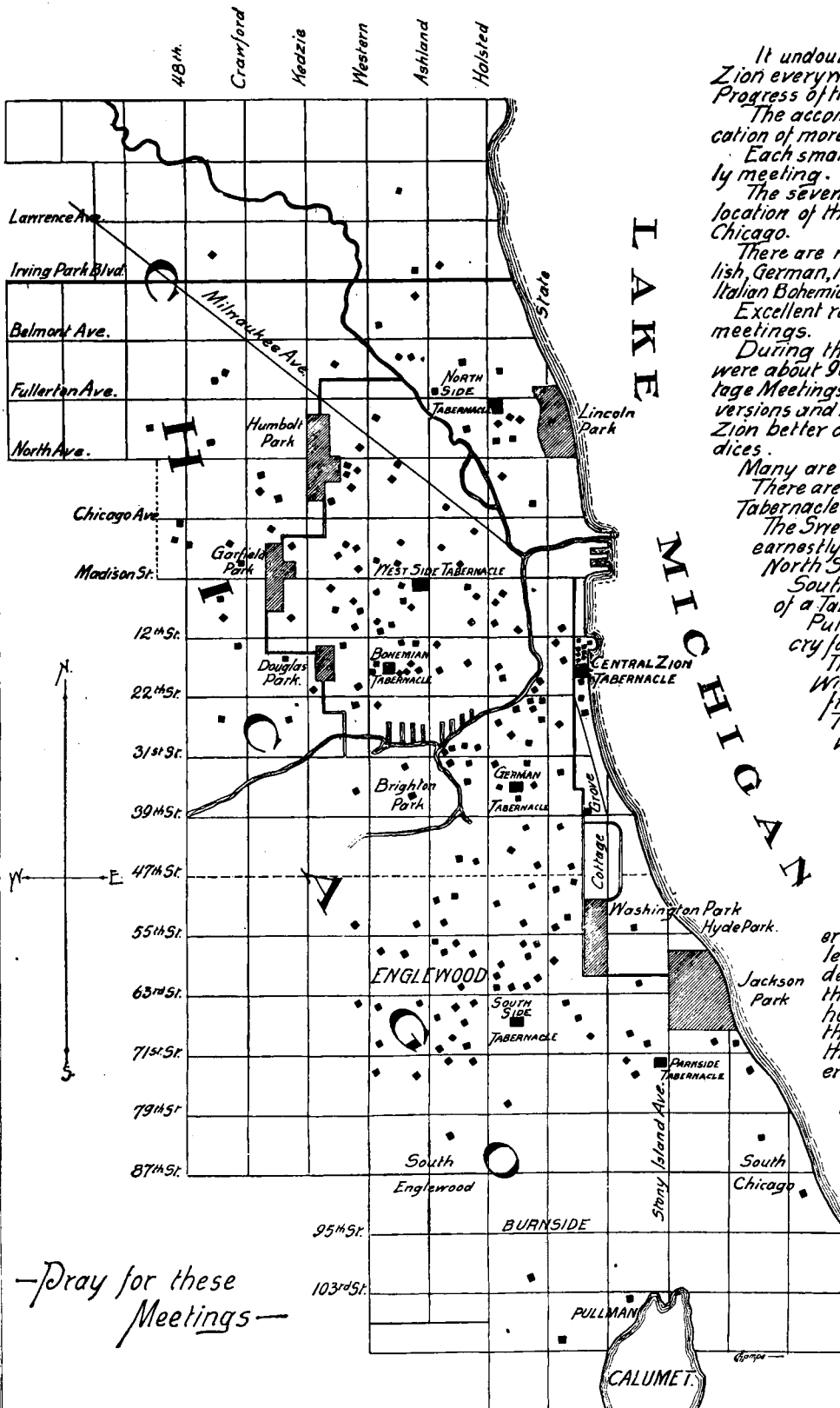
Zion Tabernacle, corner of West Madison and South Paulina Streets.

Rev. G. F. Stevens, Elder-in-Charge of Cottage Meetings.

Table listing members and meetings in the West Side District. Columns include NAME, ADDRESS, TIME, and LEADERS.

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# → ZION COTTAGE MEETINGS IN CHICAGO ←



—Pray for these Meetings—

It undoubtedly will be of interest to Zion everywhere to hear of the Onward Progress of the Cottage Meeting work.

The accompanying map shows the location of more than 200 meetings.

Each small square represents a weekly meeting.

The seven larger squares show the location of the seven Zion Tabernacles in Chicago.

There are now regular meetings in English, German, Norwegian, Swedish, Danish, Italian Bohemian, Chinese and Japanese.

Excellent reports are coming in from the meetings.

During the month of November there were about 9000 in attendance at the Cottage Meetings. There have been many conversions and many have learned to know Zion better and are losing their prejudices.

Many are being overcrowded. There are many demands for more Tabernacles.

The Swedish and German people are earnestly pressing their needs on the North Side.

South Chicago is badly in need of a Tabernacle.

Pullman also has uttered her cry for help.

This all requires much money.

Will not some large hearted friend of Zion send us a

Thousand dollars for this Onward Movement?

The stronger the work in Chicago, the better we will be able to reach the Country in General.

Let the friends everywhere take a hint from this map and let them make their homes the center of a strong Zion influence.

Wherever there is an Elder or a Conductor of Gatherings let the cottage meeting be under his direction.

Elsewhere the head of the house, where he is a member, should take the responsibility and lead the meeting or appoint a leader.

These meetings in and out of Chicago are excellent means of sowing Zion Literature.

1901 must be a year of great progress.

If our motto is "Go Forward" we must but take a new start and Go Farther.

This can best be done by each member having the Everlasting Gospel in their own hearts and lives.

Possess and then profess.

Rev. Ino. G. Speicher.

West Side District—Continued.

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Table with columns: NAME, ADDRESS, TIME, LEADER. Lists church members and their details for the West Side District.

North Side District.

North and East of the River to Lake Michigan.

Rev. A. W. McClurkin, Elder-in-Charge of Cottage Meetings. Zion Tabernacle, corner of Belden and Lincoln Avenues.

Table with columns: NAME, ADDRESS, TIME, LEADER. Lists church members and their details for the North Side District.

To Teachers.

We desire to register the names of teachers who may wish to teach in our Junior Schools. None need apply except experienced ones, who are members of the Christian Catholic Church, and who have first-class credentials, testimonials of successful work, etc., to accompany their applications.

Each applicant must be ready to pass examination in each of the following branches: Reading; Writing; Spelling; Arithmetic; Grammar; Geography; Physiology, including the evil effects of drugs; United States History, and Bible Study.

In your application state (a) your age; (b) married, single, or widowed; (c) amount of experience; (d) kind of school taught; (e) when can you accept a call to Zion work?

Applicants must be willing to go where sent.

Address Superintendent John H. Sayrs, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Do not write letters to the heads of departments for news concerning the progress being made at Zion City, when you can find it all in THE COMING CITY. Send in your subscription to Zion Publishing House, 1207 Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

DO YOU KNOW GOD'S WAY OF HEALING?

BY THE REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

Let it be supposed that the following words are a conversation between the reader [A] and the writer [B].

A. What does this question mean? Do you really suppose that God has some one especial way of healing in these days of which men may know and avail themselves?

B. That is exactly my meaning, and I wish very much that you should know God's Way of Healing, as I have done for many years.

A. What is the way, in your opinion?

B. You should rather ask, WHO is God's Way? for the Way is a Person, not a thing. I will answer your question in His own words, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; no one cometh unto the Father, but by Me." These words were spoken by our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, who is both our Savior and our Healer. (John 1:16.)

A. But I always thought that these words only referred to Him as the Way of Salvation. How can you be sure that they refer to Him as the Way of Healing also?

B. Because He cannot change. He is "the same yesterday and today, yea and forever." (Hebrews 13:8.) He said that He came to this earth not only to save us, but to heal us (Luke 4:18); and He did this when in the flesh on earth. Being unchangeable, He must be able and willing and desirous to heal now.

A. But is there not this difference, namely, that He is not with us now?

B. No; for He said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world"; and so He is with us now, in Spirit, just as much as when He was here in the flesh.

A. But did He not work these miracles of healing when on earth merely to prove that He was the Son of God?

B. No; there was still a greater purpose than that. He healed the sick who trusted in Him in order to show us that He came to die not only for our sins, but for our sicknesses, and to deliver us from both.

A. Then, if that is so, the atonement which He made on the Cross must have been for our sicknesses as well as our sins. Can you prove that is the fact from the Scriptures?

B. Yes, I can, and the passages are very numerous. I need quote two only. In Isaiah 53:4, it is written of Him, "Surely He hath borne our griefs (Hebrew sicknesses), and carried our sorrows; . . . and with His stripes we are healed." Then in the Gospel according to Matthew, this passage is quoted and directly applied to the work of bodily healing in chapter 8, 17th verse. That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet saith? . . . and bare our diseases."

A. But do you not think that sickness is often God's will, and sent for our good, and therefore God may not wish us to be healed?

B. No, that cannot possibly be; for diseases of every kind are the Devil's work, and his work can never be God's will, since Christ came for the very purpose of destroying "the works of the Devil." (1 John 3:8.)

A. But you mean to say that all disease is the work of Satan?

B. Yes, for if there had been no sin (which came through Satan) there never would have been any disease, and Jesus never in one single instance told any person that sickness was God's work or will, but the very contrary.

A. Can you prove from Scripture that all forms of sickness and infirmity are the Devil's work?

B. Yes, that can be done very easily. You will see in Matthew 4:23 and 9:35 that when Jesus was here in the flesh, He healed "all manner of disease and all manner of sickness among the people." Then if you will refer to Acts 10:38 you will see that the Apostle Peter declares that He [Jesus] "went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the Devil." Notice that all whom He healed, not some, were suffering from Satan's evil power.

A. But does disease never come from God?

B. No, it cannot come from God, for He is pure, and disease is unclean; and it cannot come out of Heaven, for there is no disease there.

A. That is very different from the teachings which I have received all my life from ministers and in the churches. Do you really think that you are right, and that they are all wrong in this matter?

B. It is not a question as between myself and them. The only question is, What does God's Word say? God has said in all the ages to His Church, "I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26), and therefore it would be wicked to say that He is the defiler of His people. All true Christians must believe the Bible, and it is impossible to believe that good and evil, sickness and health, sin and holiness could have a common origin in God. If the Bible really taught that it would be unwise to believe our Lord Jesus Christ when He says, "A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit." (Matthew 7:18.)

A. But even if I agree with all you say, is it not true that the Gifts of Healing were removed from the Church, and are not in it now?

B. No, the "Gifts of Healing" were never withdrawn, and can never be withdrawn from the Church of God; for it is written, "The gifts and the calling of God are without repentance." (Romans 11:29.) There are nine gifts of God to the Church (enumerated in 1 Corinthians, 12:8 to 11), and all these are in the Holy Spirit. Therefore, so long as the Holy Spirit is in the Church, all the gifts must be there also. If they are not exercised, that does not prove that they do not exist, but that the faith to exercise them is lacking in God's servants. The gifts are all perfectly preserved; for the Holy Spirit, not the Church, keeps them safely.

A. What should a Christian then do when overtaken with sickness?

B. A Christian should obey God's command, and at once turn to Him for forgiveness of the sin which may have caused the sickness, and for immediate healing. Healing is obtained from God in one of four ways, namely: First, by the direct prayer of faith, without any aid from the officers of the Church, praying as the Centurion did in Matthew 8:5 to 12; secondly, by the faithful disciples praying in perfect agreement, in accordance with the Lord's promise in Matthew 18:19; third, by the anointing of the elders and the prayer of faith, according to the instructions in James 5:14 and 15; and fourth, by the laying on of the hands of them who believe, and whom God calls to that ministry, as the Lord commands in Mark 16:17, and in other places.

B. But are people healed in this way in these days?

B. Yes, in thousands of cases. I have myself laid hands upon many hundreds of thousands of persons, and I have seen the Lord's Power manifested in the healing of great numbers, many of whom are living witnesses in many countries, who have testified publicly before thousands, and who are prepared to testify at any time. This ministry is being exercised by devoted Christians in many parts of America, Europe, Australasia and elsewhere.

B. No. Divine Healing is diametrically opposed to these diabolical counterfeites, which are utterly anti-Christian. These impostures are only seductive forms of Spiritualism. Trance Evangelism is also a more recent form of this delusion, and it deceives many.

A. But how shall I obtain the necessary faith to receive healing, which faith I am at present conscious I do not possess?

B. It is written, "Believe on the word of hearing, and hearing by the Word of Christ" (Romans 10:17). Our Missions are held for the express purpose of teaching fully the Word of God on this matter, and I very heartily invite you to attend the meetings which are announced for Zion Tabernacle. All are welcome and there are no charges of any kind made, for all God's gifts are free gifts. Salvation is the first of these, without which you cannot be healed through faith in Jesus. All the costs of this work are covered by the free-will offerings of the people who attend these meetings, and others whom the Lord leads to help; but the poorest who have nothing to give are as heartily welcome as the richest.

A. Do you see the sick and lay hands upon them in this Mission?

B. Yes; after we feel satisfied that they are fully resting in the Lord alone for the healing, we see privately, so far as time permits, those who attend; but under no circumstances do we claim the power to heal any; for "power belongeth unto God."

A. Have you any writings upon this subject which can be purchased?

B. Yes; these can be obtained at the office of Zion Publishing House, 1207 Michigan Avenue, or at Zion Tabernacle, 1021-1013 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill. But the best book on Divine Healing is the Bible itself, studied prayerfully and earnestly.

We extend to you a hearty invitation to attend the meetings, which are free to all. Our prayer is that you may be led to find in Jesus—Christ our Lord and God, your present Saviour from sin; your Healer from all evil; your Keeper in the way to Heaven, your Friend, and your All for Time and Eternity. We pray that these words may help many who read, and that our little conversation may bear fruit in leading many readers to look to Jesus only.

"The Healing of Christ's seamless dress

Is by all beds of pain;

We touch Him in life's throng and press,

And we are whole again."

# CHEERING WORDS FROM ZION'S GUESTS

NOTES FROM ZION HOME

THE regular Praise and Testimony Meeting held in Zion Home, Saturday evening, December 22, 1900, was conducted by Overseer Speicher.

After the usual opening exercises, the States represented were enumerated and found to be eight in number, as follows:

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, New Hampshire, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

The following foreign countries were represented:

Canada, China, England, Ireland and Japan.

The meeting was then thrown open for testimony.

GEORGE MISSEL, Streator, Illinois, said: "I praise the Lord I have come here. I know I have sinned and I want to be forgiven. I want you all to pray for me."

LOUIS BENKENDORF, Streator, Illinois, said: "This young man is a cousin of mine. I thank God that He gave me words to speak to him which brought him to Zion

"I praise God for teaching which has some sense in it. I praise God that when I was a boy of about fifteen or sixteen, as near as I can remember, I was converted to God. Then I went back to the world and lived a sinful life, until God came to me one night and said, 'Choose tonight whom you will serve.'

"When I made it known that I was converted, the people would say, 'Everybody speaks well of you.' I told them that they did not know what a miserable sinner I was. The Devil aided me so that my sins did not come before the public.

"There is nothing in this world better than a true conversion. True conversion makes us hate sin."

Overseer Speicher—How long have you been in Zion?

Mr. Benkendorf—"I have been in Zion since last May."

Overseer Speicher—Has God blessed you in Zion?

Mr. Benkendorf—"Yes. When I came to Zion I could not move this arm. My daughter had to dress and undress me. Now I can move it as I desire. I was also healed of a rupture. I had two doctors, but they did me no good. LEAVES OF HEALING was brought to me and I read it. I threw my medicines and my truss into the stove. I thank God I can go without a rupture band. I praise God for Zion. I thank God for Dr. Dowie. I thank God for Overseers Speicher and Piper.

"After I was converted, some of my boys got converted and read in the Word of God that it was not right to even touch the carcass of a hog, so they quit eating it and would never touch it again. My wife said, 'How will I do the cooking? I cannot do it without lard.' So I said I would butcher one for that purpose only, not thinking that it was just as wrong to eat the lard as the flesh. I got sick after that and the whole family had something wrong with them, except those boys, who would not touch it. I got sick and came to Zion for healing.

"I raised hogs for a number of years, and I can honestly say that I have never made any money in hog raising. If I were to count up the damage they did my property, I know I would be the loser in the end. They are very destructive. I was kept busy repairing things which the hogs had destroyed. Today, if I do say it myself, you can go around my place and find everything in good order. It does not look as it did when I was raising hogs."

MRS. ISABELLA S. CORKEY, Londonderry, Ireland, said: "I was speaking to a Zion friend this morning concerning my

observations regarding the eating of swine's flesh. I would very often in preparing a dinner in a hurry for the children have ham and eggs, and some times have it for breakfast. I noticed that after eating it, they would become fretful and peevish. I said to my husband, 'I believe that ham is not good to eat. I think it indigestible food and we should give it up.' I did not know then that it was sinful, but now that I have the Zion teaching, I thank God that He does not wish us to use it."

DEACONESS MARY B. SPEICHER, Zion Home, said: "I desire to speak of the danger of not obeying God when one has received the light. My younger son Jacob came here and heard Zion teaching on swine's flesh. He went home and sold his hogs, instead of destroying them.

"He lost a nice horse, then two very nice Jersey cows, and I do not know how many calves, and about a hundred chickens. His crops became literally covered with bugs. I never saw anything like it. This had never happened to him before. He never had had any accidents like these."

Overseer Speicher—After he had been to Zion and heard the teaching, he knew better, but instead of destroying the hogs, he sold them and spent the money for the Armenian sufferers. But he gave cancer to the people who ate his hogs. All this happened in one season. That is what happens to the disobedient, and I am sure loss has come to many others also. We must not put our hand to the plow and then look back.

ELDER J. R. ARMSTRONG, Zion Home, said: "I thank God for His keeping power. I have been wonderfully kept and blessed since I came to Zion, and especially this fall. I do not think I have half as much sleep now as I used to have before, yet I am able to do more work week after week. I realize what it is to obey God as the Holy Spirit guides. I have gotten victory over things which the Devil has tried to put on me.

"One night it was very cold and I went out to hold a meeting. On my way home, while sitting in the car, a severe pain passed through my body, and it seemed as if the grip was approaching. The Lord told me to testify for Him. I did so, and the pain left me at once.

"I am thankful to God for Zion. It is a strong organization. God is wonderfully blessing, and we realize here that we can speak with authority. It is wonderful how effective this Message is! We can see the results wherever we enter in, even into the infidel's house. We thank God for that."

DEACONESS SOPHIA J. HERTRICH, Zion Home, said: "I am very thankful to God for the blessings which came to me before I came into Zion. But oh, I am so thankful for the added light of the Full Gospel which has come to us since I came into Zion. The Word of God is a new Book to me. I am so glad that I learned to love it before I ever knew of Zion, but it is so much more to me now.

"I am especially thankful tonight for the blessing of the last ten days. I had been away for about five weeks, and since I came back, the Devil has been after me with grip. I praise the Lord I have had the victory, as I have not had to lay aside my duties even for an hour. I praise His Name.

"I used to take cold very easily, and when I would begin to cough in the fall of the year, our folks used to say, 'Oh, that is too bad. You will cough all winter now,' which I did. I am so glad we do not have to cough every time the Devil says 'Cough,' and God gives us power to resist the Devil in coughing as well as in other things."



### ALL-NIGHT WITH GOD IN ZION.

**Assemblies Full of Spiritual Power and Blessing Held in Central Zion Tabernacle With the Closing of the Nineteenth Century and the Dawning of the Twentieth. Two Thousand Christians Remain Throughout.**

### CHICAGO.

**W**ITH joyous songs of praise to God, Zion in Chicago met in Central Zion Tabernacle on the evening of December 31, 1900.

Hundreds upon hundreds, the happy members and friends poured into the great auditorium.

They filled the spacious ground floor. They took almost every seat in the broad curve of the first gallery. They mounted tier upon tier, high in the second gallery, till nearly every chair was occupied.

Over 2500, from nearly every State and Territory, from many lands and many climes, from almost every nation and people, were present.

Every face was shining with joy.

Every heart seemed overflowing with thanksgiving to God.

The year just closing had been the greatest, the most blessed of all the years in Zion.

It had been a year of Zion's greatest Onward Movement up to that time.

During its twelve months, thousands and tens of thousands had been led out of darkness into light; out of the awful bondage of sin and disease and death and hell into glorious Salvation, Healing, Cleansing, Life, Light and Liberty of the Everlasting Gospel, through the Message from Zion.

The year had seen, at its dawning moment, the announcement of Zion City Site; it closed with even greater progress toward that City of promise than was anticipated.

The year had seen the wonderful and never-to-be-forgotten scenes at the Consecration of Zion Temple Site.

On its pages is recorded the history of the terrible Mansfield persecution and the splendid Victory which God gave Zion.

The closing months of the year saw the fearless invasion of the strongholds of Satan in Europe by one God-sent man and his little handful of attendants. Its closing hours saw all Europe awakened, the forces of the enemy in defeat and confusion, put to rout by that one man, with God on his side, and absolute triumph for Zion.

With all these and many other blessings in mind, words were but feeble to express the gratitude in the hearts of all in Zion as they prepared to spend the closing hours of that Jubilee Year in praise and the opening hours of the New Year and the New Century in prayer.

The cheering, inspiring presence of the General Overseer was greatly missed. He had never before been absent from the All-Night With God in Zion, Chicago, and all felt that even on this occasion, although absent in body, he was present in spirit. The reading of the cablegram from him, containing the Motto for the New Year, added to the strength of that conviction.

The preliminary prayer and praise service was opened at 9 o'clock by Overseer Speicher. After the singing of a hymn, God's blessing on the services of the night were besought by all in prayer, Overseer Speicher, Elders Dinius, Richert and Tindall, Deacon Stevenson, Deaconess Hertrich and members and friends in the audience, leading.

At 10 o'clock Zion's White-robed Choir entered, singing a beautiful Processional, "Standing on the Portal of the Opening Year." The choir and congregation then joined in singing Hymn Number 63, and all joined in repeating the Apostles' Creed.

Overseer Piper then took charge of the meeting, reading from the first chapter of Paul's second letter to Timothy, with comments.

Prayer was then offered by Deacon W. S. Peckham, after which Zion's White-robed Choir sang the magnificent "Gloria" from Mozart's "Twelfth Mass," with a true spirit which made the beautiful words of the anthem full of meaning and blessing.

Overseer Piper then preached the sermon, "The End and the Beginning," with great power. He dealt with the progress of Zion and the world in general during the century and the year which were then closing, pointing out God's Infinite plan in the establishment of His Kingdom.

When he had finished, all hearts were aglow. It was with a sense of nearness to God and of the Holy Spirit's blessed presence that the great company, now one family in Zion and in God, gathered in sacred fellowship about the Lord's Table.

Overseer Mason, with earnestness, yet with simplicity, administered the ordinance.

As all were bowing in silent prayer, in the midst of this Supper, the midnight hour struck and an Old Century had passed and a New Century was born. As the hour struck, Zion's White-robed Choir sang the *Te Deum*, the words of which have been sung in praise to God in many centuries:

We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.  
 All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.  
 To Thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens, and all the powers therein.  
 To Thee cherubim and seraphim, continually do cry,  
 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
 Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory.  
 The glorious company of the apostles praise Thee.  
 The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise Thee.  
 The noble army of martyrs praise Thee.  
 The Holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee,  
 The Father of an infinite Majesty;  
 Thine adorable, true and only Son;  
 Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.  
 Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ,  
 Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.  
 When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man,  
 Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a Virgin.  
 When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,  
 Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.  
 Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the Glory of the Father.  
 We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge.  
 We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants,  
 Whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.  
 Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints in glory everlasting.  
 O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine heritage;  
 Govern them and lift them up forever.  
 Day by day we magnify Thee;  
 And we worship Thy Name ever, world without end.  
 Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;  
 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.  
 O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us as our trust is in Thee.  
 O Lord, in Thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.



When the celebration of the Lord's Supper had been completed, Deacon H. Worthington Judd's ringing tenor was heard in the inspiring words of the Century Closing Hymn, "Go Forward, O Zion," the congregation joining in the chorus with great enthusiasm and joy.

The cablegram from the General Overseer, giving Zion's Motto for the New Year, "Arise ye, let us go to Zion unto the Lord our God," was then read.

Telegrams of greeting were also read from All-Night assemblies of Zion in Lima, Ohio, signed by Elders Moot and Basinger, and in Wilksburg, Pennsylvania.

After general greeting and handshaking and adjournment to the refectory for refreshments, the great company, with but very little diminution in numbers and with zeal unabated, but rather increased, reassembled for the most deeply blessed service of the night, the hours of communion with God in prayer.

The scene was one nowhere else to be witnessed, and was indescribable in its intensity of spiritual power.

Prayer was first offered for the General Overseer and his party and all Europe. There was a deep sense of the great need that God should be very near to His Messenger in the closing hours of his stay in Europe, where, for months, many enemies had been seeking to accomplish his death. God heard these and many other prayers from all over the world and delivered the General Overseer safe from all hostile hands in Europe.

Zion believes that He will answer her prayers still further, and bring His servant safely home.

Prayer for Zion City and Zion Lace Industries; prayer for Zion in Chicago and every Institution which God has builded unto her; prayer for Zion in distant Continents and the Islands of the Sea, followed.

Then the hundreds, yea, thousands, of requests were presented, asking prayer for sick, sinful and sorrowing ones, for fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, and other relatives and friends. All joined very earnestly in these petitions, and there was an assurance that God was answering faithful prayer.

Overseer Speicher then answered questions from inquirers in the audience for an hour. The Overseer's answers were quick, short and to the point, hence he was able to answer a great many queries upon matters pertaining to the every-day lives of the people, for the most part the questions being intensely practical.

The closing hymn was then sung, an earnest prayer of consecration repeated after Overseer Piper by all present, and the first meeting in Central Zion Tabernacle in the Twentieth Century was closed by the benediction by Overseer Piper.

It was 6 o'clock when the meeting closed, after having been in almost continuous session for nine hours.

The number who remained until the close of the meeting was the largest ever remaining at an All-Night with God in Zion.

The interest was unflagging to the end, and those who stood and received the benediction seemed brighter and happier after their All-Night Meeting of Praise and Prayer than when the services began the evening before.

#### Mansfield, Ohio.

Rev. Cyrus B. Fockler, Elder-in-Charge.

Zion's wonderful fight and glorious victory in Mansfield made a deep impression upon the citizens of that place.

With the passing of mob rule, the days of intense excitement and bitter, furious hatred, has come a reaction of calm thought and reflection. Men and women with reason see that Zion cannot be all that her enemies have called her; that in order to fight such a battle and win such a victory, she must have extraordinary qualities.

With this calm thought, there has come a desire to know the truth about Zion.

This was most clearly shown on the occasion of the visit of Deacon John H. Sayrs to Mansfield on Lord's Day, December 30, 1900. Deacon Sayrs took with him a large number of copies of LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume VIII, Number 9, the edition containing the portraits of the men who had suffered and conquered at Mansfield, and a brief résumé of the fight and the victory.

When he offered these at the Erie depot, the scene of so much of the persecution, the place where so many of Zion's ministers suffered violence, the crowd rushed for them and he distributed fifty in a short time.

Deacon Sayrs was also successful in distributing many copies in other parts of the city.

This was the occasion of Deacon Sayrs' second visit to Mansfield to conduct Zion meetings.

The first was on Lord's Day, December 23d.

On that date he held two excellent services, in which God's Spirit was present to bless.

All was quiet, there being no molestation or hostile demonstration of any kind.

On Lord's Day, December 30th, God was with the Deacon, and services were held afternoon and evening without molestation.

Thus Zion in Mansfield closed the year and the century, enjoying the peace which follows a glorious victory given by God, in the Name of Jesus Christ, His Son, and by the Power of the Holy Spirit.

From Attorney Douglass, on January 3, 1901, Overseer Piper received a telegram announcing the conviction of Allen Andrews, who hit Deacon Kessler with a brick, on a charge of rioting.

This is the first conviction in Mansfield of any of those who took part in the terrible riots of July, August, September and October, 1900. Several others are under indictment.

#### Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Overseer George L. Mason's Tours.

Charles W. Wright, Conductor of the Gathering of the Friends of Zion in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, sends us the following report of Overseer Mason's visit.

Overseer Mason's visit to Pittsburg, from December 6th to 10th, inclusive, was productive of good to the members here.

The free advertising given us by the papers was not intended to benefit us. They seemed to be surprised that Zion meetings could be held without a disturbance, even though they put in a few sly bids for one.

The meeting Friday afternoon was devoted to Divine Healing teaching and prayer.

Friday evening the talk was on the folly of opposition to the Christian Catholic Church, and a few testimonies were given.

The Wilksburg Chief of Police was present at both meetings.

The Saturday afternoon meeting was delayed nearly an hour by a message from the Burgess, which amounted to a demand, that the Overseer should go and see him and procure a license before going on with the meeting! We went to his office and after wasting considerable time and breath, and filling us with tobacco smoke, he gave permission for the meetings to go on. He said he would decide on Monday morning whether a license would have to be paid or not.

Lord's Day morning the papers stated that "there had been some talk of chasing the 'Dowieites' out of town, if they attempted to hold a meeting, and that is the reason Officer Snyder was at the gathering. He was instructed not to interfere with the meeting if it was orderly, but if there was any disorder, his orders were to arrest the speaker."

Lord's Day morning we had Junior exercises, and at the Rodman Street (colored) Baptist Church Overseer Mason baptized three people by Triune Immersion.

After the afternoon sermon, the right hand of fellowship was given to five people, and the Overseer laid hands on twelve people for blessing in Seventy work.

The Lord's Supper was observed.

In the evening the largest audience was present, and heard something

about the Purity of Life and Holy Living, such as they were not used to hearing. All seemed to be deeply interested.

Testimonies of our people were given to the power of God to heal, and save, and bless.

Monday morning the Burgess did not show himself at the appointed hour, and we concluded that the whole affair was a big bluff of the Devil.

Collections were taken, and Zion Literature distributed freely, and Zion in Pittsburg and Wilkinsburg is Going Forward!

Monday afternoon was Divine Healing teaching and prayer with the sick.

Monday evening the Overseer gave us a very interesting discourse on Secret Societies from a Biblical standpoint.

The audience was very attentive throughout, and afterwards there were several knots of people in different parts of the house discussing the points made and showing that the Overseer had stirred them up and given them something to think about.

There were three preachers in the audience.

We have already seen some of the results of the meetings.

This afternoon a hale and hearty man of about seventy years, testified that he was much blessed by LEAVES OF HEALING and in attendance on the Overseer's meetings.

We have been blessed in our home by the Overseer's presence, and esteemed it a privilege to have him at our house.

#### Marion, Ohio.

Rev. Archibald McFarlane, Elder-in-Charge.

Elder McFarlane sends us the following account of Zion's All-Night with God in Marion, with a number of excellent testimonies given in Zion Tabernacle, Marion, Ohio, on Lord's Day, December 30, 1900:

We had a glorious All-Night meeting. A number of brethren from a distance were here, and helped to make the meeting a success. Deacon Merchantell, of Forest, Ohio, spent the night with us and added very much to the interest of the meeting.

All seemed to enjoy themselves and took part in the meeting until the clock struck 6 A. M. We retired feeling that we had spent a very happy and profitable night with God.

The closing Lord's Day in the year brought us the following testimonies:

Mr. Yenni said: "I thank God that I am in Zion. God has healed my family a number of times. My children were healed of colds and fever in the last three weeks."

Mrs. Yenni said: "My head used to ache nearly all the time, and sometimes I could not go about because of my headache. Last summer I went into the prayer room and Elder McFarlane prayed for me. I was healed. I praise God for His blessings to me."

George B. Grace said: "This year has been a glorious year of victory for me in Zion. One week ago last Friday night we had prayer meeting at our house. My little girl had suffered all day from toothache. Her face was badly swollen. Elder McFarlane prayed and instantly the pain was gone, and soon the swelling all went away. I thank God for Zion and Zion's teachings."

Mrs. George B. Grace said: "What my husband has said about the healings in our family is all true. I have had a number of healings myself this last year. One week ago today my head was aching very badly. I went into the prayer room, and when the Elder prayed I could feel the Power of the Holy Spirit. The headache left immediately."

Mrs. William Griffiths said: "This is the happiest year I ever spent in my life. God has given me great reasons to praise Him. I have been healed of a great many diseases. Last week one morning I was very sick. I asked my husband to pray, and in a few minutes I was able to go about my work."

J. A. Mains said: "Seventeen years ago I went into the Baptist Church. I did not live a Christian life there. I have done more to straighten up my life in the last year, in Zion, than all the years I was a Baptist. God is surely good to me and to my family."

Mrs. J. A. Mains said: "I thank God for our General Overseer and LEAVES OF HEALING. I suffered all my life from many diseases before I read the LEAVES. God healed me. Last week my back was troubling me. I went into the prayer room and while the Elder prayed for me I could feel that God was healing me. I have been able to sell my usual number of LEAVES OF HEALING this week, and I feel quite strong and well today."

Mrs. Alice Nickerson said: "Last August I was very sick. My husband was quite alarmed about me, as he does not believe as I do. We telephoned for Elder McFarlane, and while he was praying for me I knew that God was healing me. I was not entirely healed, as I was not altogether right with God. As soon as I got right I was healed. It pays to obey the Elders in Zion, for they are men of God."

T. W. Terry said: "I cannot express the gratitude which is in my heart for what God has done for me and my family since I came into Zion.

I never was strong enough to do hard work, but I thank God I can do any kind of work, and God supplies me with strength. I had a very severe cold a few days ago. My lungs hurt me very badly. I sent for the Elder and he prayed for me, but I did not get any better. He came again the next day and asked me if there was anything in the way. I confessed that I was in trouble over some things that I knew I had neglected to make right. I promised God that I would make them right, the Elder prayed, and I began to get well right away. I was soon at my work again."

Mrs. T. W. Terry said: "When we came into Zion we began to pray for our family that God would lead them to repentance. I thank God that our oldest daughter is now a member of Zion, and I believe is truly converted to God. It pays to obey God."

Miss Hazel Terry said: "One year ago today I was very sick, but God healed me, and has kept me well all through the year."

George Keifer said: "I never had good health until I came into Zion. God gave me a wonderful healing, and is supplying me with strength every day, so that I am able to work and support my family."

Mrs. George Keifer said: "This has been the happiest year of my life. About a month ago my memory would leave me and I would not know what I was doing for a few minutes. The Elder prayed for me and I have not been troubled that way since. Last Sabbath I was not well. The Elder prayed for me and I was healed instantly."

Van B. Shumaker said: "The longer I am in Zion the more I love the teaching. We have had two healings in our family in the last few days. Our little girl had a very high fever. We prayed and the fever left in a few minutes. Our baby caught cold and the fever seemed as if it would burn him up. We prayed and had the Elder pray, and he is all right again."

Howard Tonguett said: "This has been a year of victory for me in Zion. I never was as healthy as I am now. I have been able to put away a great many faults and failings which I used to have. When I look at what I used to be and what I am now, I am astonished at myself. I praise God, for I know I am growing in grace and strength. I am sure it pays to live right in the sight of God."

#### Toledo, Ohio.

Rev. J. C. Reiff, Elder-in-Charge.

Elder Reiff, whose work in Toledo God continues to bless and to increase, sends us the following interesting report of the opening of a new Zion Tabernacle:

Zion in Toledo is Going Forward.

We have recently leased pleasant and convenient rooms in the Toledo Law Building, in the very heart of the city.

The building is situated on the northeast corner of Madison and Superior Streets.

Electric cars from all parts of the city, and from Bowling Green, Norwalk, Tremont, and soon from Sylvania, all run either by or within a block or two of our new Zion Tabernacle.

Let all Zion in Northwestern Ohio note the change, and take frequent advantage of our better location.

Zion in Toledo welcomes all.

Elder Reiff also sends us the following testimony to God's blessing through his prayer of faith:

MONCLOVA, OHIO, December 28, 1900.

ELDER J. C. REIFF.

*Dear Brother in Christ:*—I thank you very much for praying for me, and also my dear Heavenly Father for answering your prayers.

The latter part of September my hands became sore. I do not know what the trouble was, but think it was salt rheum.

My husband saw you and asked you to pray for me. He set the time at 8 o'clock in the evening, but he did not get home until after the time appointed, and so I did not know about it to unite in prayer.

The second day after that he asked me how my hands were.

We looked at them and found them all well; also a large wart was gone which had bothered me very much. Praise His Holy Name!

In October I was feeling very badly. I had some fever and could hardly do my work.

I claimed the promises in the fifth chapter of James.

I wrote to you for prayers, setting the hour in the evening.

The answer came in the forenoon, and I knew you had received the letter.

I cut my hand very badly between the thumb and front finger with corn husks.

The cut was one and a half inches long and very deep.

I again sent a request for prayer.

It was surprising how so large a cut could heal so quickly. It never got sore in the least, but healed immediately.

Three of the children were sick with fever and sore throat, and then broke out with a rash.

We sent requests for prayer for each, and they were up and well very soon.

I praise God for Zion and for LEAVES OF HEALING. We could not get along without it.

Pray for us that we may ever be obedient.

Your Sister in Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ (MRS.) SARAH A. NEEDLES.

#### Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Rev. James R. Adams, Elder-in-Charge.

At a Children's Praise and Testimony Meeting held on Christmas Day afternoon, in Zion Tabernacle, Grand Rapids, the following testimonies were given, all by children:

Clifford Meloshe, of Port Huron, said: "I am so glad I am in Zion. My aunt taught me to trust God in sickness. I am healed of catarrh. I had severe headaches and malarial fever regularly every year, but God healed all in answer to prayer."

Lydia Baxter said: "I had scarlet fever when at Sand Lake, but God healed me. I am happy to be in Zion."

John Baxter said: "I was sick for four days, but grandma and mother prayed for me and in a week I was well and out at play."

Rhea Meloshe said: "I suffered so much with cramps that I would be drawn and rolled up like a ball. But I have been baptized and am in Zion. God healed me, and I never have had a cramp since coming into Zion. I was also healed of bad toothache."

Hattie Linderman said: "I am glad I am in Zion. I have had severe pains in my feet, and headaches, too. When theaElder prayed for me, I was healed, and was able to go out the same day."

Henry Linderman, Jr., said: "I had such pains in my stomach that I would often scream. The Elder came and prayed for me and God made me well. I am glad and thank God."

Jenette Van Woerkom testified to having been healed of chronic dizziness brought on by over-application to study.

#### Sistersville, West Virginia.

Overseer George L. Mason's Tours.

Overseer William Hamner Piper has received the following report of the blessings which came through Overseer Mason's visit to Sistersville, West Virginia:

318 WASHBURN AVENUE,  
SISTERSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA, December 17, 1900. }

REV. W. HAMNER PIPER.

Dear Overseer:—Overseer Mason has come and gone, and we greatly enjoyed his visit.

It has been productive of much blessing.

Four public meetings were held.

Wednesday afternoon was rounded out with Triune Immersion, the Lord's Supper, Consecration of Young Children and laying on of hands and prayer.

The power of the Lord was present to heal and much blessing was experienced.

As others still wished to be oaptized, another service was held Thursday, December 13th.

The Baptists had refused the use of their baptistry, but they had no lock and key on the Ohio River, and ten in all went down into the river, although it was cold winter weather, and joyfully received the Ordinance of Triune Immersion.

Twenty have now received Baptism. Four applications for fellowship were received, all of them from St. Marys.

These new members will make twelve at St. Marys, nine at Sistersville and three at a distance—twenty-four in all.

We have been quickened, strengthened and helped, and believe that Zion in Sistersville and St. Marys will Go Forward with a new impetus as a result of Overseer Mason's visit.

Faithfully yours in Jesus,  
MARIETTA COSPER,  
Conductor of Gathering.

#### Auburn, Nebraska.

Rev. Charles A. Hoy, Elder-in-Charge. Evangelist Sue R. Hoy, Assisting.

Writing of the visit of Deacon Daniel Sloan, with his "Panorama of Zion," "Lectures on Zion City" and conferences with the members and friends of Zion, to Auburn and Falls City, Nebraska, Elder Hoy says:

Zion in Auburn and Falls City received much inspiration from the visit and lectures of Deacon Sloan.

We had rented a large opera house at each place, expecting crowds, and got them.

At Falls City many hundreds of the large number who turned out to

hear the illustrated lecture on "Zion City and the Work of Zion" could not gain admittance owing to the crush.

There has been much favorable comment at both places concerning the lecture.

We had members with us from distant Gatherings, to whom the lectures were great spiritual feasts.

Zion's Seventies here are faithfully pushing the house-to-house work with literature.

I recently held some meetings at Napier, Missouri, and Hiawatha, Kansas, which were well attended, for the first, and with good spiritual interest.

Our Junior Christmas Services were quite spiritual, everything centering so appropriately on the Christ as Saviour, Healer, Cleanser and Keeper.

#### Wayland, Michigan.

Elder James R. Adams, of Grand Rapids, recently held a three days' mission at Wayland, Michigan.

Five services were held; three at the residence of Mrs. W. A. Congdon and two in the Opera House.

The friends of Zion in this little town are much encouraged to go on with the work of proclaiming Christ as God's Way of Salvation and Healing.

A Gathering has been organized and meets Sundays at 3 P. M. and Thursdays at 7 P. M., in the home of Mrs. Congdon, on Main street.

May God richly bless the faithful members of Zion in Wayland.

#### Zion's Conflict With Methodist Apostasy.

This book of 200 pages, just issued by Zion Publishing House, contains nine powerful discourses delivered in Central Zion Tabernacle by the General Overseer last May, during the session of the Methodist General Conference. They are of especial value for the full and fearless exposure of Freemasonry.

"The Methodist Church the Property of the Masonic Order," "Freemasonry: A Heathen and Antichristian Abomination," and "Degrees of Masonic Devilry" ought to be read by every lodge man.

The iniquity of the Mystic Shrine is laid bare.

"The Christian's Duty in Breaking a Bad Oath" is the address which preceded the public working of Masonic and Odd Fellow degrees in Central Zion Tabernacle, a full account of which is given.

Buy one of these books and keep lending it. No honest and intelligent man can read the book and still remain a Freemason.

Sent by mail, postpaid, for twenty-five cents.

Address Zion Publishing House, 1207 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A.

#### OBEYING GOD IN BAPTISM.

(Continued from page 384.)

The following-named believer was baptized at Falls City, Nebraska, on Lord's Day, December 9, 1900, by Elder Charles A. Hoy:  
McCumber, Mrs. Mary M. .... Falls City, Nebraska

The following-named two believers were baptized in the Te Aro Baths, Wellington, New Zealand, September 2, 1900, by Deacon Henry Roberts:  
Baker, Jane ..... Oriental Bay, Wellington, New Zealand  
Balcome, Mrs. Hannah. .... 10 Franklin Avenue, Wellington, New Zealand

The following-named two believers were baptized in the Te Aro Baths, Wellington, New Zealand, October 14, 1900, by Deacon Henry Roberts:  
Barrows, Mrs. .... Johnsonville, Wellington, New Zealand  
Fake, Mrs. .... Newtown, Wellington, New Zealand

The following-named two believers were baptized at Granville, Ohio, Wednesday, December 19, 1900, by Overseer G. L. Mason:  
Witter, Ezra E. .... Granville, Ohio  
Witter, Chester ..... Granville, Ohio

# ZION IN THE ORIENT.

By REV. G. L. MASON, B. A., B. D., OVERSEER OF THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CHINA.

## ZION MISSIONS DEPEND ON THE INFALLIBLE SCRIPTURES.

“THE Infallible Inspiration and sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures,” as set forth in the first article of the Basis of Fellowship of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, is the only solid bedrock for Zion’s work in all lands. We have no right to disturb the consciences and customs of other races unless we have an infallible and authoritative Message from God. There is nothing whatever in Christianity which the heathen do not already know and approve, except those great truths which are revealed only in the Bible. If these great truths are clearly, exactly and correctly expressed in God’s Word, without mixture of error, then Zion may boldly confront the world with: “It matters not what I think or what you say, it matters only what God says!”

WHAT GOD SAYS is of infinite worth. He has chosen to say it in human words. He permitted full play to the minds and hearts of prophets and apostles as they wrote the Scriptures. But the Holy Spirit was in them and guided their wills in the choice of words, so that the “sacred writings” or Scriptures were God-inbreathed, *theo-pneustos* (θεόπνευστος) (2 Timothy 3:15-17). If God was breathing into the writings so as to communicate His law and love and life and light to man, we believe that He knew precisely what He meant to say, and that He said what He meant.

The Message of the Holy Spirit being for all ages, and for all races, the language in some passages may be general, symbolic, or poetic, but never wrong or mistaken. There are errors made by copyists and translators, but there are very few which are at all important. We have such confidence in God as to say that He could not have given *originally* to man a message untruthful in a single word, concerning doctrine or fact or nature.

“SCIENTIFIC RELIGION” is now a great fad in the theological mills. They study all the circumstances of time, place and event in which the prophecy was written, to ascertain its local and special use. That is well enough, but is by no means the chief thing. The Holy Spirit declares (2 Peter 1:20, 21), “that no prophecy of Scripture is of private (i. e., special) interpretation. For no prophecy ever came by the will of man: but men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit.”

The terms, “prophecy” and “the prophets” do not mean only passages predicting something. They mean the writings of the prophets. A prophet was one who spoke or wrote for God a message given directly by the Spirit of God. See Christ’s summary of the Old Testament Scriptures as “the law of Moses, and the Prophets, and the Psalms.”—Luke 24:44.

Critics have tried to give only a local and special meaning to prophecy in order to take away any reference to Christ. But we are here taught that when a prophet writes a message from God, that message has far more than a special and passing meaning. This applies also to the writings of the apostles, for apostles were also prophets.

“THE WILL OF MAN” had little to do in making Zion’s Bible. “No prophecy ever came by the will of man.” “Man spake from God.” If so, they spoke simple truth. They were moved, literally *borne along*, by the Holy Spirit. That is, they were not at liberty to express their own opinions and prejudices. They willingly recorded the thought of the Holy Spirit.

And not as machines, but in perfect freedom, they wrote also the very words which the Divine Will selected as He filled their minds and wills. This is the plain meaning of 1 Corinthians 2:13; “which things also we speak, *not in words which man’s wisdom teacheth*, but which the Spirit teacheth; comparing (margin, combining) spiritual things with spiritual”; that is, joining Divine thoughts with Divine words. Here we have Divine inspiration of the words claimed for his teaching by an apostle in the First Century.

THE WORDS OF SCRIPTURE often have far deeper meanings and uses than the writers themselves knew. A prophet would study the words which he himself had written, and from them try to learn something of the conflicts and victories of coming ages. It was revealed to him that God’s words which the man had written were not chiefly for his own brief day and narrow sphere, but for men and nations of future times. That a Divine inspiration controlled both the thought and the words of the prophecy is evident from this passage in 1 Peter 1:10-12:

Concerning which salvation the prophets sought and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: searching what time or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did point unto, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glories that should follow them. To whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto you, did they minister these things, which now have been announced unto you through them that preached the Gospel unto you by the Holy Spirit sent forth from heaven; which things angels desire to look into.

ASIA’S SPIRITUAL DEATH shall turn to life only through the very words of Jesus Christ, whose words are spirit and life. “The words that I have spoken unto you are spirit and are life!” There is poor comfort in that, if our Lord has only given the apostles His ideas or thought in a general way, and, after all, we do not know what the Lord’s words are. For the application of this subject to Divine Healing, see LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume VII, Number 12, page 373.

ZION IN ASIA will quote to her converts what the holy Apostle Paul wrote to Zion in Europe:

And for this cause we also thank God without ceasing, that, when ye received from us the Word of the Message, even the Word of God, ye accepted it *not as the word of men, but, as it is in truth, the Word of God, which also worketh in you that believe.*—1 Thessalonians 2:13.

God’s inspiration of the very words they utter is claimed by the Scripture-writers in many hundreds of passages.

THE NIGHT OF ASIA, Buddhism, has brooded long over China and bred demon-worship, impure celibacy, lying, poverty, famine, massacre and atheism. Edwin Arnold idealizes this night of hell and calls it the “Light of Asia.” “Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness.”—Isaiah 5:20. The vaporous dreams and sensuous fancies of worldly poets have corrupted the minds even of many missionaries. They no longer abide in Christ, and His words do not abide in them. Human opinion is honored rather than the Divine Oracles. As regards Clean Food, and Separation from Baal-worship in the lodge, and Divine Healing, and Tithing, and True Baptism, and a United Church, “lo, they have rejected the Word of the Lord; and what manner of wisdom is in them?”—Jeremiah 8:9.

# ZION'S BIBLE CLASS.

CONDUCTED BY DEACON DANIEL SLOAN.

## MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS LESSON, JANUARY 23d or 24th.

### Holy Living Manifested.

1. *What is holiness?*—1 Thessalonians 4:1-12.  
To be holy is to live in spirit as Jesus Christ lived.  
It is to preserve the powers of the body for God.  
It is to be honest in all business relations and dealings.
2. *How is holiness possessed?*—Luke 10:25-28.  
It begins in the spirit's fellowship with God.  
It continues in a life lived solely for God's glory.  
It is ever centering the mind on Christ our Lord.
3. *It is manifested in enlightenment of the understanding.*—Ephesians 4:17-24.  
God gives to one light so that he can see to walk soberly.  
Better is the life of God than life from God.  
Christ, the Light of the World, when put on, makes life blessed.
4. *It is manifested in purity of heart.*—Proverbs 4:23-27.  
Many evils seek to get into the heart.  
What the heart is full of, the mouth speaks of.  
Keep out of evil surroundings and evil will keep out of you.
5. *It is manifested in singleness of purpose.*—Romans 6:16-19.  
A person is either committed wholly to God, or he is not.  
Obedience must not come from convenience, but from conviction.  
One cannot serve God until he is free from the entanglements of sin.
6. *It is manifested in sanctification of the body.*—1 Corinthians 6:15-20.  
The body is not for lust, neither is it for the world nor the Devil.  
One cannot be in health and weaken the body by sensuality.  
The Holy Spirit can have fellowship only in a clean house.  
*The Lord Our God is a Holiness-Emphasizing God.*

## SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS LESSON, JANUARY 27th.

### God's Call to New Relations.

1. *The churches today are defiled with uncleanness and low standards of Christian living.*—Revelation 3:1-6.  
God has offered them the gifts of His Spirit, which are refused.  
They work mostly for their own glory.  
It is rare to find in them persons living the overcoming life.
2. *God is calling people to come out and have nothing to do with these churches, that they may receive His fulness of blessing.*—2 Corinthians 6:11-18.  
Not to trust God fully is not to trust Him at all.  
The membership of the churches is made up mostly of those without faith.  
God must come in us and be given unrestrained liberty.
3. *God cannot put a new truth into present denominations. They fight and deny God's power to do what He has promised.*—2 Timothy 3:1-5.  
A true child of God is never in peril and cannot be deceived.  
The peril is for those who live for self and know not God.  
Those who deny God's power to heal are to be shunned.
4. *God now calls His people into a Church like unto the first, invincible in power and holy in every relation.*—Revelation 3:7-13.  
God will never leave Himself without a Holy Church.  
Hell quakes as God's true Church moves on, in faith.  
Her purity and loyalty to Him will ever be her Salvation.
5. *God's harvest has been neglected, and at this late hour He calls a new organization to go forth and do His bidding.*—Mark 16:14-20.  
These signs for centuries have not been in evidence until Zion came.  
To preach the Gospel cannot be divorced from miracles.  
Work done in faith will bring miracles of healing and blessing.
6. *God's work calls for the use of every gift God has given by the Holy Spirit until Christ comes again.*—1 Corinthians 12:1-11.  
Men today are ignorant of the gifts of the Spirit.  
A Church true to God and His Word will have manifestations of gifts.  
Individuals who are obedient to God and covet usefulness will be honored by Him.  
*God's Holy People are a Call-Obeying People.*

A reference encyclopedia of Bible truth can be had by those who will make the proper use of Zion's Bible Class Lessons which appear in LEAVES OF HEALING. They open up wonderful resources of preparation for Zion's Seventies together with those conducting Cottage Prayer Meetings or Zion Gatherings. These studies have been issued since Volume V, Number 27, and now number about 200 lessons. They extend over a wide range of Bible topics and subjects of practical use. Doctrinal teachings are presented, covering the full scope of Bible truth, concerning GOD, MAN, SIN, REDEMPTION, THE CHRISTIAN, A HOLY PEOPLE, THE CHURCH, CHRISTIAN WORK, THE WORLD, THE AGE BEYOND and FINAL ESTATES. These lessons can be clipped out of the paper and pasted in a book and indexed under the doctrines, subjects, topics and words of which they treat. This will be a book of ready reference and can be added to regularly. The subjects, with the varied methods of treatment as they appear in comprehensive outline, with citations of Scripture from every book of the Bible, together with practical questions or remarks thereon, may be added to by explanations and observations and illustrations which will enable every one who devoutly studies and diligently uses them to rightly divide the word of truth, and thus in an increasing measure become thoroughly furnished unto every good work.

*How to study or teach a Zion Bible Class Lesson* should not prove to be a difficulty to any one. It is the intention to cover simply the vital truths and important doctrines of the Bible, presenting a phase of some subject in each lesson from a given point of view, with selections of Scripture which have a plain and positive meaning, viewed from a broad light of Bible research. No commentaries are to be used, for they, in most part, are nothing but the traditions of the elders, which make void the Word of God. They, like many of the translations of the Bible, give a dark meaning to God's truth. They set forth lack of faith and show the low standard of spiritual conception at the day or time in which the work was done.

*The safe rule for all is to read the Word of God in the power of the Holy Spirit, comparing Scripture with Scripture.* Let the consensus of Scripture texts on one given subject, with the true meaning of the words involved, determine the points of view from which the subject must be approached.

For instance, take Zion Bible Class Lesson in LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume VII, Number 18—"Why some keep out of Zion": To illustrate the plan of going at a lesson, consider closely this lesson; for personal comprehensive study must, of course, precede the presentation of such a subject by a leader at a Zion Gathering. The first reason given is, "Because they are so used to old and corrupt theological views," as shown in Luke 5:36-39, which goes to show that a Church, in age and spiritual declension, will worship old and cherished dogmas which are held only in form, and will not accept the truths which come with waves of revival blessing.

Show how this is true in all Protestant churches in their apostasy, for they will not give up their hospitals, sanitariums, drugs, favorite medicines, surgery and doctors and trust God, who is the Creator, Redeemer and Preserver of the lives and health of the bodies of His people through Jesus Christ His Son.

The next question brings out the fact that if a new truth would get into an old Church with its lack of spiritual power, it would tear the Church to pieces. Such a Church is filled not with the unity of the Spirit, but with backsliders from pulpit to pew, who know not God in the power of the first love where "Christ is All and in All" and is trusted for everything in a full and complete consecration.

The third question cites the fact that people are slow in accepting new truths. So used are they to an old treadmill experience, bound in by walls of creeds and denominational teachings, that they cannot see that the Holy Spirit will ever continue to show things to come as God's plans unfold step by step throughout the age.

This same treatment is applied to the seven other reasons under this one subject, which is founded on that glorious prophecy in Jeremiah 3:14, 15. The analysis underneath the Scripture subdivisions of the lesson is in question form, but they can be turned into statement form and be verified, not only by the text cited or other well-known passages, but also by observation and personal experience, all of which should be brought to bear on a lesson, with such illustrations everywhere abounding as are true to the case in point. A person with spiritual perception, natural simplicity and earnestness of presentation can make Zion's Bible Class Lessons to be an increasingly great blessing to the thousands who are now studying them, as well as the tens of thousands who will yet be molded, stimulated and established in their relation to the every day affairs of life through Holy Living and fruitful service, by this method of presenting Bible truths.

## SUGGESTIVE NOTES FOR THE USE OF ZION'S BIBLE CLASS OUTLINES

**The Seed is the Word of God and the Field is the World.** Therefore go ye and preach the Gospel to every creature; which means that people must be touched at home centers. Divide your town into two or more divisions, your city into smaller sections by streets, your township into districts by roads, and then begin and systematically follow up a house-to-house visitation with short calls. Give a small Zion tract or a copy of LEAVES OF HEALING or A VOICE FROM ZION.

Do not argue or controvert with people, but in cheerfulness of spirit and glow of countenance extend the literature with supplication in spirit and a "God bless you." Where your peace is returned, note all such places, to which with the names of the parties.

Continue then in thus so doing, and you will not have gone over a very large or compact area by such thorough and systematic work until you have found material enough near at hand for an occasional Cottage Prayer Meeting in some home which may open to you.

Then you will follow this up in due time with a Zion Bible Class Gathering in a home centrally located. This Gathering will be continued regularly each week with great blessing and profit to all who attend. If it is persevered in, it will ultimately grow into a strong Zion Assembly, and eventually become a Branch Church, with an Elder-in-Charge.

Every member, however, must set aside a time for doing this preliminary work. Where there are only a few members in a place, the division of the territory must be planned in conference with the Conductor of the Gathering or the Elder-in-Charge, or whoever else may be appointed by the General Overseer at Headquarters as the representative to thus have charge of Zion's affairs. An understanding will then enable every one to set about this work in an orderly way, reaching every home as speedily as possible, without two or more persons working in conflict or covering the same territory.

This is Christ's method of evangelisation as outlined in the Gospels, and will win victory for God every time, in every place and by every person who is deeply consecrated to Him in discipleship.

The day has come when this must be done. Those who refuse to do it are cursed with a curse, for God says: "Woe unto those who are at ease in Zion."

### A True Use of Sabbath Day Hours.

They should be improved well by every member and friend of Zion. The Bible Class Lesson outline should, with the Bible in hand, be gone over carefully and prayerfully, and the sermon by the General Overseer should also be attentively read. Assemble, sometime during the day, your own family. Invite in, if possible, those who want to know God in power, or desire from Him some blessing for spirit, soul or body. Where this is not possible, go where the sick and sinful, poor and neglected are, who have tasted only of the bitterness of life, and open up to them the Gospel which Jesus commanded should be preached to the poor. Where there are two or more members of Zion near you, do not fail to regularly come together sometime during the Lord's Day. Pray and speak with one another, and study together the Bible Class Lesson and talk over the marvelous doings of God in Zion. DO NOT OFFEND GOD BY GOING TO SOME CHURCH SERVICE WHERE GOD IS EVER DISHONORED AS THE HEALER, CLEANSER, KEEPER AND PROSPERER OF HIS PEOPLE. Do not go to hear His truth perverted by the cry of Peace, Peace, when sudden destruction is so near because of the prevalent wickedness of the world, which, with a worldly Church, is becoming more and more corrupt. Do not go where scoffing is everywhere heard from so-called Christians at the imminent coming of "the great God and Saviour Jesus Christ." He will receive unto Himself only those who look for Him; even ZION, whom He is now calling into Purity and Holy Living, who daily, in obedience to Her Lord, whatever the cost may be, is thus making herself ready to soon become the BRIDE OF CHRIST AT HIS APPEARING.



## OBEYING GOD IN BAPTISM.

“Baptizing Them Into the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.”

### Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-Five Baptisms by Triune Immersion Since March 14, 1897.

Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-Five Believers have joyfully followed their Lord in the Ordinance of Believers' Baptism by Triune Immersion since the first Baptism in Central Zion Tabernacle on March 14, 1897:

Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle from March 14, 1897, to December, 14, 1900, by the General Overseer.	4339	
Baptized by Elders, Evangelists and Deacons.	1769	
Total Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle		6108
Baptized in places outside of Chicago by the General Overseer	383	
Baptized in places outside of Chicago by Elders, Evangelists and Deacons	2297	
Total Baptized outside of Chicago		2680
Total Baptized in three years and nine months		8788

Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder McClurkin	15	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Deacon Kessler	9	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Fockler	14	38
Baptized in California by Elder Taylor	6	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder Bouck	1	
Baptized in Ohio by Overseer Mason	2	9 47
Total Baptized since March 14, 1897		8835

The following-named fourteen believers were baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle, Chicago, Wednesday evening, January 2, 1901, by Elder Cyrus B. Fockler:

Blossom, Miss Hattie	Sherwood, Michigan
Christiansen, Louis Alfred	Zion Home, Chicago, Illinois
Druey, Mrs. Margaret	Flandreau, South Dakota
Druey, Miss Laura	Flandreau, South Dakota
Fockler, Miss Eva	Zion Home, Chicago, Illinois
Greil, Miss Virginia	68 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois
Kibbey, Miss Bessie	Zion Home, Chicago, Illinois
Kruze, Mrs. Elizabeth	San Jose, Illinois
Merritt, Charles H.	Mason City, Illinois
Neave, Mrs. Mary H.	Viola, Illinois
Stevenson, Miss Winifred	1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Wilford, Mrs. Harriet	Brookings, South Dakota
Wollridge, William H.	5931 Carpenter Street, Chicago, Illinois
Yale, Miss Anna	Dixon, Iowa

The following-named eleven believers were baptized in Cook's River Baths, Sidney, New South Wales, October 16, 1900, by Deacon S. G. Farrar:

Buller, Ann.....Faversham Street, Merrickville, New South Wales  
 Buller, Thomas Phillip.....Faversham Street, Merrickville, New South Wales  
 Douglass, Florence Jane.....  
 .....68 Grose Street, Cammerdown, Sydney, New South Wales  
 Fulton, Mary Ann.....Norton Street, Leichardt, Sydney, New South Wales  
 Fulton, Thomas.....Norton Street, Sydney, New South Wales  
 Kirk, James.....37 Augusta Street, Enmore, New South Wales  
 McKee, Margaret Annie.....Errington, New South Wales  
 Munroe, Mrs. Alice May.....  
 .....46 Addison Street, Merrickville, Sydney, New South Wales  
 Parsons, Charles.....  
 .....Frothingham Street, Merrickville, Sydney, New South Wales  
 Stewart, Mrs. Minnie.....  
 .....Dalry, Munton Street, Mosmon's Bay, Sydney, New South Wales  
 Wadsworth, Sarah.....28 Wigram Street, Glebe, Sydney, New South Wales

The following-named six believers were baptized at San Francisco, California, Lord's Day, December 23, 1900, by Elder W. D. Taylor:

Hotham, Joseph Francis.....142½ Fourth Street, San Francisco, California  
 Lewis, Mrs. Emily A.....1646 Park Street, Alameda, California  
 Sparman, Andrew.....980 Fifty-sixth Street, Golden Gate, California  
 Sparman, Mrs. Hannah.....980 Fifty-sixth Street, Golden Gate, California  
 Taylor, Mrs. Mary L.....1516 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California  
 Wittich, Jacob.....1012 East Sixteenth Street, East Oakland, California

The following-named two believers were baptized in Sydney Harbor, New South Wales, October 6, 1900, by Deacon Charles Moss:

Eveson, Francis Alick.....  
 .....5 Kidman's Terrace, Woolloomooloo, New South Wales  
 Pike, Henry.....Sydney, New South Wales

The following-named believer was baptized at Portland, Oregon, Wednesday, December 5, 1900, by Elder Aug. Ernst:

Sevey, Kate B.....27 East Seventh Street, Portland, Oregon

The following-named seventy-two believers were baptized at Zurich, Switzerland, Thursday, December 13, 1900, by the General Overseer:

Adler, Miss Margaritha	Tobelhof, Zurich, Switzerland
Adler, Miss Bertha	Tobelhof, Zurich, Switzerland
Bauer, Henry Eugene	138 Central Street, Zurich, Switzerland
Betchinger, Mrs. Amelia	5 Reckgasse Street, Zurich, Switzerland
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Gehri, Miss Rosa	44 Klaus Street, Zurich, Switzerland
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Giger, Miss Anna	Telrain Aarau, Zurich, Switzerland
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Halmar, Zigmund	56 Obereweidzeile, Budapest, Austria-Hungary
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Hess-Paur, Mrs. Eliza	2 Napigass, Zurich, Switzerland
Hofer, Mrs. Anita	47 Rigi Street, Zurich, Switzerland
Hofer, Miss Ruth	47 Rigi Street, Zurich, Switzerland
Hofer, Cuno	47 Rigi Street, Zurich, Switzerland
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Huth, Charles	Kroisbach, Graz, Austria
Huth, John Charles	Kroisbach, Graz, Austria
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Knabenhans, Mrs. Rosa	79 Sued Street, Zurich, Switzerland
Kosch, Rev. Thomas	Neidereidisch Siebenburgen, Austria-Hungary
Kosch, Miss Dora	Neidereidisch, Siebenburgen, Austria-Hungary
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Kummer, Miss Hermina	52 Gothard Street, Zurich, Switzerland
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Lochmann, Miss Rosa	4 Muensterhof, Zurich, Switzerland
Marron, Miss Maria E.	3 Friedensgasse Street, Zurich, Switzerland
Mattenberger, Mrs.	12 Zinderweg, Zurich, Switzerland
Meier, Miss Amalie Bertha	12 Helios Street, Zurich, Switzerland
Meier, Miss Elizabeth	12 Helios Street, Zurich, Switzerland
Meier, Mrs. Eliza	9 Dolder Street, Zurich, Switzerland
Meier, Miss Hedwig	12 Helios Street, Zurich, Switzerland
Meier, Miss Lina	69 Henrich Street, Zurich, Switzerland
Meier, Miss Lucy	12 Helios Street, Zurich, Switzerland
Meier, Mrs. Mary	16 Eisenbahn Street, Zurich, Switzerland
Merk, Miss Anna	Shaffhausen, Zurich, Switzerland
Moshammer, Peter	Urthar, Linz, Austria
Neumann, Mrs. Anna Marguerite	Horgan, Zurich, Switzerland
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Racine, Mrs. Mary	16 Kramer Street, Zurich, Switzerland
Reutschi, Mrs. Regula	10 Predigerplatz, Zurich, Switzerland
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Schenkel, John	177 Forch Street, Zurich, Switzerland
Schmohl, Mrs. Barbara	54 St. Jacob Street, Zurich, Switzerland
Schneeberger, Jacob	10 Zehnderweg, Zurich, Switzerland
Schneeberger, Mrs. Jacob	10 Zehnderweg, Zurich, Switzerland
Schneider, Miss Eliza	Huetfwangen Street, Zurich, Switzerland
Schuhmacher, Mrs. Marie	280 Seebach Street, Zurich, Switzerland
Schweikert, Mrs. Minnie	51 Merkur Street, Zurich, Switzerland
Staub, Mrs. Carl	Horgan, Zurich, Switzerland
Vesser, Joseph Anton	Niederdorf, Zurich, Switzerland
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Welti, Mrs. Katharina	38 Ober Street, Zurich, Switzerland
Welti, Miss Caroline	38 Ober Street, Zurich, Switzerland
Wiederkehr, John Rudolphe	Seebach, Zurich, Switzerland
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Wuersten, Manfred	Diegen, Baselland, Switzerland
Wuersten, Mrs. Magd	27 Minerva Street, Baselland, Switzerland
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The following-named three believers were baptized at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, Lord's Day, December 9, 1900, by Overseer G. L. Mason:

Cowell, Aaron.....6542 Rowan Avenue, East End, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania  
 Jacob, John.....6914 Kelly Street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania  
 Klein, Miss Anna.....6918 Kelly Street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania

The following-named three believers were baptized at Auckland, New Zealand, October 14, 1900, by Deacon William Johnson:

Crooks, Martha.....Sunny Side Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland, New Zealand  
 Parker, William.....College Road, Auckland, New Zealand  
 Smith, Mary Emily.....  
 .....Eden Terrace, New North Road, Auckland, New Zealand

The following-named believer was baptized at Cleveland, Ohio, Lord's Day, December 30, 1900, by Elder R. N. Bouck:

Smith, Edwin D.....Painesville, Ohio

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He sendeth His word



and healeth them.

# LEAVES OF HEALING

I am the Lord that healeth thee.

And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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## GOD'S WITNESSES TO DIVINE HEALING.

WIFE MIRACULOUSLY HEALED. HUSBAND SAVED FROM SIN, DELIVERED FROM SECRETISM AND HEALED.

**B**UT UNTO YOU THAT FEAR MY NAME SHALL THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS ARISE WITH HEALING IN HIS WINGS.

This prophecy is fulfilled. That glorious Sun of Righteousness arose. His bright beams lighted up the whole earth.

The healing in His Wings brought its blessings to thousands.

That Sun of Righteousness has never set.

Clouds of ignorance, folly and error have arisen and hidden Him at times from men.

But He still shines; sends forth His blessed beams of Life, Light and Liberty.

His wings, filled with healing virtue, have never been withdrawn.

Over all the earth, wherever foul disease wastes and destroys, they hover, ready with the Divine Gift of Healing.

That Sun of Righteousness arose, according to prophecy, to those who fear God's Name.

But, alas, for centuries men have not feared the Name of God in sickness.

They have denied the healing power of the Sun of Righteousness.

They have feared the names of the strange gods of Medicine and Surgery.

Thus the healing in the wings of the Sun of Righteous-

ness has been very little known in God's Church. But in accordance with His promise, God has sent, in these latter days, His Messenger, who is proclaiming the unchangeableness of God's Covenant of Healing.

He has given fearless witness against the false gods of Medicine and Surgery. He has been given Divine power in the proclamation of the Everlasting Gospel of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living.

Through his ministry thousands and tens of thousands have turned to God.

They have been saved, healed and blessed.

God has also, in every age, revealed Himself as the Healer, to those who truly sought to know Him and were obedient to His commands.

These Witnesses tell a wonderful Story of God's revelation of Himself to them.

The wife suffered untold tortures from many diseases for years.

Physicians gave her up and she all but lost hope.

Death seemed at hand.

Then, as they earnestly sought Him, searched His Word and heard the testimony of one of His Witnesses (now Evangelist Osborn), He sent His Holy Spirit to lead them into the truth.

By two Miracles of Healing, Original from



MRS. IDA M. BURNETT.

in answer to prayer, the wife was delivered from all her terrible diseases, so that even her physician was convinced that God had healed her.

Six years have passed since then.

They have been six years of health, happiness and consecrated service to God.

The husband had been wonderfully saved from a life engrossed in business, from which he left God out.

He also was healed, through faith in God, of many afflictions.

These healings from God's hand led them to seek to know more about God's Way of Healing.

The Little White Dove brought them the story of Zion.

They at once recognized in the General Overseer, God's Messenger to Zion.

In obedience to his call, the husband came out from the "unfruitful works of darkness."

He witnesses to their pagan, Antichristian, demoralizing character.

Both husband and wife identified themselves with God's work in Zion.

The husband is a faithful, efficient head of one of the departments of Zion Land and Investment Association.

The wife sings sweetest praises to God in Zion's White-robed Choir.

Both are consecrated members of Zion's Seventies, and carry into the streets and lanes of Chicago the wonderful truth which has set them free.

Very recently, honoring his perfect consecration and in answer to the prayers of the officers of Zion's Financial Institutions, God gave the husband a perfect healing of the last vestiges of his diseases.

With thanksgiving to God we send these Witnesses around the world on the wings of the Little White Dove.

May God speak, by His Holy Spirit, through these testimonies, to the hearts of thousands who are bound by sin, by sickness, by the darkness of error.

May they turn from their false gods and fear the Name of God.

Then unto them shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with Healing in His wings.

It is the promise of God.

It cannot fail.

A. W. N.

#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF MRS. IDA M. BURNETT.

1432 MICHIGAN AVENUE,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, January 7, 1901.

REV. JOHN ALEXANDER DOWIE.

*Beloved General Overseer:*—It is with great joy and a gratitude unspeakable that I write this story of healing through faith in Jesus, without definite instruction from God's Word concerning the promises for our bodies in the atonement of Christ.

The knowledge of God's will came through the leading of the Holy Spirit and by His power.

I was enabled to hold through six weeks (two of great suffering) to the one verse of Scripture given me, clearly proving the text: "For no word from God shall be void of power" (Luke 1:37, R. V.).

I also see the value of the training of a godly mother, whose trust in the Lord was clearly shown in every time of trouble, who not only filled her own place, but that of my Christian father, who died when I was a child.

In January, 1890, while visiting my mother and sister at Beaver, Pennsylvania, I had a severe attack of diphtheria.

The best of nursing enabled me to sit up in three or four weeks, but, owing to partial paralysis, I could not walk; so my husband carried me to a chair until, by taking a few steps at a time, I was able to go up and downstairs by holding to the banister.

My first walk on the street after this caused great suffering, the feeling being as if the bones just above the ankles were broken and coming through the flesh.

My whole body was full of the poison of the disease and the medicine given to kill it.

In the latter part of March my husband took me to Larned, Kansas, to take the baths at the salt wells there.

I remained until the last of September, taking a bath at 110 degrees every day except Sunday, and then being rolled in blankets, with even my head closely covered, to keep in the heat. I remained in this sweat-bath two hours, the water running off me in streams.

While much poison was eliminated from my system in this way, I still suffered from numbness and aching of limbs and back, having frequently to jump up and walk rapidly through the house to cause better circulation of the blood.

I had had a sore spot in my left lung, caused by a bad cold in 1886; also had severe attacks of neuralgia in my head and chronic liver trouble.

The last of September I went to Denver, remaining until April, when I was called East by my mother's illness. Upon her recovery we went to Philadelphia, where I took treatment at the Woman's Hospital at Twenty-third and Master Streets. Upon examination, the physicians decided that the pain in the back did not come from the kidneys, as I had thought, but that those organs were in good condition. They said the pain in the left side was caused by gas in the bowels, but they did not know what caused the gas, as my diet had nothing to do with the spells of pain. They said the chronic constipation was caused by the paralysis of the lower bowels, and that nothing could be done for it unless electricity might benefit it.

They also said that my system was in such bad condition that there might be a return of the paralysis at any time. That fear never left me, lest at some time I should not be able to walk and care for myself, until God took it away.

In the spring of 1892 I returned to Kansas without hope of ever being well.

All through that year I suffered greatly with the awful attacks of pain in the left side, which came without warning and made it impossible for me to stand upon my feet. Only God knows those years of suffering, for, while able to walk, I made no complaints.

During the year 1893 my attention was directed to Divine Healing (although not so called), and I heard a little talk on it one evening, but understood nothing, only that God did not make us sick.

I had been taught to bear sickness patiently, as God knew what was best for us. I did not know that Satan was piling these things upon me, and was delighted when I found it was not God's will concerning me.

Had I known Zion's teaching then, I should have been quickly reached. I wished to get well, but would not touch Christian Science or anything which I thought was not God's Way, although I knew nothing of *Jesus as the Way*.

A few months later Rev. S. B. Osborn, now Elder-in-Charge of the Branch of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion in Lafayette, Indiana, then a pastor in the M. E. Church, was sent to take charge of the congregation of which I was then a member, as there was no Presbyterian Church in the town.

His wife, now Evangelist Osborn, had been instantly healed through the laying on of hands of a woman Quaker preacher. She had had no teaching and had been warned by officials in the M. E. Church not to talk of her healing, but she was too happy in her experience not to tell it to those who needed help as she had needed it.

For the next three months we talked on the subject, but she was not sufficiently clear to name the conditions and say that the Lord would heal me if I met them.

But I had gained one point—that I knew it was not God's will that I was sick. This gave me joy and made me think more earnestly how I might get the Lord's help.

About the middle of July I was taken suddenly with the worst attack I had ever had. My husband sent for the only physician in the town. He had studied medicine in Philadelphia, knew that I had been at the hospital there, and had said when discussing my case once, months before, that we need never send for him; for if they could do nothing for me at the hospital, he was sure he could not.

But my husband was in such distress that he came.

He said if the pain moved up a little more it would reach my heart and bring the end, and that my husband should be prepared for such an event at any time.

He gave me no medicine but morphine, and left powders of the same to be used if needed. The rest of that day, Friday and all day Saturday I was easier, but very weak and unable to eat.

The next morning, Sunday, there was a return of the pain worse than before. Morphine was again used.

About 11 o'clock, after its effects had passed off, my husband asked if I would like to have him read the next Sunday School lesson. I said Yes.

As he read, the verse from Malachi, fourth chapter, came to me: "But unto you that fear My Name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in His wings."

Just as he was finishing, I was seized with another paroxysm, so severe that the woman, who came at once, and my husband thought I could

live but a short time. For five hours I lay only partly conscious and suffering too much to heed anything when my mind was clear.

When left alone for a few minutes, my husband dropped on his knees beside the bed and cried out to God for help and that His will only might be done.

In those few minutes of prayer peace came to his heart, and he rose from his knees with the rest of faith that knows no fear.

In the evening some friends came in and urged my husband to send for another doctor, who would give me medicine and do something for me. He said he would leave it with me, and when he thought I was able to talk, he asked if I would like to have another doctor.

I said, "No; no one can help me now but God."

On Monday I was more comfortable, and on Tuesday morning felt able to get up and said I would have my breakfast in the dining-room.

After breakfast, Mrs. Osborn, who had been out of town from Saturday until Monday evening, came in and was surprised to see me up, as she had heard that my death was looked for any time Saturday or Sunday.

I told her that I was going to be well, because God had given me a promise. I then repeated to her the second verse of Malachi, fourth chapter.

I had not known the significance of the verse, but it came to me like a flash when I saw her face.

She told me that she and Mr Osborn had made me a special subject of prayer the night before, and that she had the witness of the Spirit that I would be healed.

This confirmed our faith and made the Lord's leading clearer to us.

A few hours later, there passed pieces of mucous membrane from the lower bowel.

When the doctor saw these pieces, he said there had been a stricture which had broken and passed off. A new thin membrane would form, then pass off, too, when the good membrane would form, if I lived. If not, death would soon follow.

My husband said, "Doctor, we know she will live."

"Perhaps," he replied, "but it is wonderful for this to pass off of itself." He then explained the operation in stricture cases and said they never could be sure of success.

After this healing came ten days of severe suffering, which we could not understand; but at the end of that time a kidney stone, red in color, denoting uric acid, and as large as the end of my small finger, passed whole. This was a surprise to us all, after the doctors' decision at the hospital that I had no kidney trouble whatever. Our doctor lifted his hands and said, "We never knew what ailed that woman."

"No, but the Lord knew, and we are sure that He has done the work," said my husband. The doctor replied, "Well, I believe He has."

During the next week my bowels became natural in their movements, my lung healed perfectly, my liver became normal, the neuralgia disappeared and, praise the Lord, none of them have returned.

For six years I have been in almost perfect health, the few little attacks being quickly healed in answer to prayer.

Not an hour has been lost from work or duty of any kind, and even natural weariness has been quickly lifted when there was need for more hours of work.

No thought of medicine has come to my mind when attacked by grip or cold, but my heart has instantly turned to the Lord.

While all this physical blessing was good and greatly appreciated, yet the most glorious part of the work was the wonderful spiritual quickening, the consciousness of the personal presence of the Lord Jesus, by the Holy Spirit, the blessed knowledge that God was indeed my Father in Heaven, and that He loved and cared for me.

Oh, the joy of those blessed days when these truths were first revealed to us; truths so strangely new and yet so gloriously sweet! Praise God, they still are sweet, and many more just as good have been added to them.

We were thus prepared for the teaching of LEAVES OF HEALING, and knew at once that the leader was doing the work of God.

We had our own healing and knew how marvelously the Lord had led us in business plans, change of work, and in the little daily duties as well as in greater things.

We daily praise the Lord that we are permitted to be here and understand the work and plans for the future so much better than we did before coming to Chicago to stay.

Never have I seen the Lord honored as He is today in Zion by the General Overseer, officers and workers in all departments.

God is in turn honoring His faithful followers from the least to the greatest.

May the Lord abundantly bless you for the good you have done, and that which you have so wonderfully planned for, which will be carried out.

We are grateful for the unvarying kindness and helpfulness of the Overseers, Elders and Evangelists, and all in charge of special work.

I have sung in a number of church choirs, beginning as a girl and having charge of a choir for five years before coming to Zion, but I never before

saw choir practice opened or closed with prayer—prayer offered for the quick recovery of members who were ill; God's blessing asked on the practice of the evening and the singing of the coming day, that the music might do its part in reaching the hearts of the unconverted and bringing them to Repentance.

Wonderful healings there are in the Choir in answer to the prayers of Elder Brasefield and Conductor Rice. I have been greatly blessed in being a member of it.

I enjoy Zion Seventy work, Cottage Prayer Meetings and all the means of grace, and only regret that the dear friends in other places cannot be here and enjoy these blessings with us, and that all the world does not know that "The Lord dwelleth in Zion."

Yours in Jesus,

IDA M. BURNETT.



SILAS C. BURNETT.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF SILAS C. BURNETT.

1432 MICHIGAN AVENUE,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,  
December 29, 1900.

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE,  
General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

Dear General Overseer:—While in the midst of the negotiations of one of the largest business transactions I was ever connected with, the words of the Master, "For what shall a man be profited, if he shall

gain the whole world, and forfeit his life? or what shall a man give in exchange for his life?" (Matthew 16:26, R. V.), were so forcibly brought to my attention that I could not get away from them.

They later changed the whole course of my life.

While the accomplishment of the transaction would not have violated the law of State or Nation, yet it would have been far from fulfilling the moral law.

Fortunately for me, my early training from a good father and a successful business man, along the lines of honesty in business, caused me to withdraw.

The change of plans worked what was apparently a series of hardships. With the loss of business came a loss of friends, social standing, cherished plans and, worst of all, loss of health and hope.

When it seemed that things could not get worse, I yielded one night in my home in Philadelphia to my wife's earnest entreaties to give myself to God.

New hope immediately came into my life, and, both serving God, we started anew to regain lost ground.

I desire to say here that God gave the best gift possible, next to the gift of His Son, that is, a good Christian wife, with a faith for great things.

Less than two months found me in the West again at my old business (milling). Later, while there, where God had blessed our witnessing for



Him, my wife received her perfect and complete healing. This being such a new experience to us, we immediately began to look about to see whether others had this blessing and to learn of any other good things which God had for His children.

It was while investigating the various reforms and religious movements that we first heard of Dr. Dowie, through a copy of LEAVES OF HEALING.

At that time I was taking an active part in Church work, and at the same time was a Master Mason, Royal Arch Mason, Knight Templar and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. I was also a member of the Royal Arcanum, a secret beneficial order, carrying a \$3,000 policy.

I had previously been delivered from smoking, but I still ate pork, oysters and other unclean things. I put my trust in doctors and medicine in time of sickness.

I had been sprinkled in Baptism and thought I had fulfilled the conditions, according to the Word, which says, "Repent and be baptized."

I paid tithes, but as there was no Storehouse to put the money in, I expended it as I pleased. In fact, I was living up to all the light I had, and God was blessing me.

Soon after receiving LEAVES OF HEALING, I came to Chicago and attended the meetings at Zion Tabernacle No. 2, and one meeting at the Auditorium.

After a few days' visit, I returned home with the consciousness of having found what I had been looking for, and that our beloved General Overseer was the leader whom I had believed God would send before the coming of Jesus. I saw that he spoke with authority, and that his Message appealed to the hearts of those seeking the truth.

As quickly as possible we obeyed the Voice from Zion and raised its Standard in our home.

With the sending of tithes to the Storehouse, obeying in Baptism, giving up of lodges, insurance and unclean food, great blessing followed.

I suffered greatly from compound astigmatism of both eyes, and had worn glasses for years.

My eyes pained me very much, and there was always a slight discharge from them. Having followed the milling business for years, the dust caused me a great deal of annoyance.

I consulted prominent opticians and oculists, and spent hundreds of dollars, all to no purpose.

As my sight was the most important thing to me, I lay hold of God's promise, "If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7), took off my glasses, and have not worn them since (1895).

I know now my life was spared in answer to prayer when I was virtually dying. Up to that time I did not understand full consecration, and, being suddenly stricken, we sent for a doctor, who found me in such great suffering that the only thing he could do was to administer morphine.

The return of consciousness brought a strong desire to live, and with it the conscious presence and power of God.

I immediately dismissed the doctor, made consecration, promising to trust God as my Healer, no matter what happened.

Since then (February, 1896) I have not taken any medicine or used the simplest remedies. Although I have had a number of severe attacks, I have always gotten quick deliverance in answer to prayer.

I also suffered from constipation, dyspepsia and various other things. I am now in better health than I ever was, do not lose any time from business, have no doctor or drug bills, or any care or anxiety about my health.

On the other hand, I find it easy, as well as a real joy and pleasure, to trust God.

As above stated, I was bound by chains of Secretism, and at the same time claimed to be a Christian.

I had taken an oath in all the degrees from the Entered Apprentice of the Blue Lodge up to and including the degree of Knight of Malta in the Commandery of Knights Templar, each of which had a death penalty.

I had also taken an oath to "ever conceal and never reveal," as I was taught that "Secrecy and Silence" constituted the very essence of Masonic character (Mackey's "Ritualist," pages 523-525).

I was also taught that Masonry was a religious institution (Mackey's "Encyclopedia," page 60).

Since I have had Zion's teaching, I learn from the same work (Mackey's), on page 641, that "Freemasonry is not Christianity. It admits men of every creed within its hospitable bosom."

In the "Digest of Masonic Law" by George W. Chase, pages 207, 208, I read: "In fact, Blue Lodge Masonry has nothing whatever to do with the Bible; it is not founded upon the Bible. If it were, it would not be Masonry; it would be something else."

The Antichristian character of the above, and the false and hypocritical teaching of the Knights Templar, and the sinful practices of the Mystic Shrine, together with Zion's call to Repentance, made my duty very plain.

I hesitated awhile, thinking that my Masonic oaths carried with them a moral obligation, but God's Word (Leviticus 5:4, 5) made it clear to me that

we should repent of a bad oath as we would any sin. I learned that no body of men or women who did not have the authority of the legislative, executive and judicial arms of the government could properly administer an oath, especially one involving the death penalty.

I thank God I am free from the "unfruitful works of darkness," and for Zion's bold and uncompromising position. I can truthfully say that my Masonry cost me not less than \$1,000, besides loss of time and neglect of business. There was no part of Masonry which tended to make me a better man, but had I been a faithful attendant, the opposite would have been the result.

I desire to acknowledge my gratitude: *First.* To God for His keeping power, for blessing for spirit, soul and body, and also for the great temporal blessings which have come with obedience, in making confession and restitution, and for the marvelous way in which He has enabled me to meet financial obligations, settle up old business matters and always have profitable employment.

*Second.* To His Messenger, our beloved General Overseer, for his teaching and his prayers, and also for the uniform kindness of the Overseers, Elders and all the officers of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

I praise God for the privilege of being associated with the consecrated men and women who are engaged in this great work for the extension of the Kingdom of God, and for the building of Zion City.

I am also thankful for the privileges of Zion Seventy work and for the part which I have had in Cottage Prayer Meeting work.

In conclusion, I bear witness to the truthfulness of my wife's testimony, which accompanies this, and say that space and time will permit but part to be told of God's love and mercy to us.

Trusting that this testimony may be blessed to many, and especially to those who are bound by the chains of Secretism, and that God will continue to bless our great leader, Zion everywhere, LEAVES OF HEALING and all Zion Literature, I am

Yours in the Lord's service,

SILAS C. BURNETT.

#### TESTIMONY OF SILAS C. BURNETT TO HIS COMPLETE HEALING.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, January 9, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I wish to add a few words to my above testimony, which was written December 29th, last.

You will notice I did not testify to a perfect healing, but after speaking of blessing I have had, said: "I am now in better health than I ever was, do not lose any time from business, have no doctor or drug bills, or any care or anxiety about my health," etc.

Soon after coming to Chicago, I began attending prayer meetings and doing Zion Seventy work on the South Side.

As I was continually called on to testify for this work, and realized the responsibility of the leaders of the meetings in being called upon to pray for the sick and for the sinful, besides knowing of the requests that came to our department of the work daily, there dawned upon me the necessity of a deeper consecration and a full and perfect work being done in me, for I had failed to claim a perfect work in my body. I asked various ones to pray for me.

On the occasion of the all-night prayer meeting, I felt that I had reached God and that my consecration was accepted by Him, and that I would receive a perfect work.

I did not know how it would be done, but I said I would trust Him, no matter what happened.

I went home from the office, Saturday evening, January 5th, about 10 o'clock, and retired in my usual health.

During the night I was taken suddenly sick with what was apparently inflammation of the bowels and stomach, my suffering being intense.

To make matters worse, my head pained so badly that I could not concentrate my thoughts on any one thing or get a hold of God's Word or reach Him in prayer.

My wife continued to pray and trust, and by noon we had victory.

Monday morning found me a little weak and sore, but I felt sure that if I could attend our usual morning service at Zion Land and Investment Association offices, where God was wonderfully hearing and answering prayer daily, I would receive complete deliverance.

Just before the hour for prayer I felt a new trouble coming on, and asked Deacon Judd to pray.

During the service I asked for prayer, and as we all knelt, Deacon Peckham leading, it seemed as though I would be overcome with pain.

I realized that the crucial test had come, and that it meant victory then or never.

As Deacon Peckham laid hands on me, all the host of hell seemed to rise up in rebellion. The next few minutes witnessed a hard-fought battle, in which God gave victory.

For some time I was very weak and quite sore from the intense pain, but am now ready for work again (Wednesday morning, January 9th).

Not having consulting physicians in Zion, it is often difficult to know from what we are delivered. For some time there were indications of a



disturbed condition of the functions of the bowels, owing to constipation. This caused a measure of muscular paralysis, but the serious difficulty seemed to be at the junction of the upper and lower bowels. It was at this point I suffered severely at first.

Howbeit, there was an intestinal obstruction somewhere, and from the location of first pain it would indicate appendicitis; after which a sudden and unexpected change carried the attack to the region of the liver, vomiting and discharge of bile adding to the complication as well as the suffering.

God gave wonderful deliverance, for which I praise His Name, and also praise Him for the earnest prayers of those connected with Zion's Financial Institutions and for the prayers of the Zion Guards.

Now I think I can say reverently that God has answered my prayer and has completed a work in my body which will enable me to bear witness to a full and perfect salvation for spirit, soul and body.

I am glad for the knowledge of God which gives us confidence in prayer in time of trouble.

At no time did I have any fear in my heart or any doubt as to the result. I knew God could not fail if we met the conditions.

What a joy to know that those with whom you are associated are praying for you as well as all Zion!

Praise God for Zion.

May she continue to Go Forward.

With a heart full of gratitude to God, I am

Yours in the Lord's Service,

SILAS C. BURNETT.

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Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

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## DO YOU KNOW GOD'S WAY OF HEALING?

BY THE REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

Let it be supposed that the following words are a conversation between the reader [A] and the writer [B].

A. What does this question mean? Do you really suppose that God has some especial way of healing in these days of which men may know and avail themselves?

B. That is exactly my meaning, and I wish very much that you should know God's Way of Healing, as I have done for many years.

A. What is the way, in your opinion?

B. You should rather ask, WHO is God's Way? for the Way is a Person, not a thing. I will answer your question in His own words, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; no one cometh unto the Father, but by Me." These words were spoken by our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, who is both our Saviour and our Healer. (John 1:16.)

A. But I always thought that these words only referred to Him as the Way of Salvation. How can you be sure that they refer to Him as the Way of Healing also?

B. Because He cannot change. He is "the same yesterday and today, yea and forever." (Hebrews 13:8.) He said that He came to this earth not only to save us but to heal us (Luke 4:18), and He did this when in the flesh on earth. Being unchanged, He must be able and willing and desirous to heal now.

A. But is there not this difference, namely, that He is not with us now?

B. No; for He said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world"; and so He is with us now, in Spirit, just as much as when He was here in the flesh.

A. But did He not work these miracles of healing when on earth merely to prove that He was the Son of God?

B. No; there was still a greater purpose than that. He healed the sick who trusted in Him in order to show us that He came to die not only for our sins, but for our sicknesses, and to deliver us from both.

A. Then, if that is so, the atonement which He made on the Cross must have been for our sicknesses as well as our sins. Can you prove that is the fact from the Scriptures?

B. Yes, I can, and the passages are very numerous. I need quote two only. In Isaiah 53:4, 5, it is written of Him, "Surely He hath borne our griefs (Hebrew *sicknesses*), and carried our sorrows; . . . and with His stripes we are healed." Then in the Gospel according to Matthew, this passage is quoted and directly applied to the work of bodily healing, in chapter 8, 17th verse. "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our diseases."

A. But do you not think that sickness is often God's will, and sent for our good, and therefore God may not wish us to be healed?

B. No, that cannot possibly be; for diseases of every kind are the Devil's work, and his work can never be the work of Christ, who came for the very purpose of destroying "the works of the Devil." (1 John 3:8.)

A. Do you mean to say that all disease is the work of Satan?

B. Yes, for if there had been no sin (which came through Satan) there never would have been any disease, and Jesus never in one single instance told any person that sickness was God's work or will, but the very contrary.

A. How do you prove from Scripture that all forms of sickness and infirmity are the Devil's work?

B. Yes, that can be done very easily. You will see in Matthew 4:23 and 9:35 that when Jesus was here in the flesh, He healed "all manner of disease and all manner of sickness among the people." Then if you will refer to Acts 10:38 you will see that the Apostle Peter declares that He [Jesus] "went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the Devil." Notice that all whom He healed, not some, were suffering from Satan's evil power.

A. But does disease never come from God?

B. No, it cannot come from God, for He is pure, and disease is unclean; and it cannot come out of Heaven, for there is no disease there.

A. That is very different from the teachings which I have received all my life from ministers and in the churches. Do you really think that you are right, and that they are all wrong in this matter?

B. It is not a question as between myself and them. The only question is, What does God's Word say? God has said in all the ages to His Church, "I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26), and therefore it would be wicked to say that He is the defiler of His people. All true Christians must believe the Bible, and it is impossible to believe that good and evil, sickness and health, sin and holiness could have a common origin in God. If the Bible really taught that, it would be impossible to believe our Lord Jesus Christ when He says, "A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit." (Matthew 7:18.)

A. Yet even if I agree with all you say, is it not true that the Gifts of Healing were removed from the Church, and are not in it now?

B. No, the "Gifts of Healing" were never withdrawn, and can never be withdrawn, from the true Church of God; for it is written, "The gifts and the calling of God are without repentance." (Romans 11:29.) There are nine gifts of God to the Church (enumerated in 1 Corinthians, 12:8 to 11), and all these are in the Holy Spirit. Therefore, so long as the Holy Spirit is in the Church, all the gifts must be there also. If they are not exercised, that does not prove that they do not exist, but that the faith to exercise them is lacking in God's servants. The gifts are all perfectly preserved; for the Holy Spirit, not the Church, keeps them safely.

A. What should a Christian then do when overtaken with sickness?

B. A Christian should obey God's command, and at once turn to Him for forgiveness of the sin which he has committed, and then he should call for immediate healing. Healing is obtained from God in one of four ways, namely: First, by the direct prayer of faith, without any aid from the officers of the Church, praying as the Centurion did in Matthew 8:5 to 12; second, by two faithful disciples praying in perfect agreement, in accordance with the Lord's promise in Matthew 18:19; third, by the anointing of the elders and the prayer of faith, according to the instruction in James 5:14, 15; and fourth, by the laying on of the hands of them who believe, and whom God calls to that ministry, as the Lord commands in Mark 16:18, and in other places.

A. But are people healed in this way in these days?

B. Yes, in thousands of cases. I have myself laid hands upon many hundreds of thousands of persons, and I have seen the Lord's Power manifested in the healing of great numbers, many of whom are living witnesses in many countries, who have testified publicly before thousands, and who are prepared to testify at any time. This ministry is being exercised by devoted Christians in many parts of America, Europe, Australasia and elsewhere.

A. Is it not the same as Christian Science, Mind Healing, etc.?

B. No. Divine Healing is diametrically opposed to these diabolical counterfeits, which are utterly anti-Christian. These impostures are only seductive forms of Spiritualism. True Evangelism is also a more recent form of this deception, and it deceives many.

A. But how shall I obtain the necessary faith to receive healing, which faith I am at present conscious I do not possess?

B. It is written, "Belief cometh of hearing, and hearing by the Word of Christ." (Romans 10:17.) Our Missions are held for the express purpose of teaching fully the Word of God on this matter, and I very heartily invite you to attend the meetings which are announced for Zion Tabernacle. All are welcome and there are no charges of any kind made, for all God's gifts are free gifts. Salvation is the first of these, without which you cannot be healed through faith in Jesus. All the costs of this work are covered by the free-will offerings of the people who attend these meetings, and others whom the Lord leads to help; but the poorest who have nothing to give are as heartily welcome as the richest.

A. But you are to be in the city in this Mission?

B. Yes; after we feel satisfied that they are fully resting in the Lord alone for the healing, we see privately, so far as time permits, those who attend; but under no circumstances do we claim the power to heal any; for "power belongeth unto God."

A. Have you any writings upon this subject which can be purchased?

B. Yes, these can be obtained at the office of Zion Publishing House, 1207 Michigan Avenue, or at Zion Tabernacle, 1621-1633 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill. But the best book on Divine Healing is the Bible itself, studied prayerfully and earnestly.

We extend to you a hearty invitation to attend the meetings, which are free to all. Our prayer is that you may be led to find in Jesus Christ our Lord and God, your present Saviour from sin, your Healer from sickness, your Cleanser from all evil, your Keeper in the way to Heaven, your God for All Time and Eternity. We pray that those who may help many who read, and that our little conversation may bear fruit in leading many readers to look to Jesus only.

"The Healing of Christ's seamless dress

Is by all beds of pain;

We took Him in His strong and press,

And we are whole again."

He sendeth His word  and healeth them.

# LEAVES OF HEALING

I am the Lord that healeth thee. And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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Arrives in Boston, With His Party, Safe and Well, by Steamship "Saxonia," at 3 P. M., Friday, January 11, 1901.

"The General Overseer has arrived."  
"The Doctor is safe in Boston,"  
"Praise the Lord."

THUS the words flew from lip to lip in Zion, Chicago, and soon throughout America, on Friday afternoon, January 11, 1901.

It was the greeting of the hour.

It was spoken with an eager joy, with a note of godly exultation in every voice.

The response, "Praise the Lord," was reverent and deeply genuine.

The perils and toils of the European mission and of a winter sea voyage were safely over.

All the gloomy predictions of the enemy had been proved diabolically false; all their threats had come to naught.

There remained only a brief mission in Boston and a day's journey upon a flying train between the General Overseer and Zion's Headquarters.

It was the return of a victor.

Zion's beautiful banner, fairer and brighter than ever, though it had been borne in the very front of many a battle, was crowned with the laurels of victory.

That banner had been placed upon the ramparts of the strongholds of Satan in Europe; yea, it had been borne into the very citadel.

Hosts of evil trembled before it, but the afflicted of God's people welcomed it with joy and gladness; for beneath its gold and white and blue, God had founded Zion, as a refuge for them.

Hence the return of God's Messenger, Zion's fearless Standard Bearer, was welcomed with thanksgiving and praise to God, by Zion in America.

Accompanied by Deacon O. L. Sprecher, his private secretary, Captain C. F. Stern, his personal attendant, and Mr. Ernest Williams, his stenographer, he arrived in Boston on the Cunard steamship *Saxonia*, at 3 o'clock p. m., Friday, January 11, 1901.

A. W. N.

On Lord's Day, January 13, 1901, the following telegram from the General Overseer was read in Central Zion Tabernacle: BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, January 13, 1901.

ZION, Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
Seventy-eighth Psalm, verses fifty-three and fifty-four:  
(And He led them safely, so that they feared not:  
But the sea overwhelmed their enemies.  
And He brought them to the border of His sanctuary,  
To this mountain, which His right hand had purchased.)  
Arrived safely *Saxonia* Friday.

All well.

Boston press and people have received me kindly.

Zion in Boston and from many other places welcomed me this morning. Pray for Mission here next three days.

God willing, I shall arrive in Chicago next Thursday.

Thanks for many messages of welcome.

You are all and always in my heart, in my plans and in my prayers.

The Twentieth Century is Zion's.

All lands are awakening to hear God's Message from Zion: Arise, go upward to Zion.

Hallelujah.

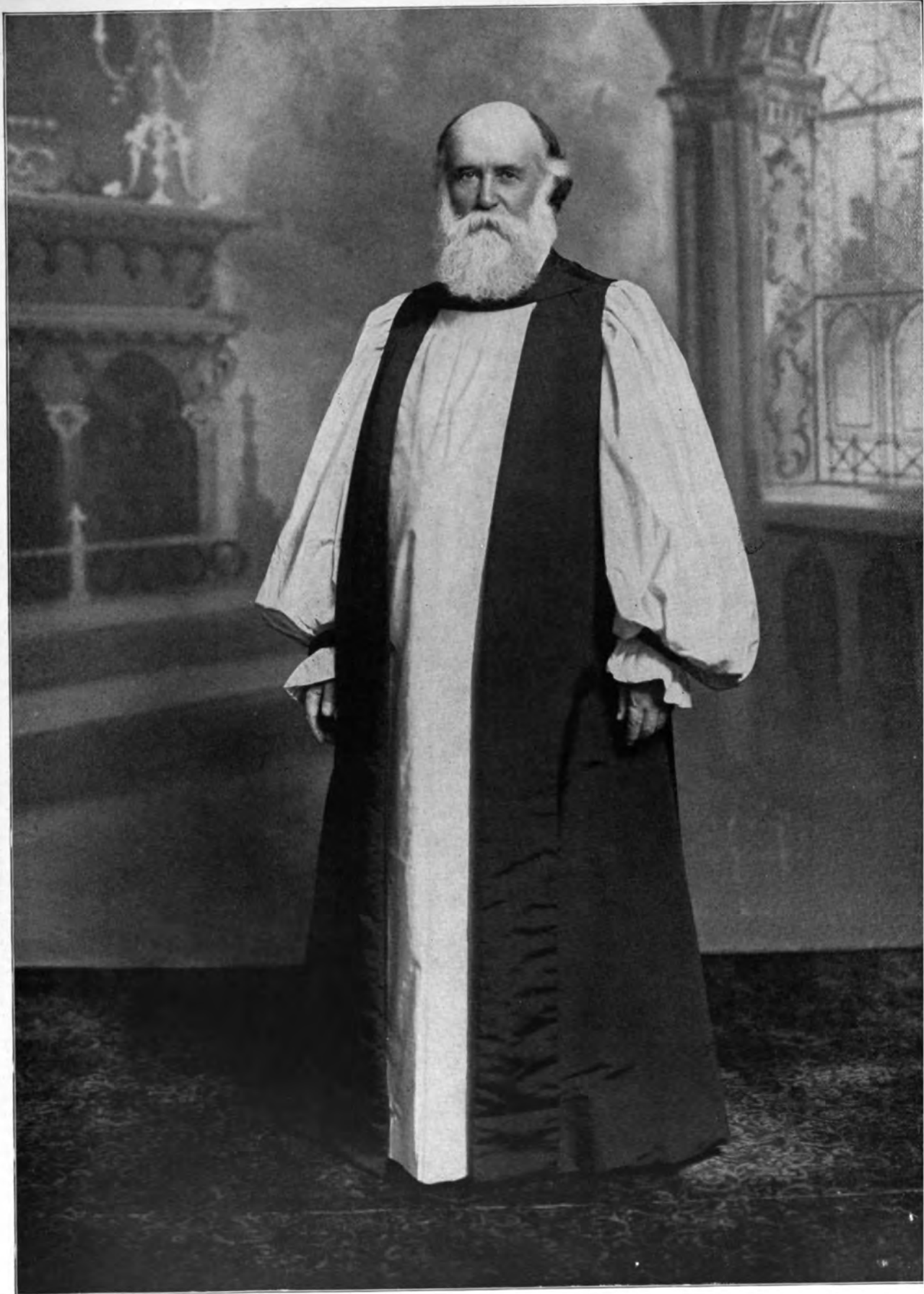
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# A VOICE TO ZION AND GOD'S PEOPLE IN EVERY LAND.

O thou that tellest Good Tidings to Zion, Get thee up into the High Mountain Lift up thy Voice with strength: Life it up, be not afraid: Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

Isaiah, XL: 9.

## ALL-DAY PRAISE AND TESTIMONY.

*Reports of Meetings held in Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Morning, Afternoon and Evening, December 30, 1900. Praise and Testimony.*

REPORTED BY S. D. W. AND A. W. N.

THE last Lord's Day of the Old Year and of the Century found Zion in Chicago gathered in Central Zion Tabernacle, praising God for His goodness, love and power, and telling of what He had done in Saving, Healing, Cleansing, Keeping and Providing for His children.

It was meet that Zion should thus close the year and the century; for although the world knew it not, the most important event in the Nineteenth Century was the founding of Zion by God through His Messenger, and the renewed proclamation of the Everlasting Gospel of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living.

It was with joyful hearts that the scores of witnesses told of the innumerable blessings which they had received from God, in the Name of His Son and by His Spirit's Power, as a result of the founding of Zion and the teaching and preaching of the Everlasting Gospel.

### MORNING SERVICE.

Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Morning, December 30, 1900.

The meeting was taken in charge by Overseer Mason, and opened by singing. The Overseer then read from First Corinthians, second chapter, closing with the following prayer:

May God bless the reading of His Word.

The tithes and offering were then received.

After prayer, the meeting was thrown open for praise and testimony.

#### Healed of Heart Disease of Twenty-two Years' Standing.

Lawrence King, 7064 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I thank God for His wonderful gifts to us in Zion. I had heart disease for twenty-two years, and God healed me. I am now perfectly well."

#### Prayer Heard for Healing of Grip.

Mrs. Jackson, 37 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I love the Lord because He has heard my voice and my supplication. A week ago Saturday I was taken very severely sick with grip. God heard and answered Elder

Graves' prayer for me. Yesterday I was sick and the Lord heard my prayers and the prayers of those in the house for me."

#### God Heals an Ulcerated Tooth.

Mrs. Charles Wilson, 1435 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "A few weeks ago I had an ulcerated tooth. It became so bad that one day Mr. Wilson had to stay home, and at midnight I called him, saying, 'The Devil has me.' I cannot explain it, but it was the Devil, and nothing else.

"Mr. Wilson jumped up and came over to my bed. He said, 'Can't you pray?' I said, 'No. I cannot pray for that tooth, because I do not know whether or not I ought to have it extracted.' He prayed for me, and that terrible feeling that I had all over me left, but the pain remained. Deacon Peckham prayed for me, and after a while I felt all the pain going away. Soon I noticed that the swelling was all gone down. Afterwards the whole jaw swelled up again, but the tooth did not ache. I began to repeat the thirty-fifth chapter of Isaiah and the twenty-third Psalm, and it was not long until the swelling was going away.

"God had the victory. I went to sleep and slept soundly until morning. When I awoke the swelling had entirely disappeared."

Healed of Tobacco Habit and Indigestion and Brought Out of Secretism.

J. H. Julian, Ellwood, Indiana, said: "Christian friends,

I am thankful to meet with you again this morning. This is my second visit to Chicago. About the 1st of November I was in this Tabernacle. I was wonderfully healed, not only of the tobacco habit, but of indigestion and stomach trouble. I have been delivered from Secret Societies. I think I live in one of the worst Secret Society towns in Indiana. I also gave up eating pork."

August Erhardt, Zion Home, said: "I thank God that I am born again. I am so glad that I did not have to attend some university in order to be born again. I was born again several years ago, but I could only see the Kingdom. I thank God that now I am born of water and of the Spirit, and I am in the Kingdom."

#### God Keeps From Sickness.

Evangelist Anna Armstrong, Zion Home, said: "I have great reason to praise the Lord this morning. I went with my husband last Sunday to his meeting on the North Side. It was a very stormy day, and the Devil tried very hard to give me a cold. I did not get any cold, not even a cough, and I praise the Lord for it. I think it is always good to pray before we get sick. May God bless all helpers."

The meeting was then closed with the following

#### BENEDICTION.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and



CENTRAL ZION TABERNACLE.



Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

### AFTERNOON SERVICE.

Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Afternoon, December 30, 1900.

The meeting was taken in charge by Overseer Speicher, and opened by singing Hymn Number 391:

Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious;  
See the "Man of Sorrows" now;  
From the fight returned victorious,  
Every knee to Him shall bow.

REFRAIN—*Crown Him, crown Him, angels crown Him,  
Crown the Saviour, "King of Kings."*

The thirty-fifth chapter of Isaiah was then repeated, after which prayer was offered by Overseer Mason.

The tithes and offering were then received.

Overseer Speicher then spoke as follows:

Zion denies that death, sickness, destruction or devastation of any kind is of God.

Zion teaches that all evil is of the Devil.

Today we claim that God is the Saviour, the Healer, the Cleanser and the Keeper of His people.

We wish to prove it again; not that it needs proof in Zion, but we desire to glorify God in telling each other, in speaking often one to another of the glories and goodness of God.

Let this be our testimony today: that what we shall say shall be for the glory of God only, that through His glory we may obtain further blessing.

Pray that God will bless these testimonies today, as they go to LEAVES OF HEALING, and bless them as they shall be read by those who have not known that God is indeed the Healer of His people.

The meeting was then thrown open for praise and testimony.

#### Healed of a Violent Attack of Illness.

Mrs. Holden, 14 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "Three weeks ago yesterday afternoon I was taken with a terrible pain in my stomach. It kept getting worse and worse. All night I was very sick. It seemed as if there were a flame of fire all through me. Then I had the hiccoughs. I gasped and could not get any relief, they shook me so. They almost sent me into spasms.

"I got up and started to Zion Seventy meeting. I was so ill that I doubled up and could hardly get home. I tried to pray for myself. Then I sent for an Elder. He prayed for me. As soon as he went out the door there was a bright light came before my eyes, and I said, 'Now I am well.' Although weak, I was well."

#### Healed of Catarrh of the Bowels.

Mrs. C. H. Hinkston, 2354 Calumet Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I have been healed of catarrh of the bowels.

"When I first started out to Zion Tabernacle No. 1, I only remained in the city a short time. I accepted the teaching the first Sabbath I heard Dr. Dowie. I was prayed for and relieved of one trouble which never came back. I have never felt it since.

"I was blessed spiritually from the beginning. I give God all the glory."

#### Sickness Came Through Working With Swine's Flesh; Healing When Sin Was Put Away.

James Stott, 3749 Wentworth Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "Nearly three years ago I was healed of rupture. My truss hangs on the walls of Zion as a trophy captured from the enemy.

"During the latter part of last April, the General Overseer told all those who were working amongst pork to come out. I had been very slow. I thought I would stay in for a few months longer. I was working every week and thought that we would be busier soon. Before the week was over I became sick. I could scarcely creep. I came down to Zion. Overseer Speicher prayed for me, and I received immediate relief. He told me that I was the second one who had been in that day who had been working with pork.

"During the summer I went out to Zion City, and was out there for some time. I took very severe rheumatism in my

arm. Deacon Lee came out one day and I asked him to pray for me. Before morning the swelling was all down.

"For thirty years I could not lie on my left side, and now I generally lie upon that side. I am perfectly well. I was never happier in my life."

#### Healed of Dyspepsia, Constipation and Poor Eyesight.

W. J. Atkinson, 5242 Harrison Street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, said: "I have been in Zion two years. When I first came here, I expected to be healed entirely that night. But the General Overseer preached Repentance, and told me what I was to do. I immediately set about it. As I went about it, I found more things and more things. I have been repenting ever since.

"I called occasionally to have the General Overseer and the Elders pray for me, for a year, but I did not get very much healing, although I gradually increased in strength. I had no faith; for I had prayed a great many hundred times when I was a Baptist and followed their teaching. I never got to an answer. Then the Lord gave me some faith. The Elders have prayed for me, and I have been healed of several serious diseases.

"I had dyspepsia. I inherited that from my mother, and I believe for several generations back they all had dyspepsia. Of that I am completely healed.

"I had chronic constipation. That is entirely healed. I had catarrh, and that is getting well rapidly. I had a corn, and the Lord healed that. I had bad eyes. After coming here and having the General Overseer pray with me, as I went home, I took off my glasses and threw them into the river. I could not afford to buy a new pair; so I had to trust the Lord. (Laughter and applause.)

"In addition to these healings the Lord has given me strength and an increase of weight constantly.

"I thank God for every bit of this. I thank the General Overseer for preaching to me, and the Elders for praying for me."

#### Converted and Healed of Lumbago and Other Diseases.

J. F. Peters, 682 Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "The first time that I knew God as the Healer was away back in 1888, down in a city in the Republic of Mexico. I had charge of a topographic survey there for the Mexican Central Railway, and contracted typhoid-malarial fever. I never knew about God as the Healer, but I think everybody knows something about God. I was not brought up a Christian, although I went to Sunday School as a little boy.

"When I got so sick I found that the medicines were doing me no good. I turned to God, and He raised me up. I got well. But I lied to God. I did not serve Him as I had promised, if He would raise me up.

"The first time that I heard the General Overseer, it seemed as if he were preaching directly to me. Everything that he said seemed to be said to me. I took it in, and as I went home that day I said to myself, 'You will have to be either a worse sinner, or repent.' That word Repent was getting into my heart all week long. I told my wife all week that I would not attend Zion Tabernacle the next Sunday; but I knew all the time in my heart that I would. When I came the next Sunday, the General Overseer asked those who wished to serve God to arise and consecrate themselves. I believe I was the first to get up. I thank God that I was.

"I came into Zion two years ago last November. In the following March I was taken sick with lumbago. I came home one morning with a pain in my heart, and could only draw half a breath. I thank God for my wife, because she was strong. I wanted to get a mustard plaster. (Laughter.) My wife said, 'No; trust God, and I will write a letter to Dr. Dowie.'

"She wrote the letter to the General Overseer. He was to pray at 5 o'clock. Up to that time I was rolling in pain, the perspiration just standing out on my forehead. It was the most intense pain, I think, I ever suffered. At 5 o'clock exactly I got out of that bed, and said to my wife, 'I am healed.' I went downstairs and ate a hearty supper, and felt as well as ever I felt in my life.

"Since then I have been wonderfully healed. One Sunday we left the Tabernacle to go over to the West Side. I began to feel as though my head would drop off. We went to the West Side Zion Tabernacle. Elder Stevens prayed, and all trace of it left.

"I thank God for our General Overseer. I thank God for all of our Overseers, and all the officers, and for the Christian Catholic Church in Zion."

**Instantly Healed of Nervous Prostration.**

Mrs. J. L. Beck, 358 Forty-fourth Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "Last March I was taken very sick with nervous prostration. For two weeks I lay flat on my back. I could not do anything. Elder Hoy came out and prayed for me, and I was strengthened very much through his teaching and prayers.

"On the 23d of April my husband took me to Zion Home. Overseer Speicher prayed for me. A tremendous power went right through me, and I was able to get up. I have been able to walk ever since."

**Healed of Partial Paralysis, Dyspepsia and the Effects of Nervous Prostration.**

Miss Emily S. Arnold, Zion Working Girls' Home, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I am amongst the many who have never testified, although I have been healed a long, long time. Nearly seven years ago God healed me in my right arm, and of partial paralysis, dyspepsia and bad constipation, and all the effects of nervous prostration. I was healed instantly and perfectly. Since then I have been healed a few times. About two months after these healings I was healed of pleurisy.

"Last spring I came to Chicago, and was taken with grip while working among the wholesale houses down town. When prayed for I very soon recovered. During the summer I had a bad tooth. Mrs. Paddock prayed for me, and one side of the tooth was perfectly healed. A few weeks after that she prayed for the other side, and that was perfectly healed. In a short time another tooth was taken in the same way, and that was healed. I praise God for His keeping power."

**Healed of Inflammatory Rheumatism. Healed of Rupture When Tithes Were Paid.**

Louis Benckendorf, Otter, Illinois, said: "I am glad that I can stand up before this congregation and say that I know that God has healed me of two different diseases. One was rupture, which kept me from my work nearly all last summer. I was hardly able to get around, although I did what little I could.

"I had inflammatory rheumatism in my right arm. It kept on for a long time. Afterwards my arm became so bad that I could not raise it up. All that time I was praying to God that He might heal me and help me. But I did not know how to trust Him. It was because I did not know the teaching. Now, thank God, I know the teaching which I have received in Zion, and am learning more every day.

"When I came to Zion last spring I threw away all medicine. About three weeks ago I started paying my tithes to Zion, and I thank God for it. I have received great spiritual and physical blessing since that time.

"I thank God that I have come to a place where they teach the Full Gospel."

Overseer Speicher—You were healed in Zion?

Mr. Benckendorf—"Yes."

Overseer Speicher—When were you healed of the rupture?

Mr. Benckendorf—"About three weeks ago."

Overseer Speicher—What duty did you neglect?

Mr. Benckendorf—"I owed some money to the United Brethren Church, and I supposed that as long as I had that to pay off I did not need to pay any tithes. My rupture would not heal, and I said to my wife, 'I do not know where the trouble is. I have asked God many times to heal my rupture, and it does not get well. I am neglecting something. It is something wrong somewhere, and it is not God. It is I. If there is anybody wrong, it is I.'

"Then I wrote a letter to Zion and I put in my tithes. As soon as that letter was out of the house, the pain left, and I have not felt a bit of pain since."

Overseer Speicher—Did you accept the teaching of Zion concerning swine's flesh?

Mr. Benckendorf—"Yes, sir."

Overseer Speicher—Did you raise hogs?

Mr. Benckendorf—"Yes, sir."

Overseer Speicher—What did you do?

Mr. Benckendorf—"I went home and killed the hogs." (Laughter and applause.)

Overseer Speicher—How many did you have?

Mr. Benckendorf—"In the neighborhood of seventy."

Overseer Speicher—How many dollars' worth?

Mr. Benckendorf—"Well, there was between \$600 and \$700 worth."

Overseer Speicher—What did you do with them?

Mr. Benckendorf—"I buried them." (Laughter and applause.)

Overseer Speicher—Are you sorry you did that?

Mr. Benckendorf—"I have never yet felt sorry for one minute, but I have had great joy."

Overseer Speicher—Do you feel that it was a right thing to do?

Mr. Benckendorf—"Yes, I do."

Overseer Speicher—Do you feel that it is right for all hog-raisers to kill their hogs?

Mr. Benckendorf—"I do."

**Wife Healed of Catarrh of the Middle Ear. Healed of Incipient Typhoid Fever and Other Ailments.**

F. A. Fournier, 1425 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "The first thing that I desire to thank God for is LEAVES OF HEALING. A little over four years ago I received two or three copies of LEAVES OF HEALING from a friend of mine in La Grange. It was at the time when the General Overseer was holding meetings in the Auditorium. I proposed to come down that very day to hear the Doctor, but I missed the train. I went to the home of a friend who had several copies of LEAVES OF HEALING. She read them to me for about two hours, and I thought I never heard anything so sweet in my life, although it was new to me. It was wonderful.

"She loaned me a few copies and I took them home. I began to read them to my wife.

"My wife afterward took sick. We were members of the Methodist Church at that time, and she went to our pastor, the Methodist minister, who was also a physician. He worked with her for some time, and gave her medicine, but she kept getting worse and worse. The physician did not know what was the trouble. He finally said that he could do no more. He advised her to go to a specialist in the city, who would perform an operation.

"She had catarrh of the middle ear.

"When she came home and told me the story, I said, 'You go to Dr. Dowie.' I urged her to go. Dr. Dowie was then preaching out at Stony Island Avenue.

"She started to call on her physician. When she got near his office, she stopped, halting between two opinions. One was to turn to the physician, and the other was to go to Stony Island Avenue. She turned around several times. A voice would say, 'Go this way,' and another voice would say, 'Go the other way.' She stood there at least ten minutes, not knowing which way to go.

"She finally decided to go to Zion. She there heard the teaching. She went into the prayer room, but came home no better. She had many things to repent of. The second time she went out there, she was no better. The third time she went out, she just surrendered, and then she got the healing. That night the last vestige of pain went out of her ear, and she has not had a return of it since. She praises God for it.

"The Lord has also healed me wonderfully. About three years ago I came down to the city. I had a severe toothache and neuralgia set in. I went home that night and found my wife suffering a little with headache. She was soon relieved. I said, 'Pray for me.' She prayed for me, and we prayed together. I was healed of that, and I have not had a toothache since. I was working out at La Grange a year ago last November. Typhoid fever was very prevalent in that town. I got sick and had all the symptoms of typhoid fever. I prayed, but got no better. My wife watched me most of the night.

"At 6 o'clock in the morning I lifted my heart to God, and instantly I felt a sensation go through my body. It seemed to start at my lungs, and it went through my whole system. I got up and dressed myself. We had breakfast and I went to work.

"On another occasion I had some work to do at Zion College Building, before the dedication of the College. I had only one day to do it in. I took the grip that day. I was sick all night, and the next morning I lifted my heart to God, and He healed me that I might do that work.

"I had catarrh for twenty years, and could never breathe through my nose freely. I have been almost entirely healed of that.

"For twenty years I suffered with corns. At times it

seemed that it would give me the lockjaw. I could not stand to have my shoes on my feet, and would often have to take them off and go in my stocking feet. But God has healed me of those corns."

**Healed in Answer to Elder Fockler's Prayers.**

Miss Alice L. Bigler, Hartwick, Iowa, said: "Last spring when I first came to Zion I wore glasses, but I have taken them off and have never worn them since. God healed my eyes.

"I was sick in bed all day Christmas. Christmas morning about 3 o'clock I got up. It seemed as if everything got dark. I fell on the bed unconscious. In a few minutes I went back to bed. My mother sent for an Elder. Elder Fockler came. The fever all left when he prayed.

"I thank God for Zion, and the healing and teaching I have received."

**Healed and Strengthened Without the Use of Drugs.**

Mrs. Elizabeth Renz, 2708 Shields Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I have been very sick, and very weak. I have been healed and strengthened, all without doctors or medicine, or any stimulant of any kind. I thank God for it.

"I thank God for the teaching of Zion.

"I have always trusted in God, and I was healed almost instantly when I was healed. I was healed through the prayers of Elder McClurkin of dropsy and rheumatism. I had not left my bed for two months. For weeks I could not stand on my feet. Three of Zion's Seventies came to me. They found me very sick. I had three doctors. These three Seventies went and brought Elder McClurkin, in answer to whose prayers I was healed

"One morning I took a very severe pain in my heart. I thought of the General Overseer. I had been reading a day or two before what Dr. Dowie said about his praying at 9 o'clock in the morning and evening. I went on my knees and prayed to God: 'Our Heavenly Father, I come to Thee in Jesus' Name, and I come to Thee with Thy servant, Dr. Dowie, and now, Heavenly Father, thou knowest our hearts, and Thou knowest Dr. Dowie's heart. If Dr. Dowie is right in Thy sight, take this pain away from my heart.' The pain was gone immediately, and I have never had a pain in my heart since. It is true. There is no humbug about it. It is as true as I am standing here today. I had a pain and God healed it."

**Call.**

Every one present today, stand for God and consecrate yourselves to His service. All in this meeting.

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.**

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. Take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be. Help me to hate sin with a great intensity. Deliver me from the power of sin and from the power of temptation. Help me to do right in Thy sight. Give me power to obey Christ in all things; to be obedient to all His commandments. Give me power to enter the New Century with a new life, with new power, that I may glorify God with my spirit, and my soul, and my body. Cleanse my spirit. Cleanse my blood. Heal my body, that I may be perfect for the coming of the New Year, and for the coming of the King, for Jesus' sake. Amen. (All repeat the prayer, clause by clause, after Overseer Speicher.)

The meeting was then closed with the following

**BENEDICTION.**

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

**EVENING SERVICE.**

Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Evening, December 30, 1900.

The meeting was taken in charge by Elder Brasefield, and opened by singing.

The one hundred and eleventh and one hundred and sixteenth Psalms were then read, after which prayer was offered.

After the receiving of tithes and offering, the meeting was thrown open for praise and testimony.

**Praise to God for the General Overseer's Successful Mission in Zurich.**

Deaconess Marie Brieger, Zion Home, said: "I praise the Lord with my whole heart in the assembly of the upright and in the congregation. My heart is rejoicing over the good news

received from Zurich, and over the successful meetings which the General Overseer held there. One young man writes me that he came all the way from Austria to Zurich to attend the meetings and has been healed of stomach trouble and sore eyes. The meetings were very much crowded, and the people even stood on stepladders in order to see and hear. Many were healed and seventy-two baptized."

**Delivered From Cold.**

Mrs. Mary Jenrich, 3233 South Canal Street, Chicago, Illinois, said. "I was out with Zion Saloon Seventies one night, and took a severe cold. I had a headache with it. I praise God that I have been delivered from the cold, and am fully delivered from all the pain."

**Healed of Many Severe Diseases.**

Mrs. Matilda Mahon, 41 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois, said. "Three years ago this last April I was delivered of several diseases through Dr. Dowie's prayers. I suffered for years with heart trouble, with Bright's disease, inflammatory rheumatism, lung trouble and stomach trouble and catarrh of the head.

"I praise God for all He has done for me."

**Saved and Healed of Grip. Little Daughter Healed.**

John Caldwell, 4365 Fifth Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I thank God that He has saved me, and that He continues to keep me saved. I thank Him that He has healed me of the grip. I thank Him for Zion Schools.

"Our little one has been very sick, and she was completely delivered in answer to prayer. She choked on something at school, and one of the teachers, Miss Fisher, took her head under her arm and prayed, and the child was delivered."

**Healed of Grip. Saved and Delivered From Bad Habits and Secret Societies.**

P. W. Zoller, 617 Fifty-fifth Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I praise God for the blessings of these past two weeks. First the Devil got my wife with grip. She recovered. Then the Devil got me, and for a Christmas present he gave me the grip. But I thank God that the power of Christ is ever present to heal.

"When I came to Zion first I did not come because I wanted to be healed, but I came because I found God here. After I was born again, I found how sick I had been, in spirit. I was delivered from beer and whisky and Secret Societies. I praise Him for it."

**Healed of Fainting Spells and Insanity.**

Mrs. Emily Stewart, Winamac, Indiana, said: "I praise God for Zion and for Dr. Dowie. For many years I had fainting spells, as many as fifteen in a day. When I filled out a request for prayer, I did not know what I wrote; for I was insane. I remember filling it out, but I do not remember what I wrote. I remember seeing my son write something after I wrote it. I suppose that he told them that I was insane. On the 4th day of November I was instantly healed. My mind came back to me like the sun coming out from under a cloud, and everything was again bright."

**Healed of Hemorrhoids and Grip.**

Mrs. L. M. Zepernick, 41 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I praise God for Zion, and for all the blessings which we have enjoyed in Zion since we have been here. We came to Chicago from San Diego, California. Since then God has continually blessed us.

"I was very sick when we came here. God has delivered me entirely from hemorrhoids, both itching and bleeding. At times I was so ill I could not walk across the floor, and God wonderfully delivered me. That was the 15th of last April

"Last Thursday morning I was taken very ill with grip, and grew worse all day until about 5 o'clock. Elder Graves came and prayed with me, and God wonderfully healed me.

"I praise God tonight that He is my Healer. I have not taken any medicine since I have been in Zion."

**Obedience in Baptism Brings Healing.**

Miss Lydia Rudolph, Lowell, Indiana, said: "I am here first to thank God for a godly mother, for her prayers have brought at least one of her children to God. Four years ago I united with the Methodist Church, but I was not saved.

"Some one sent us LEAVES OF HEALING. I had been on

the sick bed for four months. I had never enjoyed health from my childhood. I was having doctors continually. I was at last enabled to rise from my bed.

"In the spring of 1897 I came to Chicago. Overseer Speicher prayed for me, and I received some blessing, although I was not entirely healed. I was baptized by Triune Immersion, and then the trouble which I had in my back disappeared, and I never had it again till last spring, when I disobeyed God. I was working in a family who were not Zion people, and under their influence I was led to take medicine. Since then I have turned to God and been wonderfully blessed.

"Two days ago I came to the city in search of something to do, that I might be with Zion people and enjoy the blessings of Zion homes, and on arrival I found a place waiting for me in Zion."

#### Healed of White Swelling and Deafness.

Mrs. Louisa Bennett, 246 Sixty-third Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I was healed at Zion Tabernacle No. 1. I went to the healing room, Dr. Dowie laid his hands on me, and I was healed. I had a white swelling on my leg for fifteen years. I was also partially deaf. I was healed of all that. I give God the praise, and thank Dr. Dowie for his wonderful teaching."

#### God Takes Away Pain From Foot.

J. H. Buhlman, Clayton, Iowa, said: "I had a pain in my foot, and it seemed that I could not stand it. I told my wife that I wished she would pray for me, as I had prayed several times without any answer. She prayed and went to her bed again. After that I prayed again and God heard my prayer and freed me from the pain."

#### Immediately Healed of Defective Eyesight and Appendicitis.

Elder H. D. Brasefield—I feel I must have just a word. Last Friday night two young men called on me. One was a member of Zion, and one was not. I did not know that they were coming. The conversation took a very natural turn, and before I knew it I had told my story. When I had finished the young man who is in Zion College said to me, "Professor, I did not know that you had so much of a story to tell. I have never heard your testimony before."

I did not blame him for never having heard it before, for I had never told it. After he went out that took hold of me with a tremendous grip: "You have never told your story." I said right there and then, "Before the century closes I will tell my story." In telling it, I am not telling it to prove Divine Healing.

Since September 1, 1899, I have not touched a drop of medicine. In that time I have had a number of answers to prayer for colds and deliverances from sick headache and from nervous headache, but there are two experiences that I had very clearly of which I wish to speak tonight.

Mrs. Brasefield and I came to Chicago through the kindness of a friend who was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Clayton, New Jersey, of which I then happened to be the active pastor. We came here to investigate Zion and to have Zion investigate us. After we had been in Zion Home for one week, one morning, in my room, I said to myself, "What is the use, in the light of this teaching, of me wearing these glasses?" I had been wearing them since 1888, the time I was a sophomore in college. I became convinced right there and then that there was no use, and without any more ado about it, I took them off, and have not had them on since.

I have done harder work and more night work; I have done more reading and more studying; I have used my eyes harder during these twelve months than any corresponding period of my life, and they have never troubled me.

Before my healing, when I would go without my glasses, I would suffer severely from pains of the head. I could scarcely recognize a person across the street. Now I can recognize a person a block off. I have frequently stood in our room, when we were in Zion Home, and been able to read the sign on the Stuebaker Building, which is at least a quarter of a mile away. That was my first experience in Zion. No one prayed with me. No one laid hands on me. I simply took God at His Word.

It is just a year ago tonight that I was in this Tabernacle, having recovered from a very severe attack of appendicitis. You say "Well, perhaps you only think it was appendicitis." The only way I know is from the word of the doctors as they

diagnosed my case, having had five preceding attacks in two and one-half years.

Overseer Speicher came into my room. I had been receiving a measure of blessing. I had been on my feet continually. He came in at 11 o'clock at night, and prayed. After a severe struggle, it seemed that all the powers of hell were fighting over me, lasting until 3 o'clock in the morning, when I was freed entirely from the pain and all the fever. I arose and did the very worst thing that any man could possibly do, in a case of appendicitis, humanly speaking. I ate the juice of two oranges, took a bath, went to bed and slept four hours.

The meeting was then closed with the

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What six books, besides the Bible, could be more precious, more valuable to every member and friend of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, than the first six volumes of LEAVES OF HEALING?

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A Series Delivered Before the Students of Zion College by the President, Rev. John Alexander Dowie,  
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THE world today has learned that there is something far beyond the ordinary in the words and works of God's Messenger to Zion, John Alexander Dowie.

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Hence it was with the greatest joy that the students of Zion College received the announcement that the General Overseer would deliver a Series of Lectures on the subject of Prayer. It was an inestimable privilege to learn how to pray from a man whose whole life had become a mighty power for God through Prayer. But joyful as the anticipation was, it was more than justified by the realization.

Many members of the Christian Catholic Church also attended these Lectures and were amazed, from week to week, by the great depth and scope of the subject as it was opened up by the man of God.

Since the delivery of these Lectures there has been a loud appeal, from many sides, to have them published.

The General Overseer was reluctant, as he felt that in the great pressure of his other duties he had not been able to give the Lectures as he might have done with more time at his disposal. He also felt that he should revise them before their publication, and this he could not find time to do.

At length, however, the appeal for them being urged, he consented that they should be sent forth, without his revision, during his absence in Europe and the Holy Land.

Accordingly this wonderful teaching will be printed, almost as it came from his lips, from time to time, in LEAVES OF HEALING. In preparing these Lectures for the press, we have eliminated some allusions to topics of the time and place and have written in some headlines.

We have also cut out opening and closing exercises and arranged the matter consecutively without regard to number and date of Lectures.

We pray that God will bless these wonderful truths to all who read in even greater measure than He did to those who heard.

A. W. N.

## REPLENISH THE EARTH.

### The Value of Diversity.

I love diversity.

Diversity seems to me to be essential to enjoyment.

Of course, it is a good thing to have uniformity substantially. That is to say, there must be a unity in variety.

How poor an architecture is that which has no diversity.

I am against square lines.

I believe in curved lines in architecture.

I used to like angles, but as I grew older I began to believe more in curved lines.

That wretched Gothic architecture is an abomination. It is the rudest form of architecture. It is the architecture of savages who stuck up a couple of poles.

When God makes a man, He domes him over—puts a dome

on top of him. When you meet a man who has a square head instead of a dome, look out for that fellow; he is dangerous.

There is a great deal in form.

I have been studying architecture a good deal for years, and have been giving a good deal of attention lately, at odd times, to that study.

"When do you find time to study?" perhaps you ask.

I am like the good woman who when the last baby has gone to sleep, sits down, with a sigh of satisfaction, to do some mending.

She thanks God they are all asleep.

If she has a good husband, he is asleep, too. It is all the better. She can do a great deal of work.

So I do a great deal of work and study after you are all asleep.

Study forms. Remember that everything you see in nature is a circle or the segment of a circle, or other curve.

The trees are round, not square. The sky is a dome. Your fingers have a round form. God is always making things round. He is polishing the rocks; rounding them.

### A Wonderful Thought Concerning God.

Let me give you a thought concerning God which I picked up a great many years ago. I will not name the author, because he is too wicked. I do not know where he got the thought. I have often wondered at it. He was a French author, renowned for his wickedness. In the course of my university studies I was under compulsion to read that author.

I had to fling his book aside a great many times with contempt and horror, but in the course of his writings, I came across this expression concerning God. I could not help thinking, when I read it many years ago, and I think of it now, that from a standpoint of Christian philosophy it is one of the most wonderful thoughts ever expressed. It must have been a thought of God which had been dropped in this man's heart at a time when he was a different kind of a man.

It was in a Prayer which came out of one of the characters in the book—a broken-hearted man. This was the cry:

Thou whose center is everywhere; whose circumference is nowhere.

Get that thought. I think it will do you for thinking at odd times for all your life.

Give that thought, as I gave it one time, steady thinking for half an hour a day.

The great trouble with people is that they do not study things. How long do you do steady thinking?

Go down to the depths of the ocean and draw up grains of sand. Put them under a microscope, and these little black grains of sand burst into beautiful shells.

God is there. He wrought there. That was His center of operation for that moment, as it were.

If the Supreme Being centers himself upon everything He does, that is the only way you can ever do anything. Center yourself upon it for the time being. Fix yourself there.

Work at it as if it were the only thing in the Universe to work at. That capacity is Divine.

You will be met with the statement, "God's center is not in hell. It cannot be there."

If I ascend up into heaven, Thou art there:

If I make my bed in hell, behold, Thou art there.

It is a thought which staggers a man.

Has He a center, too, in hell?



Is some power working there which, by and by, will work out even from hell?

Yes.

Great thoughts sometimes will overwhelm you.

I desire to call your attention to God's command to Noah: Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

**The Wonder of the Age in Multiplication.**

It is a wonderful age we are living in for multiplication. It seems to me that the unfoldings of the hidings of God's power which are imminent, which we have in part now with the capacity for reproduction in this world, are increased uniformly both for good and evil.

There is a great deal in that somewhat trite saying, "One drop of ink makes millions think."

It all depends upon the way that drop is used.

A man may write a poem with which the Devil will burn out of one's mind all that is pure and holy.

Robert Burns' drinking songs have been an awful curse to Scotland.

On the other hand, what a regenerating power to spirit and life a word of purity and power from God is!

How great is the invisible and permanent and ever-increasing power of good.

The future lies always with the right.

I remember, in this city, when Zion was so little that no one fought her. It did not matter what I said; no one fought.

I said: "The future is with God, with Zion, therefore with me, for I stand, by God's Grace, for Zion."

The future lies always with the multiplying power, the replenishing power.

Oh how much the Church of God needs replenishing today!

**The Church of God Today Needs to be Fruitful.**

It needs to multiply. It needs to replenish the earth; for the earth today is barren.

Some people imagine that some things are dead never to return again.

They are mistaken.

God says:

That which is hath been already; that which is to be hath already been: and God seeketh again that which is passed away.

There is not a thing in nature today which did not exist at the beginning.

There is not a flower which grows today which did not have its seed in the beginning.

What we are today is the outcome of what has been. The evil or the good there is in us today is a transmission from the past.

We are the inheritors, in ourselves, of the good or ill, spiritual, psychical or physical, of all the past. That which is to be hath already been.

God is saying to you and to me today, "I seek again that which is passed away."

That is why I am fought so hard.

My ministry requires an account of the past.

God brings before Him in judgment the things which are past.

I know what God requires. I know what God does. I know from God's Word this one great truth, that evil must be transient.

It is not eternal in its origin.

It cannot be eternal in its duration.

That which did not have eternal preëxistence can never have permanent existence.

It must die.

Another thought that is in my mind is: What do you know about God? It has been in my mind a good deal this morning.

I will tell you one thing I know.

I know that whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor anything taken from it.

**The Past and Future Center in the Present.**

Take that thought to God and ask Him to show you what these two things mean: that you are not dealing with the past at all, that the past is present; that you are not dealing with the future at all, that the future is present. The past and the future center in this very present age in which we live.

The "is to be" is.

The "has been" is.

God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.

Every being which ever lived in this world still exists. I think, as a matter of scientific fact, you will find that every atom of purity, that every life that has existed in this world now exists.

**Nothing is Destructible.**

I could put a match to that table and destroy its form, but all the gases which compose it, and everything which really made that table would still exist. Sunbeams are in that table which shone upon the tree before it was cut.

The beautiful rain from heaven is in that table. The beautiful air, all the things which made it possible for that tree to grow, are there. All the wonderful influences and powers are there.

You can destroy the form of it, but the essence hath visible and invisible form forever.

The Devil may change the form of things for the time being, but permanence of form he cannot give. The powers of evil which pervert are ridiculous and wicked in comparison with the eternal powers of God which convert. The transformation of spiritual, psychical and physical being, powerful as it seems to be, is transient; but the conversion, the bringing back of all things, is as sure as God lives.

When we are praying, let us ask God, without any fear, for fruitfulness of being, for multiplication of powers, and for the glorious privilege which we have of replenishing the barren earth of the Church and of humanity with the truths which have been so long lost.

If only we can, by the Grace of God, bring back into living power that glorious, Everlasting Gospel of Salvation and Healing and Holy Living, and can illustrate it ourselves, how glorious it will be! But just as long as you look at yourself, and just as long as you merely look at others, and just as long as you are content to live with your eyes down upon the ground, or look down upon a level, so long will you be unfruitful.

If you do not fulfil the purposes of your being, and by the Grace of God put all earthly things under your feet, if you let them weigh upon your heart, then you will be a miserable failure.

**By Leaving All With God We Can Do Great Things for Him.**

A man said to me the other day, "Doctor, you are a perfect puzzle to me."

I said, "What is the puzzle?"

He said, "The prodigious capacity which you have for work."

He was my attorney. He said, "It would kill me ten times over."

I said, "You are a pretty strong man now compared to what you were when I first met you, when you became my attorney some time ago."

He said, "When you called me, I felt that it was of God. You make me work night and day, and now I am stronger than ever."

I said, "That is contact with me, do you not see?"

He said, "I believe it. You are a tremendous fellow for carrying things."

"Stop right there," I said. "The point is this: I do not carry things. If I were not able to cast my burden on the Lord, I would like to know where I would be today. I would be carrying about 6500 acres of land upon my shoulders."

Pretty heavy burden that, is it not?

If I were to carry burdens, I should have all these Elders, Evangelists, Deacons, Deaconesses, teachers and instructors upon my shoulders. Where would I be, if I were to carry the Christian Catholic Church in Zion upon my shoulders?

Where would I be?

That is just the trouble with people. They carry things themselves. They do not leave them with the Lord.

To take things to the Lord is good, but it is better to leave them there.

Do not worry.

The past is not gone. It is here. We have to fight the evil in it. We have all the blessing of the good in it.

It is glorious to me to know that the past is here.

It is glorious to know that Noah and Abraham, who have been in heaven for a good many centuries and are cleaned up now, still live.

#### **The Last Fights are About to be Fought.**

You know with what dreadful anticipation the very nations wait when a battle between two great powers is imminent.

I believe that before many years we shall see Russia and France on one side, and England and Japan and America and Germany and the other Protestant powers of Europe on the other.

That is the last fight: the fight between the nations which are apostate and in the grip of that old apostasy of Greece and Rome; a fight in which the false prophet will be standing on the side of the apostates.

Mohammedism must be dealt with. It is a tremendous power. It will fight hard. These Mohammedans are splendid fighters, because they are not drunkards, and are not pork-eaters. They can live on a handful of dates and a glass of water. They have courage and endurance.

What a tremendous thing it will be, when the conflict draws near to the end, to look at the great armies on the Gideon battlefield—perhaps down in the Valley of Jehoshaphat, right under the City of Jerusalem.

I am very much struck with a great many things which make me see more than ever that that part of the world, around these various points, Constantinople, Jerusalem and Cairo, will be the great battlefield of the Last Fight.

There the nations will clash, struggling for the possession of the Suez Canal, the Holy City, the Golden Horn.

When I was in Europe and the battles of Soudan were being fought between France and Germany, I came down from London to Edinburgh. All night it seemed to me as if I could almost hear the booming of cannon over the land. The news came that the last grip between these two great forces had come, and that the Germans had surrounded Soudan; that they were pouring into it a very hail of artillery fire.

We heard that Marshal McMahon had been wounded and had given charge of the army to a very inferior officer; that Napoleon III himself was down there in that Valley of the Soudan. We could almost hear the roar of the cannon and the screaming of the men as they were dying in thousands.

Then the news reached us that all was still; that the white flag had been rushed up and Napoleon III had surrendered. The French Empire fell with a crash, and before the day was over there was a provisional government in Paris. A Republic was established which is the Government of France today.

We are about to see great things. That crash of the great powers is nothing as to this crash, the battle of spiritual forces.

#### **There Will Also be a Great Battle of Spiritual Forces.**

They thought that Christ was a poor, weak, despised non-entity, and that when they had crushed the life out of the Carpenter of Nazareth, they had destroyed Christianity. They asked for Barabbas, and they destroyed Jesus.

What are the churches today doing?

They are calling for Barabbas, and they want me murdered.

I am only little; but if Zion is Zion, and I am God's minister in this matter, His Messenger, then the crash is coming. It will be fought out by the forces of Zion against an Apostate Church. While there will be a great visible, material and political and international conflict, there will be another conflict which is greater than that in its issue, although to the eye of the historian for the moment it would only seem but a trifle.

The historians of Christ's time did not take much notice of Christ. Josephus just gives a mere line. How very little notice was taken of Him. No philosopher thought His philosophies worth considering. No historian considered His Life worth writing outside of the Christians who wrote it.

But their histories and their philosophies have passed away, and the Story which was written by these four humble men, and the story of the Acts of the Apostles, are things which are moving humanity today.

Do not let us worry about things.

Only let us go forward. Let us be brave and each do our part. When the battle is over, and the empire of the Devil has fallen, and the Kingdom of our God is established, it will be by those who have known how to pray and how to live as they prayed. It will be by those who got the blessing, and multiplied and replenished the earth and subdued it.

That is the next thing: how to subdue the earth. The earth needs to be brought into subjection. If you do not subdue the earth, the earth will rise up against you, and will tear you with thorns and briars and thistles. You will not be able to walk in it. It will tangle you up.

The earth bears evil. Subdue it. Clean it out. Keep it clean. Subdue the earth if it is within your being. Keep under your body. Bring it into subjection.

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## ZION IN THE ORIENT.

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## GOD'S WORD THE ONLY FOUNDATION FOR MISSIONS.

THE GENERAL OVERSEER in LEAVES OF HEALING, December 1, 1900, page 168, teaches that human opinion is not a safe foundation for Divine Faith; that faith must rest on an absolute, infallible Message from God. He says:

You cannot get a Divine Faith out of human opinion. Human opinion is like the wind. Human opinion is from the North one day and the South another, and boxes the whole compass, perhaps, inside of a month. Opinion is not worth a pin in itself.

The trouble with men is that they are in perpetual bondage because they are listening to this opinion and that opinion, *while the mind of God is not studied.*

My private opinion is in perfect accord with God's stated Word. I have no private opinion which differs from God's Word. God's Word is absolute. My opinion is of no consequence if other than God's Word.

Ambassadors of Christ have no right to preach what they think, nor what any man on God's earth thinks. The only thing which I, or any other minister of Christ, is sent to preach is what God thinks, what God says; therefore what Jesus says.

Faith will always come by hearing the Word of God.

Faith will never come by listening to the opinions of men, for there are almost as many opinions as there are men.

"IF THERE WERE NO BIBLE, we should still have Christ," is a remark often heard in some of the popular theological schools. Is the saying true? What Christ is for us, includes what He has done and taught. The Spirit of Christ produced the prophetic writings of the Old Testament. See 1 Peter 1:11. The other writings of the Old Testament also foretell Christ. Proof, Luke 24:44, 45, and many other passages.

The whole New Testament contains the teaching of Christ, without which teaching no one can know and obey Christ. In John 12:48 the Lord Jesus says: "He that rejecteth Me, and receiveth not my sayings, hath One that judgeth him: *the Word that I speak*, the same shall judge him in the last day."

To have Christ is first to know His teaching, and then to obey Him. How absurd and wicked, then, to assert that if we had not the teaching we should still have Christ! As well might a fifth-rate amateur fiddler exclaim, "Oh, if every copy of Handel's Messiah were burned and all of Beethoven's symphonies and all the works of the great masters of music were destroyed, we should still have music! I would keep on fiddling."

When missionaries disparage the written Oracles which our Lord, in John 10:35, says cannot be broken, they advertise their own conceited and go-as-you-please spirit—a spirit so often sharply and justly rebuked by God's Messenger, our General Overseer.

It is a specious wile of the Devil nowadays to flatter and persuade men that all of God and Christianity is wrapped up in man, and that, therefore, "if the Bible were gone, we should still have Christ." By this sophistry Satan is hoping to bring about what is foretold in Amos 8:11, 12, a famine of hearing the words of Jehovah:

And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the North even to the East; they shall run to and fro to seek the Word of the Lord, and shall not find it.

DIVINE AUTHORITY is minimized in the denominational schools for training missionaries. President Harper, of the University of Chicago, speaking of the Baptist Theological Department, says: "We teach students the scientific as well as orthodox principles. But we leave them to form their own opinions upon religion as well as other subjects."

It is not true, however, that the students are left to form their own opinions on religion. They are distinctly taught to ridicule the idea of verbal inspiration. They are taught to explain away the miraculous in the Old Testament. They are taught in some schools a pantheistic philosophy, Monism, which holds that there is only one force in the Universe, and that that force is God—which of course makes God responsible for sin and sickness and denies flatly the teaching of Jesus regarding the Devil and evil spirits.

True, all force originated with God. But there are now working forces hostile to God. Man and evil spirits are working.

What forces are according to God's will and what are not can only be learned with certainty from an infallible Standard, the correct picture of the Life and the correct record of the Words of the Lord Jesus.

MAGNETISM.—Students in many schools of apostate churches are also taught that the healings reported in connection with the prayers of Zion are to be explained by mesmerism or magnetism or mental suggestion or mind cure, or by some occult law unknown to the masses; understood, perhaps, by the unwashed theosophists of India and yet to be made clear by the Society for Psychical Research, or found out in the laboratory of some professor of biology, who will solve the mystery of life by dissecting worms and clams. Thus the theological world through its wisdom knows not God (1 Corinthians 1:21). "To the law and to the testimony! If they speak not according to this Word, surely there is no morning for them."—Isaiah 8:20.

PRESIDENT HARPER says that the minds of many of his students are unsettled in matters of faith. But whose fault is it? It is the fault of those who have no authoritative standard of religious truth. They profess to know nothing of God but what they learn from Christian thought and life, in any time or in any place. On this shifting sand they try to build theology and morals. They think the best religion is yet to come. It is to be constructed as men construct a science of botany, by observing and arranging all the facts. Christianity is a natural evolution, not a supernatural revelation, they think.

THE DEVIL was the first professor who suggested doubts and unsettled faith. "Yea, and has God said?" was the doubt which he suggested to Eve, a doubt as to the fact that God had spoken, and then a doubt as to the truth of what God had said (Genesis 3:1-5).

THE LORD JESUS in His first great battle with the Devil did not appeal to His own reason or conscience or experience. He appealed to Authority, absolute and final, the written record of what God had said: "*It is written*, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."—Matthew 4:4; Luke 4:4.

THE MESSENGERS whom the Lord sent to all the nations, in the solemn hours just before the Ascension, had impressed upon them the supreme Authority of God's Word in the Scriptures. They were not told of their great need of human learning, or that they must adapt themselves and their message to the spirit of the age. "*Then opened He their mind, that they might understand the Scriptures.*"—Luke 24:45. In the denominational schools for training missionaries, the teachers act as though the verse read: "Then unsettled He their mind, that they might criticise and doubt the Scriptures."

# CHEERING WORDS FROM ZION'S GUESTS ←

## NOTES FROM ZION HOME

THE regular Praise and Testimony Meeting held in Zion Home, Saturday evening, December 29, 1900, was conducted by Overseer Speicher.

After the usual opening exercises, the States represented were enumerated and found to be thirteen in number, as follows:

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Washington and Wisconsin. The following foreign countries were represented:

Austria, Canada, China, England, Germany and Japan.

The meeting was then thrown open for testimony.

MISS SARA REIFF, Zion Home, said: "I praise God that I am well again after being four days in bed with the grip. I was very sick and my skin was a brownish-yellow color. I am so thankful that I have learned how to fight the Devil. I had the grip once before and was sick four months. In the first place, the doctor gave me an overdose of medicine and nearly killed me, and then in the Dunkard Church I was taught that God made me sick to make me better.

"I am so glad I can listen to the Full Gospel now and have learned different. It is just one year tomorrow since I came to Zion. It has been the best year of my life. I praise God for our General Overseer, a man so much loved by those who know him and so much hated by those who do not know him."

DEACONESS MARY B. SPEICHER, Zion Home, said: "God has done wonderful things in Zion. I was called again to Wisconsin to a lady who had been condemned to die with a cancer about two years ago. There was no earthly help for her when she came to Zion and was healed. I was with her when her child was born two years ago, and a beautiful child it is now. A second one has come. The cancer is entirely gone."

PETER NICHOLS, 1425 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I thank God for His latest blessing to me. About ten days ago I took sick and had a very high fever. My head was throbbing very severely. I had pains all over my body. Overseer Piper prayed for me once when I sent him a request, and again when I went to see him in his office. I was delivered entirely of the fever and pains, and I am getting along nicely.

"I am thankful to God for the instructions of our General Overseer, Elders and Overseers, who have been so kind to me in Zion Home and in Zion College, since I came to Zion two and a half years ago. I praise God and thank Him every day for strength in spirit, soul and body."

MRS. JOHN G. SPEICHER, Zion Home, said: "I thank God for a wonderful blessing I received last week. I was taken sick very suddenly and fainted away once, and two other times I came very near it. I suffered severe pain all day, and late in the afternoon we called for Overseer Piper. God heard our united prayers and that same evening set me free.

"I also thank God for healing our little daughter Ruth this week, when she was suffering from high fever and headache.

"I am angry for getting sick at all; for I know that if we carefully guarded every avenue by which Satan might enter into our lives, we would not need to suffer. Yet I rejoice that for such time God has given us a way of deliverance.

"I do rejoice that we are connected with so great a work, and thank God for His many blessings to us constantly."

Overseer Speicher—My wife was very sick indeed. We

do get sick even in Zion Home. I had to fight hard from getting sick myself. One day I kept very close to my office. It seemed as if the Devil wanted to give me the grip, but I would not take it from him.

What I want to say concerning this is that we have been exceedingly fortunate in Zion. There has not been one Elder or Elder's wife, Evangelist, Deacon or Deaconess who has died since the organization of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

There was a lady who wrote in a few days ago, asking why we never published any deaths in Zion in LEAVES OF HEALING. "Surely," she wrote, "some of the Elders die or some of the prominent people, but you do not tell anything about it in the paper."

I was glad to be able to answer her that up to that time no officer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion had ever died. We cannot use much of our space in LEAVES OF HEALING to publish notices of this kind. Suppose any of the Elders or other officers were to die, we would not be ashamed to print it in LEAVES OF HEALING.

God has wonderfully kept us in Zion. The year 1900 was a most blessed year in Zion. With the exception of a dear sister who was seventy-five years of age, there has not been one death in Chicago, so far as I remember now, of any member who has been with us a year.

OVERSEER GEORGE L. MASON, Zion Home, said: "I thank God for this past year, the happiest and most fruitful of my life. God has given me more answers to prayer in the last two years than in all my life before.

"Some cases have come to my knowledge of God's blessing LEAVES OF HEALING to insane people. I met a lady the other day who was restored to sanity through reading the LEAVES. When she was in the insane asylum she had begun to pray that God would deliver her, when she picked up a portion of LEAVES OF HEALING containing the picture and testimony of Elder Graves. She asked God that the paper might be His Message to her, and that was the means of her coming back to perfect health of mind.

"Mrs. George Conant, of North Duxbury, Vermont, was a patient in the insane asylum at Waterbury. Her friends sent a request for prayer to Zion Home. They prayed for her and sent her LEAVES OF HEALING. Within two weeks she was back home, perfectly well and happy.

"I was a guest of George Cosper at Sistersville, West Virginia, who was brought to Zion Home several years since in a dreadful condition, out of his mind entirely."

Overseer Speicher—Had to be taken care of like a baby. It was a wonderful case.

Overseer Mason—"His wife would sometimes be awakened in the night by his trying to strangle her. He often sought his own life. He was here for several months and got light gradually. He became a Christian and was delivered. He speaks with deep gratitude of the kind and fatherly interest shown by Dr. Dowie and Dr. Speicher. It was a great joy to me to lead him into the Ohio River for Triune Immersion. He then gave his first testimony in our meeting to God's healing of his mind. He had always been ashamed to confess it before."

DEACONESS HELEN A. DRUEY, Brookings, South Dakota, said: "I praise God tonight for all the blessings I have received

since I have been in Zion. I know what it is now to be persecuted, as we have gone through some real persecution. The Devil tried to get the best of me by trying to make me sick. I got up one morning very sick and fainted away. That was 7:30, and I was to be in school at 9 o'clock. My sister went for a neighbor who is a Zion woman, and we prayed that I might be restored at once so that I could go to my work. I went to school as usual and stayed all day, and also held an important meeting in the evening and stayed till 10 o'clock.

"I thank God also that I have the opportunity of helping many others."

CHARLES A. SUTTIE, Galesville, Wisconsin, said: "I deem it a great joy to be here. We have a little Gathering of the Friends of Zion in Galesville. We have met regularly for two years, the number being about thirty. All of them live without medicine, so I know it is possible.

"I have been delivered from a very bad cold and the tobacco habit, in answer to the prayers of a Zion Elder."

LOUIS SEEGER, Dwight, Illinois, said: "I was healed six years ago in Zion Tabernacle No. 1. It is my joy to work for God. I love to do so. I am sorry I cannot do more. I take LEAVES OF HEALING to the Keeley Cure Institute, where I am very well known. Sometimes they tell me to get out, but I go right back again. I have sold some papers there.

"We have a little Gathering of about twelve, and I am the leader. I am only an old Dutchman, but I do the best I can. Last week I got a bad cold and my wife and I prayed, and God healed me.

"I thank God for a good wife. I believe sometimes she is more firm than I. We are often called out to pray with people. Not long ago we prayed for a little boy who had three carbuncles on his neck, and God heard our prayer.

"The Lord blesses Zion and especially our General Overseer. I thank God for a man who gives us the truth."

MISS FLORENCE WADDINGTON, Zion Home, said: "I praise God for a year in Zion. It has been a blessed year to me. I thank God for Zion Home; it has been a true home to me. I thank God most heartily for the work He has given me in Zion."

DEACONESS MARY B. SPEICHER, Zion Home, said: "This has been the best year of my life. I have traveled more miles and had more blessings and have more to praise God for than I have had in any year before. I have always tried to live a Christian life, but I was not what others thought I was. I lived every day expecting to make the next day better, but it was not very good then; but this last year, through the prayers of the Elders and Overseers, it has been possible for me to do a great deal more for God.

"I recently attended a woman who was very sick. The death-rattle was heard, but I never wavered. I never before had such great courage to rebuke the Devil in Jesus' Name. I said we must have the victory, and we got it."

ELDER EMMA K. MASON, Zion Home, said: "'God is our Refuge and Strength, a very present help in trouble.' This verse has been precious to me, but especially since I have been in Zion. I do praise God for answer to prayer and for these promises which have been so helpful to us for so many years, although only those in Zion can appreciate their full meaning.

"God has wonderfully blessed our whole family. Last night I felt quite ill. I felt as if I could not go to my Cottage Meeting, but God answered our prayer and I was able to go. I also had a fall and sprained my foot, and it seemed as if I could not get up. My husband prayed for me, and I am thankful to say that it is quite well now."

DR. ROBERT T. AISTON, 1903 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "One of the brothers here remarked that he had found it possible to live without medicine. That seems to

be a natural way. The most wonderful thing is that some people live with medicines.

"I was converted through the teaching of Zion, and I give Zion and the General Overseer the credit for it. I became a member of this Church in February last, and since then I have had great blessing in many ways."

MISS SUSIE JONES, 1425 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I praise God for His healing power and for many blessings. I thank God for the last healing I received. I caught a severe cold and my throat became very sore. I trusted God. I was only able to eat a little bread and milk before retiring, but I told God I wanted to get up well. I praise God I woke up in the morning well and was able to swallow my breakfast without any soreness in my throat."

MRS. B. A. GROVE, Bascom, Ohio, said: "We read in God's Word, 'Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.' I believe that is true. I have been a member of Zion for five months, in which time I have realized my duty as a Christian more than in all the thirty years of my Christian experience.

"It has resulted in the fact that owing to my surroundings I was impressed to come to Chicago. It seems that God has led me here.

"I feel that God wonderfully blesses us in the work. We have never been so prosperous and we have never been so wonderfully blessed in health, especially since I have been paying tithes."

N. A. ROBINSON, Westfield, Illinois, said: "I feel very happy tonight as I think of the blessings which have come to me since I have come into Zion. I am very happy tonight.

"I thank God for Zion. I thank God for many blessings which have come to me through the teaching of our General Overseer, through the teaching of the Elders and Overseers here, and through the teaching of the testimonies of Zion."

The meeting was then closed by the

#### BENEDICTION.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

#### Healed of Lame Back in Answer to Prayer When Wrongs Were Made Right.

SPRINGFIELD, IOWA, December 20, 1900.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—I received your letter, December 7th, stating that you had prayed for me, for which I thank you.

I thank my Heavenly Father that I was greatly blessed, and that my suffering stopped instantly.

I was suffering with a lame back, and had been occasionally for over two years.

For the last three months it had been hurting me about all the time, and was worse at night.

The next night after I received your letter stating you had prayed for me, my back got so bad I could scarcely get around. The next day, as I was reading LEAVES OF HEALING, I came to Mrs. Piper's testimony. I said, "Praise the Lord," for it told me what was the matter with me that He did not answer my prayers.

I have made all things right and, thank the Lord, I am well. I can truly say that I thank my Heavenly Father that He has prepared a man who is not afraid to teach the Full Gospel.

May God spare the General Overseer and Mrs. Dowie for His work for many years.

I thank God and Zion for LEAVES OF HEALING, which has been a source of great blessing to me.

I have been healed of several things by trusting in the Lord.

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) J. W. SHELHAMER.





**ZION'S LITERATURE MISSION**  
By DEACONESS SARAH E. HILL

ASK OF ME and I will give Thee nations for Thine inheritance,  
And the uttermost parts of the earth for Thy possession.  
Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron;  
Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.—Psalms 2:8, 9.

**T**HE kingdoms of the world are to become the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. At present they belong to the Prince of the world, the Devil.

Before the Lord can reign, they must be broken into pieces as a potter's vessel, that they may be reformed and made over according to God's laws.

God's Covenant of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living, which He made with His people when He brought them out of Egypt,—this same Covenant which Christ sealed with His blood—is "a rod of iron," which will not bend to man's opinions nor adapt itself to his evil nature.

The time is coming when the world must conform to it. Men *must* harken to the Voice of the Lord their God and do that which is right in His eyes, and give ear to His commandments, and keep all of His statutes. Then no disease can be put upon them by the Devil; for man's entire being will be taken out of his power.

Then will man have Salvation, Healing and Holiness for spirit, soul and body, and Christ, through whom the keeping of this Covenant is made possible to man, will be All and in All.

We are told that the Word of God holds this "rod of iron," which is not only to smite the nations but to rule them (Revelation 19:13-15).

The Devil will not give up the rule which he has held so long over mankind without a terrible conflict (Revelation 19:11-21).

Men shall overcome him because of the blood of the Lamb, and because of the word of their testimony to this Covenant (Revelation 12:11).

It is the old war between the Spirit and the Flesh—Christ and the Beast—brought to the final conflict.

The Devil's great stronghold is the bodies of men. As in the apostolic times, so today, the preaching of the Full Gospel of the atonement of our Lord for man's soul and body as well as his spirit enrages the Devil, because it brings men into covenant relations with God.

The first step in this great work is the preaching of Repentance. The more thoroughly this is preached, the greater the stir in the enemy's camp. Preach "Only believe and thou shalt be saved," and the Devil laughs as he listens.

Jesus said to His disciples:

Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.—Matthew 28:19, 20.

He taught them to preach Repentance, Salvation and Healing: that great, threefold-cord Gospel Net which is able to catch and hold the nations for Him.

Instead of following the pattern given by our Lord, each

Church has made its own little denominational net after the pattern of man, with which it has toiled all night and taken but few fish.

**Leaves of Healing the Key to the Bible.**

"The Key to the Bible—LEAVES OF HEALING—has done a great work with me and other readers." Thus writes a native in India who has been reading and distributing Zion Literature for a long time. He writes:

LEAVES OF HEALING has helped us a great deal in our Christian life.

Fornicators, and drinkers of distilled damnation, and stinkpots have been cleansed by the Grace of God, and through the instrumentality of Rev. John Alex. Dowie.

I remember the General Overseer's words in one number of LEAVES OF HEALING with regard to preaching Repentance. He says: "Soapbubble words won't convert a sinner."

I believe it is true.

I need more copies for my wide circulation.

The foolish Devil does not know my arrangements. He thought he gained a victory when he got me out of my position for joining the Christian Catholic Church and working for it.

On the contrary, I have more time to work.

I served those worldly men with no gain or privilege. When I began to serve my Father in Heaven, I felt so joyful and happy in Him.

I look to the merciful hand of God for our daily needs, for which I take no anxious care, for it is promised by my Father in Heaven.

I do not know what will happen to us tomorrow, but, thank God, He clothed us today and gave us a hearty dinner with fish and curry. Our children are doing well—no sickness.

I am reading LEAVES OF HEALING from Volume I, Number 1.

Persons here say: "Go and reconcile yourself with your superiors. See the faces of your children. This is famine time. You can work for the Lord after it is over," and other advices like this.

Is this not to make peace with the Devil?

I am not going to do anything of the kind.

On the other hand, my Redeemer's words come to me through LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume I, Number 42, page 663, the beautiful hymn called Zion:

"Loud roaring, the billows may nigh overwhelm,  
But skilful's the Pilot who stands at the helm;  
His wisdom conducts thee, His power thee defends,  
In safety and quiet thy warfare He ends."

**The Little White Dove Carries the Good News of Christ the Healer Into a Home in Canada.**

MIKADO MINE,

RAT PORTAGE, ONTARIO, CANADA, December, 1900. }  
REV. W. H. PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—Praise God for the Little White Dove. It carried the good news into my home and rescued me from the hands of the enemy when I was bound by disease, hand and foot

Bless God!

He healed me and my husband and my two little girls.

Glory to His Name!

So we trust the Lord for our spirits, souls and bodies.

He is our Saviour, Healer, Cleanser and Keeper.

There are nine of us here now in this faith, and we have a blessed time praising God.

We hold meetings every Lord's Day, and there was a conversion last Lord's Day.

Pray that the work shall increase in this place and that Zion shall be built up here in Mikado Mine.

**Zion Literature Sent Out From a Free Distribution Fund Provided by Zion's Guests and the Friends of Zion. Report for the Week Ending January 5, 1901.**

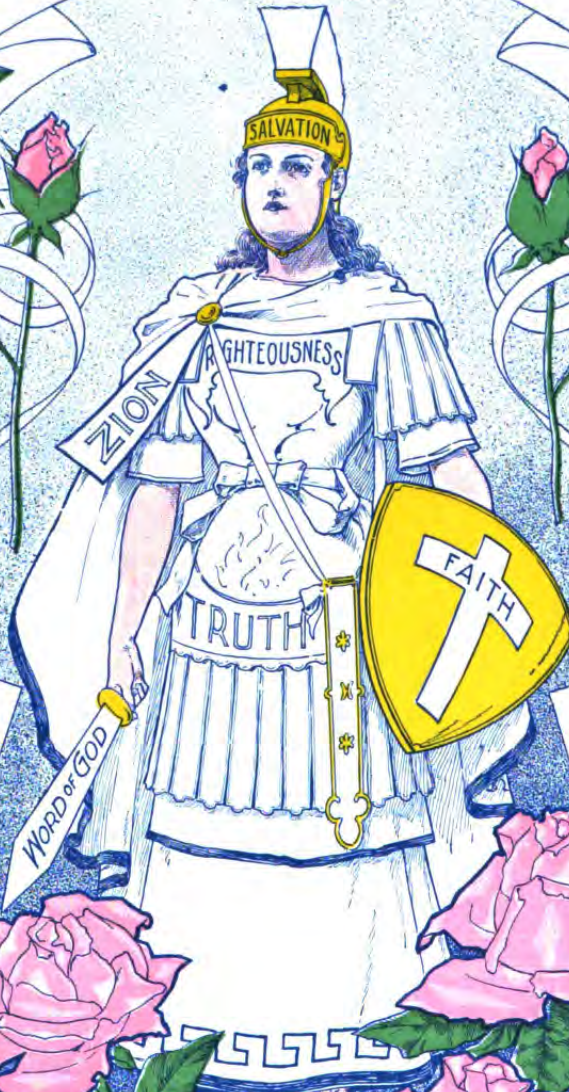
5998 Rolls to ..... Various States in the Union.  
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Number of Rolls reported to January 5, 1901 ..... 878,570





ZION'S MOTTO FOR 1901.

"Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion  
Jeremiah XXXI:6.  
unto the LORD our God."



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# NOTES OF THANKSGIVING TO ZION'S GOD

## Healed When at the Point of Death.

1616 MICHIGAN AVENUE,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, December 20, 1900.

DEAR MRS. MOODY:—You will here find a few words of thanks to God, and to yourself for a great blessing received in your home.

I was taken quite ill on Easter Sunday, 1899, and continued so until April 30th, when Dr. Speicher sent Mrs. Moody for me to take me to her home.

At the time Mrs. Moody called I was suffering intensely. The pain was terrible. She immediately knelt and prayed.

God heard and I was somewhat relieved, but was unable to control my nerves.

I shook from head to foot so badly that the bed shook.

With God's help I succeeded in getting ready, while Mrs. Moody went for a conveyance.

I was very weak when we reached the Home. Deaconess Paddock came in and prayed for me and I was able to get upstairs to bed.

In a very short time the Devil made another effort. Before I had time to think or to ask God's help, I was almost stiff and was suffering more than I ever had. Deaconess Paddock was again sent for, and came immediately.

She prayed several times, and after a hard fight we got victory.

When the pain had ceased, I knew that my voice was gone, as it was once before, when I was unable to speak for six hours.

My tongue was quite stiff and the roof of my mouth felt so peculiar. It was a hard fight.

I did not want to give the Devil any rope, and was just thinking within myself, "I will speak," when dear Deaconess Paddock said, "Can't you say 'Praise the Lord' now?"

I was about to shake my head, but hesitated, looked up and said something which meant "Praise the Lord." I had gained a big step toward victory and made the Devil flee from me.

After it was all over I was very weak, but felt restful and peaceful.

It seemed that God was all about me. Deaconess Paddock and those who were in the room said that they felt at times that I was very near death.

God was very good. I feel that I can never praise Him enough for what He has done for me.

After this, I speedily improved and gained strength. In a very short time I was able to take a trip to Beloit, Wisconsin, for a little rest.

I feel very grateful to God and to Zion, and also to Mrs. Moody for her care and many kindnesses shown toward me.

May God abundantly bless and keep her.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

GRACE GILLIS.

## Boy Healed of St. Vitus' Dance When Sin is Confessed and Put Away.

DOWNER'S GROVE, ILLINOIS, December 15, 1900.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—The Lord has heard and answered prayer for the healing of my youngest child of St. Vitus' Dance.

In May, 1898, he showed symptoms of this terrible disease, having had it when only five years old.

By the 12th of June he was so bad he could hardly walk.

Every part of his body was in constant motion.

On the 14th of June I took him to the healing room. The General Overseer prayed with him, but I did not see much change.

I knew that the prayer of faith had been offered up and that God would not fail in doing His part.

I asked Him to make plain to me why the prayer was not answered. He showed me the sin which stood in the way.

I told the child what had been revealed to me. He denied it the first time.

I took it to the Lord in prayer again, and the second time the same sin was showed me.

Then I prayed that God would make him willing to confess that he might be healed. God answered that prayer.

The child, putting his arms around my neck, confessed the sin and repented. The next day I took him to the healing room again. Elder (now Overseer) Piper talked with him and prayed for him.

Within a few weeks the child began the fall term of school, and has been kept and healed ever since.

He is much stronger than ever before.

We give God all the glory and thank God for the General Overseer,

who teaches a Gospel which makes us begin at ourselves; a Gospel of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living.

Yours in Christ,

ORRILLA TOWNSEND.

DOWNER'S GROVE, ILLINOIS, December 15, 1900.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I thank God that He has been so kind to me.

All that my mother said is true, and much more could be written.

Your Brother in Christ,

ORIN TOWNSEND.

## Quickly Healed of Pain, Hemorrhage, Fainting Spells and Heart Trouble.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, December 22, 1900.

REV. J. G. SPEICHER,

Dear Overseer:—I write to thank you for your prayers and to praise God for my healing.

When my husband telephoned to you, I had been having great pain, hemorrhage, and fainting spells. It seemed to me as if my life were leaving me. My mother feared I was to have a miscarriage.

When my husband came back from the telephone, his face was shining with joy. He told me your comforting words, "Have no fear; Zion is praying!"

A little later Elder Fockler came, and when he laid hands on me in the Name of our Lord Jesus, God healed me.

I was left very weak.

The next morning, after having a restless night, I was trying to get some sleep, when all at once, like a flash, the power of God passed through my whole body.

I called my mother to tell me the time, and it was just 9 o'clock, Zion's hour for prayer.

I knew then that some one of the Lord's servants had prayed for me.

This experience brought wonderful joy into my heart and took away all weariness.

Although the enemy tried a few days later to hurt me, giving me a terrible attack of heart trouble, praise be to the Lord, God healed me again when Evangelist Fisher prayed.

May God bless Zion. To us it has been of unspeakable blessing in spirit, soul and body.

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) ROBERT BRAUN.

## Healed of Sick Headaches, Stomach Trouble and Chronic Diarrhea.

2701 INDIANA AVENUE,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, December 15, 1900.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I desire to give my testimony for the glory of God, praying that it may help others.

It is about seven years since I heard you speak in a vacant lot on the corner of Stony Island Avenue and Sixty-first Street.

A friend and I went there to watch the crowd; but, thank God, we forgot the crowd and listened to you speak against breaking the Sabbath.

I liked to dance. I went to dances on the Lord's Day, sometimes, but only went once after that.

In 1894 a friend told me of a little boy who was very sick, and his friends took him to a man at Sixty-first Street, near Stony Island Avenue, who prayed for him and he was healed. I determined to go and hear you.

It was two months before the Devil let us go.

One Sunday we went, and to my surprise the speaker was the man whom I heard speak against worldly pleasures.

I have missed but few Sundays since.

I never was very strong. I was troubled with sick headache, stomach trouble and chronic diarrhea, and was anxious to know God's Way of Healing.

I had always trusted Him to keep me from evil.

Shortly before coming to Zion, I helped care for a family who had black diphtheria. Two children died within a week. God kept me from taking the disease, in answer to prayer.

In October, 1895, Mrs. Dowie asked for a maid. I took the position and had been there only a short time when one morning I awoke with one of my old headaches.

Mrs. Speicher said I had better have Dr. Dowie pray for me.

I knew he was very busy, so I went to my room and these words came to me: "Whatsoever you ask in My Name, it shall be done unto you."

I said, "O God, heal me of this headache, and never let it return, for Jesus' sake."

I slept twenty minutes and felt like a new person. My headache was



gone and has never returned. My stomach and bowel trouble went also. Praise God.

In 1899 I was at home.

I took a very heavy cold and coughed constantly.

My chest was very sore and I would sweat at night until the sheets were wet.

I could neither eat nor sleep.

This continued for three days, mother telling me I had better have a doctor.

I told her that if she wanted to help me, she would pray for me.

I sent a request for prayer and God heard and answered.

He has heard and answered prayer for me many times.

Since paying my tithes, I have earned more than before I paid them, and have saved more.

I give God all the glory, and thank Dr. and Mrs. Dowie for their many kindnesses to me.

May God spare them many years for the upbuilding of His Kingdom.

Your Sister in Christ,

EMILIA BREDEMIER.

#### Healed of Insanity and Saved From Sin.

32 EAST SIXTEENTH STREET,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, December 20, 1900. }

DEAR OVERSEER SPEICHER:—I thank God for the teaching I have received since I came into Zion.

I have been healed of one of the worst cases of insanity.

I was going to hell as quickly as the Devil could get me there.

It was my sin that caused insanity.

I cannot tell the torture and agony I was in.

But God in His Infinite Mercy heard the prayers of our General Overseer and of other people in my behalf.

My mind was restored and I repented and was completely healed.

I have never before given this testimony.

I have sinned time and again, but God has been merciful to me.

I am like the lost sheep that wandered away from the fold, but the Shepherd has found me and brought me back.

O that all the lost could be brought back to the fold!

I thank God that I have the privilege of learning this Full Gospel.

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) A. HELGREN.

#### Quickly Healed at Time of Prayer.

DYER, INDIANA, December 18, 1900.

DEAR OVERSEER SPEICHER:—We received your kind letter saying that you had remembered my mother in prayer.

About the time you received our letter the pain left her and has not returned.

She had been suffering severely from indigestion.

We gladly give God all the glory, praising Him for His wonderful goodness to us.

May others find Him as their Healer for spirit, soul and body.

We love Zion's teaching and thank God for the General Overseer.

We are also grateful to you for your prayers in our behalf.

Yours in Jesus,

(MISS) KATHERINE JOHNS.

#### Great Blessing in Zion Working Girls' Home.

205 WEST FOURTH STREET,  
CINCINNATI, OHIO, December 24, 1900. }

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:—It gives us great pleasure to speak concerning our connection with Zion Working Girls' Home.

We received the greatest kindness and help from the Matron, Mrs. Moody, and found in so many respects that the life in the Home and the Home itself were just what was needed for Zion working girls.

Advice is ever kindly given and no effort spared in order that the girls may be placed in good positions.

Praying that the Home may become a still greater blessing, we remain Faithfully yours,

(MISS) LIZZIE DEY.

(MISS) AGNES DEY.

#### God Wonderfully Heals of Many Terrible Diseases.

DOWNER'S GROVE, ILLINOIS, December 15, 1900.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I feel it my duty and also a blessed privilege to send in my testimony to the wonderful change which has come into my life since I heard the Full Gospel.

I used to pray for death; now I have been taught to pray for life, and God answers my prayers.

I had been a member of the M. E. Church for twenty-three years, and was continually seeking light but getting darkness. It was getting darker and darker, but God in His Infinite Love and Mercy opened a way for me.

Five years ago Dr. Waller, of Oak Park, and Rev. R. Rooley sent me to Wesleyan Hospital. I was there five weeks and had one operation per-

formed. A few days after, Dr. Sage told me I would have to have another one before I could get well.

About two years passed and I was worse than before.

Then I went to Dr. E. Luff, of Oak Park, stating my case to her. The medicine she gave acted as a stimulant for a while, and then I was back in the old condition again.

While under her treatment I first learned how to trust my Heavenly Father.

One of my dear friends went to Zion Home. I went to see her and she took me into the meeting.

I shall never forget that service.

I went home fully convinced that the work was of God and not of man.

This was September 23, 1897.

I left the Methodist Church, where I was starving to death spiritually, and went where we were fed with wisdom and knowledge.

At this time I was under Dr. Luff's care, taking medicine every hour. I threw it all in the stove and promised to step out fully on God's promise.

November 2, 1897, I went to the Healing Room in Central Zion Tabernacle.

Never have I doubted God's Way of Healing since.

The other troubles passed away gradually. I know they are gone.

It has been over two years since I was healed.

I will here mention a few of the diseases I know I had: Heart trouble, dizziness, catarrh, constipation, dropsical difficulty of the uterus, tumor in the mouth of the uterus.

God has delivered me of them all, praise His Holy Name.

The spiritual blessing has been more than the healing.

I have learned how to go to God and get an answer.

May God bless these words to many as the Little White Dove carries them on their way.

God bless Zion everywhere, and our dear General Overseer.

Faithfully, your Sister in Christ,

ORRILLA TOWNSEND.

#### Injured Limb Healed in Answer to Prayer.

271 FIFTY-SEVENTH STREET,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, December 18, 1900. }

DEAR OVERSEER SPEICHER:—I am well and walking.

I am sure you would like to see me walk.

You remember when I fell on the ice last winter. I broke my hip bone and injured my whole limb.

You prayed for me immediately after I fell. The bone snapped back into its place.

I was out of bed within five weeks after I fell.

I thank you very much for your prayers and for sending the Elders out to see me.

I give God all the glory.

Pray for me, that I be made strong.

Your loving Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) SARAH JOHNSON.

#### God Delivers From Weak Eyes and Grip.

ZION CITY, ILLINOIS, January 1, 1901.

REV. J. G. SPEICHER.

Dear Overseer:—I feel it my duty to praise God for the many blessings He has showered upon me.

I praise Him for His keeping power.

He healed me of weak eyes, for which I had worn glasses for four years.

About two years ago I was instantly healed of grip when mamma prayed for me.

I have been healed several times of little ailments when prayer was offered, and I praise the Lord for it.

Praying that this may be of help to some sufferer, I remain

Your Sister in Christ,

(MISS) EMMA HAUCK.

#### God Heals of Severe Croup.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA, December 26, 1900.

REV. JOHN G. SPEICHER.

Dear Overseer:—On December 20th we telegraphed you to pray for my deliverance from croup.

I had it two nights, and all the third day it threatened to be worse.

I did not know but that I would have to choke to death if it got any worse.

But at 9 o'clock, when naturally it would have gotten worse, I began to improve steadily.

Today I am almost quite well.

Praise His Holy Name!

We thank you so much for your prayers.

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) LULAH L. STEVENS.

# LEAVES OF HEALING.

## ZION CITY BANK.

By DEACON WILLIAM S. PECKHAM.

THE Nineteenth Century has closed with American prosperity at its height, and we enter the Twentieth Century with not only unprecedented prosperity in the commercial world, but with every indication that it will continue for a long period of time.

Factories have been running on full time, and whatever of our products have not been consumed at home have found a ready market in other countries. The expansion which was such a bugbear to many of our people has been shown to be a great blessing by opening up a large foreign demand for our surplus from both factory and farm.

Never before has this country fully realized that the world is its field for enterprise. Formerly we looked upon the foreign markets as places to consume our surplus, but now we have awakened to the fact that the United States can manufacture for a foreign trade and compete with manufacturers in all lands beneath the sun.

Our ability to compete with them is due to many causes, chief among which are educated and skilled labor; ability to fill orders quickly; the inventive genius of our mechanics, resulting in high-grade machinery; the great reduction in transportation charges both on land and sea, and that we produce so much raw material and have such an abundance of coal. So large has been the increase in our exports that last year we sold to other nations \$640,000,000 more than we bought of them, our exports consisting largely of agricultural and manufactured products.

ONE OF THE largest items in the list of imports was that of \$18,000,000 for lace. This amount went largely to England, France and Germany. With the establishment of the lace industry in this country we shall be able to keep those \$18,000,000 at home and still further increase the excess of our exports over our imports. This is a field of manufacture almost entirely new in the United States, and so far as the finest grades of lace are concerned, entirely new.

The cost of the lace machines is so large, the mechanism so delicate and the skill required to operate them so great, that there is little danger of competition arising in this country.

God has given Zion Mr. Samuel Stevenson, a man of the highest Christian Character, and without a peer in ability to produce lace. With him have come many of his own helpers to assist him in establishing this great industry in Zion City. The rest of the laceworkers will soon be here. The Lace Operatives' Home is completed. The lace machines are ready to be put upon the permanent foundations which are now being built. In a very few months the products of Zion Lace Industries will go out to the markets of the world.

SUBSCRIPTIONS to Zion Lace Industries stock have been coming in rapidly, and many who are not members of Zion have applied for stock. Let all who wish to buy stock in these Industries act quickly, as there is danger of delaying until the entire amount of the issue of this stock is exhausted.

As far as possible, our General Overseer wishes that his people shall get the benefit of the large interest and dividends paid on this stock. The success of Zion Lace Industries is assured, but if failure could come, our General Overseer is pledged to redeem every dollar of stock, with interest.

From a commercial and worldly standpoint, Zion Lace

Industries has every element of success. Free from an import duty of about sixty per cent, with a created demand for \$18,000,000 worth of lace in this country, Zion will have a wonderful advantage over all her competitors from other lands.

Just as God kept that most perfect and beautiful site of land for the "Coming City of God," so we believe He has kept this perfect and beautiful industry for Zion. It is no accident that this falls to Zion.

Is it not written, "Beautiful Zion"? Beautiful for situation, beautiful in righteousness and beautiful in appearance, Zion will more and more take on the habiliments of a Kingdom. Jesus is coming to reign as King. Let us not be a long-faced, somber-arrayed, joyless people. Zion, awake! Put on thy strength and thy beautiful garments.

Let the Church of Christ no longer march to the funeral dirge of the First Century, but rather to the wedding march of the Twentieth Century.

Let us rejoice and be exceeding glad, and let us give the glory unto Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready.—Revelation 19:7.

A PROMINENT business man of Chicago telephoned us a few days ago that he believed Zion had a tremendously big thing in the Lace Industries.

ZION LACE INDUSTRIES will, without any doubt whatever, be one of the wonders of the world in a few years.

A SISTER who has quite a nice deposit in Zion City Bank, writes us as follows: "My bank book is the result of tithing."

God must be first in all things. Tithes should always be paid before any debt to man is paid, and tithes and debts must be paid before an account is opened in Zion City Bank or stock purchased in any of Zion's Financial Institutions.

IF YOU ARE interested in Zion's Onward Movement, and would like to purchase stock in Zion City Bank, or the Land and Investment Association, or the Lace Industries, and are not able to do so at present, open a bank account in Zion City Bank and deposit from week to week until you have saved \$100, then you can buy a share of stock in one of these Institutions. Many have been able to secure stock in this way who never could have done so in any other way.

ZION MEMBERS have wise and safe counsellors in the heads of the Financial Institutions. No one in Zion will be blessed or prospered who goes to the world either for advice or investment.

And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called the City of Righeousness, the faithful City.—Isaiah 1:26.

MR. HILL, of Connecticut, has introduced in the House of Representatives a bill amending the Gold Standard Act of last March. It requires that when greenbacks or Treasury notes are redeemed in gold from the gold reserve, they shall be canceled; their value in gold shall be replaced in the reserve, and against this gold certificates shall be issued, presumably to be used in the ordinary transactions of the Treasury. The effect of this bill would be the same as that of the measure recommended repeatedly by President McKinley, requiring that legal tenders once redeemed shall not again be paid out except in exchange for gold. That is a perfectly sound principle, and the gold standard cannot really be established firmly until it has been adopted. Mr. Hill does not, of course, expect action on his bill at this session, but it is well that there should be such a measure constantly before Congress until it is passed.—*New York Times*.



BY REV. W. F. MATTHEWS, M. A., B. D., PRINCIPAL PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT.

**A**FTER two weeks' vacation, Zion Schools resumed their sessions on Monday, January 7, 1901, with a full attendance. Nearly all the students returned and quite a number of new ones have come in. Again all the desks are occupied, and again there is need of adding more seats to accommodate new pupils.

THE ROLL of the Preparatory and College Departments now contains 123 names. Zion truly has reason to thank God at this opening of a New Year for His favor to Zion College and for the rapid growth it has had.

ONE REMARKABLE feature of the work is the way our students are bringing in their relatives and friends and acquaintances and neighbors Zion teaching, instilled into the hearts of young people all over the land, becomes a power like leaven, spreading and bringing the members of a family one by one to share the blessings of the truth with those who are already here.

CLASS WORK has been taken up where it was dropped for holidays, and the work of the last few weeks of the first term of this school year will be made up largely of reviews.

IT MUST be considered a special cause for gratitude to God that the general health of our students has been so good. In these days when pneumonia and influenza in various forms have been so prevalent about us, there has been no serious case of illness among the students. Some have had slight attacks, but these have been quickly overcome, and any progress of disease has been checked by the prompt use of God's remedy—the prayer of faith. In Zion Students' Home for young men more than fifty persons now take their meals, all being young men who are students in Zion College, or help required in keeping up the house. Such a large number in such limited quarters necessitates something like crowding, but all seem to be comfortable and happy and learning daily from Zion's God lessons which shall be made useful in many ways in the days that are to come.

Is it not remarkable that there should be no case of serious illness among so large a number, who, under such circumstances, must be rather crowded together in close quarters? God has truly kept the pestilence away from our household.

There shall no evil befall thee,

Neither shall any plague come nigh thy tent.

REMARKABLE answers to prayer for others are also coming to our knowledge almost daily. For example, a brother-in-law of one of our students was taken ill a short time ago with what proved to be typhoid fever. He was taken to the hospital by friends who had not the faith of Zion to pray for healing. The patient was delirious when taken to the hospital, and evidently a very sick man. But he had at least one friend who believed that Christ is still the Healer. Word was sent

to Zion, with request for prayer. The word was received, and prayer was offered when the letter came the next day after being written. That very day the man grew better. The doctors and the nurses could not understand the case. They had never seen anything like it. They were looking for the fever to run its course for a certain number of days. But God instead had broken it up. The man became well and in a very few days left the hospital with his full strength rapidly coming back to him. He did not even understand it all himself. He could not explain how it had been brought about, but he could realize that he was well again, and he knew he had been seriously ill.

The volume which contains the record of answered prayers is being written day by day. These are true stories of God's dealings with His people in these latter days, and no cunningly devised fables. The lessons which our students are learning from such records of things which we *know* and are not mere *hearsay*, are more precious even than the lessons they are learning from the books they are studying, valuable as these are.

THESE LESSONS tell us in clear words that there is a God in Zion who is working for His people, and is pleased enough with His servants to answer their prayers. Such experiences show us that Zion to some extent, at least, is learning her first lesson—how to pray. They also encourage to perseverance and to greater definiteness in petitions. We must know just what we desire, as well as know just how to ask for it.

One of the great lessons Zion is teaching the world today is the need of definiteness in prayer.

We have not only a broader field of things to ask for, but we have a more exact and clear conception of just what the things are that we are asking about.

They are in three divisions: blessings for spirit, soul and body. What we get in each division affects us in all our three-fold nature. We share in the glory of God which is advanced by His answering our petitions and doing mighty works in the establishing of His Kingdom.

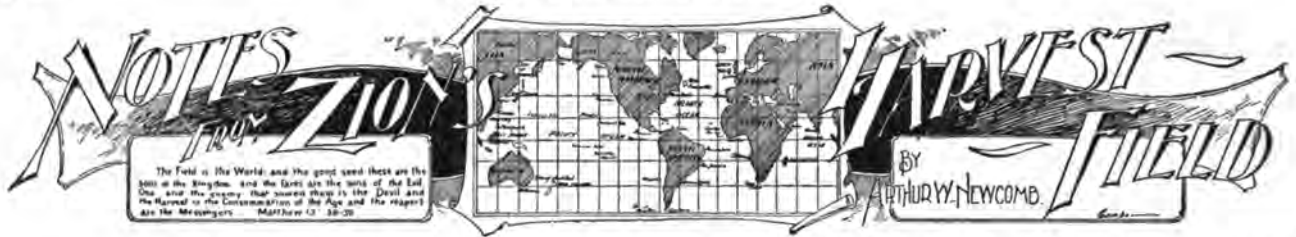
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

But we all, . . . reflecting as a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory—2 Corinthians 3:18.

What a thought is here for service and for carrying out a high ideal in prayer! In our lives we reflect the image of Christ as a mirror.

We are even changed into His image and share His glory, passing on from one step of glory to another, always led by His Spirit. So when God shows His glory by the working of wonders in the healing of disease and in other wonderful works, we share in the glory He manifests, as it is all to extend the glory of His Kingdom as established on earth.

This is the ever-increasing and ever more glorious power of Zion in her onward movement for the salvation of men. Let us always pray that we may all more and more reflect in our lives the image of Christ, and be permitted more and more to see the glorious works of God as manifested in salvation and healing and purity of life, advancing step by step from glory to glory.



### CHICAGO.

ZION in Chicago spent the first Lord's Day in the New Year with great joy in the consciousness that the next time they met about the Lord's Table, the General Overseer would, God willing, break the bread and drink the wine with them.

Overseer George L. Mason spoke at the afternoon service, at which, in spite of wet, stormy weather, there was a very large attendance. He gave a very convincing argument for the verbal inspiration of the Holy Scriptures and closed with a stirring and effective appeal to all in Zion to spend more time in the prayerful study of the Word of God. Thousands arose to signify their determination to learn at least one verse of Scripture during every day of the year.

One very interesting and encouraging fact was brought out by Overseer Mason. When he asked those present who read a portion of the Word of God and had prayer with their families or in private every day to raise their hands, by far the greater part of the audience responded.

After the sermon, Overseer Speicher gave the right hand of fellowship to a large number of new members.

Then the Lord's Supper was celebrated. There was a deep sense of spiritual power in the hearts of those present.

One feature of the morning service on this day was the beautiful singing of Zion's White-robed Girls' Choir. This Choir, composed of seventy little girls, has been very carefully trained by Conductor Burt M. Rice, and their singing was an inspiration, lifting the reverent listeners nearer to God. Zion's Boys' Choir, reorganized, also took part in the services. This Choir has greatly improved even over its former excellence.

All hearts joined, silently, with these children of Zion as they sang their praises to God.

### Northern Michigan.

Several weeks ago Elder W. O. Dinius, of Harvey, Illinois, made a tour of visitation to a number of the Gatherings of the Friends of Zion in Northern Michigan, including Petoskey, Epsilon and Bellaire.

The Spirit was present in power in these meetings and many blessings followed.

The incident of the brutal attack upon Elder Dinius by a professed minister of God is a sad and shocking example of the depths to which the Devil can drag a man who fights Zion.

The following is Elder Dinius' report:

During the meetings in Petoskey, stormy and severe cold weather hindered us; yet some were saved and healed.

The meetings at Epsilon were spiritual. Here we had seven members, and now we have ten. Twenty-one took communion in the little school-house, although it was a very stormy day.

Ezra Schlappi is Conductor of their Gatherings, and is highly esteemed by the people in general as a man of sterling integrity. We were "Army Chums" nearly four years, closing with Sherman's March to the Sea and back through Richmond to Washington. This was our first meeting for over thirty years, and God made it a blessing to us both. We were not saved when we parted in July, 1865.

I had some good Cottage Meetings in Petoskey, and Lord's Day morning, December 17th, Elder J. E. Bodine kindly offered me his Church to preach in, on "Tithing," or any other theme if I preferred. Of course I had to preach Repentance, but spoke on Tithing and Divine Healing on the ground of perfect and willing obedience, even to Triune Immersion.

At the close of the service he said: "Elder Dinius was a minister of the U. B. Church for twenty-eight years until he joined the Christian Catholic Church. We were ministers of the same Conference in Ohio. I endorse every word he said."

On Monday night I went to the "Big Woods," six miles north of Petoskey, where James Craig, his wife and brother live. They are members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

They had the country schoolhouse full.

We had such an interesting meeting that a Rev. Call, who had been very busy spreading the false reports about Zion, and was present, became angry. At the close he said that I had tried hard to make out that he was a liar all the evening, and that I ought to have been mobbed at Mansfield, and that if I would come out doors, he would fight me.

I replied that I was not that kind of a fighter.

However, when I left the house, I unexpectedly received a blow under the left ear on the jaw, from his fist, and he threatened to repeat it.

I told him to strike again if that was his religion, but he started off, and God took away the pain when I prayed.

At Bellaire, I had little or no trouble.

At all these places they very much desire to have an Elder as soon as possible.

There is a big harvest for Zion at Petoskey. We have many friends there, but they need Zion teaching and are hungry for it.

### Ledyard, Iowa.

Rev. John G. Excell, formerly Elder-in-Charge of Zion's work in St. Paul, Minnesota, now connected with the work at Headquarters, has been spending several months in visiting the Gatherings of the Friends of Zion in Minnesota and Iowa.

God has been blessing the preaching and teaching of the Everlasting Gospel of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living to many, and conversions, healings and renewals of consecration have followed.

God especially blessed the meetings held by Elder Excell in Ledyard, Iowa.

Miss Anna Oestreich, who has worked for God and Zion there and in other Iowa towns, has written to Headquarters, telling of the lively interest awakened; of those saved and delivered from the unclean tobacco and swine's flesh habits.

She also tells of the wonderful healing, in answer to Elder Excell's and Overseer Piper's prayers, of a young lady, nineteen years of age, who had never in her life been able to walk, and scarcely to sit up straight.

It is truly a most marvelous work of God.

The following is Miss Oestreich's letter:

We have had a blessed time.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed the work Elder Excell has been doing.

At present, I think, he has twelve applications for membership since the meeting began.

Some have been saved, delivered from tobacco and Secretism, and some healed. I think there are fourteen ready for Baptism.

The interest was good during all the meetings. The hall was crowded most of the time.

Farmers would bring in their grain, then tie their teams and come to the Bible Study.

People who seemed harsh at first became interested before the meetings closed.

We feel that the Lord has directed and has sent us just the man for Ledyard.

Preachers are angry, and are telling lies about Zion; but people keep coming for consultation with our Zion Elder.

Miss Lillie Hall is saved and the Lord is healing her. Yesterday she took quite a number of steps. She had never walked. She is nineteen years old, her spine was weak, and she could not sit up straight.

Her back is now straight; her feet, which were all twisted out of shape,



are almost straight. Yesterday she walked, by taking her father's finger, from one room to another.

Last night she walked again with very little assistance.

The truth was presented clear and straight, and yet so kindly. We had perfect order from beginning to end.

This part of the country has not been poisoned. Zion came before the enemy told very many lies.

In a subsequent letter Miss Oestreich says:

I never saw a country so stirred up as it is around here.

Wherever we see a few men converse together they talk about tobacco and pork.

At present we know of seven who were delivered from tobacco, most of them young men.

People came to the meetings from miles around.

Members of Zion are faithful.

Zion Seventy work is to be begun.

#### Harvey, Illinois.

Rev. W. O. Dinius, Elder-in-Charge.

At Harvey is one of the Chicago suburban Branches of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion. God has blessed Elder Dinius' work there, and the Branch meets in a very neat and convenient Tabernacle.

Elder Dinius sends the following report and testimony:

It has been several months since "Harvey Branch" has been reported. However, God has continued to be gracious to us.

The number of healings has been a cause of rejoicing. Among them there were several severe cases of typhoid fever. While others, employing doctors, had a long, lingering siege, and quite a number of deaths occurred, our people were speedily restored to perfect health, especially Mrs. Nellie Seymour, who suffered a relapse, through overdoing, and was very near death's door. But our dear Heavenly Father heard the prayer of faith, and in a short time she was helping her husband "pack up" and remove to Michigan.

The following testimony speaks for itself. It is from our dear daughter-in-law, Mrs. B. C. Dinius:

"Within the last few weeks God has very graciously and perfectly healed me of what had every symptom of typhoid fever. Of course, we had no physician, and cannot be sure what the opinion of one would have been.

"I only know that I was very ill, and that when our father, Elder Dinius, came and laid hands on me and prayed the prayer of faith, I was quickly delivered.

"Within two or three days after this I was able to go into the city and visit a Zion friend. While there we went down to Zion Home to call on some friends, and feeling after my trip a few lingering pains in my limbs, I asked Elder Stith to pray with me.

"I received a great blessing again.

"I was compelled to lay my duties down for only a few days, while others who employed doctors were confined to their beds for weeks, and at the outset their cases were apparently no more severe than mine.

"I give God all the glory, and am so thankful for this teaching which is for spirit, soul and body."

#### Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

God is with Zion with especial power on the occasion of the All-Night with God held during the closing hours of each Old Year and the opening hours of each New Year.

Wherever members and friends of Zion are gathered together on that night, whether in thousands in Central Zion Tabernacle or in little companies of less than ten in some of the smaller Gatherings, there the Spirit of God is; there is great blessing for spirits, souls and bodies of all.

There is a mighty unison of prayer from Zion all over the world on that night, and God is true to His promises to those who agree in prayer.

Mr. Charles W. Wright, Conductor of the growing Gathering of the Friends of Zion in Pittsburg, sends us the following enthusiastic account of the All-Night with God in that city. It was written on New Year's Day, the day following the meeting:

We had a glorious time and a great blessing at the All-Night Meeting of Zion's Gathering at Pittsburg.

Although we are not many in number, the Holy Spirit was with us. Many said it was the best meeting they ever attended.

At about 11 P. M. we sent a message to Zion in Chicago as follows:

"Zion in Pittsburg to Zion in Chicago: Greeting! We ask 2 Thessalonians 1:2 and 16."

After the midnight intermission the interest deepened, and about 6 A. M. today we were as wideawake as at any time during the night.

When the All-Night with God was first spoken of, one of the brothers said, "By all means let us have it. Our meetings never last long enough, and perhaps if we have an All-Night Meeting, we shall be satisfied for once."

When it came time to close the meeting this morning, however, we found that the All-Night had not worked a cure, as we were as loath to stop as ever. Praise the Lord, we all received great blessing, and one was thoroughly converted.

#### Vesta, Ontario, Canada.

The active and promising Gathering of the Friends of Zion at Vesta held its second All-Night Meeting on the night of December 31, 1900, and January 1, 1901

Members of Gatherings from many other places in that part of Ontario were present.

A. J. Turner, the Conductor of the Gathering, sends the following report of the blessings which God gave them in that All-Night of Prayer:

We held our All-Night of Prayer in Mr. Cross's new house.

We had a very blessed time together.

It was truly an "All-Night with God."

The Holy Spirit was with us in power.

Some, during our consecration, consecrated themselves, spirit, soul and body, for the first time.

The motto, "Christ is All," made of evergreen, greeted us as we entered the room.

There were about sixty persons present, most of whom belong to the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

The different Gatherings represented were, namely: Lion's Head, Warton, Wingham and Bervie.

Harriston and Markdale were also represented. Mrs. Allan and Mrs. Ralston from Chicago were also with us.

We began our meeting at 9 P. M. and closed at 6 A. M. We did not disperse until after sunrise. As in all our meetings the fellowship was sweet

We thank God for our General Overseer, who, under God, publishes LEAVES OF HEALING, which coming into our home was the beginning of this blessed work here.

#### Marion, Kansas.

Elder D. A. Reed and his good wife, Evangelist Mary A. Reed, who are laboring in the widely extended territory of Western Kansas and Colorado, recently held a series of meetings in Marion, Kansas.

God blessed the work, as related in the report sent by Mrs. Hale, Messenger of the Gathering of the Friends of Zion in that place:

Zion in Marion is rejoicing and praising God from whom all blessings flow.

Elder and Evangelist Reed, of Great Bend, have been with us and held nine days' meetings, preaching the glorious Full Gospel on the streets to large crowds before going into the hall for the evening service.

The members and friends have been greatly blessed and strengthened. Three have been added to our number; four obeyed the blessed Lord in Baptism by Triune Immersion.

Some sick and afflicted have been blessed and healed.

Zion's Seventies have been sent forth and LEAVES OF HEALING is being sold on the streets. A great interest has been awakened.

We were refused the use of any of the churches before the Elder and Evangelist came, but before our meetings closed the Christian Church opened their building and baptistry to us.

The plain teaching of the Full Gospel of Repentance, Confession and Restitution has led some to confess their faults.

We are all thankful for such teaching.

We wish to thank the editors of the *Marion Record* and *Headlight* for their straight and fair statements of our meetings.

#### Baby Healed Through Prayer.

BUTLER, NEW YORK, December 29, 1900.

REV. WILLIAM H. PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—Praise God for deliverance!

Our baby began to get better Friday, December 21st, at about 10 o'clock. He is all right now, praise God.

We thank you for your kindness and praise the Lord for victory.

Your Brother in Christ,

JOHN E. BISHOP.



LEAVES OF HEALING,  
HE IS JUST THE SAME TODAY.

BY REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE

HAVE you ever heard the story  
How our Lord before He died  
Laid His blessed hands in healing  
Upon all who to Him cried?

How the sick and all oppressed ones  
He rejoicing sent away?  
O, I'm glad, so glad to tell you,  
He is just the same today.

LET me speak to you of Jesus, kind reader of these pages. In simple, honest words, with tenderness and love, I want to tell you glad, good news. Christ changes never, and as He was on earth in ages long gone by, He is unchangeably the same even here and now. The Word which never dies is true, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever."

All His life and ministry were beautifully described by Peter thus: "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed of the Devil." (Acts 10:38.)

"Teaching" patiently, "preaching" boldly, He went about with constant sympathy, "healing all manner of disease and all manner of sickness among the people." (Matthew 4:23; 9:35.)

He is the same today as when He trod the Holy land, blessing the fainting, scattered, burdened sheep of God with words of life. And still He journeys over all the earth and never wearies of His loving task. He binds up still the broken, bleeding hearts, He still delivers from the tyrant's fetters, and from Himself, the Fountain, healing virtue still is flowing.

With outstretched hands He stands, quick to respond to thine appeal and banish all thy woe. Unseen but "with us always," as He said, He stands beside thy bed of weary pain.

Loved ones bend over thee, and minister with sympathetic care; but nearer than all beside is Jesus, thy Saviour and thy Healer still.

The Hand that cleansed the foulness of the leper's flesh and made it sweet and clean; the Hand that made the deaf to hear, the blind to see, the lame to leap, the dumb to speak; the Hand which raised the dead to life is here, no vanished Christ have we.

Oh, wherefore doubt, and wherefore seek at other hands, from surgeon's knife or poison draught, the healing which He died to bring to thee, to me, to all mankind, in every age, in every land, in every clime? Christ changes never.

At noontide, sixteen years ago, I sat in my study in the parsonage of the Congregational Church, at Newtown, a suburb of the beautiful City of Sydney, Australia. My heart was very heavy, for I had been visiting the sick and dying beds of more than thirty of my flock, and I had cast the dust to its kindred dust into more than forty graves within a few weeks.

Where, oh where was He who used to heal His suffering children? No prayer for healing seemed to reach His ear, and yet I knew His hand had not been shortened. Still it did not save from death even those for whom there was so much in life to live for God and others.

Strong men, fathers, good citizens, and more than all, true, faithful Christians, sickened with a putrid fever, suffered nameless agonies, passed into delirium, sometimes with convulsions, and then died. And oh, what aching voids were left in many a widowed, orphaned heart.

Then there were many homes where, one by one, the little children, the youths and the maidens, were stricken, and, after

hard struggling with the foul disease, they, too, lay cold and dead. It seemed sometimes as if I could almost hear the triumphant mockery of fiends ringing in my ears whilst I spoke to the bereaved ones the words of Christian hope and consolation.

Disease, the foul offspring of its father, Satan, and its mother, Sin, was defiling and destroying the earthly temples of God's children, and there was no deliverer.

And there I sat with sorrow-bowed head for my afflicted people, until the bitter tears came to relieve my burning heart. Then I prayed for some message, and oh, how I longed to hear some words from Him who wept and sorrowed for the suffering long ago, the Man of Sorrows and of Sympathies. And then the words of the Holy Ghost inspired in Acts 10:38 stood before me all radiant with light, revealing Satan as the defiler and Christ as the Healer.

My tears were wiped away, my heart was strong; I saw the Way of healing, and the door thereto was opened wide, and so I said, "God help me now to preach that word to all the dying 'round, and tell them how 'tis Satan still defiles, and Jesus still delivers, for 'He is just the same today.'"

A loud ring and several loud raps at the outer door, a rush of feet, and then at my door two panting messengers, who said, "Oh come at once. Mary is dying; come and pray." With just such a feeling as a shepherd has who hears that his sheep are being torn from the fold by a cruel wolf, I rushed from my house, ran hatless down the street, and entered the room of the dying maiden. There she lay, groaning, grinding her clenched teeth in the agony of the conflict with the destroyer, the white froth, mingled with her blood, oozing from her pain-distorted mouth. I looked at her and then my anger burned.

"Oh," I thought, "for some sharp sword of heavenly temper keen to slay this cruel foe who is strangling that lovely maiden like an invisible serpent, tightening his deadly coils for a final victory."

In a strange way it came to pass; I found the sword I needed was in my hands, and in my hand I hold it still, and never will I lay it down. The doctor, a good Christian man, was quietly walking up and down the room, sharing the mother's pain and grief. Presently he stood at my side and said, "Sir, are not God's ways mysterious?"

Instantly the sword was flashing in my hands—the Spirit's Sword, the Word of God. "God's way!" I said, pointing to the scene of conflict. "How dare you, Dr. K——, call that God's way of bringing His children home from earth to heaven? No, sir, that is the Devil's work, and it is time we called on Him who came to destroy the work of the Devil to slay the deadly, foul destroyer, and to save the child. Can you pray, Doctor; can you pray the prayer of faith that saves the sick?"

At once, offended at my words, my friend was changed, and saying, "You are too much excited, sir. 'Tis best to say God's will be done," he left the room.

Excited! The word was quite inadequate, for I was almost frenzied with Divinely imparted anger and hatred of that foul destroyer, disease, which was doing Satan's will.

"It is not so," I exclaimed; "no will of God sends such cruelty, and I shall never say God's will be done to Satan's works, which God's own Son came to destroy, and this is one of them."

Oh, how the Word of God was burning in my heart: "Jesus of Nazareth went about doing good, and healing *all that were*

*oppressed of the Devil:* for God was with Him." And was not God with me? and was not Jesus there and all His promises true? I felt that it was even so, and turning to the mother I inquired, "Why did you send for me?" To which she answered, "Do pray, oh, pray for her that God may raise her up." And so we prayed.

What did I say? It maybe that I cannot recall the words now without mistake, but words are in themselves of small importance.

The prayer of faith may be a voiceless prayer, a simple, heartfelt look of confidence into the face of Christ.

At such a moment words are few, but they mean much, for God is looking at the heart.

Still I can remember much of that prayer unto this day, and asking God to aid I will endeavor to recall it.

I cried:

Our Father, help! and Holy Spirit teach me how to pray. Plead Thou for us, oh Jesus, Saviour, Healer, Friend, our Advocate with God the Father. Hear and heal, eternal One? From all disease and death deliver this sweet child of Thine. I rest upon the Word. We claim the promise now. The word is true, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." Then heal her now. The word is true, "I am the Lord, I change not." Unchanging God, then prove Thyself the Healer now. The word is true, "These signs *shall* follow them that believe, in My Name, they *shall* lay hands on the sick, and they *shall* recover." And I believe and I lay hands in Jesus' Name on her, and claim this promise now. Thy word is true, "The prayer of faith *shall* save the sick." Trusting in Thee alone, I cry, oh save her now, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

And, lo, the maid lay still in sleep, so deep and sweet that the mother said in a low whisper, "Is she dead?" "No," I answered in a whisper lower still, "Mary will live; the fever has gone. She is perfectly well and sleeping as an infant sleeps."

Smoothing the long dark hair from her now peaceful brow, and feeling the steady pulsation of her heart and cool, moist hands, I saw that Christ had heard and that once more, as long ago in Peter's house, "He touched her and the fever left her."

Turning to the nurse I said, "Get me at once, please, a cup of cocoa and several slices of bread and butter."

Beside the sleeping maid we sat quietly and almost silently until the nurse returned, and then I bent over her and snapping my fingers said, "Mary!" Instantly she awoke, smiled and said, "Oh, sir, when did you come? I have slept so long."

Then stretching out her arms to meet her mother's embrace, she said, "Mother, I feel so well."

"And hungry, too?" I said, pouring some of the cocoa in a saucer and offering it to her when cooled by my breath.

"Yes, hungry, too," she answered with a little laugh, and drank and ate again, and yet again, until all was gone.

In a few minutes she fell asleep, breathing easily and softly.

Quietly thanking God, we left her bed and went to the next room, where her brother and sister also lay sick of the same fever. With these two we also prayed, and they were healed.

The following day all three were well, and in a week or so they brought to me a little letter and a little gift of gold, two sleeve links with my monogram, which I wore for many years.

As I went away from the home where Christ as 'the Healer had been victorious, I could not but have somewhat in my heart the triumphant song that rang through heaven, and yet I was not a little amazed at my own strange doings, and still more at my discovery that

#### HE IS JUST THE SAME TODAY.

And this is the story of how I came to preach the Gospel of Healing through faith in Jesus.

That very day I went to the cemetery and laid in the grave the bodies of three who had died two days before; but I rejoice to add that in the more than twelve years of ministry in

Australia which followed, I only buried five, although ministering to many, many thousands.

And yet it was not all at once that I could discover how to teach the lessons that I learned that day. Not until six years after did I fully enter upon the ministry of healing as a part of the ministry of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, to preach which I was duly ordained twenty years ago.

In these twenty years I have prayed, and in Jesus' Name have laid my hands upon tens of thousands of sick ones, and, so far as man can judge, by far the greater part were fully healed. These witnesses have testified in thousands and the record of their testimonies has gone forth to many lands.

We have left our friends and home to carry Leaves of Healing from the Tree of Life to every nation we can reach. We have never proclaimed this Gospel in any city or country where God has not confirmed the word with signs following, although in some places it is still true as nineteen centuries ago, "He could not do there many mighty works because of their unbelief."

We bring this Message to this city, and to thee, kind reader. It will give us joy to tell it to all who will come. Salvation and healing are FREE, for God never sells His gifts. "Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."

The mission opens its doors to all. It is the old-time religion and no new Gospel that is preached. 'Tis the Gospel of Jesus' Redemption for spirit, soul and body, bringing Salvation from sin, Healing from sickness, and Cleansing from every defilement of the flesh and spirit.

Let the words abide in thy heart:

#### HE IS JUST THE SAME TODAY.

And if thou wilt believe Him, first for Salvation and then for Healing, thou wilt go onward in the King's Highway of Holiness, singing the familiar words with a new meaning, as thou goest along the way through earth to heaven:

Thou, O Christ, art all I want,  
More than all in Thee I find.  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.

#### DIVINE HEALING IN THE GOSPEL.

We claim Divine Healing upon the ground of the Atoning Sacrifice. We claim it because it was said, "The chastisement of our peace was upon Him," and more, "with His stripes we are healed." That we humbly claim. Matthew eighth chapter and sixteenth and seventeenth verses distinctly refers this prophecy to Divine Healing.

Yes, it is true. "*Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses.*"

We teach that the Atoning Sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ covers all kinds of sin and its consequences, of which disease is one.

Another point is that Divine Healing is a perpetual covenant with God's people; for He has revealed himself by that name—Jehovah-Rophi—"I am the Lord that healeth thee." Exodus 15:26.

The "Gifts of Healings" are ever in the Church of Christ; for 1 Corinthians 12:9 shows that they are "in the Holy Spirit," and He is ever in the Church. Again it is written: "The gifts and calling of God are *without repentance.*" (Romans 11:29.) Therefore, the Gifts of Healings, however they may be neglected, cannot be removed, for God's Word would then fail, and that cannot be.

"The redemption of our body" (Romans 8:23 and Thessalonians 5:22-24) is a present redemption, and if we will all let God have his way we may also say with Paul, "The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the Law of Sin and Death." (Romans 8:2.)

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- In all its destroying power.*—Genesis 4:1-8.  
Sin destroys the soul.  
Sin incites to death.  
Sin ruins all who cling to it.
- In all its death-dealing blows.*—Romans 6:16-23.  
The wages of sin is death.  
Sin makes slaves of its devotees.  
Holiness points to happiness.
- In all the hardships it entails.*—Proverbs 13:13-25.  
The way of the transgressor is hard.  
Sin is the cause of much poverty.  
Sin is after sinners hard-handed.
- In all the exposure it brings.*—Numbers 32:20-27.  
Sin cannot be covered up.  
Serving God does not bring hardships.  
Sin is the cause of life failures.
- In all the suffering it causes.*—Romans 5:12-17.  
One sin causes death.  
Those who disobey God fall into sin.  
God has abounding mercy for sin's victims.
- In all the abominations it incites.*—Galatians 5:19-21.  
You cannot tell where sin may lead to.  
Sin manifests itself in many ways.  
The practice of sin shuts out from heaven.
- In all deceptiveness of its workings.*—Romans 7:7-13.  
The pleasures of sin deceive.  
The promises of the Devil deceive.  
The carnal mind deceives.
- In all the blessings it shuts out from.*—Jeremiah 3:2-5.  
It keeps back rains and bountiful harvests.  
It keeps back health and long life.  
It keeps back success and happiness.  
*The Lord Our God is a Sin-Exposing God.*

## SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS LESSON, FEBRUARY 3d.

### The Destroying Power of One Sinner.

- An ignorant sinner overthrows a life.*—Ecclesiastes 9:13-18.  
Ignorance is not bliss, it is folly.  
It is important that one know wisdom.  
Wisdom never frets or becomes excited.
- A cowardly sinner delays victory.*—2 Timothy 4:14-18.  
One cannot be a good business man and aid the Devil.  
A man prominent in affairs can scare people for the Devil.  
One man with courage will win in battles for God.
- A selfish sinner sometimes retards evangelization.*—Acts 5:1-11.  
The Devil says you are a fool to give God all.  
To save all sometimes means to lose all.  
One's consecration to God must be genuine and include everything.
- A worldly sinner defiles the sheepfold.*—Ezekiel 34:7-19.  
Money-loving preachers are in league with the Devil.  
Some preachers think the Church owes them a good living.  
To be God's minister is to give, not to get.
- A covetous sinner defeats thousands.*—Joshua 7:10-15.  
The Church for years has not won battles as it used to.  
They cease to urge the truths of Holy Living.  
The cause of failure is not deeply sought for.
- A lustful sinner undermines virtue.*—2 Timothy 3:1-9.  
Christ will find an adulterous generation when He comes again.  
A generation like this will do awful things.  
A true servant must witness against the sins of his day.  
*God's Holy People are a Sin-Shunning People.*

## DAILY SCRIPTURE TEXTS FOR JANUARY.

### To Memorize and Meditate Upon, Morning, Noon and Night.

**PARENTS:** "Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."—Deuteronomy 6:7.

**CHRISTIANS:** "Thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."—Joshua 1:8.

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| 1. Tues.—Ezk. 2:7; f. c.  | 12. Sat.—John 5:14; l. c.   | 22. Tues.—Ps. 46:5; l. c.    |
| 2. Wed.—Acts 18:28; f. c. | 13. Sun.—1 Pet. 3:11; l. c. | 23. Wed.—Hag. 2:4; m. c.     |
| 3. Thu.—Rom. 5:5; m. c.   | 14. Mon.—Num. 32:11; l. c.  | 24. Thu.—Ps. 71:16; f. c.    |
| 4. Fri.—Ps. 18:39; f. c.  | 15. Tues.—Jas. 4:8; f. c.   | 25. Fri.—Mat. 6:34; l. c.    |
| 5. Sat.—Heb. 12:3; f. c.  | 16. Wed.—Jas. 4:15; w. v.   | 26. Sat.—Is. 1:16; f. c.     |
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| 7. Mon.—Rom. 3:8; f. c.   | 18. Fri.—Heb. 10:23; f. c.  | 28. Mon.—Ps. 116:1; w. v.    |
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- f. c. first clause. m. c. middle clause. l. c. last clause. w. v. whole verse.

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*The safe rule for all is to read the Word of God in the power of the Holy Spirit, comparing Scripture with Scripture.* Let the consensus of Scripture texts on one given subject, with the true meaning of the words involved, determine the points of view from which the subject must be approached.

For instance, take Zion Bible Class Lesson in LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume VII, Number 18—"Why some keep out of Zion". To illustrate the plan of going at a lesson, consider closely this lesson; for personal comprehensive study must, of course, precede the presentation of such a subject by a leader at a Zion Gathering. The first reason given is, "Because they are so used to old and corrupt theological views," as shown in Luke 5:36-39, which goes to show that a Church, in age and spiritual declension, will worship old and cherished dogmas which are held only in form, and will not accept the truths which come with waves of revival blessing.

Show how this is true in all Protestant churches in their apostasy, for they will not give up their hospitals, sanitariums, drugs, favorite medicines, surgery and doctors and trust God, who is the Creator, Redeemer and Preserver of the lives and health of the bodies of His people through Jesus Christ His Son.

The next question brings out the fact that *if a new truth would get into an old Church with its lack of spiritual power, it would tear the Church to pieces*. Such a Church is filled not with the unity of the Spirit, but with backsliders from pulpit to pew, who know not God in the power of the first love where "Christ is All and in All" and is trusted for everything in a full and complete consecration.

The third question cites the fact that *people are slow in accepting new truths*. So used are they to an old treadmill experience, bound in by walls of creeds and denominational teachings, that they cannot see that the Holy Spirit will ever continue to show things to come as God's plans unfold step by step throughout the age.

This same treatment is applied to the *seven other reasons under this one subject*, which is founded on that glorious prophecy in Jeremiah 3:14, 15. The analysis underneath the Scripture subdivisions of the lesson is in question form, but they can be turned into statement form and be verified, not only by the text cited or other well-known passages, but also by observation and personal experience, all of which should be brought to bear on a lesson, with such illustrations everywhere abounding as are true to the case in point. A person with spiritual perception, natural simplicity and earnestness of presentation can make Zion's Bible Class Lessons to be an increasingly great blessing to the thousands who are now studying them, as well as the tens of thousands who will yet be molded, stimulated and established in their relation to the every day affairs of life through Holy Living and fruitful service, by this method of presenting Bible truths.

### A True Use of Sabbath Day Hours.

They should be improved well by every member and friend of Zion. The Bible Class Lesson outline should, with the Bible in hand, be gone over carefully and prayerfully, and the sermon by the General Overseer should also be attentively read. Assemble, sometime during the day, your own family. Invite in, if possible, those who want to know God in power, or desire from Him some blessing for spirit, soul or body. Where this is not possible, go where the sick and sinful, poor and neglected are, who have tasted only of the bitterness of life, and open up to them the Gospel which Jesus commanded should be preached to the poor. *Where there are two or more members of Zion near you, do not fail to regularly come together sometime during the Lord's Day. Pray and speak with one another, and study together the Bible Class Lesson and talk over the marvelous doings of God in Zion. DO NOT OFFEND GOD BY GOING TO SOME CHURCH SERVICE WHERE GOD IS EVER DISHONORED AS THE HEALER, CLEANSE, KEEPER AND PROSPERER OF HIS PEOPLE.* Do not go to hear His truth perverted by the cry of Peace, Peace, when sudden destruction is so near because of the prevalent wickedness of the world, which, with a worldly Church, is becoming more and more corrupt. Do not go where scoffing is everywhere heard from so-called Christians at the imminent coming of "the great God and Saviour Jesus Christ." He will receive unto Himself only those who look for Him; even ZION, whom He is now calling into Purity and Holy Living, who daily, in obedience to Her Lord, whatever the cost may be, is thus making herself READY TO SOON BECOME THE BRIDE OF CHRIST AT HIS APPEARING.

**Elders, Evangelists, Deacons and Deaconesses**, as well as Conductors of Zion Gatherings, should, together with every member and friend of Zion, use *Zion's Bible Class studies in their personal study of the Holy Scriptures*, and also in the family gathering as well as in Seventy work and cottage meetings. The scope of these lessons is covering the *teachings of God's Word concerning every relation of life, as well as blessed fellowship in spirit, soul and body with a Triune God*. To neglect this is to despise opportunities. To push it aside is to count something else more important. Not to meditate on God's Word day and night, as well as to read it, grasping the sense and cultivating an understanding heart, means you do not wish God's richest blessing upon you and the greatest success to come from your labors.

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Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle from March 14, 1897, to December 14, 1900, by the General Overseer.....	4339	
Baptized by Elders, Evangelists and Deacons.....	1769	
Total Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle.....	6108	
Baptized in places outside of Chicago by the General Overseer.....	383	
Baptized in places outside of Chicago by Elders, Evangelists and Deacons.....	2297	
Total Baptized outside of Chicago.....	2680	
Total Baptized in three years and nine months.....	8788	
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Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder McClurkin.....	15	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Deacon Kessler.....	9	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Fockler.....	14	
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Baptized in Michigan by Elder Kennedy.....	4	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder Bouck.....	1	
Baptized in Ohio by Overseer Mason.....	2	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder Voliva.....	11	75 118
Total Baptized since March 14, 1897.....	8906	

The following-named forty-four believers were baptized by the General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, at the Stanley Street Baptist Tabernacle, Grimsby, England, Monday afternoon, December 24, 1900:

Andrews, Miss A.....	99 St. Andrew's Terrace, New Clec, Grimsby, England
Andrews, Mrs. B. J.....	99 St. Andrew's Terrace, New Clec, Grimsby, England
Chapman, Miss.....	34 Wood Street, Grimsby, England
Charlesworth, Mrs. Rose H.....	41 Abbott Street, Doncaster, England
Childwick, Henry.....	14 Tounnard Street, Grimsby, England
Child, Maria.....	1 Coniston Mount, Stanningley, Leeds, England
Clark, Edward.....	98 Heneage Street, Grimsby, England
Cole, Mrs.....	79 Sterling Street, Grimsby, England
Craft, Harry.....	47 Hart Street, New Cleethorpes, Grimsby, England
Dawborn, Robert P.....	11 James Street, Moss Side, Manchester, England
Dillamore, George.....	48 Littlemore Terrace, Doncaster, England
Eley, Miss Martha A.....	11 Oxford Place, Doncaster, England
Gelder, Solomon.....	143 Longmillgate Street, Manchester, England
Harrison, Miss Ellen.....	19 Willbraham Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester, England
Hogarth, Mrs.....	13 Wharnciffe Street, Doncaster, England
Hogarth, George.....	13 Wharnciffe Street, Doncaster, England
Jarrett, Mrs.....	87 Thorold Street, Grimsby, England
Johnson, Miss Annie.....	61 Lovett Street, New Cleethorpes, Grimsby, England
Johnson, Mrs.....	140 Rutland Street, New Clec, Grimsby, England
Ladlow, Mrs.....	97 Edward Street, Grimsby, England
Lamley, Mrs.....	65 Thorold Street, Grimsby, England
Lang, Miss Winifred.....	302 Convannore Road, Grimsby, England
Lath, Mrs.....	97 Edward Street, Grimsby, England
Leverett, George.....	39 Thomas Street, Grimsby, England
Lewis, Albert.....	27 Blenheim Terrace, Doncaster, England
Maidment, Miss Mary A.....	7 Elsworth Street, Doncaster, England
Moody, John S.....	78 Park Street, New Clec, Grimsby, England
Moody, Rev. Joseph.....	78 Park Street, New Clec, Grimsby, England
Patterson, George K.....	7 Sussex Street, New Cleethorpes, Grimsby, England
Pickett, Benjamin.....	91 Nelson Street, Doncaster, England
Pope, Mrs.....	30 Sixhill Street, Grimsby, England
Pope, Miss Mary.....	30 Sixhill Street, Grimsby, England
Proctor, Charles.....	124 Duncombe Street, Grimsby, England
Proctor, Frederick T.....	124 Duncombe Street, Grimsby, England
Proctor, Mrs.....	124 Duncombe Street, Grimsby, England
Radcliffe, Horace G.....	19 North Street, Doncaster, England
Raithby, John W.....	8 Weelsby Street, Grimsby, England
Whitehead, Joseph H.....	13 Clare Street, Chorlton-on-Medlock, Manchester, England
Winter, Mrs. Emily.....	47 Furnival Road, Balby, Doncaster, England
William, William.....	47 Furnival Road, Balby, Doncaster, England
Wiseman, Charles F.....	51 Hilda Street, New Clec, Grimsby, England
Wood, Miss Annie.....	90 Cleveland Street, Doncaster, England
Woolhouse, Jonathan.....	11 Glasshouse Street, Rothelam, England
Woolsey, William C.....	31 Lower Oxford Street, Doncaster, England

The following-named three believers were baptized in Cincinnati, Ohio, Lord's Day, December 30, 1900, by Elder W. G. Voliva:

Bartimues, Miss Myrtle.....	3920 Holbrook Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio
Demon, Miss Annie.....	1809 Race Street, Cincinnati, Ohio
Looker, Miss Mary.....	440 East Third Street, Cincinnati, Ohio

The following-named five believers were baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle, Chicago, Wednesday evening, January 9, 1901, by Elder W. J. Stith:

Mentzer, Peter R.....	Convoy, Ohio
Schmalz, Miss Helen.....	2936 Keeley Street, Chicago, Illinois
Schmidt, Rudolph.....	Joliet, Illinois
Stevenson, Master Claude Henry.....	1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Waugelieu, John.....	Strausburg, Illinois

The following-named eight believers were baptized at Cincinnati, Ohio, Lord's Day, December 23, 1900, by Elder W. G. Voliva:

Demon, John.....	1809 Race Street, Cincinnati, Ohio
Demon, Mrs. Julia.....	1809 Race Street, Cincinnati, Ohio
Iler, George L.....	2714 May Street, Cincinnati, Ohio
Kerst, Miss Anna C.....	617 York Street, Newport, Kentucky
Palmer, Harvey.....	118 West Fourth Street, Newport, Kentucky
Sponsel, Mrs. Annie Margaret.....	65 West Second Street, Covington, Kentucky
Voliva, Frank.....	533 West Ridgeway Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio
Wolf, Miss Bertha.....	Ludlow Avenue, Clifton, Cincinnati, Ohio

The following-named four believers were baptized at Detroit, Michigan, Wednesday, January 2, 1901, by Elder E. B. Kennedy:

Gage, Miss Orcelia V.....	386 Dragoon Avenue, Detroit, Michigan
Irish, Mrs. Florence.....	294 Lansing Street, Detroit, Michigan
Kritzman, Miss Emma E.....	175 Ash Street, Detroit, Michigan
Roch, Joseph, Jr.....	287 Chene Street, Detroit, Michigan

The following-named seven believers were baptized at Vancouver, B. C., Tuesday, January 1, 1901, by Elder R. M. Simmons:

Brown, F. S.....	2011 Seventh Avenue, Vancouver, B. C.
Brown, Mrs. G. T.....	2011 Seventh Avenue, Vancouver, B. C.
Dickson, Samuel J.....	22 Cordova Street, Vancouver, B. C.
Gains, Henry.....	439 Seventh Avenue, Vancouver, B. C.
Gains, Mrs. Susan.....	439 Seventh Avenue, Vancouver, B. C.
Ingram, Mrs. Emma.....	Vancouver, B. C.
Marshall, Thomas.....	Port Haney, B. C.

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And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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## GOD'S WITNESSES TO DIVINE HEALING.

GOD'S LOVE AND POWER TO HEAL MIGHTILY MANIFESTED IN HUSBAND, WIFE AND CHILDREN.

**S**URELY HE HATH BORNE OUR SICKNESSES.

What depths of Divine Love!

What Infinite compassion!

Can it be that Jesus Christ, the sinless Son of God, bore our sicknesses? Can it be that the cruel agonies of the cross were

borne for our diseases? Can it be that the pangs of those hours of torture were suffered that we might be free from pangs of pain?

Hallelujah, it is true!

God's Word proclaims it in prophecy.

Jesus Christ came to fulfil that prophecy.

He did fulfil it.

He purchased for all men the priceless boon of Healing.

He holds that gift out to every one of His suffering children.

He longs to bestow it.

Praise God. He is giving it.

He gives it to those who love Him, obey Him, and accept the gift.

Thousands have accepted.

Their flesh no longer quivers with the torture of disease.

Their burning fevers, their terrible pains, their nameless agonies, and all the other results of sickness, He bore upon the tree.

Their lives, freed from loathsome disease, He has filled with peace, joy and usefulness.

These Witnesses are among the many thousands who tell of such blessings.

They are a little family of God's children in the Sunny South.

The husband and father was freed from the filthy bondage of tobacco. He was attacked with disease. Satan seemed to be about to take his life. But

God kept him.

He made confession of his sins.

He asked God to forgive him.

True to His promise, God forgave his sins and quickly healed him in answer to the prayer of faith.

The wife was healed, in answer to Zion's prayers, of diseases of several years' standing.

Physicians had been unable to help her.

One little daughter's healing was a most wonderful manifestation of God's power.

A severe attack of typhoid fever developed into cerebrospinal meningitis.

Her parents called in a physician.

But she had heard, from her grandmother, through Zion teaching, that Jesus was her Physician.

The pure and simple faith of childhood was strong.

She did not want the doctor to treat her.



C. L. GREER. MRS. LUCIE E. GREER.  
CHARLES WESLEY GREER.  
CARRIE BETH GREER. HATTIE MAY GREER.

She only wanted to "just pray to God." But their faith was weak. They continued for a time to give her the physician's poisons. She grew rapidly worse. She was dying.

Then they turned to God in their despair.

He heard them and spared their darling's life.

But they still needed teaching.

Satan still tortured their little daughter with indescribable agonies.

She was unconscious most of the time.

She was paralyzed.

Death seemed often about to conquer.

If she lived, humanly speaking, she would be a cripple, and perhaps her mind would be weakened or destroyed.

Her parents brought her to Zion Home.

There they heard the wonderful truth that Jesus Christ had borne the awful sufferings of the cross that their little one might not suffer.

They obeyed God in all things.

They accepted fully the gift He purchased for them.

In answer to the prayers of the General Overseer, their daughter received a perfect healing.

No effect of the disease remains.

She is better and stronger than ever.

Her mother and her aunt tell her wonderful story.

None can dispute it.

She praises God for His love and power, in the simplicity and spontaneity of childhood.

When she first walked, after her sickness, she lifted her face, all alight with joy, to her Heavenly Father, with the glad words, "I thank You, God, I thank You, for helping me to walk."

The other two little ones have also found in Jesus their Healer.

Take this little family, O Little White Dove.

Fly with them to those tossing with agony on beds of pain.

Through their joyous witnessing tell the weary ones that Christ has borne their sicknesses.

Tell them they need not suffer.

They need only acknowledge and obey Him.

They need only accept His freely offered gift.

God forbid that any should reject that which He paid the price of His own life to purchase for them. A. W. N.

#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF MRS. C. L. GREER.

TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA, December 16, 1900.

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—We send you a picture of our little family, with a testimony of healing from each.

God has blessed us so much.

I was healed of an internal trouble from which I had suffered for several years.

I had been to several doctors, but only grew worse.

If I walked but a short distance, I would feel like fainting.

I also suffered with my heart and head.

My husband had Dr. Bonner, of Tupelo, Mississippi (our former home), come and make an examination, but he did not seem to know what was the trouble.

He gave me medicine to be used twelve days, but it did not help me any; so he wrote me another prescription, which I never had filled, but wrote to the General Overseer the next day for prayers.

I began to improve right away.

I was healed perfectly.

I have never taken another dose of medicine since, and that was in October, 1899.

Our little girl, Carrie Beth, was taken sick with typhoid fever a short time afterwards and we had to carry her like a baby for nearly four months; but it never hurt me.

Our other two little ones have been healed several times through prayer.

Hattie May was taken very sick a few days after we went to Zion Home with Carrie Beth.

My mother and niece thought she was taking typhoid fever, her symptoms were so much like Carrie Beth's.

But the General Overseer prayed for her twice, her fever gave way and she was soon well.

She has been healed several times of chills and fever through Zion's prayers and ours.

Our little boy has been healed of bowel trouble and fever. He was sick a few months ago and we wrote you for prayers. He was well in a few days.

I thank God for our General Overseer and the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

I thank you all for your prayers, and pray God to bless and keep you to continue this grand work.

Faithfully,

(MRS.) C. L. GREER.

#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF MRS. C. L. GREER CONCERNING HER DAUGHTER'S HEALING.

TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI, November 7, 1900.

REV. W. HAMNER PIPER.

Dear Overseer Piper:—It is with a heart full of praise to our dear Heavenly Father that we send you the testimony and photograph of our dear little girl, who was so wonderfully healed in Zion Home during the winter of 1899-1900, for which we give God all the glory. We thank our dear General Overseer and the Elders for their prayers.

On the 5th of November, 1900, we first called the doctor to see Carrie Beth. She was up, but had not been well for several days, and had fever at the time.

She was not willing for the doctor to examine her, so he thought there was not much the matter with her. He left a little medicine, saying he thought that would make her all right.

Monday evening she was a great deal worse, and he was telephoned to come again.

When he came I saw he thought she was a very sick child. He left prescriptions and directions for giving the medicine.

Just as he started out of the room, Carrie Beth rose up in her bed and said, "Mother, I did not want you to send for Dr. Bonner. I just wanted to pray to God."

When husband came home I told him what she said. God was talking to us through her dear little lips, but we did not listen. We went right along giving the poison.

When the doctor came Tuesday morning he pronounced her case a very severe attack of typhoid fever.

Our hearts sank within us, for she had always been a very delicate child and we had often said we did not believe she could live through a severe attack of sickness.

After the doctor was gone she said, "Mother, you have never written Dr. Dowie to pray for me yet, have you?" I told her I had not, but that I would. Then she told me about Christ raising Lazarus from the dead.

All that week she would tell me the medicine was "nasty" and she just wanted to "pray to God."

She grew worse all the time, and by Saturday evening her temperature was 105, notwithstanding we were giving her fever powders.

The last dose of medicine I ever tried to give her was on that evening, and I had to almost pour it down her.

She told me repeatedly it was "so nasty," and she just wanted to "pray to God."

It almost broke my heart to pour the medicine down her, for I felt that medicine would never do her any good. But I did not know how my husband would feel upon the subject, and old Satan made me afraid to ask him.

I tried all that week to ask him if he would quit the medicine and write to Dr. Dowie for prayer. I was fearful of the responsibility alone, and I was afraid my husband would not be willing to give up the medicine.

I felt my hopes would all be gone if he told me No.

If only I had not listened to Satan, but had gone to my husband at first, I believe our little darling would have been spared much suffering; for he was so willing to put her into the hands of God, and his faith was stronger than mine.

Saturday evening when the doctor came, I showed him a very bad action from Carrie Beth's bowels. When he looked at it he shook his head and said he did not like the looks of that, saying it was a diarrhea which accompanies typhoid fever.

Her bowels were puffed and she was growing worse so fast I knew it was impossible for her to live in that condition much longer.

I asked Mr. Greer if he would telegraph for prayer. He thought a moment, then got right up and went to the office. The office was closed.

Just after he left the house Carrie Beth seemed to be dying. She turned on her back, straightened herself out, became stiff, and her eyes were set.

I thought she was dying, and called my mother to come quickly. Then I ran to the telephone and told Mr. Greer to come home as quickly as possible.

I then called for Dr. Bonner, but, thank God, he had gone to the country. I then went back to her and began rubbing her and praying.

I was also crying.

I wanted to trust God, but my faith was weak.

I had much to learn.

In a few minutes Mr. Greer returned. She had begun to revive.

He was putting his coat on to return to send the message, when she asked him where he was going. We told her he was going to send a message to Auntie (Miss Lutie Stevens, one of our General Overseer's stenographers) to ask the General Overseer to pray for her. She said she wanted him to go.

He sent the telegram, and she has never had a dose of medicine since.

The next morning when the doctor came he found no puffing in her bowels and her tongue was better. Her actions had turned to a healthy color, and after that night she had no more trouble with her bowels.

When Dr. Bonner finished examining her, he told me I had better give her a dose of medicine of some kind, I do not remember what. He told me the second time before I answered him.

Then I told him we had decided not to give any more medicine, but to trust God alone for healing.

He said she did not need much medicine, but wanted to compromise the case with us and continue the turpentine emulsion; but of course we would not consent, for that was not God's Way.

Dr. Bonner then told me what to give her for nourishment.

He returned in the afternoon and told Mr. Greer she was very low.

She could not speak and paid no attention to anything that was said. I suppose she was paralyzed then, but we did not realize it.

Our cousin, Mr. Boggan, talked and prayed with us and helped to strengthen our faith. We also had our mother, Mrs. E. C. Stevens, and niece, Miss Stella Smith, a member of Zion, to sympathize with and help us.

We sent another telegram to the General Overseer and she got better.

Her fever went down to about 101-102, and she spoke to us several times.

But she got much worse the latter part of the week and began tossing her head. She would take paroxysms of jerking and would throw herself from her pillow by jerking backward and tossing her head from side to side.

Indeed, she had the symptoms of spinal meningitis, but having no doctor at the time we did not know what her trouble was.

After going to Zion Home, Dr. Speicher pronounced it cerebro-spinal meningitis.

Her suffering was terrible and her screams were pitiful.

For a while it seemed she would lose her left eye.

One night the death-rattle was in her throat and she had the hiccoughs. I thought we were going to have to give her up, yet we never had the least inclination to return to doctors or drugs.

Mr. Greer's faith was strong and he did not become the least excited.

We knew that prayers were going up in Zion for her continually.

God heard and did not allow Satan to kill her.

I felt that if we could get to Zion with her she would be all right.

Mr. Boggan thought it better that we go where we could receive the teaching and find what was in our way.

Sunday night we decided to go.

Carrie Beth had been tossing her head and screaming all the evening, but as soon as we decided we would go, Mr. Greer sat down by her, put his arms around her and told her to go to sleep. She went right to sleep and slept until the carriage came to take us to the depot.

Mr. Boggan telegraphed to the General Overseer for prayer for a safe journey.

Dr. Bonner said we were running a risk to start with her; that if she were his child he would not do it.

She rested quietly until we had nearly reached Chicago, then she began to grow tired and fretful.

We reached Zion a little after dark. Our sister, Miss Lutie Stevens, met us at the depot and took us to the Home. Overseer Speicher came immediately to our room and prayed with us. She rested well that night.

The General Overseer came up the next day and prayed with her.

We thank God that He has sent us this man of God with these wonderful teachings.

The Elders were so kind and always ready to come and pray with us when asked. We shall always remember them with much love.

Still Satan did not give up the fight. He seemed determined to lay her little body. But there was One more powerful than he.

Thursday night her eyes were set and glassy. She was dying. I put water to her lips, but she could not swallow.

She had been unconscious since before leaving home, and the tossing and jerking had continued.

There was still something in the way of her healing.

I felt it was weak faith on my part.

I left her with Mr. Greer and my sister.

I felt that I must get away from her suffering, or even the faith I had would fail me. I went to my sister's room, fell on my knees, and plead with God to take away whatever was hindering and heal her for His glory.

Our dear General Overseer came in several times that night, and his words and prayers strengthened us.

God heard and gave her back to us. About 4 o'clock she began to rally and gradually grew better.

Her fever gave way about the 1st of December.

We knew it was not God's fault that the victory was not won sooner. "According to thy faith be it unto thee."

When the victory came, it was complete.

Hers was a perfect healing.

She has not been sick a day since, and she looks better than she ever did in her life.

A catarrhal affection which she had before this sickness has entirely disappeared, and her voice is clear and unmuffled.

She is the picture of health.

She suffered terribly from toothache while in Zion, which was relieved after prayer by the General Overseer and Overseer Speicher.

Her vocal cords, left arm and lower limbs were paralyzed, but she soon regained the use of them.

The first step she took, she looked up with beaming face and said, "I thank You, God, I thank You, for helping me to walk."

She has been relieved of toothache several times through her own prayers. A part of the tooth has now come out and the rest of it is loose.

She is bright and happy and a strong little Zion girl.

She always remembers our General Overseer and all of Zion in her prayers.

We praise God every day for His goodness to us.

Yours in Christ

(MRS.) C. L. GREER.

#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF MRS. A. H. CARTER CONCERNING THE HEALING OF HER NIECE, CARRIE BETH GREER.

ELGIN, TEXAS, November 7, 1900.

REV. W. HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—Upon sitting down to state some facts concerning the serious illness and healing of my little niece, Carrie Beth Greer, this passage comes to me: "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

It is with a heart full of praise and thanksgiving that I realize those nights of weeping and heart-anguish spent by the bedside of this little one, whom Satan had so terribly bound, have long since passed away and the joy of her healing and continued perfect health remain with us.

I shall never forget the evening that poor, little, emaciated form was brought into Zion Home by her parents. Upon looking into her little pinched face and eyes void of expression, I could detect no resemblance to the bright-eyed, happy-faced darling I had left but a few months before.

All through her sickness my heart would cry out in indignation against that false theology that God, whom our Saviour taught us to address as "Our Father," was the author of that terrible disease which was affecting the mind, paralyzing the body, and wasting the form of a once bright, happy child.

I will not go into the details of her terrible sickness, the constant tossing of the head, jerking of the body, the continuous little wail which would almost tear our heart-strings out; the paralyzed body, the glassy eye, and the chill of death upon her brow.

From a human standpoint the alternatives were merciless death or a deformed body and, perhaps, mind, the results of that terrible disease, cerebro-spinal meningitis consequent upon typhoid fever.

But God overruled the Satanic power which seemed to possess our little one and gave her back to us in a more perfect condition, physically, mentally and spiritually, than before the enemy attacked her.

Our aged mother, Mrs. E. C. Stevens, who was making her home with my sister at the time and was a constant reader of LEAVES OF HEALING, had been teaching this little one that Christ was the Healer, hence her eagerness to "just pray to God."

While in Zion Home during her sickness, our mother and Mr. and Mrs. Greer all sent in their applications for membership in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

As for myself, my heart is full of praise to God and gratitude to the General Overseer, Overseers and Elders of the Christian Catholic Church for the many blessings I have received from Zion.

Before going to the Home as a stenographer in the private office of our General Overseer, through his prayers and the Grace of God through Christ, I was healed of asthma and bowel trouble of long standing.

I know that wherein perfect healing of all troubles has not come to me is because of unfaithfulness on my part, for God is always faithful.

While working in the private office of our General Overseer for ten months, I was in a position to know somewhat of the internal workings of

Zion, and when I say I believe beyond a doubt that God is in that working, controlling and guiding it, I say all that need be said in recommendation of any Christian work.

I found our General Overseer truly a man of God, whose very presence brought inspiration and a benediction, so loving and gentle, and yet when the occasion demanded, it seemed God would speak in His wrath through him, denouncing sin in all its hideous forms, and commanding sinners to repent and seek God.

I was happy while in Zion and felt that I could ask for no greater happiness than to spend my life in the work.

When it became necessary last April, because of close confinement and overwork, to leave the Home for a season and come where I could get fresh air, sunshine and exercise, I was very sad.

I left intending to return, if possible, by July 1st, but in the meantime my mind underwent a change with reference to a certain subject—a woman's privilege to change her mind—and that is why I now sign my name—not (Miss) Lutie Stevens—but (MRS.) A. H. CARTER.

#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF MRS. C. L. GREER CONCERNING HER HUSBAND'S HEALING.

TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA, December 16, 1900.

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—God is truly good to those who put their trust in Him.

We can never praise Him enough for what He has done for us.

But for His goodness I believe I would have been a widow today.

My dear husband was taken sick with a chill the 16th of August, while at West Point, Mississippi.

He had another very severe chill the 18th and was quite sick all day, but came home that evening.

I sent a telegram to you immediately for prayers. He rested well that night and was able to get up next morning.

He did not feel so well in the afternoon, and by night his fever began to rise.

Early in the morning he began to suffer with a very sick stomach and vomiting. He wanted water all the time, but just as soon as he would drink it he would vomit it up.

By 10 o'clock his fever was very high and he began talking flightily.

I went downstairs and told my sister. When she got to him his pulse was down to thirty and he was of an ashy color.

I telephoned our cousin, Mr. Boggan, Conductor of Zion Gathering, to come at once.

We were praying all the time and before Mr. Boggan arrived, which was only a few minutes, Mr. Greer began to rally.

Mr. Boggan talked with him a little while of God's promises, and then prayed with him several times.

He said he felt better, and he looked better.

We then sent another telegram to you.

His fever went down and he was much better until the next evening.

He did not rest well that night, and the next morning had another cold spell, with a rise of fever. His pulse was 130 after he began to perspire.

He seemed to be wild. He would jump out of the bed sometimes, and was continually talking about something.

The only time his mind would be clear was when talking of God's promises or praying. He would often pray himself, but he could never stay his mind on any other subject.

His urine looked almost like blood and would have streaks of bloody mucus in it.

We continued to ask for prayers. We knew that you and Overseer Speicher were praying, and felt that the victory was sure to come.

There was still something in the way, and he had another bad spell.

We asked God to show him what was in the way, and He did.

My husband confessed. God forgave and the victory came, although not all at once; for the Devil had not given up the fight. He put several other light spells upon him; but God gave him a complete victory, and he has not lost a day's work for about six weeks; for which we give God all the glory.

We thank you and Overseer Speicher for your prayers and for your letters full of God's promises if we but did our part. They helped us so much.

May God bless and keep you in His work.

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) C. L. GREER.

#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF C. L. GREER.

TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA, January 4, 1901.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

Dear Overseer:—My wife has written you concerning my illness.

She describes it better than I could, as I was unconscious a part of the time.

My physical man was more sorely afflicted of the Devil than ever before.

I trusted God for healing, and it came after I had confessed my sin.

The healing did not come until the sin was out of the way.

I thank God that He has shown us the absolute sin of denying Christ when we take other means for healing than His Word.

I was also healed of the tobacco habit. I was a "very bad" chewer.

I had tried to quit in my own strength several times. I could quit all right, but the desire still remained, although, in one instance, I did not use any tobacco for more than a year and a half.

Since I was made to see the sin of being a slave to such a filthy and filth-producing thing as a plug of tobacco, and determined to quit in God's strength, and asked Him to take the desire away, I have been entirely free from it; in fact, the smell is very repulsive to me, for which I thank God.

We do not use swine's flesh or any forbidden meat in our family.

We thank God for Zion teaching.

Our little daughter, Carrie Beth, was wonderfully healed of fever in Zion.

Her teeth, which were decayed and aching, when prayed for, stopped aching, and have since come out.

Our other little daughter, Hattie May, has been healed of chills and headache in answer to prayer, and we feel sure she was threatened with typhoid fever while we were away in Zion, with which, in answer to the prayers of His servant in Zion, God did not permit the Devil to afflict her.

Our baby boy, Charles Wesley, has been kept of God.

He has had no serious ailment, but has been healed of bowel trouble a few times in answer to prayer.

Wife and I have been healed often of small ailments.

We never fail to "take it to the Lord in prayer," and when we are right and leave it with Him, He never fails to hear and answer.

We thank the General Overseer and the Overseers, Elders and members in Zion Home for their kindness to and prayers for us and our children.

I am thankful to Brother L. G. Boggan, Conductor of the Gathering of the Friends of Zion at Tupelo, Mississippi, that he never lost an opportunity to "hit" tobacco while I was using it, and to make me see the sin of spending God's money for it and defiling His temple with it.

May God bless him and all Zion.

May God, by His Spirit's power, help us to trust, *trust*, TRUST.

We pray that the General Overseer, the Messenger of the Covenant, may be spared many years, and that God's Spirit may dwell in Him in great power, that sin may be reprieved and the Everlasting Gospel proclaimed to the uttermost parts of the earth.

We pray God's blessing on every member and every institution of Zion. May they prosper in His favor and to His glory.

Pray for us.

Your Brother in Christ,

C. L. GREER.

#### Baby Instantly Healed of Very High Fever and Great Pain.

1516 SHATTUCK AVENUE,

NORTH BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA, December 26, 1900.

REV. W. H. PIPER.

Dear Overseer:—Your letter in answer to telegram I sent you on Thanksgiving Day, requesting you to pray at once for our baby John, was received a few days ago.

Our baby, sixteen months old, was wonderfully healed on Friday morning at 3 o'clock.

He had been very, very sick for thirteen days, high fever all the time.

We do not know what the disease was. Sometimes it acted like brain fever, again like typhoid.

He seemed to suffer intense pain all the time. For several days he would scream if we touched him.

It was a real testing time, but God's Grace was sufficient.

On Monday before Thanksgiving we packed our household goods and had them shipped to Berkeley.

Baby John had been growing worse.

Satan fought hard for his life, and it did seem sometimes that he would win the victory.

I said, "Lord, if he dies, I know that it would not be Your fault, but it would be because I had doubts or fears."

On Thursday I sent the telegram to you, and after I had sent it he seemed much worse.

You said in your letter that you prayed at 6:30. It was between 6 and 7 that we felt in our hearts that the victory had been won in Jesus' Name.

Although the baby apparently was growing worse, he screamed until 3 o'clock in the morning, when the fever instantly left him and he went to sleep.

We give God all the glory.

We thank you, dear brother, for prayers for our baby.

Your Sister in Jesus' Name,

(MRS.) W. D. TAYLOR.



#### How the Little White Dove Came to Londonderry.

Mrs. Isabella S. Corkey, of Londonderry, Ireland, in a reply to a request to tell how the teaching of Zion found her in Ireland, says:

A student was crossing in a steamer from England to Ireland. He received from a fellow traveler a copy of the Rev. John Alex. Dowie's "Reply to Ingersoll's Lecture on Truth." He took it home to his sister, who was an invalid. She learned of Divine Healing from it.

She wrote to Chicago for literature, and began to take LEAVES OF HEALING.

She sent a request to the General Overseer for prayer, and was healed. Her brother studied in the same college with my sons.

He knew my son, John L. Corkey, was in bad health, so he kindly brought to college with him LEAVES OF HEALING for John.

He knew his sister was healed, and thought John might be benefited by it. I well remember the first evening my son showed me Zion Literature.

I was very much impressed with Mrs. Dowie's beautiful story, "How I Came to Speak for Jesus."

I said, "These people know God. They have found what we have been looking for and longing after."

My son put away all medicine. He sent a request to the General Overseer for prayer and was healed.

But he had not been long at college before his faith grew weak and his health failed.

He told me he knew the reason of this: he was receiving teaching which was the very opposite of the teaching in LEAVES OF HEALING and in the Bible.

He noticed when his faith went down, his health went down. No one in the college sympathized with him in his new faith.

He and I became members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion. We felt that we were strengthened by the prayers of the Church.

We began to tell the good news to others, and the sick were healed in answer to our prayers.

We got some persecution, but it did not discourage us. It only seemed to strengthen our faith.

At the end of the term, my son decided to complete his collegiate course in Zion College, Chicago.

There he is now pursuing his studies in the enjoyment of excellent health, although the physicians—among others Granger Stewart—had told him he would never be well.

After reading Zion Literature, I put away all medicine from the house and prayed for the children when they were sick. The Lord healed them. They never had better health.

Zion Literature Mission sent us two boxes of Zion Literature, and we felt it a great privilege to carry the Full Gospel teaching of Zion to the people, most of whom received it cordially.

#### He Sendeth His Word and Healeth Them.

Some time ago we published a letter from Miss Rosa Mar-alf, in Walperswyl, Switzerland. She was quite ill with consumption. She desired to learn God's Way of Healing. She has been having German LEAVES OF HEALING sent her that she might receive faith through hearing the Word of God.

She wrote the following letter to Miss Schluppi, a student in Zion College:

DEAR COUSIN ROSA:—I received your letter.

I wish to thank you for LEAVES OF HEALING which you have sent me. I ought to have written you sooner, for I have so much to thank God for. He has healed me of my affliction and I am perfectly well.

To Him be all the glory and praise!

My friends tell me now that my stay in the mountains helped me to get well; but I know it did not.

I was feeling a great deal worse when I returned home. I had given up all hope of ever getting better. Just then I received your first letter and LEAVES OF HEALING.

After reading it, I at once put away all my medicine.

I gave myself to God, spirit, soul and body.

I trusted fully in Him to heal me.

I began to get better at once.

I cannot find words to express my gratitude to God for what He has done for me.

I am so thankful to you, dear Rosa, for explaining God's Way of Healing so plainly and clearly to me.

I have no one here to encourage me in the least.

My prayer is that I may be a blessing to others, and I want to be a living testimony to God's power to heal.

W. E. Watson, Grahamstown, South Africa, writes:

DEAR SISTER IN CHRIST:—Just a few lines to let you know how I am getting on with LEAVES OF HEALING.

I am distributing them all over the town, going from house to house.

They are received gladly by the poor, who like them very much, especially some of the colored people.

I want to wake up the whole town.

I have also sent it to different parts of the Colony.

I have plenty of time, as I had to give up my position in the shop where I was employed.

They sell medicine, tobacco and swine's flesh.

I told my employer I could not conscientiously sell them. I believe LEAVES OF HEALING is doing much good.

I was out with it today.

I met an old Kaffir man. I asked him if he wanted one.

He asked me if it was in the Kaffir language.

I told him no; in English.

He requested me to read some part of it to him. I did so.

It made my heart glad to see his smiling face beaming with joy at such glorious news.

I talked to him a little and told him about Christ's second coming.

He said he believed it, too.

He took a copy of LEAVES OF HEALING. I think he was going to get some one to read it to him.

I am so thankful for the Free Distribution Fund.

A correspondent in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, writes: I have again to thank Zion Literature Mission for LEAVES OF HEALING and tracts.

One of our soldier brothers has been taking them into the camp hospital. When he paid another visit he found the men eager for more.

The books had been around the ward.

Some of the poor fellows were going home and were so glad to receive some fresh ones.

As they were going away, they left the LEAVES and small tracts for the men who were coming in to fill up the beds they were leaving.

Some of the soldiers have also been sending the books to other camps.

The news comes back that they are highly pleased with them.

In some quarters there is great indignation because the General Overseer teaches that the Gospel will be preached in hell. This is very alarming news for the Devil.

LEAVES OF HEALING is doing good work.

**Zion Literature Sent Out From a Free Distribution Fund Provided by Zion's Guests and the Friends of Zion. Report for the Week Ending January 12, 1901.**

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### ANOTHER PARTY OF LACE EXPERTS ADMITTED.

Secretary Gage Decides That Party of Thirty-one Ordered Deported by Board of Special Inquiry at Portland, Maine, are Entitled to Admission.

GOD has given Zion another glorious victory in the admission of another party of Lace Experts from Nottingham, England.

A party of thirty-one arrived at Portland, Maine, by the steamship *Tunisian* on Tuesday, January 15, 1901.

They were stopped by the immigration inspectors, and a Board of Special Inquiry of the Immigration Bureau decided that they must return to England on the *Tunisian*, on the ground that they had come in violation of the Alien Contract Labor Law.

Attorney Packard and Deacon Stevenson were sent to Portland by the General Overseer. After making the party comfortable on board the *Tunisian*, Attorney Packard hurried to Washington, where he brought the case before Secretary of the Treasury Gage.

The result of that appeal is told in the following telegram, received by the General Overseer just as he reached Chicago and read by him, amidst hearty applause, in Zion Home, upon his arrival there:

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 17, 1901.

REV. JOHN ALEXANDER DOWIE,  
 Chicago, Illinois.

Secretary Gage has just decided to admit the entire party of Lace Experts who were ordered deported by the Portland Board of Special Inquiry.

They can therefore start tonight for Zion.  
 Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

SAMUEL W. PACKARD.

The party, accompanied by Deacon Samuel Stevenson, arrived in Zion, Chicago, at 8:45 Saturday evening, January 19, 1901.

### GENERAL OVERSEER'S BOSTON MISSION A SUCCESS.

Thirty-two Baptized; Scores Received Into Fellowship; Evangelist Ordained. Large Attendance at Ordinance of Lord's Supper. Zion in Boston Well Organized.

THE Mission of the General Overseer in Boston, Massachusetts, on Lord's Day, Monday and Tuesday, January 13, 14 and 15, 1901, was greatly blessed of God.

The following telegram received from him on January 16th tells the glad news:

WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS, January 16, 1901.

ZION, Chicago.

I am on my way, with my party.

All well.

Left Boston two o'clock by Michigan Central.

God willing shall arrive Chicago four P. M. tomorrow.

Good mission in Boston.

Baptized thirty-two.

Ordained Deaconess Smith an Evangelist.

Received scores into fellowship.

Over two hundred at Ordinance of Lord's Supper.

Secured hall for meetings.

Some of my meetings overflowed Berkeley Hall.

Zion in Boston now well organized.

I must send them an Elder soon.

Everything orderly at meetings.

Boston press mostly fair and courteous.

And now for Zion and my home in Chicago.

Pray for me.

My love to one and all,

Hallelujah!

Ebenezer.

Mizpah.

JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

# THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN OPENED.

**W**ILL a man rob God? yet ye rob Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with the curse; for ye rob Me, even this whole nation. Bring ye the Whole Tithe into the Storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you happy: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts.—*Malachi 3:8-12.*

## Tithing Brings Blessing in Every Relation.

410 NORTH IONIA STREET,  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, January 7, 1901.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*My Dear Overseer:*—It is with much joy that I bear witness to the truth of God's Word in the matter of tithing.

Ever since coming into Zion I have tithed all increase regularly and systematically, my wife being in hearty sympathy with me, as she is in all Zion teaching, praise God!

We have not the slightest doubt but that Zion's treasury is the true and proper successor of "the Storehouse" spoken of in Malachi.

God's blessings upon us as a family attest His approval of our so judging. Having a definite and sure Storehouse to which we can send "the whole tithe," not using any portion ourselves, is a great comfort and blessing.

Although I preached tithing in the Congregational Church, it did not amount to much, because there was no Storehouse for wise and effective use of the funds. Each considered he was free to spend his tithe where and how he pleased.

We have experienced the following blessings as the result of tithing our income in Zion.

(1.) Our every financial necessity has been provided for according to the promise, "So shall thy barns be filled with plenty."

(2.) Once when in very special need God opened the windows of heaven in answer to prayer, and generously made us have "all sufficiency in everything."

(3.) It has taught us that Scripture commands are to be obeyed, and not argued about; that "to know the doctrine whether it be of God" is to test it by obedience, rather than to prove it by worldly wisdom.

(4.) It has shown us that God is just as true as His promises for physical as for spiritual blessings.

In a word, the God-given system of tithing has been the vehicle by which so many good things have come to us that we cannot afford to neglect it.

When the faithful tithe-payers in our work here have needed employment, time and again God has heard prayer for them and given work quickly, and at good wages, where others could not get work at all.

The children in our Junior Meeting are taught to tithe the little sums they earn. They do it as a privilege, and consider it a path to greater earnings and richer favors of God and man, as we all have proved it to be.

With heartfelt gratitude to our General Overseer for so firmly demanding obedience to God in tithing, a strong proof of his being the Messenger of the Covenant.

In Jesus' Service, Faithfully yours,

JAMES R. ADAMS, Elder-in-Charge,  
Grand Rapids Branch of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

## More Work and Better Pay; Protection From Sickness.

STRYKER, OHIO, January 12, 1901.

REV. W. H. PIPER.

*Dear Brother in Christ:*—Enclosed you will find \$— tithes, which we thank God we can joyfully send at this time.

We find that it pays to send in tithes just as soon as we get the money, and not put it off. If we do, we are sure to spend it.

I can truthfully say that when we have paid all of our tithes, we have had more work and better pay than when we failed to do our part. I have tested it, and know whereof I speak.

When we have paid our tithes, we have not only had more money, but we have had God's blessing with it, and have also been protected from sickness.

I intend to take out the tithes first this year and pay them promptly.

Please pray for us that we may do our whole duty to God and man, so that there will be nothing lacking.

SAMUEL L. MALTBY.

## Increase in Salary and a Blessed Joy in Tithing.

LEXINGTON, ILLINOIS, January 6, 1901.

REV. W. HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—In reply to your request for testimonies of blessing for paying tithes, I enclose the following.

For some time before I entered Zion I was convinced that it was right to pay tithes. I resolved to pay mine. I did so for a time, but soon ceased.

There was no Storehouse in the Dunkard Church, of which I was then a member, and as we received little or no encouragement in tithing, it was an easy matter for Satan to persuade me to neglect this duty.

Since coming into Zion I have paid my tithes to God, and He is blessing me much.

This year I have an increase in my salary of \$12 per month.

My work is much easier.

I feel that I am working for Him. He has an interest in my work, therefore it must prosper.

I claim the promise in Malachi 3:10, and get it.

However, I think the greatest blessing comes in the joy of paying our honest debts. It gives one rest, peace and security.

It PAYS to pay tithes.

In this service my dear wife joins me most heartily.

May God bless all Zion.

Your Brother in Christ,

D. C. OWEN OPPERMAN.

## God Supplies Plenty When His Tithes are Paid.

WEBSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA, January 7, 1901.

*DEAR OVERSEER:*—We can truthfully say that tithing is a blessing.

We have paid tithes into Zion's Storehouse for some time.

We did not always do it, because we did not know.

I can say that when we paid we had plenty to eat and wear, and when we have not paid we did not get much.

We thank God for teaching received from LEAVES OF HEALING.

It led us to a better conception of Christianity; one which will stand the scoffing of men.

We have received healing too many times to write of all.

Our children have been healed of many small ailments at different times; one of convulsions when a year old.

We know of God's help at our child's birth, although we did not know how to trust Him fully.

We pray God to bless Zion everywhere.

Your Brother and Sister in Christ,

EARL ALLEN,  
HILDA ALLEN.

## Finances Never Better Than When Paying Tithes.

FINDLAY, OHIO, January 9, 1901.

REV. W. H. PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—I have been a member of the Christian Catholic Church about six months, although I have paid tithes for about ten years.

There are many things which I have learned about this subject in LEAVES OF HEALING, especially concerning the Storehouse.

I rejoice to know that there is a place where I can send the Lord's money, knowing that it will be rightly applied.

I deem it a high privilege to pay tithes.

I am blessed in every financial relation of my business by so doing.

Never have my finances been better under the same circumstances than now.

God's Word is true in my experience.

May God bless Zion.

Respectfully,

B. J. WISE.

## Debts Paid and Money Saved When God Receives His Own.

PAW PAW, MICHIGAN, January 5, 1901.

REV. W. H. PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—The Lord has greatly blessed us since we began paying tithes into Zion's Storehouse.

We were in debt and had been unable to get out.

The first year we paid our tithes we were able to get out of debt and had more for ourselves than we had before, for which we praise God.

We were never able to save anything before, but this last year we were able to buy a share in Zion Land and Investment Association.

We received a check this week for the interest on our stock.

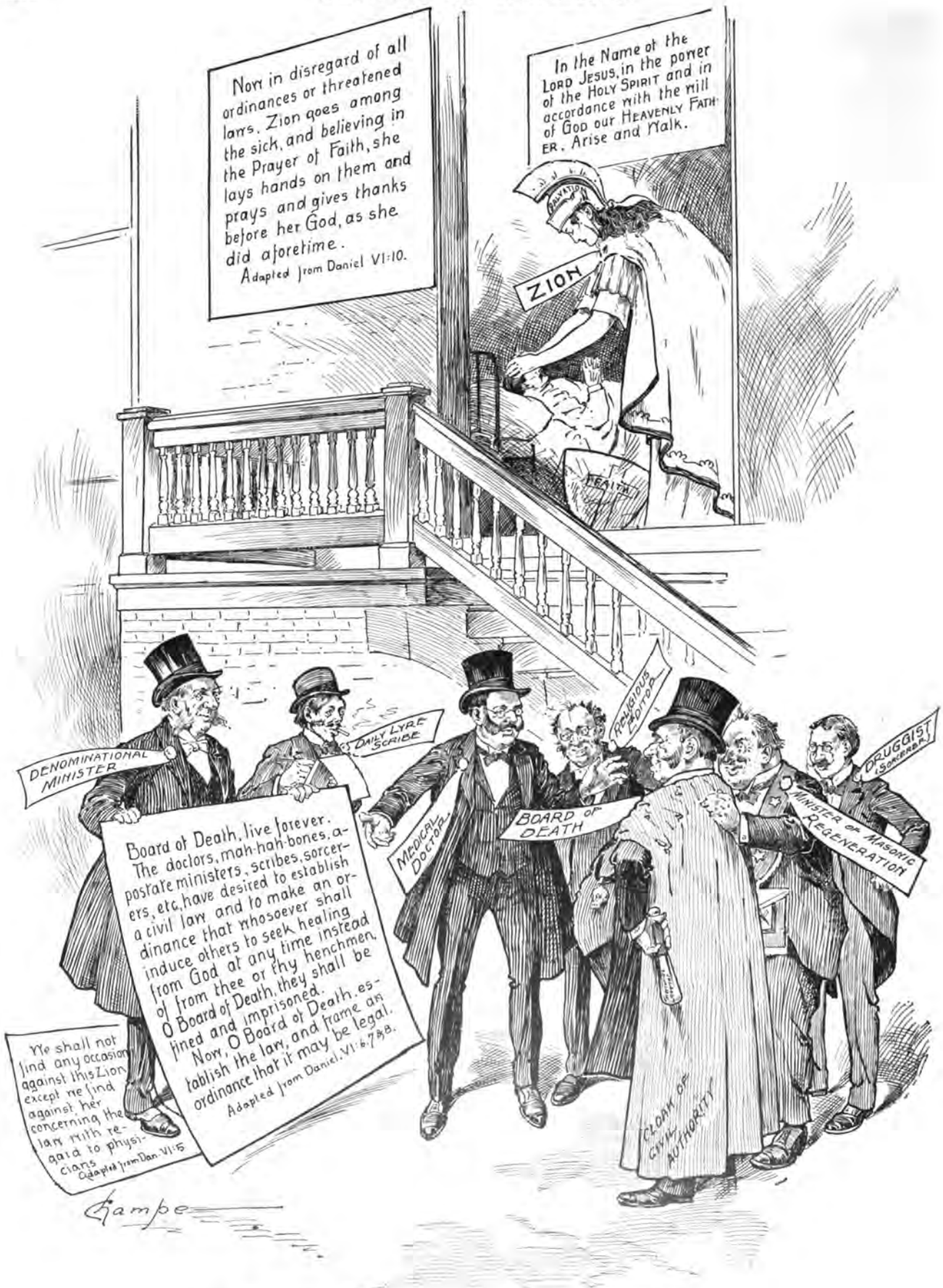
As this is the first interest we ever received, we dedicate it to God's service and send it to Zion to use as you think best.

We have received great spiritual blessings since the All-Night Meeting.

May God bless Zion and its faithful officers.

Your Brother and Sister in Christ,

MR. AND MRS. DUSTIN THORPE.



A MODERN ANALOGY FROM THE STORY OF DANIEL.

# A VOICE TO ZION AND GOD'S PEOPLE IN EVERY LAND.

O thou that tellest Good Tidings to Zion, Get thee up into the High Mountain Lift up thy Voice with strength: Lift it up, be not afraid: Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Isaiah, XL: 9

## ZION IN LONDONDERRY, IRELAND.

*Report of Meetings held in Guildhall, Londonderry, Ireland, Wednesday and Thursday Evenings, November 14 and 15, 1900. Wednesday Evening Address: "The Chains of Good and Evil." Thursday Evening Address: "Sanctification of Spirit, Soul and Body."*

\* REPORTED BY E. W.

**G**OD gave great blessing to many in Londonderry, Ireland, through the Mission of the General Overseer there upon the 14th and 15th of November, 1900.

The Message which he there proclaimed, which was so greatly blessed, is now sent out to all the world upon the wings of the Little White Dove. It is a Message of the Everlasting Gospel. It is a Message from God, based upon His inspired Word.

It tells men everywhere that Jesus came to break the fetters of sin and disease and death and Satan and hell; that He came to bring Salvation, Healing and Cleansing to all who will trust Him.

It is a Message declaring the truth of God concerning the triune being of man and God's will that man should become a fit habitation for Himself; His holy temple.

It is a Message which tells that only in God's way can the spirits, souls and bodies of men be freed from defilement of every kind, so that they may become the dwelling-places of God, through His Holy Spirit. What greater blessing could God bestow upon man than that He should dwell within him.

It is a Message from His Word, and we have His promise that it shall accomplish that which He pleases.

We believe that it will.

\* The General Overseer has not revised this report.

## THE CHAINS OF GOOD AND EVIL.

Guildhall, Londonderry, Ireland, Wednesday Evening, November 14, 1900.

The services were opened by the congregation singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

The General Overseer then read the ninety-first Psalm, and from the tenth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, after which he offered prayer.

After the announcements had been made, the General Overseer delivered the following address.

### INVOCATION.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, profitable unto this people, and unto all to whom these words shall come, for the sake of Jesus, our Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

In the front of all I have to say tonight I will place two passages of Scripture. The first you will find in the fifth

chapter of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah at the twentieth verse:

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Then in the tenth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles at the thirty-eighth verse:

Jesus of Nazareth, how that God anointed Him with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the Devil; for God was with Him.

### The Mission of Jesus Not Finished.

The mission of Jesus Christ, our Master, the Son of God, the One Mediator between God and man, has begun, but it is not finished.

That work still continues.

In the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles the writer says he simply continues the narrative of the works which Jesus began to do and to teach.

He is with His Church in all the ages; and despite "all that seems at strife with blessing, and all with curses rife," we know that He is blessing, and He is alive, and He is with us all the way; for His Word is true: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the consummation of the age."

The night is not starless;  
The dawn is not distant.  
God is still God.  
And His love will not fail us.



GUILDHALL, LONDONDERRY, IRELAND.



Christ is Eternal, and the Gospel which He preached is the Everlasting Gospel of the Everlasting Kingdom of God.

There are but two great forces in this world which are contending for mastery, and you and I are on one side or the other. You and I are numbered in the one Army or the other. The one is the Army of the Good, who follow the King, eternal, immortal, and invisible, yet truly with us now, Jesus.

That Army has no array of blood-stained banners. That Army can say:

Along our ranks no sabers shine,  
No blood-red pennons wave,  
Our banners bear one single line:  
"Our mission is to save."

But that other army—

Marches to the drum-beat roll,  
The deep-mouthed clarion's bray,  
And bears upon a crimson scroll:  
"Our mission is to slay."

On one side or the other you and I must stand to save or to slay; to kill or to make alive; to bless or to curse; to win the world to God, or to drive it backwards into hell.

Tonight, while my principal point will be to show you the position of disease in the chain of evil, yet it is essential in doing so that one should take a brief review of these two great chains: one of golden blessing which binds us about the feet to good, and gives, too, such glorious liberty in all His wide Universe; the other, of these dark fetters of evil forged by Satan in the fires of hell, which bind men to evil and drag them down into despair.

#### All Good Comes From God.

But we do not know God except as He has revealed Himself to us.

Without a revelation we could not understand Him. That revelation must come to us in a way adapted to our understanding, not to the understanding of the great wide, sweeping, philosophic mind, but to the understanding of the humblest; to the little child, to the weary toiler, to the sick, to the poor, to the sad, to the worn, and to the aged.

The adaptation of God's revelation must come to us all, and get into us all, if it is to be effective.

Hence in a wondrous way, God sent His Son to reveal to us the Father, to reveal to us Himself, and by the Holy Spirit in every age and time to maintain in our hearts these two great Revelations of a God and Father whose Love is Infinite and boundless for all His children, and of a great Elder Brother who is touched with a feeling of our infirmities and stoops to the lowest to raise them to the highest.

When He sent His Son, the "Eternal *Logos*," into this world, He became Flesh, and in that Flesh we saw none other than the Creator.

In the beginning was the Word (*Logos*), and the Word (*Logos*) was with God, and the Word (*Logos*) was God. The same was in the beginning with God.

All things came into being by means of Him, and without Him nothing has come into being that has come into being. . . . And the Word (*Logos*) became Flesh, and dwelt among us.

He told us that He had come to His own world, and to His own people, but His own received Him not.

God forbid that that word should be fulfilled today in us.

"He came into His own possessions, and they that were His own received Him not."

May we receive Him!

As He came, He spoke to us so clearly, in the simple language which made the common people listen to Him, and staggered the philosopher, and revealed to us a great Ocean of Love; where there are shallows in which a child may wade, depths which have never been measured, and mercy which has no limits: for it is a "Mercy that endureth forever," and is as boundless as God Himself.

That love was revealed. With the revelation, the dark shadow of the author of evil comes forth. It is Christ who tells us plainly of the personality of Satan, already revealed in the Book of Job, the oldest book in the Bible, perhaps the oldest in the world.

#### Satan, the Author of Evil, a Person.

In that book a personal being, called Satan, is presented, who had fallen from highest heights.

When Christ came into the Flesh, Satan strove to destroy Him at the birth. When He entered upon His ministry it was

Satan who tempted Him forty days and forty nights in that wilderness, deep down in one of these dark valleys beyond the Jordan, some of which are 1200 feet below the level of the sea.

There for forty days and forty nights, He, the Redeemer, was tempted by the Defiler, who had for 4000 years made humanity miserable, and was now seeking to destroy humanity's Hope.

Jesus came up out of that terrible Temptation, manifested Himself, was proclaimed by John at the Jordan as "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world," and then plunged into that ministry of only three years in which He demonstrated forever the fact that God had provided Salvation from Sin, Healing for Disease, Life for Death, Heaven for Hell, and that at last had come One who was triumphant over Satan.

While Satan still strides across the world, and the darkness deepens in some of the lands, so that hundreds of millions are sitting in that darkness, yet his power is broken, and his fall is imminent. The coming of the Lord draweth nigh!

I present to you tonight, first, then, the thought: that sin came into this world through Satan, that man fell through doubting, that doubt led into denial, and denial led into that transgression which God said would be followed by death.

#### Death Came Through Sin.

In the day that thou eatest, dying thou shalt die.

Death was not immediate; for disease entered, and man scarce knew that death had entered when disease came.

It was but a chill wind that swept over Paradise. It was but a sudden revelation of nakedness. It was but a sudden hatred to each other, where love had been. It was but the sudden flashing out of the angel's sword. It was but the Voice of God bidding them to depart, and the fiery sword standing there, telling them they could not get back that way again: then it was death.

As Eve and Adam looked at Cain, their firstborn, with the brand of guilt on his brow, and sought for Abel and found him dead at his brother's hand, then the full misery burst upon humanity, and it has been rolling on in all the ages ever since.

But there has come a Saviour who brings Salvation from sin.

That Salvation which man lost by doubt now comes by penitence, by faith, by obedience, by prayer, by compliance with God's laws.

Salvation is the sweetest sound that ever struck mortal ears; the joyful sound that comes through Jesus: for He purchased it. He paid for it by His blood. He atoned for sin by His death, and He ever liveth to make intercession for sinners with God.

But is that all?

Does the work of Christ end simply in saving our spirits?

We know how precious that work is; but is that all?

I have more than a spirit; so have you.

You have a spirit, you have a soul, and you have a body.

Your body is but dust, but how wonderfully that dust is built up into a temple which was intended to be a Temple for God.

#### The Redemption of the Body.

We have a body, and we have a soul—an animal life in common with all other creatures.

But more than soul and body, we have a spirit of which God is the Father. While we rejoice in its Salvation, and while yet that spirit dwells within its mortal clay, we need more than the redemption of our spirits. We need the cleansing of our blood; we need the healing of our body; we need emancipation from disease throughout.

The spirit itself will groan and fall, and, if it were possible, almost perish. But, thank God, it cannot perish; because the Spirit is the offspring of God, and we share the nature of our Father.

If we would be happy, we must have purity of blood; we must have deliverance in the body.

When Christ came, He brought not only Salvation, He brought Healing—that Healing which cannot pass away, for it is God's own Gift.

Oh how precious is this Revelation!

I desire you, very earnestly, to go back with me, and listen to Christ, our Lord, telling us what He came to bring.

It was a day long to be remembered when a young Man arose from His seat in a little village church, called, in those days, a synagogue, away up amid the mountains of Galilee—a



young Man regarding whose life there were many strange rumors.

Some said He was the very Christ of God. Some said that Simeon, the prophet, and Anna, the prophetess, had declared Him to be the Saviour when a Baby in the Temple.

Some said that the angels had sung His welcome on the night when He was born in Bethlehem.

He had gone down to Egypt and had been away. They had never seen the Baby of Nazareth until He came back as a bright boy, possibly at the time He went into the Temple at twelve.

Then, as life went on with that family, and James, Joses, Simon, Jude, and three girls were born into the family—seven in all, besides the Lord—and Joseph passed away, that young Man had taken the place in the family as the head of the family.

He had helped Mother Mary take care of little Josie, Jimmy, Jude, Simon and the girls. He had helped to find clothes for them and bring them up, in that little village in Nazareth.

When that work was finished, He had suddenly disappeared.

They heard of Him at the Jordan, baptized by John the Baptist and proclaimed the Messiah.

They heard of mighty works at Capernaum.

Now He comes back to His village where He had been brought up, and quietly sits amid the village throng in the synagogue.

#### Jesus' Quiet Proclamation of His Mission.

Then at the fitting time, in accordance with the Jewish law—which permitted one at thirty years to speak, if he had anything to say—Jesus, in a quiet manner, left His seat, came up and asked the attendant for the sacred roll. Unrolling it, He came to the place where it was written:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,  
Because He anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor:  
He hath sent Me to proclaim release to the captives,  
And recovering of sight to the blind,  
To set at liberty them that are bruised,  
To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

That was the first Divine Healing text: that was the first Divine Healing sermon. But how little they esteemed it is shown by the fact that they tried to kill the Lord.

They said to Him: "You shall not teach Divine Healing here! You shall not reproach us here with being unfaithful."

Then they took Him out to throw Him over the precipice on which their city was built; and, but for the Divine Power within Him, His Mission would have ended with His first sermon.

The thing which Satan hates more than all is the proclamation, not only of the emancipation of the spirit, but of the soul, and of the body.

Satan hates it in every age. But the power of God is just the same today, and Satan's power can never overcome God.

So He went about His Mission. He healed the sick. He saved the sinful. He taught them Repentance and Faith.

He taught them that, having given themselves to their Father in Heaven, if they came to Him in simple faith, there was no disease which He would not heal.

He taught them that the leper should be cleansed, the deaf should hear, the blind should see, the lame should walk. Where He saw fit—in three cases only—He raised the dead. So He established this Gospel as a Gospel of "saving health among all nations."

#### Divine Healing in Presbyterian Psalms and Methodist Hymns.

He joined Salvation and Healing together; so that we have sung it in old Presbyterian Scotland and Ireland for centuries:

All thine iniquities who doth most graciously forgive,  
Who thy diseases all and pains doth heal and thee relieve.

We have sung it in our paraphrase:

As when the Hebrew prophet raised  
The brazen serpent high,  
The wounded looked and straight were healed,  
The people ceased to die.

So from the Saviour on the cross  
A healing virtue flows;  
Who looks to Him with lively faith  
Is saved from all his woes.

Again we have sung it in the hymns which poets have written:

Thou, O Christ, art all I want;  
More than all in Thee I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.

We have sung it over and over again:

Let the healing streams abound.

We have sung it in the beautiful hymn:

At even, ere the sun was set,  
The sick, O Lord, around Thee lay;  
Oh in what divers pains they met!  
Oh with what joy they went away!

Once more 'tis eventide, and we,  
Oppressed with various ills, draw near;  
What if Thy form we cannot see,  
We know, and feel, that Thou art here.

Oh Saviour Christ, our woes dispel;  
For some are sick, and some are sad,  
And some have never loved Thee well,  
And some have lost the love they had.

We sing it in these words:

Thy touch has still its ancient power,  
No word from Thee can fruitless fall:  
Hear, in this solemn evening hour,  
Lord, in Thy mercy, heal us all.

We have been recreant to the truth, but it has been preserved in God's Word, and in Divine song. It is true—true as when one of the last poets, John Greenleaf Whittier, wrote it:

The healing of Christ's seamless dress  
Is by our beds of pain;  
We touch Him in life's throng and press,  
And we are whole again.

#### The Truth That He is the Healer is Inscribed on Every Page of God's Word.

I am the Lord that healeth thee.

It was given at the waters of Marah when God made the bitter waters sweet and said:

If thou wilt diligently hearken to the Voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His eyes, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases upon thee, which I have put upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee.

In every page of the Bible the Healer is revealed. God never changes.

Christ only came to reveal to us the Covenants of that unchanging God, and make them real. The Message of the Covenant is today a Message of Salvation and Healing and Holy Living.

It is the same old Message. You cannot separate Salvation and Healing.

Ah! but a false theology, misled by Satan, has said that disease is the will of God, that disease is beneficent, that disease works out good and gracious purposes, and that if you will only take it from God's hand, it will be very good for you.

With that I now deal.

I say tonight that there is not one passage in all Christ's speaking, or of the apostolic teaching, that will bear such an interpretation.

To this end was the Son of God manifested, that He might destroy the works of the Devil.

Peter, the apostle, in the house of Cornelius, the centurion, stated the great Truth when he said:

Jesus of Nazareth, how that God anointed Him with the Holy Ghost, and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the Devil; for God was with Him.

When did Christ ever say, "Your sickness came from God; I cannot take it away without interfering with my Father's work?"

He was glorified, not in our sickness, but in delivering us from our sickness.

He was glorified, not in our sins, but in delivering us from our sins.

He is so glorified still; for there is one thing certain,

#### Disease Cannot Come From God.

Disease is not in God, and you cannot get out of God what is not in Him.

Disease is not in heaven, and you cannot get it out of heaven.

Disease belongs to Satan; it belongs to sinful, fallen man, diseased and corrupted through sin; but it does not belong to God. God can never will that the Devil should triumph over His work.

If any one should say, "Ah, but God wills that the Devil shall do this."

No. Because if you take that position, you would have to admit that God is in such straits for the management of His Kingdom and His children, that He cannot find angels enough

in heaven, or good men enough on earth, but has to use the Devil as an executive officer to keep His own people in good order—a monstrous doctrine!

God never used the Devil, and He cannot use him.

One of the greatest blunders in this matter arises from a most painfully false interpretation of a single passage of Scripture, that passage in the Epistle to the Hebrews which says:

Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth.

I desire to speak kindly to my brethren in the ministry, and to all teachers who are here; for I know there are teachers here.

I want to say to you, "Be careful that you never again, after tonight, repeat that blunder in saying, 'Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth,' means 'Whom the Lord loveth He maketh sick.'"

That word which is translated "*chastisement*" and "*chastening*" has one definite meaning, and no other.

#### The True Meaning of "Whom the Lord Loveth He Chasteneth."

You can search through all the Greek literature, and you will not find any other meaning for the word than that which I am now going to tell you.

It is a very little word which all of you can find even tonight in an English Concordance like Young's. It is the word *Paideia*, *παιδεία*, which comes from the little Greek word *país*, *παῖς*, meaning a child.

"*Paideia*" means, and always has meant, the "training," the "education," the "nourishment," and the "bringing up" of a child.

All of you who have read Greek in schools or in colleges will remember that one of the books you have to read is the "*Cyropaideia*," the instruction of Cyrus, the training of Cyrus, that wonderful man whom, though he seemed to be a heathen, even God had made a servant of His, and spoke of in the prophecy. Cyrus was trained from his earliest infancy to be strong, to be healthy, to be vigorous, to be pure, to be a warrior, to have a philosophic mind, to be kind, to be loyal, to be good, to be such a one as men could look up to, and look up to as a kind and brave leader.

But the idea of making him sick never once enters into *paideia*, and cannot enter into it.

That passage, "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth," means, "Whom the Lord loveth He nourisheth, He cherisheth, He traineth, He educateth, He disciplineth, as a wise father does a child, with the view to the bringing up of that child healthy and holy and happy."

It does not mean sickness at all. It never did mean that.

However it came that it has been turned into "Whom the Lord loveth He maketh sick," I cannot understand, because it never meant it, and it never can mean it.

I will say tonight that, as a matter of scholarship, the meaning I have given is absolutely indisputable. No one considering it can honestly dispute it for a moment.

#### The Terrible Errors Arising From Misinterpretation.

Yet ministers have come and said in their darkness, not intentionally, either, "Your God has made you sick; kiss His hand."

They have kissed the hand of Satan, who is the author of disease, and thought it was God's. In the darkness they have done as Job did—they have blessed God for what the Devil did. They blessed God for the hand which smote them with sore boils, like Job, from the sole of the feet to the crown of the head, every one of which came from the Devil.

"Oh," you say, "it is Divine permission."

Divine permission is one thing and Divine commission is another.

God permits people to sell whisky, and people will get drunk and commit crimes, but God does not commit the crimes.

God never yet wrote a license to sell liquid fire and distilled damnation anywhere upon God's earth! (Applause.)

Man may write it, but God never wrote it.

You can have shops where you can buy nicotine poison, and chew it and smoke it (noises, hisses and shuffling of feet) until you get cancer, until you get amaurosis, until you get paralysis, until you get ulcerations of the stomach and bowels. You can buy for a few dollars a whole catalogue of diseases. You can buy tobacco enough, if you keep on long enough, to make yourself a walking stinkpot! (Noises, groans, hisses.)

The Lord have mercy upon you!

But God never wrote a tobacconist's license! God never told men to sell that filthy poison!

You can get many things which are evil, but God has nothing to do with them!

You can even buy pig, of which God said:

Of their flesh ye shall not eat, and their carcasses ye shall not touch; they are unclean unto you.

(Hisses, noises and interruptions. Cries of "Rot!" "Bosh!")

#### A Plea for Reverence of God's Word.

That is God's Word. It is not mine. The man or boy who would say that against God's Word has lost reverence for God, and reverence for His Word.

Oh, let that never come to Derry—Derry! which with a Bible in one hand, uplifted in prayer to God, fought so nobly—may God's Word never be despised in Derry. (Applause.)

Never! Boys, never! You are the men of tomorrow.

Treasure your mother's Bible. It was a soft pillow for her head.

Treasure your father's Bible; for it is a richer inheritance than gold, or diamonds, or rubies.

I quote God's Word when I say that God said concerning the swine:

Their flesh ye shall not eat, and their carcasses ye shall not touch; they are unclean unto you.

Our Lord Jesus Christ confirmed that by what He did at Gadara.

I have no fight with any man. I have only a fight with sin. I know from my heart I have no personal antipathies, but I do hate the thing which creates disease. (Noises, shuffling of feet and hisses.)

There is not one of you can go home and turn up your dictionary to the word "*scrofula*" without getting a terrible lesson. "*Scrofula*," you will see, comes from *scrofa*, a breeding sow, and *scrofula* is the Latin diminutive for little pigs. If you take the "breeding sow," you will get "little pigs" everywhere, inside and out. (Groans and hisses.)

Boys! Men and women!

#### I Have a Right to Plead Tonight for Human Lives.

I have a right to say with God's Word:

Eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

I have a right to say, Drink what is good! As God's minister, I have a right to say, Read what is good, think what is good, and live what is good, and God will make your life full of beauty, and love, and power!

Be the opposite, and you will get disease, and defilement, and damnation, and death, and hell!

Oh God, make us clean, and let none of us fight against purity.

Disease—yes, disease has come to us now more than ever.

Take cancer, for instance. My brothers, my sisters, I have studied this as few men have, for twenty-five years.

My hands have been laid upon the sick until I have prayed more than a million times.

In my last meeting with the sick in Chicago I prayed with 800 persons in my prayer room.

I love to help. I love to see the mother raised from a bed of death and restored to her children, and her husband, and the Church of God.

I love to see the young man, stricken by the darts of disease, get salvation and healing. I am pleading, pleading for God, pleading for human lives, when I am pleading against the things which defile, and I know that in your heart of hearts you know I am.

Then why not be clean?

Why not give up the little thing that defiles?

Why put an enemy into your mouth to steal your brains and life away and defile you?

#### The Anglo-Saxon Race, if Clean, Will Conquer the Earth.

Let us be clean, and there is no race, there is no nation which will be able to stand before this Anglo-Saxon people.

If we are only clean in spirit, in soul, in body, we will win the empire of the world! (Applause.)

But an unclean people will not do it.

That generation which went up from Egypt to Palestine

sinned, but there arose in the wilderness another generation. It was a royal generation. It had never touched the fleshpots of Egypt. It was a Nation of those whom God had fed with manna every day from heaven. It was a Nation which had drunk the clear, sweet water which burst from the rock. It was a Nation which inspired terror. It swept the heathen out of the the Promised Land.

I long to see Anglo-Saxon domination everywhere. I believe I see the signs of the times in the approximation of America, and England, and Germany, and the Protestant powers of the north. Banded together, they are more than a match for the apostasy of the Greek Church, and for the horrible apostasy of the Roman Church, and for all the power of the Dragon. (Applause.)

But we must be loving, wise, good, pure, strong.

We cannot be that while we defile our bodies.

So God sends us a message of purity: "Abstain from every form of evil." He who gives us Salvation and Healing, gives us life, *life*, LIFE!

I love the word!

#### The Story of the General Overseer's Healing.

I was dying. There is no sick person in Derry tonight sicker than I was when I was between sixteen and seventeen years of age. I was dying. I had no hope in man, but I had that Bible. The night that the doctor said I would die, I read:

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
And forget not all His benefits:  
Who forgiveth all thine iniquities;  
Who healeth all thy diseases.

I said, "It is not true. You have forgiven my iniquities, but You have not healed my diseases."

Just then I heard a Voice—Oh! I thought I must be dying, because I heard a Voice I had never heard before, saying: "You never asked God."

I said, "I did."

Again I heard the Voice, "You never asked God."

I said, "I did."

Again the Voice said, "You never asked God."

I rose up, and I said, "I did, my God. I asked Thee to heal me."

Then I was silent; for I remembered I had not asked God. I had asked God to use drugs which had never done me any good.

"Now, Oh God," I said, "I will ask Thee."

I got down on my knees and prayed, that "like as a father pitieth his children," so the great God would pity me and give me life. Not that I was afraid to die. I have never been afraid of that.

God saved me under the shadow of the Tron Kirk, Edinburgh, when I was a child of seven, and He took fear out of me.

I do not know fear. I do not boast about it, but I cannot be afraid. If tonight a doom which was threatened to me today by a bad man should happen to me—if tonight I should be guillotined—I know my spirit would go to God, and I would not wake up in Derry, but I would wake up in heaven. I am not afraid.

That night, as I prayed to God, I was not afraid of death, but I wanted to live: for—

No man that breathes with human breath,  
Whatever crazy sorrow saith,  
Has ever really longed for death.

'Tis life, not death, for which we pant;  
'Tis life of which our nerves are scant;  
More life, fuller, that I want.

Christ has said: "I am come that ye might have life"; and He destroys death: for death is the Devil's work.

"He that hath the power of death is the Devil."

"Death and hell shall be cast into the lake of fire."

God gave me life. He gives me heaven; heaven now, and heaven hereafter.

Oh men of Derry!—Oh young men of Derry!—Oh young women of Derry!—There is a nobler fight to fight than even your fathers fought—the fight which lies before us now to win a world to God.

Oh let the Kingdom of God come within you, that Kingdom which is Righteousness, which is Peace, which is Joy in the Holy Spirit; which will bring you life, which will bring you health, which will bring you peace, which will bring you heaven!

Oh that God in His Infinite Mercy might give us this life, *this life*, THIS LIFE!

#### Christ Came to Break Every Link in the Chain of Evil.

The Christ who came to save from Satan's sin, disease and death and hell is here to break every link in that Chain of Evil. He is here to give you that Salvation, and Healing, and Life, and Heaven.

I have no quarrel with those who wish to get life in any other way; I only say they cannot do it.

I only say the better way is God; I only say the best way is God.

If my watch were to be out of order tonight, I would take it to the one who made it, if I could find him. I would not take it to one who does not understand it. And when my body gets out of order I take it to God; that God who that night healed me, raised me and made me strong, so that I have lived thirty-six years since then. I have tried to put a year extra into every year, and have asked God to help me to live double time.

I am older than fifty-three years; for I have toiled and suffered, and fought and won, but done so little compared to what I would do; for often—

Ashes are on my head, and on my lips  
Sackcloth, and in my breast a heaviness  
And weariness of life, that makes me ready  
To say to the dead under us:  
"Make room for me!" Only I see the dusk  
Of evening twilight coming, and have not  
Completed half my task; and so at times  
The thought of my shortcomings in this life  
Falls like a shadow on the life to come.

Then I want to live: to live better, to live holier, to fight the things which keep men from God, and to do the things which bring men to God, and make them to know that they need no other than the God who made us; who can save, and can heal, and can bless us, and can keep us

I thank you all for your kindness tonight.

Every one in this great assembly who desires to be God's wholly, and all who are God's, rise and seek His blessing. (A large number arose.)

Pray with me.

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee, beseeching Thee to take this whole people into Thine arms, to love and to bless them with a full Salvation in spirit, and soul, and body, for Jesus' sake.

After the Doxology had been sung, the audience was dismissed by the General Overseer pronouncing the following

#### BENEDICTION.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who will also do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

#### SANCTIFICATION OF SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY.

Guildhall, Londonderry, Ireland, Thursday Evening, November 15, 1900.

Service was opened by the congregation singing the hymn, "On Christ, the Solid Rock, I Stand."

The General Overseer then read the one hundred and third Psalm, also a part of the fifth chapter of Thessalonians. Prayer was offered, after which the General Overseer delivered the following address.

#### INVOCATION.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, profitable unto this people, and unto all to whom these words shall come, for the sake of Jesus, our Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer.

I desire tonight in this closing meeting to speak to you concerning that subject which to my mind and heart appeals so strongly, that if I would speak to please myself I should deliver this lecture twice a week at least.

I thank God for the blessing of all the knowledge which He has given me while teaching on this question of the tripartite nature of man, and of the sanctification of our spirits and souls and bodies.

I thank Him for the blessing which He has given me, and for the constant inspiration that it is in my own life.

I present to you the words which I have already read in

the first epistle to the Thessalonians, the fifth chapter, the twenty-second, twenty-third and twenty-fourth verses:

## TEXT.

Abstain from every form of evil. And the God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved entire, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who will also do it.

These three verses contain

**An Exhortation, a Prayer and a Positive Promise.**

I want to explain a little about the prayer, and then I will go back to the exhortation, and then I will take the promise.

The petition of the Apostle is one of the most comprehensive that can possibly be imagined as regards our being.

May your spirit and soul and body be preserved entire, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I venture to say that large numbers of otherwise well-taught Christians are exceedingly ignorant upon this question as to the distinction between spirit and soul.

There is a constant confusion of mind on the subject, and the great mass of Christians imagine that the soul is the spirit, and that the spirit is the soul, and when they talk of the soul they think they are talking of the spirit.

These are not only two different words in the Greek, *pneuma* (*πνεῦμα*) and *psyche* (*ψυχή*), but two words in the Hebrew.

You have *ruach* for spirit and *naphesh* for soul in the Hebrew. It does not rest upon my assertion; it rests upon the Word of God and the testimony of the best scholarship known to the Christian Church today. Both agree that these words are entirely distinct in their meaning, and must never be confounded.

The essential difference between the spirit and the soul is, that the soul is the animal life, while the spirit is that Divine nature which is neither human nor animal, but is wholly of God.

In the first place, in the fourth chapter of Hebrews and the twelfth verse, you will read:

For the Word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and quick to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart.

It is only the Word of God which does supply this dividing asunder of soul and spirit. The great schools of learning do not supply it. They constantly confound soul and spirit.

In the universities and learned institutions, when they talk of psychology they speak of it as if it were pneumatology.

**Soul and Spirit Distinguished in the Holy Scripture.**

The Bible, the Word of God, Christ, sharply distinguished between soul and spirit. The Virgin Mary distinguished between them. The Book of Genesis at the very beginning distinguished between them.

If you will look in the first chapter of Genesis and the twentieth verse, you will see that God created every growing creature in the sea with a living soul.

The word translated "life" in the Hebrew reads "a living soul."

In the thirtieth verse of the first chapter of Genesis, you will see that every bird of the air, and every beast of the forest, and every creeping thing has life, and in the margin you will read, "Hebrew, a living soul."

You will find, therefore, what I say to be a matter of exact scholarship, that every single fish in the sea, every single bird and beast, and every creature in which there is life, has a living soul.

When God made man He gave him a body and a living soul, but He gave him something more.

When God said, "Let us make man," He also said, "Let us make man in our own image." The plural words are used: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit.

The Eternal Triune God made a Triune man. He not only gave him a soul and a body, but He gave him a spirit; for it is written in the second chapter of Genesis, and the seventh verse, that, "the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground (that is the body), and breathed into his nostrils the breath (*ruach*) of life (that is the spirit); and man became a living soul (*naphesh*) (that is the animal life)."

While men and women inherit from their fathers, away back to Adam, and transmit to others a soul and a body in common with beasts and birds and fishes, they have something in them which did not come from their fathers and they cannot transmit to their children: they have a spirit. There is a spirit in

man, the breath of the Almighty. The Spirit of the Almighty gives understanding to see that. That spirit comes from God, for He is the Father of spirits.

**God the Father of Spirits.**

He is not the Father of souls. He is the Maker of souls. He is the Maker of bodies.

He is the Father of our Spirits.

We cannot transmit to our children these spiritual natures which we possess.

They come from God, and they are as Eternal as God Himself.

They are not capable of annihilation, because God is not capable of annihilation, and we share His nature.

When we are the offspring of His Spirit, we have the same nature that God Himself has, and that is Eternal.

You most sharply distinguish between the spirit and the soul. You must remember that the Virgin Mary, when she sang that beautiful song, "My soul doth magnify the Lord," was speaking about every drop of blood in her body, and every part of that body which God had sanctified, so that He might bring forth a Holy Being, and she added: "And my spirit hath rejoiced in God, my Saviour."

Her spirit rejoiced because her soul and her body were the Temple of God.

When Christ spoke of His Spirit and His Soul, He differentiated. He said:

My soul is exceeding sorrowful even unto death.

The Spirit does not die, but the soul does. The prophet prophesied that He would "pour out His soul unto death"; and He did. He poured out every drop of blood unto death. He gave that life, that soul, for us.

The word which is translated "life" when it is said "The Good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep," is *psyche*—"The good shepherd giveth His *soul* for the sheep."

The prophet said:

When Thou shalt make His *soul* an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand.

He gave His soul, He poured out His soul unto death, every drop of the animal life which was in Him. He laid down His body as a sacrifice.

His Spirit never died.

His Spirit descended into Hades. His Spirit triumphed over Death, Hell, Satan, Sin, Disease, and all the powers of evil. He arose triumphant from the grave. His Spirit reanimated that body in which there was not one drop of blood; for He said when He stood upon this earth after His resurrection:

A Spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye behold Me having.

He animated the body which lay in the tomb.

By the Holy Spirit He was raised from the dead. But there was no drop of blood in that body. The animal life was gone; but the Spirit took possession of His body, and He reascended into heaven. That body has passed into the heavens, and is now transformed and glorified.

**We Also Shall Have Glorified Bloodless Bodies.**

Like unto His glorious body, we, too, shall have a body in which there will be no blood; for "flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God."

There will be no blood in that Land. There will be no need for it. The body which God will give us will be a spiritual body in which the circulation of the blood, the soul, life, will not be needed.

That is the essential distinction: that the Spirit is from God, and He is our Father, and that we inherit from our parents and transmit soul and body, but we do not inherit spirit.

The Spirit which is in each one of us is a deathless spirit.

If our blood were to be shed tonight, and our body entombed as Christ's was, in a bloody grave, the spirit would return to God who gave it.

Never confuse soul and spirit.

That is one thing upon which the infidel capsizes a Christian when he foolishly contends for the immortality of the soul. There is no such thing.

The soul is mortal.

Contend for the immortality of the spirit, and then you are on ground where no infidel can shake you.

If you say that the soul is immortal, the infidel turns up the

Bible and says: "The soul that sinneth it shall die." How can a thing be immortal which dies?"

He will completely crush you, because he is right when he says that the soul is not immortal.

#### Man a Triune Being.

We have three parts. We are made in God's image. We are a tripartite being. We have a spirit, we have a soul, and we have a body.

How beautiful it is to know that we reflect the image of triunity in God.

We are only one; and yet the distinction is so clear, that if tonight by some design or otherwise our hearts were pierced and our blood was shed, our body would be dead, and our spirit would return to God. You would see the three distinct parts there manifested.

The spirit would wing its way to God who gave it; the body would return to the earth because the soul was dead; the blood, the life, was shed.

The Old Testament puts it the same, that the blood is the life, the *naphesh*, the soul.

You can understand the Scriptures so much better when you get the word soul as animal life, and the word spirit as having the immortal nature which you get from God.

Remembering this, and keeping clear the distinction, the Apostle Paul prays for the Thessalonian Church, and for the Church in all ages, that their spirits and souls and bodies shall be preserved entire. Not a part of the spirit, but

#### The Whole Spirit, the Whole Soul, the Whole Body is to be Preserved Entire, Without Blame Until Christ Comes.

How is it to be done? There are two ways in which it will be done.

Abstain from every form of evil, is the first thing to consider in the sanctification of the soul and body.

I call upon you tonight, every one of you, patiently to think and earnestly to consider this matter of abstinence from every form of evil. That is the command.

Christians are not at liberty, when they have a Divine command, to do what they like.

When we get an order, we have to obey it.

If we are employed in any house of business, and disobey orders, that simply means discharge. No business could be conducted for a single day profitably and successfully if the employees in that business were to go as they liked and do as they pleased.

Imagine a railway line run upon that principle of "go-as-you-like" and "do-as-you-please."

The firemen would go into the roundhouse in the morning and "fire up" their engines, the boilers having been washed and the fireboxes cleaned out. Then the engineer would come in and take his place. Then every one of these engineers would say: "I have my engine all ready, and I intend to run on my own time-table. I am going to run as I please. I have hitherto obeyed orders. I have run between Londonderry and Belfast. Now I will run where I like."

What would the result be?

I asked an engineer in my large congregation one day when I was talking like this, a man who had been for many years running an engine on an express train. I said, "Mr. Long, what would you do if your fellow-engineers on the Chicago and Northwestern Railway should all take it into their heads that they would run their engines upon their own time, and just as they pleased?"

"What would I do?" he said. "I would take to the first sidetrack, and I would stay there until all these fellows were gone."

"Why?" I asked.

"Why," he said, "because there would be a smash."

#### The Go-as-You-Please Principle Would Bring Ruin Everywhere.

Of course there would be. If this world is to be run upon a go-as-you-like and do-as-you-please basis, it will go to smash just as sure as there is a God of order in heaven; just as sure as any business would go to smash where every apprentice, and every workman, and every subordinate manager went on his own time-table, and did as he pleased.

There is not a family in existence which does not have to have a head, in order to insure peace and happiness.

I love women; I have a great admiration for all women,

and especially for my own wife, who ought to be my companion. She is, and I honor her, and love her. I put her on the platform with me, and love to hear her talk, both privately and publicly. It is a great joy to me. But the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the Head of the Church.

A lady once said to me, "But, Doctor, the wife is the neck, and the neck turns the head."

"Yes," I said, "but it is only when the head is willing."

There must be a head to every family, and every good woman wants her husband to take his place as head, and do his work as the head of the family. If he does not, she is unhappy. If she has married a fellow who is the neck, or, still worse, the tail, it is a wretched business for the family.

There is a Head in this Universe, and God, the Eternal God who gave us these spirits and souls and bodies, says to us, "Abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul."

Abstain! Eat that which is good. Drink that which is good. Think that which is good. Read that which is good. Speak that which is good. Abstain from every form of evil.

That is the command of God.

You say, "Can I not do what I like? Can I not think what I like? Can I not smoke if I like? Can I not chew if I like? Can I not be a disgusting stinkpot if I like? (Noises.) Can I not be a swinepot if I like? Can I not be a beerpot if I like? Can I not be a whisky-bottle if I like? Can I not get drunk if I like? Can I not curse if I like? Can I not swear if I like? Can I not steal if I like? Can I not strike if I like? Can I not murder if I like?"

No, sir!

You cannot, and obey God's Word; because God says that you are to "Abstain from every form of evil." If you are to do the will of God in God's Word, you are to do right.

#### God Requires Cleanliness in Spirit, Soul and Body.

You are to have a clean spirit, and a clean soul, and a clean body. The man who does not desire a clean soul, and a clean spirit, and a clean body, has not the Holy Spirit in his heart. He has an unclean devil.

May God cast it out of him!

May God take the unclean spirits out of us!

God made this wonderful being of ours a temple, the dome of which is the head, the windows of which are the eyes. The senses are all parts of this temple. They are gates for this wonderful temple by means of which God enters. He enters by what we see. He enters our minds by the rainbow which arches the sky, and in all its glory tells us of His promise.

He enters into our minds by the flowers; he enters into our heart by the sweet innocency of the little babe whose eye kindles as we come in, who has learned to love us before it can talk, and soon holds out its little hands and says, "Papa, papa." The sweet innocence of childhood enters into our hearts. We love to hear the words.

We hear God in the sweet tones of nature when the bird rises up in the field and sings away into the sky beyond our reach of sight, and we hear the faint notes.

We get from God's nature-book wonderful things.

When we read His Word, the light shines into the temple of our bodies, and our souls, and our spirits, and we see God; for "the pure in heart shall see God."

We see God, and God sees us.

Oh, to be clean in heart, to be pure in heart, in soul; to be pure in spirit, to be pure in body!

#### God and the Devil Contend for the Possession of Our Spirits, Souls and Bodies.

God meant this body to be His temple. He made it to be a habitation for Himself. The Devil was envious, and he got into it. He wants to make it a habitation for himself. The great contest is going on today. We are upon that great fight now, all of us.

We must fight, and fight, and fight, and say No to the evil thing if we would keep the Devil out. We must say Yes to God when He says:

My son, give Me thine heart,  
And let thine eyes delight in My ways.

God wishes to come in and drive the Devil out.

My brothers and my sisters, you cannot get this blessing while you hold on to evil. You must abstain. To abstain means to cut away from the thing which is evil. You must



stand clear, and strong, and good, and faithful, and do what God tells you in everything.

You cannot do as you like. You cannot walk in darkness. You must walk in the light.

You cannot belong to any society you please. You must belong to God. You must belong to God's Church.

You must fight for the right. You must be sons of light who walk in the light every day, and every night. You must walk that God and man shall see that you are a son of God. Your light must shine, that others seeing your good works may glorify your Father in Heaven, who has given you that light. Oh, how far it shines!

If it is only a pure, sweet little candle-light—if that is all we can be in the darkness—it will be just as when some weary soul is going over the moors and the fens and is lost in the darkness, and sees a clear little light shining from a distant cottage, and makes for that light. Oh, how they bless you that you kept that light in the window that night; for it was the only thing that kept them from death; the only thing that kept them from ruin. They would have been dead that night but for you.

My brothers and my sisters, we can all be lights: lights in the darkest place, lights amongst the most evil people, if we have the Spirit within us.

That takes me, therefore, to

#### The Way in Which God Will Sanctify Spirit, Soul and Body.

How is it to be done?

"This thing cannot be done," many men would say.

I often think of that Indian chief in America who when the missionary told him what he must be to be a Christian, said, "It cannot be done," and in great agitation he walked up and down his tent. He said, "Missionary, you have come to me with an impossible proposition; I cannot live that life; I want to be a Christian, but I cannot live it."

The good missionary said, "I believe you can."

"I cannot," he said. "I love you; I think you are so kind; but away with you. Go away and leave me to my heathen ways; I cannot live that life."

"No," said the missionary. "I will not go away; for think, oh chief, how it could be done."

The chief walked up and down, and in a minute he turned and said: "I see. If the Great Spirit would give me a new heart, it could be done."

"That is just what He will do," said the missionary. "That is what God has promised. He said that we were to pray, 'Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.' Kneel down, oh chief, and tell the Great Spirit that you want a new heart."

"I will," he said.

They knelt down and prayed. Presently the missionary and the chief stood up, and the chief said, "Missionary, it can be done. The Great Spirit has given me a new heart. I shall live that good life, or I shall die for it."

It can only be done that way.

Faithful is He that calleth you, who will also do it.

It is the Holy Spirit who calls us as He called the prodigal, who had gone away out into the far country, who had spent his substance in riotous living; who, when he had spent all, found, as every prodigal will find, famine in that land. The poor prodigal was obliged to go to his enemy to ask help.

His enemy sent him into the fields to feed swine—swine!

And he would fain have been filled with the husks that swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.

Christ could think of nothing more detestable than that a child of God should be a swine-feeder, hence he said that about the prodigal.

Oh, my brothers, do not let the enemy make such a poor miserable use of us as to send us into the field to feed swine; there is something better than that. We can do a thousand things better than that.

Oh God, keep us from that.

#### The Spirit Sends Us to the Father.

But there came to that suffering boy the Spirit; it was a new heart which whispered to him, "Arise, and go to your father, and ask him for what you want."

He said, "I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father!"

Oh, the great God in heaven would stop the chariot of the stars if you cried Father. He would stoop down to hear you.

He said, "I will say, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son."

Then he started for his father. When he started he received a new Spirit. He was willing to take the lowest place.

He expected to say, "Make me as one of thy hired servants."

"This was the young prodigal who said, 'Give me the portion of thy substance that falleth to me. Father, let me go and spend it as I like.'"

He has come back. He has a new heart. Now he is willing to take the lowest place. Because he is willing, the father will not give him that place; for there are no slaves in God's house; they are all sons.

The best robe is brought forth. The ring is put on his finger, and he is cleansed—made sweet and clean. They begin to see traces in his face of the old-time boy who was the youngest son of his father, and was much loved. They are so happy that he that was dead is alive again; that he that was lost is found. They begin to be merry, and the Pharisee who grumbles cannot stop their merriment; for in heaven there is joy over the son who repented.

May God give joy, and may there be joy in heaven.

The Spirit enters in: He who calls you from sin, and from the enemy's country, and from the swine-trough, and from the paths of iniquity. He will give you a new heart. Then that Spirit who comes in will take possession.

The Holy Spirit, if you will let Him, will take possession of spirit, soul and body, and the words of your mouth, and everything that you do.

That is how it will be done. It can only be done in that way.

Ask God to let it be done in His own way, that way in which He is willing to do it now. I know no other way.

I have no new Gospel to preach. What I preach is "the old-time religion, that tells us that Jesus saves us; that Jesus heals us; that Jesus cleanses us; that Jesus keeps us; that Jesus guides us, and that Jesus takes us safe to heaven."

It is the best religion. The Twentieth Century cannot give me a better religion than the First Century religion.

Oh God, give us back "the old-time religion!"

Give us back the old-time preaching, the old-time love which we have lost so much.

Oh take away the hater, and take away the evil, and take away the sin, and take away the shame, and take away the temptation.

Lord Jesus, Come!

Again this earth by sin oppressed,  
By demons from beneath possessed,  
Some dark and foul as hell and night,  
And some transformed like sons of light,  
Usurp Thy throne within the heart;  
And bid men choose the evil part.

Lord Jesus, Come!

Lord Jesus, Come!

Thy BRIDE, the Church, with longing eyes  
Looks through the gloom to yon bright skies,  
Where radiant shines her home above,  
And thus she chants her prayer of love:  
"Sweet BRIDEGROOM, come! 'tis midnight hour,  
And virgin souls await Thy power."

Lord Jesus, Come!

Lord Jesus, Come!

Thine answer sweet our spirits hear,  
It soothes our grief, we cannot fear.  
It came to him on Patmos Isle,  
Who loved and lived on earth awhile;  
It comes to us—"I QUICKLY COME."  
Yea, "Even so, Lord Jesus, Come!"

Lord Jesus, Come!

#### When Jesus Comes There Will be an End to Evil.

He will put down all rule, all authority and power, and will reign and rule in every heart. The kingdoms of this world shall no longer be at strife and at war, for they shall "become the Kingdom of our God, and of His Christ."

God, hasten the time. Hasten the time when spirits redeemed, and the souls that Thou has purified, and the bodies that Thou hast made Thy temple shall go forth in millions to tell others that there is a God of purity who can make the vilest sinner clean, and is willing to make you and me pure in spirit, and in soul, and in body.

That is all my Message. I have no other.

But I demand, as God's Messenger, that you shall seek Him, and Him alone, and do what He tells you, and no other.

May God bless you.  
My voice is only a feeble one.

My life's a shade;  
My days apace to death decline;  
My Lord is life;  
He'll raise this dust again, even mine.  
Sweet truth to me, I shall arise,  
And see my Saviour with these eyes.

Shall I see you there on the right hand of God, or shall there be any who will stand on the left side and be cursed, sent away because they would not yield?

Oh shame beyond the bitterest thought  
That evil spirit ever dreamed,  
That you should know what Jesus wrought,  
And feel your haughty hearts untamed;

that you should know that He died for you, poured out every drop of His blood, and wore that Crown of Thorns for you; and yet you deny Him your heart, and will not let Him in.

Let Him in. The human heart ne'er entertained a mightier guest. Let Him in, and your home will be happy, and your business will be brighter, and your life will be one long sweet song, and you will carry the music of His peace—

Through duty lane, through wrangling mart.

Let Him in, and you will ply your daily task with busier feet, because your soul and spirit and your very body will be repeating God's sacred song of everlasting peace.

Let the Spirit take possession. Let the golden circle fill all the circle of your being, and all the circle of your life. You will be a blessing while you live. You will never die, and in heaven you will meet those for whom you have given your life, for whom you have poured out your life, for whom you have given yourselves.

Never spare yourselves. The man who loses his life will save it. The man who saves his life will lose it.

Pour out your lives. Give them to God. Give them to humanity, and let the Spirit of God flow through your spirit, and your soul, and your body, for Jesus' sake.

All who desire to be God's in every part of their being, stand and tell Him so. (The greater part of the audience arose.)

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

My God and Father, we thank Thee for this great multitude who stand. Oh, that they might be Thine own in spirit, in soul, in body, and live the life that makes earth happy and heaven sure, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

After the Doxology had been sung, the service was closed by the General Overseer pronouncing the

#### BENEDICTION.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you, keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

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# CHEERING WORDS FROM ZION'S GUESTS

## NOTES FROM ZION HOME

THE regular Praise and Testimony Meeting held in Zion Home, Saturday evening, January 5, 1901, was conducted by Overseer Speicher.

After the usual opening exercises, the States represented were enumerated and found to be ten in number, as follows:

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

The following foreign countries were represented:

China and Ireland.

The meeting was then thrown open for testimony.

DEACONESS M. E. IRISH, 57 West State Street, Hammond, Indiana, said: "This is the first Saturday evening I have ever been permitted to be with you. It gives me great joy and pleasure to testify to His wonderful goodness.

"I have been blessed and kept since I have been in Zion. I was a Baptist Church member for a good many years, but I never knew what it was to enjoy the blessings of the Lord until I came into Zion. God has wonderfully blessed me and answered my prayers. I praise Him for it."

Overseer Speicher—How about your husband, Judge Irish?

Deaconess Irish—"He has had a wonderful blessing."

Overseer Speicher—Was he a Christian before he heard of Zion?

Deaconess Irish—"No, not until after he had heard Zion teaching. Elder Dinius came and talked with him, the first time he ever allowed any Christian minister to talk with him. He surrendered himself fully to the Lord. He is a true Christian now."

ELDER GERALD F. STEVENS, 107 South Paulina Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I thank God first of all for Jesus Christ and for sending Him to die for the world of sinners. He found me when I was a sinner and brought me back to Him. Next to Jesus Christ, I thank God for our General Overseer.

"When my wife was healed of consumption through her own prayers, I came into the light concerning the second coming of Jesus Christ. I saw by prophecy that the Messenger of the Covenant must needs come before the King. I went to hear all the noted men of the age, but I found they all lacked in a good many ways. I then found LEAVES OF HEALING. I read the sermons of the General Overseer, and believed he was the Messenger of the Covenant. When I went to hear him preach, the impression which I received through LEAVES OF HEALING was confirmed.

"God has blessed me in spirit, soul and body. He has blessed our ministry in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion. I desire to be used in the extension of His Kingdom and have courage to fight for the poor, sick and suffering humanity."

DEACON HERMAN G. PETERSON, 6412 Sangamon Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I thank God for what Zion has done for me. I am so glad to say that God healed me five years ago next spring. The half of my body was dead. God raised me up through Overseer Speicher's prayers. I have been kept, thank God, ever since.

"I do thank God with all my heart for the love He has for us. We give God all the glory, and thank Him for the General Overseer, who has given us the Word so plainly."

B. F. MORRIS, 1300 Michigan Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I was converted and delivered from tobacco, liquor, profanity and other bad habits, before I knew of Zion. Imme-

diately after, LEAVES OF HEALING came into our home and we accepted the teaching. I came to Zion with some friends who received great blessing, spiritually and physically. I did as some say, 'Swallowed the Doctor whole,' without any objection. I believed at that time, which was nearly five years ago, that the General Overseer was Elijah of whom Moses wrote. It gives me much joy to hear it proclaimed boldly before the world.

"Since I have been in Zion, I have received great blessing, physically and spiritually. The first blessing I received was healing of indigestion. Many times I wished that I could cease to exist. However, I was not ready to die. After I was saved, I prayed very earnestly for healing, but did not receive it for some time. Then the thought came to my mind, 'Why are you continually asking God for this? If you were asking a friend for a favor, you would take him at his word.' So I left it with God and forgot it, and that was the end of it.

"The focal lengths of my eyes were different; consequently, the muscles were overtaxed in correcting the difference, so I had to wear glasses. My conscience began to condemn me for wearing the glasses, therefore I laid them aside. Now my eyes are much better than the average, and are equal.

"Zion is a great blessing to me."

MISS EDITH KENNEDY, Zion Home, said: "I praise God for the blessings I have received since I came to Zion. Before I heard of the General Overseer of Zion, I felt quite sure the churches were continually compromising with the Devil. I was not receiving any blessing from them.

"As I read LEAVES OF HEALING, I saw that Zion was what I was looking for. I accepted the teaching immediately. The first LEAVES OF HEALING I received was sent to me from China, by my brother, and for that reason I am especially thankful for the work of Zion Free Literature Mission. Deaconess Hill sent papers to China before the Literature Mission was started, and I believe that most of the missionaries who have been brought from China to Zion have been brought through her work. I believe that Zion Free Literature Mission is one of the greatest works Zion is doing."

MRS. B. A. GROVE, Bascom, Ohio, said: "One year ago my child took sick and died of a disease the doctors called cholera-infantum. In my grief and despair I felt that it was not God's way. I took it to the Lord in prayer to know if it were God's will. In answer to that prayer, LEAVES OF HEALING was brought to me through a lady in our village who had been wonderfully healed just before. As soon as I got the paper, I saw that it taught God's Way. It seemed that nothing could change me, although I had much persecution. I came to Chicago to investigate the matter more fully. I found that it was all and more than it was recommended. I went home fully determined to do my duty, regardless of persecution.

"As my husband was engaged in the tobacco and drug business, along with his other business, it was not very pleasant for me to follow this teaching and tolerate that kind of work. I have determined to be faithful to God, and for this reason I have returned to Chicago to learn more of this teaching, that I may be capable of accomplishing more for Christ. I regret that I did not know this blessed way long before.

"I was healed in answer to the General Overseer's prayers in July, when I was here. I honor and respect him next to my God, for showing me this light."

# ZION COLLEGE LECTURES ON PRAYER.

A Series Delivered Before the Students of Zion College by the President, Rev. John Alexander Dowie, General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

THE world today has learned that there is something far beyond the ordinary in the words and works of God's Messenger to Zion, John Alexander Dowie.

As this realization comes to the public, the first question always is, "How does he do it? What is the secret of his power?"

Those who know the General Overseer and have heard and heeded his teaching know that the power belongs to God. But the General Overseer is wonderfully used by God, as an instrument, on account of his mighty power in Prayer, taught him by the Holy Spirit.

Hence it was with the greatest joy that the students of Zion College received the announcement that the General Overseer would deliver a Series of Lectures on the subject of Prayer. It was an inestimable privilege to learn how to pray from a man whose whole life had become a mighty power for God through Prayer. But joyful as the anticipation was, it was more than justified by the realization.

Many members of the Christian Catholic Church also attended these Lectures and were amazed, from week to week, by the great depth and scope of the subject as it was opened up by the man of God.

Since the delivery of these Lectures there has been a loud appeal, from many sides, to have them published.

The General Overseer was reluctant, as he felt that in the great pressure of his other duties he had not been able to give the Lectures as he might have done with more time at his disposal. He also felt that he should revise them before their publication, and this he could not find time to do.

At length, however, the appeal for them being urged, he consented that they should be sent forth, without his revision, during his absence in Europe and the Holy Land.

Accordingly this wonderful teaching will be printed, almost as it came from his lips, from time to time, in LEAVES OF HEALING. In preparing these Lectures for the press, we have eliminated some allusions to topics of the time and place and have written in some headlines. We have also cut out opening and closing exercises and arranged the matter consecutively without regard to number and date of Lectures.

We pray that God will bless these wonderful truths to all who read in even greater measure than He did to those who heard.

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## DIABOLICAL MISAPPLICATION OF DIVINE COMMANDS.

The thought which I left with you in my last Lecture was that there is no future with God; that "That which is hath been already; and that which is to be hath already been"; and that God forever requires in the present an account of the past.

The race to which we belong has in it today all the good and all the evil that has ever been in the history of that race. All the blessings which are to come exist now, and we get just such measure of them as our faith, the faith of God, enables us to appropriate and to assimilate and to use.

### Appropriate, Assimilate, Employ.

I would like you to get the thought in these three words which I have just used. We get all that God has for us just so far as, through the faith of God, we first appropriate, second assimilate, and third employ.

We get nothing, even through faith in God—or, as I prefer to put it, through the faith of God—unless through that faith we appropriate. The appropriation even by faith would be ineffectual, if we did not assimilate. Assimilation would be a useless thing, if we did not use what we assimilated.

We can best illustrate these three ideas by referring to food.

Food is set before you. It is prepared by loving hands. You have faith; the faith of love in the loving one who places before you the food. Her hands have prepared it. She has had great delight in preparing it.

Your faith appropriates food. You eat it, but if you have not digestive power, you cannot assimilate it. The food itself, therefore, would only be a burden to you; and if you had not the assimilating power, you would fail.

You would wish to vomit and get rid of it. You would not willingly undergo the ordeal and torture of its remaining in your stomach unassimilated.

If you have the digestive and assimilating power, you not only eat the food with pleasure, but you assimilate that which you have eaten. It begins, immediately after being digested, to find its way into nourishment for your brain, nerve and muscle.

It makes the eye which was asleep flash with new life. The optic nerve as well as the brain generally has received a fresh stimulus. The feet walk quickly. The arm is stretched out, wanting something to do.

When you have assimilated the food, you have made a great gain; but if you appropriated and assimilated the food and did not use the strength which God gave through the appropriation and the assimilation; if you did not employ it; if you were a mere glutton and simply went on waiting for the next meal, that you might gobble again and assimilate again, then the food would be ineffectual; that appropriating and assimilating power would go, and the glutton would starve to death.

### Truth Must be Appropriated, Assimilated and Employed.

Realize this truth in connection with the Word of God. Realize it in connection with all teaching. It is not enough that you have teaching, but you must appropriate that teaching. You must make it a part of yourself. You must assimilate it and enjoy what it imparts of strength and of power.

Your mental assimilation must not be one-sided. When we eat and digest food, we need the assimilation to take place in such a way that both sides, not one only, will be nourished. You must therefore ask God that in this teaching you shall have not only assimilation in part, but be so fed of Divine knowledge that it can be, as it were, diffused to every part.

This is what the great mass of the people do not understand. They become specialists, as they call it. To a certain extent there is room for specialists. That is to say, if you have musical talent, it is well to develop that.

It is well to develop the talent which you have, but if you throw all your strength into the development of any particular faculty or talent, you do that at the expense of the all-aroundness which is essential to completeness in your life. The result will be the mere development of one part at the expense of the rest, just as if a man were to continually work with one arm, and develop that arm to such an extent that its muscles were gigantic, powerful, and he could do almost anything with that

arm; but failing to develop the other muscles, they would finally become so weak as to fail to sustain the action of the strong.

#### **Specializing Has Its Limits.**

There is nothing more disastrous to a spiritual teacher than being a specialist of such a nature that he can see nothing except the one thing which he likes to see. He cannot view even that in its proportions. He pictures a monstrosity.

I desire that in Zion the students and the officers of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion shall rather be sympathetic and helpful. I would like to see them develop capacities which will make them helpful in many ways, and give them powers of adaptation to men and women and children, rich, poor, educated, ignorant, strong, weak, thoughtful, thoughtless, patient, impatient, true, false, mean, liberal; the opposites, so that you shall enter into such a sympathy with humanity that you will meet it on all sides, and that you will help on all sides.

I say these things by way of introduction, because it is a thought I should very much like you to understand and to reach out for.

Going back to the historic line of teaching, let me remind you that the main line of the teaching in these Lectures on Prayer is to show you by tracing the historic past, and especially the early ages of the existence of this race upon this earth, the way in which it became necessary for men to pray; to show you how the regrettable necessity for Prayer is imposed upon man. I am pointing out to you that man has to be supplicant continually to God for deliverance from evils which, through the primitive transgression of our first parents, and their descendants, come to be great burdens. We are inheriting the wicked and terrible consequences found in that ninth chapter of Genesis.

#### **The Terrible Effect of Noah's Curse Upon Ham.**

It is very real. What is the fact concerning the descendants of Cain and Ham?

When Noah awoke out of his shameful stupor and nakedness and drunkenness, he found that his son Ham had made sport of him in his debauchery. With the anger of a brute beast, and not with the tender love of a kind and wise parent, Noah arose and cursed his son.

That curse has followed the race of Ham.

The black races of this earth have reaped long centuries of misery, of tears, of blood, as the result of that curse. There never was a time when they were reaping the consequences more than they are in this century.

The horror of the oppression of the inferior races of the earth by the superior, and especially the horror following the wickedness of the race of Shem and Japheth in carrying out the curse of Noah, is one of the reasons why the groaning of the nations is being heard by God. Blood will yet have to flow before the matter is settled.

Racial hatreds are not ancient history. They are modern history. The conflict is not merely between the white and the black. The oppression by the races of Shem and Japheth of that of Ham has developed into a conflict between Shem and Japheth. Those who oppress the black man are today tearing at each other's throats, and the end is not yet.

Every apostasy of Japheth and the heathenism of the race of Ham are in conflict and will be in conflict with the race of Shem.

I point this out for a moment as something to think about, that we ought to pray that God will reveal to all mankind the universal provision which He has made in Christ, who tasted death for every man. Of all these three great divisions of the human race we, most of all, ought to pray on account of this regrettable necessity imposed upon us, because of the curse of that drunken prophet. That man was faithful amidst a faith-

less world, but he fell and dragged down his house more in his fall than did Sampson, whose eyes were put out by the Philistine powers.

#### **The Awful Destructiveness of Alcohol.**

Alcohol made Noah a drunkard. He made out of the sweetest and most beautiful, I think, of all the fruits, the most damning of all the poisons, that which destroys everything.

If it destroyed only life like the swift poison of an adder's bite, it would be innocent, compared to the destructiveness which it has. It destroys not merely the animal life and the body, but it defiles the spiritual being and makes the man to seek strange women. Wine and damning lust have ever gone hand in hand, and have ever dug the graves of empires.

I desire to go back a little further in the story and talk with you for a short time of some of the facts connected with the first part of this important ninth chapter of Genesis.

I call your attention to the fact that the command which God gave to Noah, after He came down to earth, was:

Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

In all things God demands increase. The Parable of the Talents in the Christian Dispensation, by Christ Himself, is the teaching of God in all ages.

God gives seed that it may grow and multiply and increase the productiveness of the earth; so that large numbers of inhabitants shall be constantly upon it, and that they shall be happy, nourished, healthy and divinely blessed.

Get this thought as applying to spirit and soul and body, but as covered always with the thought of purity.

#### **There is a Multiplication Which is Devilish.**

There is an increase which is infernal.

One man in New York even this week has made \$1,700,000, it is alleged, by a cruel trick. The man has lived in this city for some time and is well known here. I think his residence is in Chicago. He has been manipulating the stock of a certain trust over which he had control, in a diabolical way.

That is what I mean by diabolical multiplication. He conceived the plan of multiplying his wealth in an illegal and improper manner as regards Divine Law, but within human law. What did he do?

Being the President of this trust, he was able to spread abroad the idea that there had been an over-production in this particular manufacture. In consequence, he alleged, it was necessary to close a great many factories so that production should cease. Time should be given, he said, for the sale of the product which was already in their hands, so that there should not be a glutting of the market. That was the pretense.

Under that pretense, which, it is alleged, was wholly false, he closed a number of factories until further notice, throwing all the people working in them out of employment.

That immediately caused a drop, as they call it, in the value of stock of this trust. It went down in the market. He bought it. He bought the stock which he himself had depreciated by his trick.

Today that man is afraid to face his colleagues in the trust.

He bought up the stock when it had gone down in the market. Now it has risen again, and he has pocketed \$1,700,000.

That man is a thief. Human law may have no means of reaching him. If I had the making of the laws, I would make one that would reach him in short order. When Zion rules on this earth, we shall reach such a man. Meanwhile he will probably go undealt with by justice.

But he has been fruitful in the use of his talent. He has multiplied. He has replenished his own coffers. He has done it in a devilish way.

You must beware. All multiplication is not Divine.



Children are born into this world who are the offspring of damning lust and in no fulfilment of this command. Brought into this world as the result of evil passions, they are hellish in their nature.

Thousands, tens, hundreds of thousands of people are born into this world like incarnate devils, wicked almost from the hour of their birth.

I desire to warn you against a misapplication of this command of God. This command of God is always within the lines of Divine purity. Some make this command the excuse for promiscuous, damning, hell-satisfying procreation. Such has been the case in these horrible organizations which have cursed, and do still curse, this land, such as the Mormon Church, such as these various communities which have come into existence to be a curse to America, from the Oneida Community down.

#### **The Devil Often Misapplies a Divine Command.**

You must watch and see that there is no misapplication of this command; for the Devil can quote a Divine command and cause people to obey as if they were obeying God, when they are simply obeying the Devil. The Church is responsible for this, because the Church itself enforces commands which are the commands of the Devil.

The apostate churches of Greece and Rome have done this to a terrible extent. The apostate denominations are doing it today. They are letting loose the awful gates of abominations. They have done so already, secretly violating all the principles of purity in many denominations by lowering the standard of marriage and of divorce.

They have done so by lowering the standard of Christian life and permitting fellowship with the world in theaters, in dancing and in the diabolical association of musical entertainments which are born for the very purpose of dragging people down into damning lust.

The opera, for instance, is nothing else than putting into music a mass of abominable immorality and shameful wickedness. Hence you must watch and pray. One of the great reasons why we have to pray, as well as watch, is that we shall not enter into temptation, which a misapplication of even a Divine command will oftentimes create.

For instance, there is no command which is more Divine than the command "Be patient." I wish you would all be patient.

Oh my brothers and sisters, be patient. Be patient.

To those who can earnestly work and patiently wait all good things come.

But there is a misapplication of that command.

The Church has given it the wrong meaning. It has stood beside the bedsides of the sick and said, "Be patient. This cancer, this fever, this horrible disease is the will of your God. Be patient. Take it as from His hand. He sends sickness, and He sends death. Be patient." So the Church has taught its people to be patient with the Devil's own work.

I mention this because I wish you to be careful, watchful upon this matter.

The misapplication of this Divine command is the cause today of almost countless miseries. A sexual impurity has to be faced in connection with the work of God continually. Just as in business the increase can be lawfully or unlawfully acquired, so it is in the matter of other increase.

I have pointed out to you an illustration taken from history of today in the man who stole a million and three-quarters by the manipulation of the stocks this week.

I could tell you another story of a fair and honorable increase with which we have had something to do ourselves. That is the purchase, skillfully and carefully, of that land north

of the city. That land is now worth at least twice as much as when we bought it, because we have made a compact city site out of a great many disunited pieces of property which, separately, were only valuable as dairy farms. The mere change of the map from disunited farms into one united and suitable site has increased the value of it legitimately by just as much again.

#### **An Honorable Increase.**

I therefore say that we made that million dollars honorably.

If we shall establish a Lace Industry there which will give us an honorable profit of millions a year, by and by, for Zion, that will be good and honorable. But if we were to establish an industry and manipulate the stock in such a way as to rob other stockholders and simply enrich ourselves, the increase would be simply diabolical.

The whole question of increase, therefore, must be watched carefully. We must beware that the misapplication of that principle shall not take place in ourselves or in Zion.

We have met at the outset again the necessity for watching and praying lest we should enter into temptation through a misapplication of a Divine principle.

The longer you live, the more you will understand the significance of these remarks.

The next thing which I desire to introduce in this teaching is between the seventh and the seventeenth verses: the establishment of a certain Covenant.

In the new conditions which obtained upon the earth after the fall, we find the necessity for new relations to exist between God and man; between man and the lower creation.

God had already put Noah at the head of creation. The fear of him, the dread of him was to be upon every beast, fowl of the air and fish of the sea. Into his hand and into the hands of men were they delivered.

We must therefore remember that we are to realize our lordship over inferior creatures. These inferior creatures are not to be looked upon or considered as claiming from us the same attention and consideration as human beings. For instance, horses, dogs, cats, cows and pigs are to be dealt with according to their proper relation; as inferiors.

As a matter of fact, it is true that the great mass of men are dominated by their property. They are not merely dominated by their live stock, but they are dominated by the dead, dull, cold earth. They are earth hungry.

Of all the horrible things that can ever happen to a man, the most horrible is when he shall become an earth-worm and gobble up earth, earth, earth, until the worm destroys itself; bursts itself feeding upon earth, and dies.

The only good thing about it is that it makes good earth—a good fertilizer. That is about the only good thing some men ever are to the earth—they make good fertilizers when they are buried.

It is a horrible thing for a living man to become a mere earth-cater.

#### **Men and Women Who Bow Down to Beasts.**

It is a horrible thing to see women in ecstasies over their brute pets. They pay them attentions and have them cared for with a degree of consideration which they would not give to their babies. Such women leave their own babies to servants to be brought up according to the ideas of the servant. They care more about the feeding and fondling of a pug dog.

If there is anything disgusting, it is sending out the baby in the care of a nurse and taking a dirty little pug into the carriage.

If there is anything more detestable, it is fashionable society women sending to Paris for costumes for the spring races, and thousands and tens of thousands of men and women going down and bowing before the horse.

Another abomination is a fat-stock show, with all the farmers and their wives and children from far and near going to look at prize pigs. (Laughter.)

It seems very ridiculous to talk about these things, but we are dealing with practical humanity.

Instead of humanity ruling the beast, the beast is ruling humanity.

There are people so angry and mad with Zion because we have attacked the sacred American hog, that they want to murder us.

They want to murder every minister of this Church who dares to attack the sacred hog.

That is not imagination. That is fact. You will see this as one of the needs, therefore, for Prayer, that you shall, in thinking about your fellowman, see just where his god is.

The Covenant which God established with man at that time was a Covenant of Salvation, a Covenant of preservation up to a certain time.

Remember, that the Covenant which God made with Noah is limited. It is unlimited so far as God's promise is concerned: that the world shall never again be destroyed by water.

That bow in the heavens, with all the brilliant colors in it, made by the sunshine through the raindrops, is the emblem of God's promise that there never shall be such another flood upon the earth which will destroy mankind as it did in Noah's time.

It is limited, however; for there is to come a destruction by fire. It is reserved for fire the next time. Water did not clean up things, and water never will.

#### **Water Cannot Clean Everything: the Fire Must Come.**

Water is a good thing. We could not get along without water. But when earth and water both are afire, then things will be cleaned up.

The next housecleaning which the earth will have is when God lets loose these elements; just the formation of elements now existing. It is not a difficult thing to do, because it is being done all the time scientifically. Oxygen burns with hydrogen.

Decompose water into its elements and you have oxygen and hydrogen, the most inflammable materials.

Now that is going to come. Everything is going to melt. The elements will melt. Meanwhile there is a Covenant of God that until that time comes man will be preserved.

That Covenant needs to be very carefully studied.

It is the first Covenant that God entered into with man after the Flood; a voluntary promise on God's part.

It is a Covenant, not only with man, but with animals.

And I, behold, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your seed after you; and with every living creature that is with you, the fowl, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you; of all that go out of the ark, even every beast of the earth. And I will establish My Covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of the flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth. And God said, This is the token of the Covenant which I make between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: I do set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a Covenant between Me and the earth.

It is a good thing to remember that the mercy of our God extends not only to us, but to the lower animals. In our lordship over the lower creation, we are under Covenant with God to deal with the lower creation as being covered by the covenants of God.

Creatures have their rights as well as we. Dogs have their rights. They have no right in the drawing-room. They have no right in their master's rooms to the exclusion of the baby.

Cats have their rights, but they have no right to be objects of idolatry.

Horses have their rights, but when a whole people goes mad over a horse race, that people has gone to the Devil.

They will drink the cup of devils on the night after the horses run for the prize cup.

#### **Horse-Worship in Australia.**

In Australia, that sunny land, horses flourish and are magnificent. Horses there can live out all the year through and never go into a stable, except as they are brought in for a cleaning.

In that climate, so comfortable for horses and their development, the most of the people in the great cities have become horse-worshippers. In the City of Melbourne, with a population of over half a million, sometimes 200,000 people will be gathered at one time upon the race course.

It is said that oftentimes more than ten millions of pounds—that is \$50,000,000—will be lost in one race, and as many as ten millions of dollars will be spent on wine and women and dissipation during one meeting.

We see in these colonies of Australia the horrible thing of equine worship; literally equine worship. Men who have abandoned their wives and families regard horses.

Men worship horses and bet upon them in admiration of their qualities, who will steal to get the money to do it with, robbing the widow and the fatherless.

When the Melbourne Cup is run for, it is a scene when the Cup of Devils is triumphant.

I say these things to you because I want you to realize that while the Covenant extends to the lower creatures, you are to carefully remember there must be no animal worship.

Animal worship is only one of the powerful forms of heathenism. In Egypt the bull was the first personification of a god. The highest form of god known to them became incarnated in the bull.

You will notice that word bull is just the word Baal with a slight difference in spelling. It is the same thing. The worship of Baal was simply another form of the worship of the reproductive powers of nature in the sun-god. It is the most hellish, filthy form, therefore, of a disgusting thing: idol worship. The worship of Aphrodite by the Greeks and Venus by the Romans, horrible as it was, was not to be compared with the worship of Baal.

Into such worship the children of Israel had gone when Freemasonry was triumphant in the days of Elijah.

#### **The Shedding of Blood.**

As we study this Covenant, we certainly are stronger in standing upon the ground of not shedding blood.

We know that to eat blood is sin. Not only did God say it to Noah, "The blood which is the life thereof shall ye not eat," but in the first Council of the Christian Church held in Jerusalem, which considered such matters, the apostles dealt with the decree to be sent to all the nations of earth commanding them to "abstain from things sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication."

This Covenant which God made extended to animal creation.

I do not say that you have no right to kill anything and eat it. Yet I do say that the animals which can be killed and eaten are few. There are animals, and fish, and fowls, which it is simply doing the Devil's own will to touch or eat.

"Their flesh ye shall not eat, their carcasses ye shall not touch," rang out in the Mosaic Dispensation. It rang out in all the ages. Christ denounced and destroyed the swine.

#### **The Sin of Blood-Eating.**

Great care must be taken. Zion must stand by the principle that whatever flesh is eaten, must be flesh which is permissible, and that the blood shall never be eaten. To eat it is wickedness; it is sin.

If you eat the blood of the brute and be like it, you will be as the prize-fighters are. They love to eat blood, and they

become like the brute. The longer I live, the more I am inclined to believe that you should have less and less to do with flesh as food. I do not say you should avoid it altogether.

Today I have taken no meat, although I have had a very long day of labor, and a very long night of labor. I intensely enjoyed fruit and cereals and just a little fish. That has all been appropriated and assimilated, and I am employing it now. (Laughter.)

The appropriation and assimilation of food is an extremely important matter.

If you have not a good digestive apparatus, you will not be much of a preacher; you will not be much of a teacher; you will not impress humanity much. Humanity has only to look at you and say: "Ah, that is a dyspeptic. That person has no religion but a liver out of order."

Of all the creatures whom I do not care to see, are persons who have asthenic diseases which have succeeded in reducing them to asthenic shadows and skeletons.

Be careful. "Eat that which is good. Let your soul delight itself in fatness." There is no delight in leanness. Be rich. Let your blood be rich, but let it be clean. The more blood you have in your brain, if it is clean, the larger will be your thinking capacity.

You may think that you can think better when you fast. If you keep on fasting, the machinery in your brain will work at a terrific speed until it runs down and lands you in insanity.

When you can think without being the victim of a brain which is working at a terrific rate, you will have the power God gives you to think quietly; to think carefully; to think with an all-around view of things, which will give you consideration for others who do not think as you do, and while you strike the wrong, will give you love and make you very patient with the wrongdoer. When anybody does me a wrong in attacking me publicly, I usually have two thoughts concerning it.

My first impulse is laughter. I do not always laugh aloud, but, as the Quakers say, I laugh inside.

The next thing I think is, "How wicked to lie about me as they do; to make me out an enemy of God, when I am God's servant all the time, toiling and living for Him; willing to die for Him." I begin to think how serious it is. Their lies are an incitement to wicked men to commit murder.

A man might be kidnaped in this city, and taken up to some lodge room, and who would know he was there?

These rooms are never inspected. They are not inspected any more than nunneries are inspected. Who knows who are inside of nunneries?

You will have to fight out in the light. Fight for God to establish His Kingdom. Study the Everlasting Covenant which God has given here. Remember that the great purpose of God in Zion is to establish the Covenant: to let men know that they are under the Covenant, and to let animals know they are under the Covenant.

#### **Animals Realize That They are Under the Covenant When Well Treated.**

How well a horse knows that he is under the Covenant when he belongs to a kind Christian man.

The horse comes up and rubs its head against its owner, who loves it.

We have two little horses over at Ben MacDhui. They would run all around the place for my daughter, because she carries around sugar for them. They know it. She has apples for them, and they know it.

Let your kindness and love extend to them without worship or without putting them in your heart.

Above all things, remember that the first Covenant continues to be the Covenant of Salvation. It is not a Covenant for

one particular man or one particular woman. It is a Covenant for all men.

God will ultimately triumph over all.

Get that established. God will win.

Jesus said, "I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Myself."

I am glad that we can pray with confidence for the establishment of this Covenant extending "to the whole creation," which "groaneth and travaileth in pain until now."

I am glad that in Zion we can teach you how to pray with confidence for that. The vilest may yet be saved.

Nothing that God has made shall ever be finally lost. "The Times of the Restoration of All Things, whereof God spake by the mouth of His holy prophets which have been since the world began," will continue to come.

#### **Man But a Little Lower Than God.**

I am so thankful that although we do not yet see all things put under Him, we see Jesus crowned with glory and honor, made a little lower than God. We see man but a little lower than God. The words in the eighth Psalm are not "Thou hast made him (man) a little lower than the angels," but the Revised reading is the correct reading: "Thou hast made him but little lower than God, and crowned him with glory and honor."

The next creature to God on this earth is man.

Keep thinking. Keep praying. Watch and pray. Get the Covenant. See how far it reaches. See how Christ only makes it clearer and more beautiful and establishes it.

May God establish Zion as a home for His Covenant, that His people may find a refuge in Zion and realize that the Covenant means Salvation, and Healing, and Holy Living.

May He bless you.

You who are in Zion should consider it a Divine favor to be here at the beginning of things, and that God should see in you that you are really trusting Him, and that you are consecrating your all to God, and that you are cooperating with Zion, with every Divine power that God gives you.

The man who keeps back from God and from Zion anything now, is not worthy of the Kingdom. I should think if the Lord came, that such a person would have to be left behind with the foolish virgins.

He is not prepared. He will not be among the wise.

#### **CLOSING PRAYER.**

Father, command Thy blessing upon Zion College. Bless this talk today in the days to come, when our voice shall no more speak on earth. Preserve every good thing which is worth preserving. Bless these young men and women, that they may be pure in spirit, soul and body; that all their increase may be such as God shall bless, and that they shall be spiritually very fruitful. May they be a blessing to Zion, and to all the lands whither they shall go in the coming time, for Jesus' sake.

#### **Has God Blessed You in Tithing?**

Have you realized a fulfilment of God's promise to those who "bring the Whole Tithe into the Storehouse"? If so, let others know how true the promise is. Write your testimony and send it to Rev. William Hamner Piper, Overseer-at-Large of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Let your testimonies be brief and straight to the point.

#### **Zion College Needs Three Pianos.**

The Musical Department of Zion College is growing rapidly and its needs are increasing. Three pianos are very much needed. Who will give one or all of them to be used for God? Send to Rev. William Hamner Piper, Vice-President, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.



### THE GENERAL OVERSEER'S RETURN TO CHICAGO.

**Thursday, January 17, 1901, the Most Joyous Day in Zion, Chicago, Since Its Inception. Reception at Central Zion Tabernacle a Feast of Good Things.**

FOR five months Zion in America had looked forward to the day with longing hearts.

Zion was confident that the day would come.

When all the worldly and religious "prophets" predicted his failure to return, Zion only smiled and said, "We know he will return."

When disquieting news came from across the Atlantic, telling of the General Overseer fighting the battles of God surrounded by thousands of demon-possessed men and women seeking his life, Zion trusted God to "cover his head in the day of battle," and was confident that the day of his return would come.

Tens of thousands of true, loving hearts all over the land had prayed to God daily, during all those months, to spare His Messenger's life and bring him safely home, and Zion believed her prayers were answered.

As the day drew near, Zion counted the hours.

As the hours grew less and less, every heart was singing praises to God, every face was shining with joy, and on every lip was the ever-recurring note of exultation: "The General Overseer is coming home."

Then the day came.

It was hailed with a deeper joy than any previous day in all the history of Zion in Chicago.

It was a quiet joy; too deep for words; too deep for demonstrations.

The General Overseer and party were to arrive from Boston on the Michigan Central train due at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

He was met at Michigan City, Indiana, by Overseers Piper and Speicher, Deacon Barnard and others.

Upon his arrival at Chicago, he entered his carriage and was driven at once to Zion Home.

The arrival of the General Overseer and party at Zion Home was a quiet but intensely joyous event.

All the guests and help had gathered in the main office to welcome home their beloved leader.

From the door to the elevator they extended in two lines, leaving a broad passageway between.

When the loving, loved face of the man of God appeared at the door, tears of joy and thanksgiving sprang to every eye, and Zion's grand old Marching Song, "We're Marching to Zion," which was being sung, seemed to die away. Voices trembled with joyous emotions which could not be expressed even in song.

There were some silent handshakings, but no one seemed, for the moment, able to speak.

Then that beloved Voice, the sweetest music to every Zion ear, was heard, broken with emotion at first, but gradually growing stronger as he spoke.

In a very few words he expressed his gratitude to God for his safe homecoming after five months' absence; for the work which God had done through his Mission in Europe, and for

the loving and heartfelt welcome which these of his people had given him.

He then read a telegram from Attorney Samuel W. Packard, sent from Washington, announcing the joyful news that Secretary of the Treasury Gage had decided that all the Lace Experts who had been held on board the *Tunisian* at Portland, Maine, by the Board of Special Inquiry of the Immigration Bureau, should be admitted to the United States.

Then, with a few more words of greeting from the General Overseer and the singing of the Doxology, by hearts so full of praises to God that they could scarcely sing, the impromptu but singularly blessed little gathering was at an end.

The General Overseer went to his private apartments to remove the grime of travel and to take some refreshment and a brief rest before the reception in Central Zion Tabernacle in the evening.

Central Zion Tabernacle has been the scene of some of the most wonderful religious meetings of the age.

It has been truly the House of God, and there have been times when the presence of God, by His Spirit, was remarkably manifest.

It has ever been a place of rejoicing in the Lord.

But never before was there such rejoicing as on this occasion.

To see the General Overseer come upon the platform with his well-known quick, elastic step; to see his beloved face looking out with loving eyes upon his people; to hear that ringing Voice once more, was more blessed to the more than two thousand there assembled than any other human sights and sounds could have been.

Tears of happiness flowing down smiling faces spoke more eloquently than words.

Overseer Speicher was in charge of the meeting, and on the platform were seated the General Overseer and his party, Captain Carl F. Stern, personal attendant, Deacon O. L. Sprecher, private secretary, and Stenographer Ernest Williams, private stenographer; Overseer John G. Speicher, Overseer in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion for Chicago; Overseer William Hamner Piper, Overseer-at-Large of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion; Overseer George L. Mason, Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion for China; Elder O. L. Tindall, Principal of Zion Ministerial Training School; Deacon Charles J. Barnard, Cashier of Zion City Bank and Treasurer of Zion Lace Industries; Deacon H. Worthington Judd, Secretary and General Manager of Zion Land and Investment Association and Secretary of Zion Lace Industries; and Arthur W. Newcomb, Assistant Editor of Zion Publications and Manager of Zion Printing Works.

From the railing of the first gallery were suspended the beautiful silk flags: the Union Jack, the Stars and Stripes and Zion's Gold, White and Blue, while above the Choir two members of Zion Guards supported the beautiful Zion Banner which had been carried through all the battles in the European Mission.

After the singing of a hymn, Overseer Speicher read a portion of the thirty-first chapter of the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

Prayer was then offered by Overseer Piper, and Zion's Choir sang a very beautiful and appropriate anthem, after

which Overseer Speicher in a few happy words congratulated Zion on her General Overseer's return and gave an outline of the programme for the evening.

Speaking, then, of the work of which he had oversight, he told briefly, but vividly, of God's goodness in extending the work, even beyond what Zion had prayed for, during the General Overseer's absence.

Then, on behalf of Zion in Chicago, he extended to the General Overseer a most hearty, loving welcome.

Overseer Piper, with more than his usual stirring eloquence, spoke for the work of Zion in America at large.

He truthfully characterized this homecoming as an event unsurpassed in ecclesiastical history, citing historical welcomes to mighty men of God. After giving God glory for Zion's Onward Movement, even when the General Overseer was away, he extended to his superior a joyous welcome on behalf of Zion in America.

Then the General Overseer stepped forward and was given an ovation with an enthusiasm which lasted for several minutes. But he explained that he only wished to tell a bit of good news; that Secretary Gage had decided that all the Lace Experts held at Portland, Maine, were entitled to admission to the United States.

Overseer George L. Mason told, touchingly, of the great blessing which had come into his life through the General Overseer and LEAVES OF HEALING. He then spoke of Zion's work in the Orient, and expressed his joy that God's Messenger to Zion understood so thoroughly the Eastern Problem, closing with a heartfelt welcome to the man of God on behalf of Zion in the Orient.

Elder O. L. Tindall, speaking for Zion's Educational Institutions, told how God was using them; of their importance and their remarkable growth. In their behalf, he extended to the President of Zion's Educational Institutions a hearty welcome home.

Deacon Charles J. Barnard, speaking for Zion City Bank and Zion Lace Industries, told of Zion's financial prosperity.

He spoke of the great admiration for and confidence in the General Overseer's business ability which was expressed by Chicago business men. Then, on behalf of the institutions which he represented, he welcomed home their chief.

Deacon H. Worthington Judd gave God praise for His favors in connection with the building up of Zion City during the five months of the absence of the man who, under God, is its founder. In a few well-chosen words he extended the welcome of Zion Land and Investment Association.

On behalf of Zion Printing Works, Zion Publishing House and Zion Publications, Arthur W. Newcomb gave thanks to God for His blessings on Zion Literature and especially LEAVES OF HEALING, and with love welcomed home the Editor-in-Chief.

Then the moment for which all had been waiting came.

With a ringing "Now—" the General Overseer walked forward and in his inimitable way, so well known to his loving hearers, stepped quickly across the front of the platform.

The effect was electrical!

Instantly, led by Overseer Piper, the entire audience arose to its feet, and the Tabernacle presented an unsurpassed scene of quiet, orderly enthusiasm.

It was a sea of fluttering white handkerchiefs.

With a movement of his hand, the speaker requested the audience to be seated.

Then he began to speak. It would be impossible in this brief sketch to outline that talk. Even the verbatim report, which will, God willing, appear in our next number, cannot fitly portray those words of praise to God, love to his people and recounting of blessings. It was a family talk; a father talking with his spiritual children.

The audience received with great joy the General Overseer's cheering assurance that his dear wife, Overseer Jane Dowie, was now in as good health as she had been in twenty-five years.

At the close, there was another announcement which caused great rejoicing; that was that the next time the General Overseer left America, he would have renounced his allegiance to the Union Jack of Great Britain and would be sailing under the Stars and Stripes of the United States.

It seemed so good to hear that Voice again that the audience settled itself to listen with an air which plainly said that they would be perfectly happy if this reception should be turned into an All-Night Meeting.

But it must needs come to an end.

The General Overseer was weary with his long journey and the strain of his Boston Mission, which had kept him almost constantly at work for three days.

He needed to recruit his strength and spare his voice for the great Coliseum meeting of the coming Lord's Day.

Hence he begged to be excused from the severe task of shaking hands with two thousand people, although he would have been delighted to grasp his people by the hand.

Although disappointed, Zion saw the wisdom of his request and bravely answered Yes when he asked to be excused.

Deacon Sprecher, Captain Stern and Stenographer Williams each said a few words expressing joy at being at home again.

The Doxology was then sung with a wonderful meaning in the glorious words of praise, the General Overseer's voice was heard in the familiar benediction, and the meeting closed with a "Zion handshake," which was but a feeble outward manifestation of the strength of the tie of love which bound every one present to the General Overseer.

The General Overseer's homecoming was recounted at great length in all the Chicago papers and telegraphed all over the land. Some of these reports were fair and truthful, some maliciously false.

## CHICAGO.

The power of God was present in a marvelous way at the meeting held in Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Afternoon, January 13, 1900.

Overseer W. Hamner Piper preached upon the theme, "Repentance and Baptism."

With great power he emphasized the necessity of Repentance as the first step to Salvation, Healing and Cleansing.

His voice rang out with an earnestness which brought conviction to many a heart.

Following up the victory which the Spirit had thus gained, he commanded, as God's minister, all Christians who had not already obeyed God in Baptism to be baptized by Triune Immersion.

He enforced his command by a clear exposition of God's Word concerning this most important Ordinance.

Fifteen persons obeyed the first call and presented themselves as candidates for Baptism.

Overseer Piper made another call.

Elders, Deacons and other officers and members of the Church began personal work with those who still hesitated.

One by one these yielded to God and came with faces full of joy and peace to the section reserved for candidates.

The power of the Spirit was felt by all present.

During the time of conflict and decision, Conductor Rice sang a simple but beautiful and effective solo, and the Choir and congregation sang hymns of consecration and obedience.

It was an hour never to be forgotten.

When the candidates were ready for the charge, one hun-



dred and one had been added to the fifteen who first presented themselves.

The charge to the candidates, heart-searching, yet loving, was given by Overseer Piper. The responses were firm and earnest.

The Ordinance was then administered in the presence of fifteen hundred prayerful witnesses.

God blessed all faithful hearts present.

#### Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Gideon Hammond, Elder-in-Charge. Deacon Charles F. Kelchner, Assisting.

Elder Hammond sends us the following wonderful testimony of an orthodox Jew who was convicted of sin through reading LEAVES OF HEALING, converted through Zion's Mission in Philadelphia and healed in answer to the prayer of faith of Zion's faithful Elder in that city.

It is written from 1427 Somerset Street, Philadelphia, under date of January 12, 1901, by Mr. Samuel Wolf Kutz:

God has so wonderfully blessed me that I want to tell of it.

One day while sitting in a restaurant I saw a copy of LEAVES OF HEALING in the hands of a waiter, Albert Rudiger. I asked him to give it to me.

I was very much impressed while reading the paper, but I could not break away from sin. I knew all the time that I was a sinner and that I could not be saved unless I came to Jesus; but I had so much to break away from, being an orthodox Jew from birth.

About fourteen months after this, Thanksgiving evening, I attended a service of the Christian Catholic Church for the first time; also another service the following Sunday.

I was deeply convicted, and on Friday following I called to have a talk and to have prayer that my sins might be forgiven. I was so troubled, I had no desire to live; I wanted only to be forgiven.

I received a great blessing; then came the desire to live.

The next day I received a great physical blessing. I had been wearing glasses since January 1, 1900, and for some time was unable to read with the right eye, even with glasses.

The Lord wonderfully healed my eyes.

Sunday, December 9th, I found at the supper table that I could read with the right eye with the glasses, and at the meeting I could read fine print without the glasses.

I have lately been healed of bowel trouble.

I have been blessed financially. I owed nearly \$200 for money which I had unjustly gotten. I have been able to pay back nearly all of this and will soon have it all paid.

I have also received a position which I know God has given me. I know He has helped me to keep it, the work being such that I knew I could not get along without His help. I have been in the tobacco business, and God has graciously opened the way since I gave up that sinful work.

I never knew how to pray; did not even know the Disciples' Prayer.

I feel deeply grateful for the teaching I received from the Lord through the Christian Catholic Church in Zion. I am glad to know that I have been received as a member of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion. I am paying my tithes.

#### Warren, Pennsylvania.

Numbers came from other places to attend Overseer Mason's meetings. Among the six happy people who received, Triune Immersion in the swift current of Jackson's Run were Rev. D. M. Carpenter, a well-known ex-Methodist minister, and Mrs. Thilda Anderson, of Falconer, New York, a sister of Evangelist Viking, of China.

Some came out of apostate denominations under much opposition to join the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

Wednesday evening meetings are held at the home of the Conductor, Mrs. A. H. McKelvy, 404 Liberty Street; on Lord's Day afternoon with Miss Louise Miller, 510 Liberty Street.

In Northwest Pennsylvania, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He send forth laborers into the harvest."

#### Bradford, Pennsylvania.

The Zion meetings are held on Lord's Day at the home of B. S. Love, 11 Kane Street; on the first and third Thursday evenings of the month with Otto Boquist, 1 Howard Street;

on the second and fourth Thursdays at the home of Mrs. Harriet Wynkoop, 6 Brennan Street.

Conductor Love has already reported Overseer Mason's meetings. The thorough preparation for the meetings helped to their success.

Pray for the loyal band in Bradford.

This beautiful city is filled with church-members who are lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God. Many are defiled through Secretism and tobacco.

#### Port Allegany, Pennsylvania.

Overseer Mason held two meetings in a hall, November 30th. The Zion people are few in number but rich in faith. Three received Triune Immersion in the country, about 125 of the town people walking out to witness the Ordinance. Regular Zion meetings are held at the home of George W. Berfield, Lord's Day afternoons and Tuesday evenings. Remember Port Allegany in prayer.

#### Lima, Ohio.

Rev. Silas Moot, Elder-in-Charge.

Elder Moot sends us the following testimony of healing of an ulcerating tooth of two years' standing and to the healing of a baby of scrofula:

BUTLER, OHIO, November 28, 1900.

DEAR BROTHER MOOT:—I testify to the glory of God in the healing of my tooth, which had bothered me for nearly two years by little ulcers forming at the root. It was very painful at times.

I spoke to you about having it extracted, when you advised having it healed by God through prayer.

That was last April.

We prayed, and the tooth was healed.

It has not bothered me since.

It seems quite a contrast to the young man you spoke of at Bluffton, who scoffed at us, disturbed the meeting at Ada about the same time, and died of an ulcerated tooth.

I have felt for some time that we ought to testify, also, to the healing of our little boy, who was afflicted from the time of his birth with scrofula, the skin coming off in large scales and leaving his body almost raw.

We had heard of Divine Healing and I, having seen some of the glorious healings in Zion Home, decided to go to Ada in order to attend the meetings, and be with the true people of God.

In the meantime we had Elders Moot and Kennedy pray for our little one.

He was perfectly healed, and is now hearty. His skin is as clean and pure as any child's.

We truly thank our Heavenly Father for all the blessings of the past, and trust Him for all that are to come.

I thank you for your kindness and prayers.

May the Lord bless you and your family, and strengthen you for His service.

Your Brother in Christ,

C. J. Ross.

#### Western Kansas.

Rev. D. A. Reed, Elder-in-Charge. Evangelist Mary C. Reed, Assisting.

Elder and Evangelist Reed send us a report of the wonderful blessings which God has been bestowing upon them and Zion in the wide field over which they travel, carrying Zion's Message of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living.

May God continue to bless them as they ride over these broad prairies, and may He greatly bless the people to whom they carry the Gospel.

We find wherever we go those who have received blessing through Zion Literature.

We receive great blessing in selling LEAVES OF HEALING on the streets.

The Devil attacked Evangelist Reed on Saturday with grip, just before time to go out on the streets with LEAVES OF HEALING. Her children prayed with her, and in less than half an hour she was well and on the streets all afternoon.

A lady in Sterling, Kansas, was sick and received healing when she started out to sell LEAVES OF HEALING.

A little boy in Marion, Kansas, received healing of hernia through Zion teaching.

A young man attending the meetings held at Abilene, was asked how

he liked "Dowieites." He said, "When I join a Church that is the one I'll join."

A lady in Nickerson, Kansas, received LEAVES OF HEALING, but loved swine's flesh. She became quite angry and her body was nearly covered with sores. Since repenting and coming into Zion and giving up the dirty swine's flesh, she has received wonderful healing.

We have visited fourteen different towns and preached the Everlasting Full Gospel.

In every place the people testify to wonderful healings and blessing in spirit, soul and body since coming into Zion.

One man, who was dying of consumption, received Zion teaching, had the General Overseer pray, yet was not healed.

He got down before God and said, "Lord, Thy servant hath prayed and I am not healed. Show me what hinders."

He said he never saw himself so small and so unworthy before. Then he prayed, "Oh Lord, not because I am worthy, but because Thy servant hath prayed and You have promised."

The healing power came. Today he is well and Conductor of a Zion Gathering.

One little Zion girl was afflicted with rheumatism, and prayer was not answered until she went to her teacher and confessed a wrong done the teacher. After confession was made, prayer was answered.

Requests for prayer come in from many parts of Kansas and Colorado. When the conditions are met, praises keep coming in for answers to prayer.

In Wichita, Kansas, we found people from many different denominations who have Zion in their hearts and are on their way to Zion. In five meetings held, six united with us and many more are coming.

We could not begin to tell of all the blessing God is pouring out upon Zion and through Zion to the people in this State.

Kansas needs more ordained officers to do the work and gather in the harvest already white.

May God continue to bless all Zion.

Pray for us.

### Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Rev. James R. Adams, Elder-in-Charge.

Elder Adams writes us the following story of conviction of sin, Salvation and deliverance from Secretism, tobacco and drugs through Faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, which came through the teaching of the Word of God in Zion Tabernacle, Grand Rapids, Michigan:

A man, wearing the Odd Fellows' badge and equipped with both smoking and chewing tobacco, came into the afternoon meeting in Zion Tabernacle here on Sunday, December 30th.

God's Spirit convicted him of the sins of Secretism and body-defiling. At the call to consecration he stood up with others, and after the meeting was dismissed he gave up his "100 Fools" emblem and laid his tobacco on the altar, at the same time requesting prayer for deliverance from the desire and habit of tobacco.

He also requested prayer for his child, that he should be healed of what was supposed to be an incipient tumor.

I have received from him the following letter:

"FRANKFORT, MICHIGAN, January 13, 1901.

"REV. JAMES R. ADAMS.

"Dear Brother in Christ:—We arrived here on New Year's night, and our goods on Thursday night.

"On the Lord's Day we read the Bible and the tracts you gave us.

"You ought to see me eat since I quit using that stinking tobacco.

"The bunch which was on the little boy's neck is going away, thanks be to God.

"As we unpacked, we came upon the Devil's poison medicines. We threw them away.

"Thank God, we have learned to trust Him to heal us of our sicknesses.

"I wish that there were a Branch of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion in this town.

M. A. KENNON."

Mr. Kennon and his wife have sent in their applications for membership in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

Like scores of thousands of others, they have taken refuge in Zion from the afflictions of Secretism, disease, evil habits and the ever consequent poverty (Isaiah 14:32).

## NOTES OF THANKSGIVING TO ZION'S GOD.

### God Heals a Broken Hip.

ANTIGO, WISCONSIN, December 30, 1900.

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—One year ago the 4th of last September a ladder upon which I was working broke and I fell about thirty-five feet to the hard ground.

My left hip was broken, and it seemed for a time as if my spine were also broken.

I could neither rise nor roll over.

They sent for a doctor, but I would not let him touch me, as I had God for my Physician.

Two weeks from the time I fell, I walked a half mile and went to work.

My left hip bothered me somewhat, however, when I worked hard on a ladder.

About December 18th I wrote to you, requesting prayer for my hip.

The next day it was very lame and sore; but some time during that night God healed me.

It has not bothered me since.

God blesses me more and more in paying Him my whole tithe. I get \$20 now where I formerly got one.

God has removed temptations which were very hard for me to resist.

I give Him all the glory and thank you for your prayers.

Your Brother in Christ,

A. G. BROWNING.

### Instantly Healed of Pain and Suffering at the Time of Prayer.

128 FIFTH STREET,  
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, January 1, 1901. }

REV. W. H. PIPER.

Dear Overseer:—Your prayer in my behalf yesterday was instantly answered.

I had an incessant pain in my eyes and head for about thirty hours, was choked up in my throat, my flesh was dry, and I was sore all through. I could get no answer myself.

When my son sent you the telegram, I prayed and trusted for the blessing.

It came instantly, as near as I could tell from the time you prayed.

The pain passed away. My flesh became moist. By evening the soreness had all left me, for which I thank and praise God.

I thank you for your prayers in my behalf.

I feel well today, only a little weak

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) M. R. VAN EMON.

### Healed of Constipation. Many Blessings in Family.

NEW WHATCOM, WASHINGTON, December 27, 1900.

REV. WILLIAM H. PIPER.

Dear Overseer:—I praise God for healing me of constipation two years ago.

I had been troubled for about thirty years. I was always obliged to take medicine of some kind for relief.

Since I learned to trust God for healing of my body, I have given up the use of medicine of every kind and God has healed me.

I thank God for the healing and for the many blessings to us as a family.

Whenever we get sick or any other trouble comes along, we go to God in prayer. He heals us and helps us out of our troubles.

Praise be to His Holy Name.

I am glad that Zion teaches a Full Gospel.

I pray God to bless Zion everywhere, and bless her officers with power of His Holy Spirit.

Yours in Jesus,

(MRS.) J. O. LEMACH.

### Healed of Toothache at the Time of Prayer.

NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA, December 7, 1900.

REV. WILLIAM H. PIPER.

Dear Overseer:—I wrote to you on Thanksgiving Day, stating that I had the toothache and asked you to pray for me.

On the evening of the 30th my tooth stopped hurting me entirely, and has not hurt me since.

Praise the Lord, my faith is strengthened in God and in Zion.

May the Lord continue to keep you and bless you with all Zion everywhere.

Yours faithfully in Jesus,

J. L. CLARK.

### God Heals Little Boy.

MONROE, WISCONSIN, January 3, 1901.

REV. WILLIAM H. PIPER.

Dear Overseer:—We are glad to write that our darling boy was relieved in answer to your prayer on the 24th ult.

His bowels moved naturally about 4:30 in the afternoon.

We thank you for your prayers and are so glad that we can trust God for all things.

More and more He reveals His goodness to us.

Yours in Christ,

(MRS.) ELIZABETH LIDDLE.

# ZION IN THE ORIENT.

By REV. G. L. MASON, B. A., B. D., OVERSEER OF THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CHINA.

## OUT OF APOSTASY AND INTO ZION.

**A**FTER graduating from college in Granville, Ohio, in 1875, I spent three years in the oldest Baptist school of the prophets in America, Newton Theological Institution, near Boston. There was much that was good in the life and teaching of the school. There was also much to show that the Baptists had already fallen far away from apostolic purity and power.

The teacher of the Old Testament, though a most worthy man in many respects, was a tobacco sot, worthy of the title stinkpot.

The teacher of New Testament interpretation was a smoker, who easily became an Episcopalian.

The teacher of homiletics was polished, dignified and learned; but his preaching did not save men, and he made no effort to teach what he did not know: the secret of spiritual power.

The teacher of another department was a most kindly man, but had no power over the Devil in his own family; for his wife was a confirmed victim of narcotic drugs.

The teacher of theology was most conscientious and loyal to his convictions; but his learned and foolish treatise to prove that the Lord Jesus was a moderate user of intoxicating liquor became a favorite campaign document of the distillers and saloonkeepers.

Romanism was studied very little historically, and the students were not shown how to take a Roman Catholic Bible and use it for the conversion of a Roman Papist.

Tobacco, rum and impurity, and how to fight them, were not mentioned.

The evil of poison drugs, the privilege of Divine Healing, and the supreme duty of personal purity, making the body a temple of God—these subjects were rarely if ever named in the class-room.

Faith, that is, a correct mental belief, was made the chief study. Repentance was very lightly touched upon.

Missions were not made prominent in the teaching.

How to Pray had no place in the curriculum.

The necessity of Christian Union was never enforced.

Beer-soaked and tobacco-poisoned German professors were quoted as the highest authorities on Biblical learning and interpretation. In those days, however, Baptists were more cautious than now in the use of Jehudi's penknife in cutting the Bible to pieces and in disputing openly the plain statements of the Lord Jesus concerning Moses and the prophets.

Secretism, the Christless religion of the lodge, Baal-worship, was already entrenched in every city and village of the land, and was destroying the spiritual life and power of hundreds of thousands of Christians. But we never had from our teachers one word of instruction or caution to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness.

Separation from the world was not urged; for nearly every leading Baptist Church in New England was controlled by a local "society," which held the property and shaped the policy of the Church. A mongrel society consisting of church-members and ungodly citizens united to manage the Lord's work!

Deep love to Christ and an earnest and tender desire to save men were not manifestly the atmosphere of the school. An unconverted man could easily learn all the lessons, pass all the tests, and become an acceptable preacher, if only he were of good moral character and had fair mental and social qualities.

The shocking defects in the theological teaching and practical life were little noticed by the students, for we breathed the poisoned air of the apostasy and were used to it. We stayed in cold-storage, all harmonious and united, because we were all frozen together.

May God have mercy on the theological "cemeteries"!

While in China, under the American Baptist Missionary Union, I read the "Life of Dorothea Trudel" and the "Ministry of Healing," by A. J. Gordon. These books gave light, but not enough fire. Through them, however, we were led at times to trust God and to get healing. Yet they did not teach directly the sin of polluting the body with poison drugs and they did not speak with authority; so, even after seeing God's power to heal, we went back to man's experiments with medicine, and lived far below our privilege as Christians.

For several years our daughter Pansy was ill with chronic dysentery. But in 1892, after giving up drugs and doctors, she was quickly healed in answer to the prayer of faith offered by her mother and several friends. The news of this remarkable healing coming to me in China helped to prepare me to take a decided step the next year in committing my body to God in an everlasting covenant.

In June, 1893, Dr. D. D. Main said I was in danger of consumption, as my symptoms were a cough, emaciation, night-sweats and low fever. In August, a brother of the China Inland Mission prayed over me, anointing me with oil in the Name of the Lord. I made a definite vow to God that I would never again use medicine of any kind. God then healed me.

"Divine Healing Vindicated," by Dr. Dowie, was sent me in 1894, by a Baptist deacon of Chicago. It brought great blessing at a time of sickness in the family.

But we did not know of LEAVES OF HEALING until the autumn of 1896, when a copy was sent me by a Baptist missionary. Soon after I became a subscriber and joyful reader.

For two years I kept hoping to be able to teach Divine Healing and to lead the Chinese up to the Zion standard of Holy Living, and at the same time remain in the Baptist Mission. Vain hope!

In December, 1898, before daylight one morning, God used the General Overseer's address to the Seventies, "Peace Be to This House," to show us that we must resign. We did so immediately, and remained on the field only long enough to turn over the Baptist mission work in good shape to my successor.

The temptation was strong to engage in independent mission work. But January 25, 1899, about 5 o'clock in the morning, in reading Jeremiah 33:3, "Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and will show thee great things and difficult which thou knowest not," the Holy Spirit showed that, for me, that meant the Christian Catholic Church in Zion. By faith we filled out and sent our applications for membership.

To some of our friends we confessed that we had taken steps to join. But such was the fear sometimes put into our hearts by the general hatred toward Zion, that I did not always openly declare that our applications were already sent in; and, indeed, we did not know for a certainty that the Christian Catholic Church was all it claimed to be, and that we should be members in full, till we arrived in Chicago.

That doubting and trembling in China in the presence of enemies God has forgiven and taken away wholly, and it is vain for them now to attempt to use it against us.

# NOTES OF THANKSGIVING TO ZION'S GOD

## God Answers Prayer for Healing of Cancer.

HARVEY, ILLINOIS, January 7, 1901.

REV. WILLIAM H. PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—With gratitude in my heart, and with many thanks to you for your prayers in my behalf some two and a half months ago in Central Zion Tabernacle, I write this testimony.

I asked you to pray for me for the removal of a large lump or callous which was located under the skin just between my shoulders near the spinal column. This callous was as large as a large peach seed, and had been there most of my life.

But I never paid any attention to it, as it never gave me any pain until just a few days before you prayed for me.

It first began to itch and burn and to get very sore.

When you prayed for me, I was suffering very much from the pain and itching.

I was led to believe it was the beginning of a miserable and loathsome cancer.

I have had some knowledge as to what a cancer is. I was afflicted with cancer some ten years ago, at least it was pronounced so by the physicians. My father was also afflicted with cancer, and that was partly the cause of his death.

The pain and burning ceased after you prayed.

The cancer gradually began to grow larger from that time on for several days, until it was two-thirds as large as a hen's egg. It was very dark in color and looked very ugly.

In eight or ten days from the time you prayed for me, my son examined the sore and pressed upon it lightly. It broke and discharged a large quantity of blackish-looking pus. The odor from it was very offensive.

This discharge continued each day for some time.

This lump or callous all came out with the pus, in pieces; often in pieces as large as a large pea. This substance was white and hard like gristle.

I thank God it all disappeared and I am completely healed.

I also thank God for His keeping power, as He has kept me from all sickness since I was so wonderfully healed of all my old army diseases, some months ago.

My testimony to the healing of my old army diseases may be seen in LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume VII, Number 5, May 26, 1900.

I have never had a minute's sickness from any of my old army troubles since I was healed.

I have not taken a dose of medicine of any kind or in any form for almost two years.

I never have tasted pork, I never have tasted whisky, beer, tobacco, either by chewing it or smoking it, since I gave up all these bad and evil habits and took the Lord Jesus as my Healer, Keeper and Cleanser.

I am thankful that I am a clean man.

I am enjoying better health today than I have in thirty-five years.

I am very thankful for the teachings I have received from the General Overseer concerning Salvation, Healing and Holy Living.

My prayers are and will be that God may continually bless you and your labors.

May God bless you all.

Your Brother in Christ Jesus, GEORGE D. CHENOWETH.

## God Heals an Unusual Case of Fractured Arm.

HINSDALE, ILLINOIS, January 5, 1901.

DR. JOHN H. SAYRS.

*Dear Sir:*—I will here send my testimony and tell what God has done for me.

On November 17, 1900, I went up to see a football game.

A boy took hold of me, and I slipped and hurt my arm.

A friend of mine took me in a buggy to Dr. Lawton.

He said I had an unusual case of fracture; that a little bone was broken and that if he had to treat me, he would have to have another doctor to help him.

When I heard that, I went home and said to my mother that I did not want a doctor.

I said, "Let us go to Zion tonight."

It was too late to get a train. On Sunday morning we went to Central Zion Tabernacle.

Dr. Sayrs prayed for me in the morning and Overseer Piper in the afternoon.

The day after we were there, the doctor sent word to my father that he would like to see him. He asked him if I had had any treatment.

My father said that I did not need any treatment. The doctor said that the arm would not be all right if something was not done to it.

He said that I had to have it lanced and an ivory pin put in, and then have it in splints for four weeks.

My father told him that I had been attended to.

Thanks be to God that I did not have anything like that done to me.

God healed me and my arm is all right now.

I give God the glory.

I thank Dr. Sayrs and Overseer Piper for their prayers.

I pray that God will bless the General Overseer and his family, and Zion's Elders everywhere.

I hope that this testimony will be a help to others.

Your Brother in Christ,

ROBERT KOFOED.

HINSDALE, ILLINOIS, January 5, 1901.

The above is my boy's testimony, which is all true.

We give God the glory for his healing, and thank Dr. Sayrs and Overseer Piper for their prayers.

I thank God for Zion's teaching, which has been a blessing for us all in our home.

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) LAURA KOFOED.

## Little Boy Instantaneously Healed When Apparently Dying of Broken Neck.

IVANHOE, ILLINOIS, January 7, 1901.

DEACON E. S. ANDERSON.

*Dear Sir:*—I wish to relate an incident of God's favor here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Beckwith.

About September 24th the children were playing, after supper, when Elmer, five years of age, ran and in trying to hide under the table struck his neck just below the chin on the edge of the table.

He fell back on his knees, with his head thrown back, his eyes set and glassy, and his face purple.

His father cried, "O, Elmer has broken his neck!" I took hold of the child and found his body stiff and impossible to bend.

I held him closely in my arms and prayed to God to bring him back to life again, in Jesus' Name, through the power of the Holy Spirit and in accordance with His Will.

The father said that the child was dead, and it was no use to pray.

The mother was agonizing and saying that her baby was dead.

I told her to pray, and I still held the child and continued the same prayer.

God heard and answered the prayer and caused the child's eyes to close and his head to come back into the proper position.

The pulsation and breathing then began.

In a few minutes he drank some chocolate, and in less than twenty minutes was playing with his little wagon. Not a mark was to be seen on his neck.

He said he hurt his neck and then did not know anything, but that it does not hurt now.

For this instantaneous healing and other healings I praise God and give Him all the glory.

Thanking God daily for the blessings which He brought to us in Dr. Dowie and Mrs. Dowie to teach us the truths of God's Word in such a way that we can make use of them today, I am

Respectfully yours in Christ,

(MISS) MARY E. A. BOLTON.

## God Answers Elder's and Overseer's Prayers.

526 YORK STREET,  
CINCINNATI, OHIO, January 11, 1901.

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—I praise the Lord for what He has done for me, in answer to your prayer and also the prayer of our Elder Voliva.

I had a very bad cold in back, kidneys and lungs.

I kept on working in the factory till I was compelled by pain to stay at home.

My body felt as if broken in pieces.

We called for the Elder. He prayed with me. We also sent a telegram to you, asking you for prayer.

God answered yours and the Elder's prayers.

I rejoice very much over the wonderful Zurich Mission.

May God bless the General Overseer and Zion all over the world.

May God bring my people in Zurich to Zion, and all Switzerland.

I am faithfully your obedient Brother in Christ,

HERMAN JOSEPH VILLIGER.

**OBEYING GOD IN BAPTISM.**

**“Baptizing Them Into the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.”**

**Nine Thousand and Ninety Baptisms by Triune Immersion Since March 14, 1897.**

Nine Thousand and Ninety Believers have joyfully followed their Lord in the Ordinance of Believers' Baptism by Triune Immersion since the first Baptism in Central Zion Tabernacle on March 14, 1897:

Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle on March 14, 1897, to December 14, 1900, by the General Overseer	4339	
Baptized by Elders, Evangelists and Deacons	1769	
Total Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle		6108
Baptized in places outside of Chicago by the General Overseer	383	
Baptized in places outside of Chicago by Elders, Evangelists and Deacons	2297	
Total Baptized outside of Chicago		2680
<b>Total Baptized in three years and nine months</b>		<b>8788</b>

Baptized since December 14, 1900:

Baptized in England by the General Overseer	89	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Overseer Piper	116	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder McClurkin	35	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Deacon Kessler	9	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Fockler	14	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Stith	5	179
Baptized in British Columbia by Elder Simmons	7	
Baptized in California by Elder Taylor	6	
Baptized in Michigan by Elder Kennedy	4	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder Bouck	1	
Baptized in Ohio by Overseer Mason	2	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder Voliva	11	
Baptized in Oregon by Elder Ernst	3	123 302
<b>Total Baptized since March 14, 1897</b>		<b>9090</b>

The following-named forty-five believers were baptized by the General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, on Lord's Day afternoon, December 30, 1900, in the Spa Road Public Baths, Bermondsey, London, England:

- Allen, Ada P. .... 7 Solway Road, East Dulwich, S. E., London, England
- Badger, Alfred H. .... 7 Chaucer Road, Forest Gate, London, England
- Barnes, Hedley .....
- ..... 15 Taybridge Road, Clapham Common, S. W., London, England
- Bell, Mrs. Kezia .....
- ..... 10 Sutherland Place, Walworth, London, England
- Braham, Mrs. Susannah .....
- ..... 23 Scot's Terrace, Trafalgar Road, Old Kent Road, London, England
- Butterworth, Frank K. .... 81 Cottenham Street, Manchester, England
- Campbell, Donald .....
- ..... 24 Willow Street, Bermondsey, S. E., London, England
- Claassen, Caroline L. .... 19 Blakes Road, Peckham, London, England
- Cooke, Mark .....
- ..... 11 Trafalgar Road, Old Kent Road, London, England
- Cooke, Mrs. Mary .....
- ..... 11 Trafalgar Road, Old Kent Road, London, England
- Denithorne, John .....
- ..... 4 Spa Mansions, Spa Road, Bermondsey, London, England
- Dewey, Miss Annie .....
- ..... 26 Bagshot Street, Walworth, London, England
- File, Sidney W. E. .... 90 The Grove, Camberwell, London, England
- Forster, Emma .....
- ..... 78 Shrubband Road, Dalston, London, England
- Goddard, Matilda .....
- ..... 24 Willow Street, Bermondsey, London, England
- Goddard, Thomas H. .... 24 Willow Street, Bermondsey, London, England
- Hibbert, Miss Annie E. .... 125 Aldersgate Street, London, England
- Holzer, Armin .....
- ..... 58 Bodney Road, Hockney, London, England
- Humphreys, Charles H. .... 33 Queen's Row, Walworth, S. E., London, England
- Hurran, Edith L. .... 13 Alma St., New North Road, Islington, London, England
- Hurran, Jane .....
- ..... 13 Alma St., New North Road, Islington, London, England
- Hurran, John H. .... 13 Alma St., New North Road, Islington, London, England
- Hurran, Lucy L. .... 13 Alma St., New North Road, Islington, London, England
- Hutchings, Edith M. ....
- ..... St. Swithins, Farncombe Road, Worthing, Sussex, England
- Jackman, John D. .... 70 Lancaster Road, Leytonstone, London, England
- Johnson, Sidney W. .... 204 Upper Clapton Street, N. E., London, England
- Kramer, Charles F. .... 44 Clipstone Street, Portland Place, London, England
- Medcraft, Arthur .....
- ..... 15 Clarence Terrace, Dalston, London, England
- Morgan, Gertrude M. .... 32 Broke Road, Dalston, N. E., London, England
- Nicholas, W. F. .... 14 Thane Villas, Seven Sisters Road, London, England
- Palmer, Caroline .....
- ..... 47 Park Street, Church Street, Stoke-Newington, London, England
- Potter, Cornelius .....
- ..... 65 Tanner Street, Bermondsey, London, England
- Potter, Keziah .....
- ..... 65 Tanner Street, Bermondsey, London, England
- Regester, Amy E. ....
- ..... 15 Henderson Road, Wandsworth Common, London, England
- Rodway, David .....
- ..... 6 Adpar Street, Paddington, W., London, England
- Sanders, John E. ....
- ..... Branchton, Ontario, Canada
- Simpson, Jessie .....
- ..... 105 Manor Road, Brockley, S. E., London, England
- Stevens, Miss Annie R. .... 577 Green Lanes, Horseay, N., London, England
- Stevenson, Arthur .....
- ..... 8 Chilwell Road, Beeston, Nottingham, England
- Storey, Frederick .....
- ..... 17 Parr Street, Crossley, Hoxton, London, England
- Taylor, Mrs. Agnes .....
- ..... The Croft, Clifton, Ashbourne, Derbyshire, England
- Taylor, Herbert E. J. .... The Croft, Clifton, Ashbourne, Derbyshire, England
- Watson, Miss Harriet .....
- ..... 243 Morningside Road, Edinburgh, Scotland
- Westerman, Mrs. Mary E. .... 36 Bridge Street, Morley, near Leeds, England
- Yarroll, Mrs. Margaret .....
- ..... 243 Morningside Road, Edinburgh, Scotland

The following-named one hundred and sixteen believers were baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day, January 13, 1901, by Overseer William Hamner Piper:

- Aikin, Master Percy .....
- ..... 6723 Marshfield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
- Aikin, Master Willie .....
- ..... 6723 Marshfield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
- Albright, Perry .....
- ..... 42 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Allen, Irvin .....
- ..... 1818 Armour Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
- Anderson, Charles .....
- ..... 624 Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Anderson, Mrs. ....
- ..... 18 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Anding, Miss Freda .....
- ..... 742 West Fourteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Anding, Miss Martha .....
- ..... 742 West Fourteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Bainer, Master Harry .....
- ..... 55 Kendall Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Bartholomee, George .....
- ..... 344 West Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Beales, Miss Florence .....
- ..... 7040 Normal Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
- Boegen, Master Rollin .....
- ..... 2146 West Fourteenth Place, Chicago, Illinois
- Bollinger, Oscar .....
- ..... 1643 Forty-sixth Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Brown, Mrs. Mattie .....
- ..... State Street, near Twenty-sixth, Chicago, Illinois
- Brush, Edward .....
- ..... Dunning Poor House, Chicago, Illinois
- Burr, F. R. ....
- ..... Scottsburg, Virginia
- Calhoun, Miss Laura .....
- ..... 5645 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
- Chadler, W. D. ....
- ..... 277 Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Clein, William C. ....
- ..... 268 East Twenty-first Street, near, Chicago, Illinois
- Cole, Frank .....
- ..... 4905 State Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Cole, Mrs. Henrietta .....
- ..... 4905 State Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Collins, Master Clarence .....
- ..... 1245 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
- Collins, Miss Ivy .....
- ..... 1245 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
- Connors, Mrs. N. O. ....
- ..... 18 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Conway, John H. ....
- ..... 1245 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
- Davenport, Seymour .....
- ..... 3744 Elmwood Court, Chicago, Illinois
- Davis, William J. ....
- ..... Mt. Carroll, Illinois
- DeWoody, Loren Joseph .....
- ..... 7537 Emerald Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
- DeWoody, Miss Grace R. ....
- ..... 7537 Emerald Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
- Drake, N. B. ....
- ..... Beaver, South Dakota
- Dulmage, Miss Mabel .....
- ..... 1343 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
- Ennis, Master Elmer .....
- ..... 3645 South Hoyne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
- Fabry, Master Charlie .....
- ..... 2800 Fifth Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
- Fabry, Master Eddie .....
- ..... 2800 Fifth Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
- Fabry, Master Fred .....
- ..... 2800 Fifth Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
- Felsch, Miss Gussie .....
- ..... 747 West Twenty-first Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Felsch, Miss Lizzie .....
- ..... 747 West Twenty-first Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Forde, Miss Lily .....
- ..... 6442 Bishop Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Forde, Miss May .....
- ..... 6442 Bishop Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Forman, Miss Roxie Clay .....
- ..... 1306 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
- Forman, Mrs. Virginia .....
- ..... Lathrop, Missouri
- Gentleman, Master Clinton .....
- ..... 5433 Bishop Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Gibbons, Miss Mary .....
- ..... 4110 Armour Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
- Graham, Master Carl E. ....
- ..... 18 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Graham, Mrs. Isabell .....
- ..... 18 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Grossenhieder, Miss Louise .....
- ..... 4725 Evans Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
- Gunn, Mrs. Betty .....
- ..... 135 Seventeenth Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Hamilton, Miss Margaret .....
- ..... 627 South Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
- Hardt, Miss Lizzie .....
- ..... 1008 South Oakley Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
- Hildebrand, Louis A. ....
- ..... 45 Marion Place, Chicago, Illinois
- Holman, Master Freddie .....
- ..... 1020 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois
- Horton, Mrs. W. C. ....
- ..... 1216 Logan Street, La Crosse, Wisconsin
- Howard, E. W. ....
- ..... 549 West Fifty-ninth Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Howard, Mrs. M. B. ....
- ..... 549 West Fifty-ninth Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Houston, George J. ....
- ..... Laurens, Iowa
- Jefferson, Master George .....
- ..... 252 East Twenty-first Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Johnson, Miss Etta .....
- ..... 2800 Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
- Johnson, Master Walter D. ....
- ..... 6805 Champlain Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
- Johnson, Miss Josie .....
- ..... 16 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Johnson, Miss Pauline B. ....
- ..... 4915 State Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Kaston, Miss Mary .....
- ..... 3332 South Canal Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Kibbey, Miss Ada .....
- ..... Zion Home, Chicago, Illinois
- Kinner, Miss Henrietta .....
- ..... 3020 Haynes Court, Chicago, Illinois
- Klawonn, Miss Laura .....
- ..... Galion, Ohio
- Lage, Miss Louise .....
- ..... 4340 Lake Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
- Larimore, Miss Maude .....
- ..... 538 West Thirteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Larson, Mrs. John .....
- ..... Akron, Ohio
- Lawrence, A. T. ....
- ..... 360 State Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Lawrence, Mrs. A. ....
- ..... 360 State Street, Chicago, Illinois
- McGarrahan, Miss Katie .....
- ..... 2131 Wentworth Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
- McKerlie, Master Austin .....
- ..... 6406 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
- McNew, Dwight .....
- ..... 188 Honore Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Marshall, Miss Gladys .....
- ..... 4652 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
- Marshall, Will .....
- ..... 1245 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
- Mitchell, Mrs. Mary .....
- ..... La Crosse, Wisconsin
- Nacker, Master Frank .....
- ..... 5316 Bishop Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Nacker, Miss Gretchen .....
- ..... 5316 Bishop Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Nacker, Miss Rosy .....
- ..... 5316 Bishop Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Norstrom, Mrs. G. S. ....
- ..... 142 Sangamon Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Norstrom, S. N. ....
- ..... 142 Sangamon Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Reed, Mrs. Ellen .....
- ..... 2248 Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Reeder, Edward W., Jr. ....
- ..... 538 West Thirteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Reeder, J. A. ....
- ..... 538 West Thirteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Rendall, Miss Lizzie .....
- ..... 6241 May Street, Chicago, Illinois
- Richards, Miss Elizabeth .....
- ..... 7833 Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
- Richey, Miss Molly .....
- ..... Atwood, Illinois
- Rinderly, Mrs. Julia M. ....
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**ZION'S BIBLE CLASS.**

CONDUCTED BY DEACON DANIEL SLOAN.

**MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS LESSON, FEBRUARY 6th or 7th.**

**Wondrously Redeemed.**

- Redeemed from destruction so that every power belongs to God.*—Isaiah 43:18-21.  
We belong to God by creation.  
We belong to God by redemption.  
We belong to God by preservation.
- Redeemed from death so that the life will be only for God.*—Hosea 13:14.  
How great a death He hath saved us from!  
The horrors of the second death are awful.  
How deep our consecration should be because of this.
- Redeemed from the hand of the enemy so that God can lead into liberty.*  
—Deuteronomy 7:8, 9.  
God wills not to have any of His children in bondage.  
He will lead them far into the paths of righteousness.  
He calls to a highway where the Beast cannot come.
- Redeemed from confusion so that peace may ever abound.*—Isaiah 63:7-9.  
He saves from the strife of tongues.  
He knows all about the distresses which afflict us.  
None is able to pluck those who trust Him out of His hands.
- Redeemed from all iniquity so that we can walk in fellowship with Him.*  
—1 John 1:5-7.  
To be tainted with sin hinders fellowship with God.  
We cannot agree with sin and walk with God.  
Light shows from what we need to be cleansed.
- Redeemed from all oppression so that we can fearlessly talk of His doings and walk in His ways.*—Luke 1:68-73.  
The accuser, if he has a hold on us, will talk loudly.  
He that believeth shall never be ashamed.  
The song of praise follows the song of deliverance.
- Redeemed from all trouble so that not a care nor a burden need distress us.*—Isaiah 43:1, 2.  
Where there is fear, there is torment.  
To be truly His is to have no fear.  
If we are His, He will see to it that we are kept.  
*The Lord Our God is a Life-Redeeming God.*

The following-named twenty believers were baptized in Central Zion tabernacle, Wednesday Evening, January 16, 1901, by Elder A. W. McClurkin:

- Brown, Mrs. Mary ..... 105 Cleveland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois  
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The following-named three believers were baptized at Portland, Oregon, Wednesday, January 9, 1901, by Elder Aug. Ernst:

- Brockwell, Miss Winifred Ethel ..... 373 East Mill, Portland, Oregon  
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**SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS LESSON, FEBRUARY 10th.**

**The Household of Faith.**

- Inceptive Christians: Those who have doubts and are lacking a sense of justifying grace, but are convicted of sin, ignorant of self, and yet are called of Christ.*—Hebrews 2:1-13.  
It is one thing to be begotten.  
It is another thing to be born.  
It is yet another thing to have knowledge.
- Child-talk Christians: Those who have not much depth, who are asleep to opportunities, weighted down by sin, living for self, nothing more than babes in Christ.*—1 Corinthians 3:1-7.  
Some get only temporary victory over the enemy.  
It is impossible to work for a sect and for Christ.  
The life within must throw off formalism and inactivity.
- Growing Christians: Those who have a warfare, who are withholding something, temporizing with sin, in some way are sparing self, yet who are followers of Christ in some measure.*—John 6:24-34.  
You have nothing of life that you have not received from God.  
Self must at His feet be reckoned dead for one to become alive to God.  
Resurrection power is not real until the crucifixion is complete.
- Mature Christians: Those who live for others, who are dead to sin, who are alive to God, who forget self, and are in aim and purpose, as well as in works, disciples of Christ.*—Romans 6:8-13.  
We are to be so awake to righteousness as to sin not.  
To live with sin having no dominion over us, is our calling.  
To live for others is to have the truest joy and pleasure.  
*God's Holy People are a Maturing People.*

**DAILY SCRIPTURE TEXTS FOR FEBRUARY.**

**To Memorize and Meditate Upon, Morning, Noon and Night.**

**PARENTS:** "Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."—Deuteronomy 6:7.

**CHRISTIANS:** "Thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."—Joshua 1:8.

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| 1. Fri.—Mat. 11:9; l. c.       | 11. Mon.—Lev. 15:18; l. c. | 21. Thu.—Jer. 23:28; m. c. |
| 2. Sat.—Ps. 84:4; f. c.        | 12. Tues.—Ps. 34:3; w. v.  | 22. Fri.—Is. 61:1; l. c.   |
| 3. Sun.—Judg. 8:4; l. c.       | 13. Wed.—Hos. 9:5; w. v.   | 23. Sat.—Hab. 10:23; f. c. |
| 4. Mon.—Jer. 23:28; l. c.      | 14. Thu.—Is. 25:1; f. c.   | 24. Sun.—Heb. 10:38; l. c. |
| 5. Tues.—1 John 1:5; l. c.     | 15. Fri.—Mat. 21:21; m. c. | 25. Mon.—Jno. 9:4; f. c.   |
| 6. Wed.—Rom. 6:10; l. c.       | 16. Sat.—Hab. 2:3; m. c.   | 26. Tues.—Hos. 4:3; f. c.  |
| 7. Thu.—1 Pet. 4:7; f. c.      | 17. Sun.—Is. 60:1; f. c.   | 27. Wed.—Hos. 4:8; l. c.   |
| 8. Fri.—Is. 26:10; f. c.       | 18. Mon.—Is. 35:10; f. c.  | 28. Thu.—Acts 4:31; l. c.  |
| 9. Sat.—Ps. 34:11; f. c.       | 19. Tues.—Is. 40:29; f. c. |                            |
| 10. Sun.—2 Chron. 20:12; l. c. | 20. Wed.—Acts 2:16; m. c.  |                            |
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A pleasant variety can be made by singing the ones set to music as they come in order, or repeat the Gem first, then sing, as the one in charge may direct, and thus comply with Colossians 3:16.

**AND** the Lord's servant must not strive, but be gentle towards all, apt to teach, forbearing.—2 Tim. 2:24.

**BEHOLD**, I stand at the door and knock, if any man hear My Voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.—Rev. 3:20.

**CREATE** in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right Spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.—Psa. 51:10, 11.

**Create in Me a Clean Heart.**  
F. A. GRAVES.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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**DO** all things without murmurings and disputings—Phil. 2:14.

**EVEN** a child maketh himself known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.—Prov. 20:11.

**FOR** God called us not for uncleanness but in sanctification.—1 Thess. 4:7.

**GO** YE therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.—Matt. 28:19.

**HEREIN** is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; and so shall ye be My disciples.—John 15:8.

**IF** YE abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you.—John 15:7.

**JUSTICE** and judgment are the foundation of Thy throne; mercy and truth go before Thy face.—Psa. 89:14.

**KEEP** thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life.—Prov. 4:23.

**LET** the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.—Psa. 19:14.

**MY** SON, give Me thine heart, and let thine eyes delight in My ways.—Prov. 23:26.

**NEITHER** is there Salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.—Acts 4:12.

**OH**W love I Thy law! It is my meditation all the day.—Psa. 119:97.

**PRAY** without ceasing.—1 Thess. 5:17.

**QUICKEN** me after Thy loving kindness; so shall I observe the testimony of Thy mouth.—Psa. 119:88.

**REMEMBER** also thy Creator in the days of thy youth, or ever the evil days come, and the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.—Eccl. 12:1.

**SEARCH** me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts; and see if there be any way of wickedness in me and lead me in the way everlasting.—Psa. 139:23, 24.

**THE** Angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them.—Psa. 34:7.

The Lord bless thee and keep thee; the Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.—Num. 6:24-26.

**UNTO** thee, O my strength, will I sing praises; for God is my High Tower, the God of my mercy.—Psa. 59:17.

**VERILY**, verily I say unto you, he that believeth hath eternal life.—John 6:47.

**WHO** forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases.—Psa. 103:3.

**XAMINE** yourselves whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves.—2 Cor. 13:5.

**YEA**, and all that would live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.—2 Tim. 3:12.

**ZION** heard and was glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoiced: because of Thy judgments, O Lord.—Psa. 97:8.

Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be upon thine heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.—Deuteronomy 6:4, 5, 6, 7.

We find the Word of God is:

**Lifegiving.**—John 6:6-8.

**Nourishing.**—1 Timothy 4:6.

**Healing.**—Psalm 107:20.

**Enduring.**—Isaiah 40:8.

**Comforting.**—1 Thessalonians 4:18.

**Profitable.**—2 Timothy 3:16.

**Discerning.**—Hebrews 4:12.

Let us love the words of God. Job says in Job 23:12: "I have treasured up the words of His mouth more than my necessary food."

The Psalmist says in Psalm 119:72: "The law of Thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver."

Parents, if you will teach these Gems to your children at family worship it will be a great blessing to you and to them. Sing those which are set to music:

Sing them over again to me,  
Wonderful words of life.

**"SEARCH ME, O GOD."**  
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He sendeth His word



and healeth them.

# LEAVES OF HEALING

I am the Lord that healeth thee.

And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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## GOD'S WITNESSES TO DIVINE HEALING.

SISTERS HEALED BY POWER OF GOD, WHEN DYING OF HEART AND LUNG TROUBLE AND SPINAL DISEASE, AND CONSUMPTION.

**J**ESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY AND TODAY, YEA AND FOREVER.

These two happy Witnesses praise God for this glorious truth. Each was attacked by disease. Each "suffered many things of many physicians." Each "was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse."

Miss Helen Zaiser lay in the clutches of heart disease and lung trouble.

She was in constant pain for five years of untold misery.

Then for weeks unable to be moved, she lay in one position, propped with pillows.

Her sufferings were indescribably terrible.

Her physician said she was dying; could live only a few days.

Her pastor, himself ignorant, had taught her the horrible lie that God was her torturer and was about to be her murderer!

He exhorted her to be reconciled to His Will.

But as she read God's Word, she could find no confirmation of such diabolical teaching.

She read, instead, throughout the whole precious Book, of God's willingness to heal.

She read of Jesus, doing His Father's Will, "going about,

healing all that were oppressed of the Devil." She found Him ever "Teaching, Preaching and Healing," throughout His earthly ministry. She saw His tender compassion ever going out to the afflicted. She heard Him say to the leper, "I will, be thou clean."

Then she read that He was "the same yesterday and today, yea and forever."

Struggling in the darkness of ignorance, deceived by those who should have led her, she sought God for light.

Ever ready to give to those who truly seek Him, He sent her a Message, by His Spirit, through an humble Messenger.

Then she saw Jehovah her Healer.

At the midnight hour, as she lay apparently at the very point of death, she looked to Him in faith.

Instantly the power of the Holy Spirit came upon her and she arose.

She arose from the cramped position, where she had lain so many weary weeks.

She walked unassisted.

All the pain, of five years' duration, left her in the twinkling of an eye!

She rapidly regained her strength. But no Christian re-



MISSES REGINA AND HELEN ZAISER.

joined with her. She received no further teaching as to God's Way of Healing.

Two years later the Devil again attacked her with spinal trouble.

In her ignorance she sought not unto the Lord, who had so gloriously healed her; but unto the physicians, who had never helped her.

As before, they were, as God's Word says, "of no value."

For a half year she lay too ill to sit up.

God's Spirit again led her.

At the same time He brought a Messenger, telling her of the wonderful work which God was beginning to do through Rev. John Alex. Dowie.

Her faith was strengthened by that Message.

She laid aside all human means and trusted God only and fully.

He fulfilled His promise, "Call upon Me, and I will answer thee."

She again arose and walked in His strength.

Then she heard, for the first time, the full Message of the Everlasting Gospel of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living from the lips of God's Messenger to Zion.

Her joy was unbounded.

For seven years she has been happy, healthy and strong.

She has worked every day, serving God in Zion.

Her sister, Miss Regina Zaiser, was weak and sickly from her youth.

She grew constantly worse.

Although she saw her sister healed, she lacked faith.

She became very ill with tonsillitis.

Her physicians gave her no hope for recovery.

God, by His Spirit, gave her His Message of His Covenant of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living, by His Messenger, in Zion Tabernacle No. 1.

There, in that despised Little Wooden Hut, she learned the great truth which made her free.

Her disease developed into consumption.

Consumption!

The very word is a death-knell to all human hope.

That terrible scourge was eating out her lungs.

A large cavity had been made.

Then she reconsecrated herself to God, fulfilling all His conditions.

God's servant in Zion prayed for her, "in the Name of Jesus, in the Power of the Holy Spirit and in accordance with the Will of God, our Heavenly Father."

Instantly the promised healing came.

Her cough stopped.

The cavity in her lung filled out.

Strength and vigor came rapidly.

Since then, over six years, she has been kept well and strong by the power of God.

Now, Little White Dove, carry this Message to the ends of the earth.

Tell men and women everywhere that Jesus is still the loving Saviour, Healer and Keeper.

Tell them that His great heart of love still throbs with Divine compassion.

His mission is still to destroy the Devil's work.

He is the same today.

He is the same forever.

What a glorious Message!

What glad tidings to thousands, dying in agony.

Jesus is the same.

He healed the multitudes yesterday!

He is healing multitudes today!

He will be the Healer until Sin and Disease and Death and Hell and the Devil are no more!

A. W. N.

#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF MISS HELEN ZAISER.

AURORA, ILLINOIS, January 10, 1901.

OVERSEER J. G. SPEICHER.

*Dear Brother in Christ:*—Nearly nine years have passed since God in His great love and mercy raised me up from a dying bed.

It is with deep gratitude in my heart that I tell of His keeping and healing power through all these years.

From childhood up I never was strong and healthy, and a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism affected my heart so that I did not recover.

For five years I suffered constantly.

The last two years of that time I became so ill that I never was left in the house alone, as I would suddenly faint, and be unconscious for hours. Many physicians attended me.

They said I could not be cured, my heart and lungs were so badly diseased.

During these years of illness, I read and studied my Bible a great deal, and was impressed that God could heal now just the same as when Christ was on earth.

But still I doubted God's willingness to heal, as, of course, I had been taught that sickness was for a person's good.

The minister who often came to visit me told me to be reconciled to the will of God, as I would have to die.

My desire was to get well. I felt that my life thus far had amounted to nothing, as I had never been anything but a care to others.

I prayed that God would take away my desire to live.

Then I would turn to my Bible for help, and instead of finding resignation to die, would read of some instance of Christ healing the sick.

At that time I did not realize it, but now I see God's leading through it all, as I was cut off from all earthly teachers.

During the winter of 1891 and 1892 I was confined to my bed.

Becoming so weak that I could not be moved, for many weeks I was propped up by pillows, lying on my right side, unable to turn on my back or left side on account of the terrible pain and oppression for breath.

The fainting and sinking spells occurred more frequently, owing to the increased weakness of my heart.

On January 30, 1892, the doctor told my parents that I was dying; could live but a short time.

That day a woman, a member of the Salvation Army, and a stranger to us, having heard of my illness, called to see me.

She gently asked me if I did not believe God could heal me.

She told how she had been healed in answer to prayer.

I said, "Yes, I believe God can, but do not think it is His will."

She told me to trust God and she, together with my mother and sister, would pray for me.

Her words were just what I needed, for from that moment I believed God would heal me.

All through that day and night and until midnight of February 1st, I seemed to be just struggling with death.

But God was very near to me, and although I could not speak, my thoughts were on my Saviour.

At midnight, mother thought I was dying, and was kneeling at my bedside, silently praying.

All at once it seemed as if I heard a Voice, telling me to get up out of bed.

I looked to God for strength and slowly I arose from my pillows.

Mother wrapped me up, not saying a word, for she said she could see by my face that the power of God was being manifested in me.

I got up, and, without assistance, walked out into the sitting-room. While doing so, I still had all of that severe pain.

I sat down in an easy chair, and lo, all pain was gone!

All of that intense pain which I had so long as gone instantly, and I could take a long breath, something I had not been able to do for years without pain.

I thought I had gone to heaven, it seemed such a relief to be released from such misery.

I gained in health and strength with exceeding rapidity.

I received no encouragement from Christians who I thought could understand God's Way of Healing.

How gladly would I have read LEAVES OF HEALING, had there been such a paper in existence.

Two years later I was again taken seriously ill, with spinal trouble and other complications.

In my ignorance, instead of going to God, I again resorted to doctors for help.

Several of them attended me.

I grew worse, constantly suffering so much that I frequently had spasms, and could eat nothing but baby food.

For six months I was confined to my bed, never being able to sit up long enough to have the bed made.

Finally, after a day of more than the usual suffering, I determined to lay aside all medicine and trust God alone for healing.

I asked God to forgive me for not trusting Him fully

A day or so later a friend called and told me about the first account of Dr. Dowie in the *Inter Ocean* of April, 1894; how the sick were being healed in great numbers in Chicago.

I was inspired with more faith.

I soon had strength to arise and walk, and could eat solid food without distress.

A week later my sister went to Chicago to hear Dr. Dowie preach for the first time.

The enemy had not given me up without a struggle, for that Sunday I was again prostrated and suffered intensely.

When my sister returned, she prayed with me, and I was relieved from pain. My faith was strengthened by what had been seen and heard.

In June my sister accompanied me to Chicago, and we attended services in the "Little Wooden Hut," Zion Tabernacle No. 1, gladly receiving the precious teachings of God as presented by Dr. and Mrs. Dowie.

I used to go to church sometimes feeling very weak physically, and how I did just long for some word of encouragement.

Yet I never once heard a minister say "Trust God for healing," until I heard Dr. Dowie preach.

The first time I heard Dr. Dowie, it seemed as if he were talking to me individually. How blind I had been not to have seen God's willingness to care for my body as well as my spirit before!

Nearly seven years have elapsed since that healing.

During that time I have taken no medicine. When taken sick I have trusted God, and have always been delivered.

I am much happier since I have learned to trust God for everything.

I am able to work every day.

I praise God for the many blessings He has given me.

I thank God that I am in Zion.

May God bless Dr. and Mrs. Dowie, for without their clear teaching I feel that I would have fallen by the wayside.

Your Sister in Christ, (MISS) HELEN ZAISER.

#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF MISS REGINA ZAISER.

AURORA, ILLINOIS, January 10, 1901.

REV. JOHN G. SPEICHER.

*Dear Overseer:*—It is with great joy and thankfulness of heart to my Heavenly Father that I can add my testimony to His Healing Power to that of my sister.

I had been afflicted with lung trouble since my eighth year, having had pneumonia several times, which, naturally, left my lungs weak.

During my school days I suffered more or less and always had a cough.

I took innumerable tonics and cough medicines in the vain hope of growing stronger, but every winter either my sister or I would be sick, often both together.

Finally she became so seriously ill as to require the constant attendance of mother and myself.

Then came her wonderful healing.

How happy I was!

Words cannot express my joy.

Although I had seen her healed, I did not accept Christ as my Physician, but, in my ignorance, kept on doctoring.

Then my throat became affected and I suffered constantly from tonsilitis and other complications.

Many physicians, both in this city and Chicago, treated me, some of whom urged change of climate, while others gave me but little hope as to my ultimate recovery.

Meanwhile my sister again became ill, and after suffering so long was healed at the time when we first heard of Dr. Dowie.

In June, 1894, we spent a week in Chicago attending the meetings at Zion Tabernacle No. 1.

I saw the truths of God as presented by Dr. Dowie, and I accepted Christ as my Physician, receiving a partial physical blessing.

As I was so worn, I decided to go West to rest and recuperate, returning in time for school to begin.

About the middle of September I became seriously ill.

I coughed constantly, expectorated very much, and soon could take no food but milk.

Then I began to have night sweats, and by the middle of October a cavity large enough to lay my hand in had been made in the lower lobe of my right lung.

My respirations daily became shorter and I realized that, so far as human means were concerned, my time on earth was limited.

Still I did not even wish to return to medicine, for I had learned that there was no virtue in it.

We had sent requests for prayer to Dr. Dowie, but I was not prepared to receive the healing, so did not get it.

I grew steadily worse until November 8, 1894, when I reconsecrated myself entirely to God and determined to be healed for His glory.

That day my sister and I went to Chicago. God gave me the needed strength for the journey.

After Dr. Dowie had prayed for me, I felt that I had received the blessing.

I returned home that night and at once began to improve.

My cough stopped gradually; the expectoration ceased and the cavity in my lungs soon filled out.

I gained strength and vigor rapidly.

Since that time I have been kept by the Power of God and today am stronger than I ever was in my life.

I attend to my daily duties as a teacher, and feel so thankful for the practical teachings of Zion.

God daily grows more real to me, and I delight to learn more of Him and His wonderful goodness to His children.

Your Sister in Christ, (MISS) REGINA ZAISER.

#### Healed of Tumor When Medicine and Surgery Failed.

SOUTHPORT, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, December 3, 1900.

REV. J. A. DOWIE.

*Dear Sir:*—This is to certify that I have been entirely healed through faith in Jesus.

For some years I suffered untold agony.

I had some internal trouble, for which I underwent an operation in the Charlottetown Hospital.

I left the hospital worse than when I entered it.

Doctors and medicine did me no good.

Finally I went back to my doctor and told him how wretched I felt.

He said he thought I had a tumor, and must come back to the hospital for another operation.

I was on the point of going back when a young lady, who had been to Chicago, and saw the Divine Healing which God was doing there through the agency of Dr. Dowie, advised me to give up doctors.

I did so.

I read LEAVES OF HEALING.

Dr. Dowie prayed for me.

Jesus healed me.

Yours very truly, EVA A. STEWART.

#### Healed of Sick Headaches.

CHENOA, ILLINOIS, October 10, 1900.

REV. GEORGE L. MASON.

*Dear Overseer:*—I feel it my duty to write and tell you what a blessing I received from the Lord in September.

I attended the Sabbath meeting you held in Pontiac, Illinois, September 2, 1900.

You made the remark, after I had testified, that that sister would be blessed because she had asked the prayers of Zion.

God did bless me.

I will be thirty years old next January, and I had never been able to wear my hair done up on my head without having sick headache.

Praise God, I rode home from Pontiac to Chenoa, a distance of twelve miles, bareheaded and the wind blowing a perfect gale, without having a bit of the old headache.

I have been wearing my hair up ever since.

I wish also to say that the prayers of Zion have been answered in behalf of our little boy, who was prayed for that he might be healed of enuresis God heard and answered, praise His Holy Name.

Ever your Sister in Christ, (MRS.) F. W. HEIDEWALD.

#### God Answers Prayer for a Sick Animal.

WANATAH, INDIANA, December 31, 1900.

REV. WILLIAM H. PIPER.

*Dear Brother in Christ:*—On October 21st I wrote you, asking you to pray for one of my horses, which was very sick. I am glad to be able to write you at this time that God has granted the request, and my horse has been perfectly healed.

Thanking you for your prayers and praising God for all His goodness, I beg to remain,

Your Brother in Christ,

JOHN H. SCHWERDT.



He sendeth His word and healeth them.

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And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

I am the Lord that healeth thee.

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January 25, 1901.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ZION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, AND TO ALL CHRISTIAN READERS OF OUR LITTLE WHITE DOVE:

Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

With great joy and thanksgiving I once more address you from my Headquarters Offices in Zion, and thank the many thousands of you who, by letter, telegram, cablegram, and in great assemblies, have welcomed me on my return.

I rejoice that the labors of my Assistant Editor, Mr Arthur W Newcomb, and his fellow-workers, have been so abundantly blessed.

I rejoice that LEAVES OF HEALING has not only maintained its circulation, but has increased; so that its present issue is a minimum average of nearly fifty thousand copies weekly, including the German edition, with an occasional maximum of twenty to thirty thousand more.

In addition to this, tracts have been printed and circulated in various languages and in vast numbers, so that the operations of Zion Printing Works have once more become so large that our present Printing Plant is strained to its utmost capacity, having frequently to run night and day.

I desire to express my hearty appreciation of the splendid work of all my helpers, during my absence, and also the hearty co-operation of all my readers.

A NEW PAPER.

Many of our readers have been subscribers to THE COMING CITY, which was announced for only thirteen issues. It has just completed its career.

There is, however, an urgent call for a semi-secular weekly paper, which will not only give full information upon all matters pertaining to Zion City, but will deal with world-wide issues of a political and social character.

We have, therefore, determined to enlarge our Printing Plant, once more, and to publish a weekly paper to be called

THE ZION BANNER.

We earnestly invite the co-operation of our friends in this matter. We hope that many will feel led to send us large contributions toward the very great cost of the

extension of Zion Printing Works, which is necessitated not only by this projected paper, but by the great increase in every department of our Printing and Publishing work.

It would greatly cheer us if some kind friend would send us Forty Thousand Dollars for this purpose. Should this friend not be forthcoming, we should be glad to receive the sum from Twenty Thousand friends sending us an average of at least Two Dollars each; for we have no funds other than those which God provides.

We are going forward in this matter in simple faith, knowing that the extension of Zion Printing Works is an imperative and immediate necessity.

We hope soon to be able to send forth a Prospectus calling for subscriptions, and announcing the date of the first issue of the new paper, which will be but the precursor of a daily paper which we hope to issue from Zion City when our Printing Works have been removed to a location there.

#### CONCERNING THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

After much prayerful consideration we desire to announce to our readers that we have informed the Elders, Evangelists, and other Officers in charge of Branches of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, that we shall not hold any Special Conferences this year in connection with the Fifth Anniversary of the Organization of the Church, which takes place on February 22d.

It is desirable that this Anniversary shall be celebrated in their local Zion Tabernacles by the Branches of the Church in all lands, and that in future the Special Anniversary Conferences shall be held at a more suitable season, namely, the Anniversary of the Consecration of Zion City Temple Site, on July 14th.

Arrangements will be made, God willing, for special railway rates from all parts of the United States for the celebration of the First Anniversary of that occasion. These rates will be in effect from Friday, July 12th, until Monday, the 22d.

Arrangements will this year be made for the Accommodation in Tents of many thousands, and for Special Celebrations at Zion City. There will also be important Gatherings held in Chicago.

#### SPECIAL DEMONSTRATION ON LORD'S DAY, MAY 26TH.

It has been arranged that a great demonstration shall be held in the Chicago Auditorium, on Lord's Day afternoon, May 26th. Zion in Chicago will at that time, God willing, receive Overseer Jane Dowie, on her return from Europe. We shall then inaugurate the new plans which are being developed for a great

#### ONWARD MOVEMENT OF WOMEN'S WORK IN ZION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

It has been determined that special departments shall be directed in the Church by Overseer Jane Dowie, to provide for and conduct Orphanages, Homes for Erring Women, Homes for Aged Women, and Special Institutions of many kinds for the instruction and betterment of Work-

ing Girls, with a systematic organization for the clothing of the poor, and the visitation of women in times of distress and need.

To this Gathering I heartily invite all Members and Ordained Officers of the Christian Catholic Church, especially Deaconesses and women Elders and Evangelists.

Special railroad rates will be secured in the United States from Friday, May 24th, until Monday, June 3d.

A special Series of Excursions to Zion City will be arranged during this period.

Conferences will be held in connection with the General Operations of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion throughout the world.

I do not doubt that vast numbers will be present to welcome my beloved wife, who is now with our daughter in France. She will on that occasion deliver the Inaugural Address on Women's Work in Zion, and, under my supervision, will assume its direction throughout the world.

It is a peculiar coincidence that the date on which this celebration will be held is the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of our Wedding, and that the previous day is my Fifty-fourth Birthday and the Twenty-ninth Anniversary of my Ordination to the ministry.

I make these early announcements for these celebrations in May and July because of many inquiries, and in order to give our friends everywhere adequate notice. Full details will appear in future issues of LEAVES OF HEALING.

#### WORDS OF THANKS.

It is our duty to express our thanksgiving not only to God, but to the multitudes who assembled to bid us welcome in the Coliseum, Chicago, on Lord's Day last, January 20th, when it is estimated that there were twelve thousand five hundred within the building, and probably more than twenty thousand outside, who desired to enter.

The deep spiritual tone of that vast Solemn Assembly with its inspiring Processional and Recessional Songs will evermore remain in our memory.

The touching scene of those hours melted thousands into tears. When we uttered the Prayer of Consecration there were more than ten thousand persons who arose to their feet and followed us most earnestly

It is difficult to see how we can ever gather into one building, no matter how large, all who desire to hear the Word of God at one time on these special occasions.

We rejoice that already Zion is able to say that God has opened "the windows of heaven and poured out a blessing" that there is not "room enough to receive it."

Zion is becoming increasingly faithful in bringing "the Whole Tithe into the Storehouse."

Zion is receiving God's promised reward.

We are looking forward to the day, possibly this year, when we shall lay

THE FOUNDATION STONE OF ZION TEMPLE, on the Site which we have already consecrated. We realize, as we write, that Zion Temple must not be made

to contain less than twenty-five thousand persons. Worship, adoration, praise, consecration, and the presentation of acceptable offerings unto God, will mark continuously the services of Zion Temple, as they do now, in a measure, the services in all Zion Tabernacles.

We long to see that glorious Dome arise in the midst of Zion City, where multitudes shall offer acceptable service unto God, and receive blessing and inspiration which will flow from thence to all the world.

When we compare the winter of 1893-94 in the Little Wooden Hut, as our enemies sneeringly called Zion Tabernacle No. 1, with the throngs which are gathering around us in Chicago this winter, we can only say with adoring gratitude, "What hath God wrought!"

Looking forward into the years to come, we confidently anticipate such mighty gatherings in Zion City as have never been exceeded in any age or place.

#### SUCCESS OF ZION'S PLANS.

One great feature of the past few months has been the world-wide Conflict and the world-wide Victory which God has given to Zion.

We shall at another time speak in detail regarding the Conflicts in Europe, but here we desire simply to announce the recent Victories in America.

Fierce and unrelenting hatred found its expression in the determination to exclude three parties of nearly a hundred persons, who followed one another to these shores from England, to come to Zion City and establish the great Zion Lace Industries.

Again, and again, and again, the enemies of Zion have endeavored to drive them away from these shores. But the thrice-recorded victory of Zion has only awakened the interest of the whole world in Zion's Industrial Plans. The oppression and hatred and malice of God's enemies have only increased God's great love, and goodness, and power toward us, so that blessing and glorious success have accompanied us in every undertaking.

We have been delighted with the reports of our Officers in every Department of Zion, spiritually and financially.

Zion has increased in Chicago so that there are now no less than two hundred and fifty Cottage Meetings held every week, and ten Zion Tabernacles which minister to hundreds of thousands, by means of a great staff of Ordained Officers and Zion Seventies.

Add to these Zion College with its four Homes, and the numerous Zion Schools and Homes of every description for rescue and preventive work; add to these the wondrous institution of Zion Publishing House from whence the Little White Dove carries to millions throughout all the world the Everlasting Gospel, and it will be seen that we have a right to rejoice in God, even while we send forth these words, and say:

Give thanks unto the Lord.

Call upon His Name.

Declare His doings among the peoples.

Make mention that His Name is exalted.

Sing unto the Lord:

For He hath done excellent things:

Let this be known in all the earth.

Cry aloud and shout,

Thou inhabitant of Zion:

For great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

This is proved not only in all the glorious spiritual work of the Ecclesiastical Institutions of Zion which we have named, but also in the

#### PROSPERITY OF ZION'S FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

The value of the land which we have purchased in Zion City has now become very great. Nearly all of the great financial papers of the world have concurred in saying that our operations have been phenomenally successful, and that our plans promise wonderful results from a business point of view.

May we not, therefore, urge upon all in Zion to obey the command of God in Zion's Motto for this year:

*Arise ye, and let us go up unto Zion unto the Lord our God.*

When the Cashier of Zion City Bank made his report to us three days ago, it was so marvelous that if we were to give figures of the increase it would scarcely be believed. This we will say, however, that the footings of the weekly report in the twenty-second month of the Bank's existence, are no less than *sixty-one* times greater than those of the first weekly report.

We believe that this is entirely without precedent.

When we also remind our readers that it is probable that the value of Zion City land has already increased, at the lowest computation, more than five times, it will be seen that God has granted a wondrous prosperity and has begun to fulfil His gracious promise which He spake by His Prophet Malachi:

And all Nations shall call you happy:

For ye shall be a delightsome land,

Saith the Lord of Hosts.

We earnestly urge upon our friends to arise, and go up unto Zion, and enable us without the aid of the world outside our ranks to complete the purchase of that land this year; thus to throw every acre of the ten square miles of Zion City, except the Zion Reserves, open for selection and purchase by God's people.

#### ZION HEADQUARTERS OFFICES.

So great has been the increase that we shall have to consecrate the entire building known as Zion Home, on Michigan Avenue and Twelfth Street, to the purposes of Headquarters Offices for the Church and all its varied Institutions, from the first day of May.

Until regular Divine Healing Homes and Hospices have been built in Zion City, we shall be compelled, when our friends come to Chicago, to ask them to find accommodation in the numerous boarding-houses of members of the Church, in the neighborhood of Central Zion Tabernacle in Michigan Avenue and neighboring streets.

We have been busy during the few days since we returned, not only in ministering to great multitudes in Central Zion Tabernacle and in the Coliseum, but in

receiving the reports of our Officers, and arranging for new Departments and a great increase to our staff in all directions.

Here we desire to say, without any qualification whatever, that every one to whom we committed large and important interests in Chicago, both ecclesiastically and financially, has proved perfectly faithful to his trust and has greatly increased the talents committed to his care.

It has been an incessant joy to examine the work in detail after these five months of absence, and to find it in so healthy, vigorous, and prosperous a condition

Let Zion arise everywhere and gather in tens of thousands this year, to Zion City, bringing with them millions of dollars for investment in the land and in the Industries which are arising, strong and stable and powerful, on the shores of Lake Michigan, in the beautiful City which God is beginning to build for us, and to make a joy to all the earth.

#### CONCLUDING REMARKS.

Again thanking most heartily all the thousands and tens of thousands of Zion in America and throughout the world for your continuous prayers and your undivided love and sympathy and co-operation with us, and rejoicing that once more we are enabled to grasp the helm and guide once more from Headquarters the wondrous Ship of Zion, and praying for your blessing in heart and home and business, and for increased prosperity in all things temporal and eternal, so that God may be glorified, and sin-stricken and disease-smitten humanity everywhere blessed, I am

Faithfully your Friend and Fellow-Servant in Jesus Christ,



*General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.*

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## GOD'S WAY OF HEALING.

BY THE REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

#### God's Way of Healing is a Person, not a Thing.

Jesus said, "*I am* the Way, and the Truth, and the Life," and He has ever been revealed to His people in all the ages by the Covenant Name, Jehovah-rophi, or "*I am* the Lord that Healeth thee." (John 14:6; Exodus 15:26.)

#### The Lord Jesus Christ is Still the Healer.

He cannot change, for "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yea and forever"; and He is still with us, for He said, "Lo, *I am* with you alway, even unto the end of the world." (Hebrews 13:8; Matthew 28:20.) Because He is Unchangeable, and because He is present, in spirit, just as when in the flesh, He is the Healer of His people.

#### Divine Healing Rests on Christ's Atonement.

It was prophesied of Him, "Surely He hath borne our griefs (Hebrew *sicknesses*), and carried our sorrows: . . . and with His stripes we are healed"; and it is expressly declared that this was fulfilled in His ministry of Healing, which still continues. (Isaiah 53:4, 5; Matthew 8:17.)

#### Disease Can Never be God's Will.

It is the Devil's work, consequent upon Sin, and it is impossible for the work of the Devil ever to be the Will of God. Christ came to "destroy the works of the Devil," and when He was here on earth He healed "all manner of disease and all manner of sickness," and all these diseases are expressly declared to have been "oppressed of the Devil." (1 John 3:8; Matthew 4:23; Acts 10:38.)

#### The Gifts of Healing are Permanent.

It is expressly declared that the "Gifts and the calling of God are without repentance," and the Gifts of Healing are amongst the Nine Gifts of the Spirit to the Church. (Romans 11:29; 1 Cor. 12:8-11.)

#### There are Four Modes of Divine Healing.

The first is the direct prayer of faith; the second, intercessory prayer of two or more; the third, the anointing by the elders with the prayer of faith; and the fourth, the laying on of hands of those who believe, and whom God has prepared and called to that ministry. (Matthew 8:5-13; Matthew 18:19; James 5:14, 15; Mark 16:18.)

#### Divine Healing is Opposed by Diabolical Counterfeits.

Amongst these are Christian Science (falsely so-called), Mind Healing, Spiritualism, Trance Evangelism, etc. (1 Timothy 6:20, 21; 1 Timothy 4:1, 2; Isaiah 51:22, 23.)

#### Multitudes Have Been Healed Through Faith in Jesus.

The writer knows of thousands of cases and has personally laid hands on scores of thousands of persons. Full information can be obtained at the meetings held in Zion Tabernacle, 1621-1633 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, and in many pamphlets which give the experience, in their own words, of many who have been healed in this and other countries, published at Zion Publishing House, 1207 Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

#### "Belief Cometh of Hearing, and Hearing by the Word of God."

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Such was the welcome home which Chicago gave to the man whom but seven short years before she had sneered at and ignored!

Such was the unprecedented ovation which she gave to him, whom six years before she had dragged from his home and from his pulpit, as she would a criminal, a hundred times.

The man who had been reviled and hissed on every street of the city was accorded the honor of addressing the largest audience ever gathered at a Divine service in Chicago.

God had given the victory!

When one remembered the obscurity, the persecutions, the calumnies, the attempted murders of past years, and looked upon that glorious scene and heard those sounds of approbation, friendliness and love, emotions of joy and wonder overwhelmed him.

Only God could have wrought the change.

Clouds and darkness of conflict with foes, open and secret, had pressed upon Zion in the closing years of the Nineteenth Century.

But before the end came the rosy tints of dawn, and when God

opened the portals of the Twentieth Century, the long shadows were fleeing away in a glory of light.

Zion saw that her General Overseer was right when he flashed the words under thousands of miles of ocean:

"THE TWENTIETH CENTURY IS ZION'S."

Zion opened her active work for that Century in Chicago with the Coliseum Meeting on Lord's Day afternoon, January 20, 1901.

The great building, with seats for 8000, was packed with people.

Besides those seated, there were at least 4500 people who stood along the sides and in the corners, making over 12,500 who heard the voice of the General Overseer.

Thousands stood for hours, quietly and attentively listening to every word. Outside, the sight was a marvelous one.

When the building was full and the doors were closed, fully 5000 people were at the doors, filling the broad sidewalk in front of the building, standing in the street and crowding the sidewalks on the opposite side of the street for blocks. This was before the hour for beginning the service.

Every transit line near brought large additions to the crowd with every train.

Many stood patiently waiting for hours, until some leaving

the building made room and they were admitted. Others waited but a short time, and then reluctantly went away.

It is impossible to estimate accurately the number who would have attended had the building been large enough, but those who saw the crowds, inside and outside, place it from 20,000 to 25,000, as a minimum estimate. There were, doubtless, thousands more who desired to attend, but seeing the crowds did not come near the building.

Those who waited outside were orderly and quiet, discussing Zion and her General Overseer. As one went about through the crowd, he heard more praise than censure, saw more smiles than sneers, met more friends of Zion than enemies.

Although midwinter, it was an exceptionally bright and beautiful day, with warm breezes from the south, which made it seem like spring.

The day before had been stingingly cold, but God, who has so many times favored Zion with cloudless skies and bright sunlight, changed the weather in a night.

The Coliseum's gracefully vaulted roof was tastefully decked within with flags and streamers.

In the north end, a spacious platform had been built, with seats for Zion Choir, tier upon tier up to the gallery.

Two hundred Zion Guards and the trained ushers from Central Zion Tabernacle, assisted by a number of



THE COLISEUM, CHICAGO.

uniformed Chicago police, found seats for the people and prescribed the limits of the standing room.

Respectful, obedient, orderly, the great multitude of people was handled without a jar or suggestion of friction.

In front of the platform, two large tables for the press had been provided, and reporters from every paper in the city were present.

Papers which had again and again declared that the General Overseer had been driven out of the city; that Zion was on the verge of collapse; that the General Overseer would never return from Europe, sent reporters to record his address.

At precisely 3 o'clock, the tones of organ and piano struck up the ringing notes of the Processional, "Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand." Instantly the great audience was still.

The seventy little girls of Zion's Girls' Choir, in their robes of white, marched slowly up the broad center aisle, from the rear of the building. They were followed by Zion Boys' Choir and Zion Adult Choir.

When the two long lines of gently-swaying figures reached the platform, they stopped and, separating, stood facing each other across the aisle. Then, preceded by Zion's banner of Gold, White and Blue, the General Overseer marched slowly to the platform. As he passed there were whispered prayers

from loving hearts in the audience, "God bless you, Doctor." Following him came Overseers Piper, Speicher and Mason, the Elders, Evangelists, Deacons and Deaconesses of the Christian Catholic Church, dressed in the robes of their offices.

When the officers had passed, the 250 voices of Zion's White-robed Choir took up the victorious words:

Ten thousand times ten thousand  
In sparkling raiment bright,  
The armies of the ransom'd saints  
Throng up the steeps of light:  
'Tis finished! all is finished,  
Their fight with death and sin:  
Fling open wide the golden gates,  
And let the victors in.  
What rush of alleluias  
Fills all the earth and sky!  
What ringing of a thousand harps  
Bespeaks the triumph night!  
Oh, day for which creation  
And all its tribes were made:  
Oh, joy, for all its former woes,  
A thousandfold repaid!  
Oh, then what raptured greetings,  
On Canaan's happy shore;  
What knitting sever'd friendships up,  
Where partings are no more!  
Then eyes with joy shall sparkle  
That brimmed with tears of late:  
Orphans no longer fatherless,  
Nor widows desolate.  
Bring near Thy great salvation,  
Thou Lamb for sinners slain;  
Fill up the roll of Thine elect,  
Then take Thy power and reign:  
Appear, Desire of nations,  
Thine exiles long for home:  
Show in the heav'ns Thy promised sign:  
Thou Prince and Saviour, come!

Singing as they marched, they mounted the platform, crossed it, and then ascended into the choir gallery.

Then the entire audience arose as the voice of the General Overseer was heard, clear and strong, penetrating to the farthest gallery of the giant auditorium, repeating the words of the beautiful Scriptural invocation:

God be merciful unto us, and bless us,  
And cause His face to shine upon us;  
That Thy way may be known upon earth,  
Thy saving health among all nations.  
For the sake of Jesus. Amen.

Then Zion's well-known and well-beloved Marching Song: her inspiration and comfort in days of battle, her pæan of victory when triumphant, rang out: "We're Marching to Zion."

All present joined in repeating the Apostles' Creed.

The General Overseer then read God's wonderful prophecy concerning Zion in that psalm of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living, the thirty-fifth chapter of Isaiah; also a portion of the eleventh chapter of St. Matthew.

Zion's White-robed Choir then sang Stanford's *Te Deum* in B flat. Never was Zion's Choir put to such a test, and never did they sing more gloriously than on this occasion, when such multitudes were lifted toward God by His Spirit, speaking through the music.

The following prayer was then offered by the General Overseer:

PRAYER BY THE GENERAL OVERSEER.

Our Father who art in the heavens, we call upon Thy Name in the Name of Thy dear Son.

We bless Thee. By Thy Holy Spirit we seek to offer unto Thee today a simple, heartfelt and acceptable service.

Receive the songs of gladness which have come up from Thy people's hearts.

Accept my gratitude and theirs for mercies and kindnesses without number. Now that we have come back to this land of our adoption, and

city of our love and toil, we glorify Thee for the kind reception of these more than twelve thousand hearts. (Amen.)

We ask Thee today to bless the words of our mouth that we may speak something which will help these people to understand Thy great purposes as the swinging portal of the Twentieth Century opens and humanity hastens to its consummation.

Oh God, let the Consummation of the Age be accompanied speedily by that which Thou hast promised, the Restoration of All Things, and the Times of Refreshing of which Thou hast spoken by the mouth of all Thy holy prophets since the world began.

We thank Thee for the Eternal Hope which has been forever springing up in the human breast; that amid the darkness, the weariness, the strife, the toil, sin-stricken and disease-smitten humanity should at last reach God, and peace, and purity, and blessing.

O God, grant that the Christian Catholic Church in Zion which Thou hast raised up may fulfil her glorious mission in this century. (Amen.)

Now be with us, and bless this people.

Bless the Government of the United States, the President and Cabinet.

Grant that the executive and judicial and legislative arms of government may work in harmony for the best and highest interests of the people, and that those who would by sinister means and evil motives seek only for their own welfare and not that of others may be removed from the national councils, and that men who love their fellowmen and are true to their God may take their place. (Amen.)

Bless this city, the Mayor and all his administration.

Bless, we pray Thee, all the people of this city, and grant that they may all know that they have but one Father, God, and one Saviour, Jesus the Christ, the sympathetic Friend of every toiler who toils in the workshop. Let them have the grace of the Holy Spirit that they may be blessed.

Now, be with us this afternoon. Grant to this vast multitude the calmness and the peace and the thoughtfulness which will enable them to listen to the Message of Thy servant, we ask in Jesus' Name.

Through the wide world, may men everywhere be blessed.

O God, through all the earth, today, there pulsates a chord of sympathy with the aged monarch of the British Empire who has lived and loved and served her land and the world so well. God bless Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland and Empress of India. If she is to pass away soon, give her sweet rest and an abundant entrance into Thy Heavenly Kingdom and Glory.

Bless the great Empire, that the hands to which she leaves it may be pure, and the heart clean, and that it may be administered for God, and that peace may speedily come.

Hear us now, and bless throughout the wide world the heathen in their darkness, in their chains of ignorance, in the night of their sorrow. O God, bless them.

Bless Thine ancient people. Bring them back to see that in Christ they have rejected the Saviour of men, the Jew, Jesus the Christ, the Messiah of God. Bring all the world to know the power and glory and beauty of Christ the Lord, the Saviour, the Intercessor, and the Judge of all who will come to reign. Lord Jesus, come quickly. (Amen.)

Bless us, our Father, as we with united voice and hearts pray in the words which Jesus taught us when He said, After this manner, therefore, pray ye.

The Choir and congregation joined in chanting the Disciples' Prayer.

Then the audience listened in perfect quiet as the clear, sweet voices of Zion's Junior Choir floated out through the vast building in the exquisite melody of Sullivan's "St. Theresa" and the inspiring words of the hymn, "Brightly Gleams Our Banner."

The General Overseer then said:

It is our custom at this period of the meeting to make the announcements, and any remarks concerning the work which seem to be necessary, and then to receive the tithes and offerings of the people.

Thanksgiving for Chicago's Welcome.

Perhaps you will permit me—and whether you do or not I would take the permission—to thank you not only for this wonderful gathering of, they tell me, more than 12,000 persons in this vast auditorium, but for the many thousands who have not been able to get into this building, who desire to be within the sound of my voice.

I thank God that in the City of Chicago I have today that endorsement of my fellow-citizens and my friends which is an ample and satisfactory answer to tens of thousands of tongues of malice of my enemies. (Applause.)

I believe that in Chicago these enemies are few. They are

principally confined to those disgruntled churches which have suffered so much through Zion's Onward Movement, and to the still worse disgruntled generation of vipers who control the press. (Applause.)

I have never feared them, thank God. (Amen. Loud applause.)

**A Reply to the Lies of the Press.**

I desire to say a few words concerning their fearfully and wonderfully constructed report of my reception at a private gathering of about 3000 of my people last Thursday night, into which they could not get because the admission was by ticket. But that is of no consequence at all to a Chicago reporter—he makes up the whole thing from his sublime imagination. (Laughter and applause.)

It would be more difficult to find anything true in their reports, than the false. I desire today to take this opportunity of asking for fair play, and for this word to go forth. If these papers have a spark of honesty, they will do it.

They said that I had cursed the flag of my fathers. I never did.

Audience—"No." (Applause.)

General Overseer—I will ask the 3000 of Zion who were there to stand in the presence of God and all this company. (Those requested arose.)

Did I curse the British flag?

Voices (in a unanimous shout)—"No."

General Overseer—Did I curse any nation's flag?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—That is a record which is better than the Chicago *Record*. (Laughter and applause.)

Another charge was made. They said that I had said that I wanted every Christian to come into the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, and that if they did not come I wanted them all to go to hell. Did I say that?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—Have I not spoken with love concerning my fellow Christians?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—I thank God today I can love even the generation of vipers whom I am chastising. (Laughter and applause.)

The boys and I get along all right. The trouble is not with the reporters, but with their infernal Mah-hah-bone editors. (Laughter and applause.)

Of course, I would not be Dr. Dowie if I did not have some surprise for you.

I have been keeping the press of two continents busy, and I have, by the Grace of God, been enabled to plant the Standard of Zion with my own hand in five countries, thank God. (Applause.)

I come back to Chicago loving all the wide world better than ever I did. He that would hate his brother is a murderer. This great Church, which consists in Chicago alone of forty-two different nationalities, has nothing but friendship and love for every nation under heaven.

God has made of one blood all men.

**Zion's Defiance to Mah-hah-bone Devils in Mansfield.**

It pleased the adversaries of God and of Zion in a little town in Ohio, called Mansfield, to distinguish themselves under the leadership of their Mayor in a series of outrages upon the law which made that little town a scandal and a hissing and a scorn throughout the whole world. Among the other foolish things which they did, their Grand Jury, just as I was leaving last August, found a true "billygoat" against myself. I will take that "billygoat" by the horns and deal with the true bill which the Grand Jury found against Elder Fockler, Overseer Piper, others of Zion's Elders, and myself.

What is the allegation of that Grand Jury? It says that Mayor Huntington Brown was criminally libeled.

What did I say? What I have said is on record. If I have wronged him, he has a right to a remedy. But what did I say?

Mayor Huntington Brown, Governor George K. Nash, what did I say about you? I said that you were members of an organization whose emblem was the "point within the circle"; and that such emblem was, as your own Masonic authors agree, the emblem of the Phallic worship of the sun-god, Baal, the most immoral and foul worship that ever cursed this earth!

You say I have libeled you? Very good. We shall appear and answer the indictment. We shall prove our statements to

be true, that the Masonic Order is everywhere the foe of God, and Home, and Nation. (Applause.)

We shall prove that Jesus Christ's Name dare not be mentioned in the three degrees of the Blue Lodge, which are the foundation of Masonry.

We shall prove that the only kind of a resurrection that they know anything about is the resurrection of the stinking carcass of Hiram Abiff by King Solomon upon the "five points of fellowship," all of which is an infernal lie. It never happened.

We shall prove that Jesus Christ is shut out of Masonry, and that Masonry belongs to the Devil, root and branch. (Applause.)

Mansfield must now either fish or cut bait. (Laughter.) They must either back water and enter a *nolle prosequi*, or we will come down to Mansfield one after another, and fight the matter out. It is probable that we may apply for a change of venue to some other point. We shall fight in the highest Court of the Nation, if we have to, in the Supreme Court of the United States, to maintain our right to smite the immoral and ungodly and unsocial and Antichristian and antinational organization, Freemasonry. (Applause.)

That is quite a little programme. We have cut out a little work for you, Mansfield. You thought that you could blast my character by branding me as a criminal. It did not hurt me a bit in Europe, for no one took you seriously, here or there.

**The "Point Within the Circle" Shall Not Replace the Stars and Stripes.**

The question at issue, Governor Nash, Mayor Huntington Brown, President McKinley, is this: Shall the Black Flag of Death, shall the "point within the circle," replace the Stars and Stripes?

Shall it?

Audience—"No."

General Overseer—Shall it be a crime for a man to tell the truth regarding a secret organization?

Audience—"No."

General Overseer—No, verily. The time has come, and the man has come, who will do it, by the Grace of God. (Applause.)

I love peace, and that is why I fight for it.

I love this land, I love this people. While I love the flag which has braved the battle and the breeze a thousand years, under which, all that time, my forefathers have lived; while I love Scotland, which gave me birth, I have come back to this land to cast in my lot, and that of my family, with my people, and to become an American citizen. (Prolonged applause.)

I shall fulfil my duties as such. I hope to keep that flag from having upon it a circle with a black dot in the center of it.

Zion has her banner, too, but she will be loyal to the flag of every nation which will protect civil and religious liberty. Zion will do what she can to bless the land to which she comes.

We have no race hatred, and we will not allow the Devil to triumph on God's green earth.

The earth is the Lord's. The Devil never made it, and we shall fight to get the Devil out.

I ask you to pray for me.

**A Mystic Shriner Captured for God.**

Yesterday I captured a Mystic Shriner's cap. I captured all his secrets, and I captured all his papers from the first degree of Entered Apprentice right down—for it is a descending scale all the time, down into the depths of hell—to the Mystic Shrine. There they are. (Loud applause.)

Thank God, the reign of the secret orders will soon be past. (Applause.)

The voice of the people will back up Zion in seeing that the United States shall not be ruled by the Secret Lodge, but that it shall be ruled in the open light by its legally elected and proper governors. (Applause.)

They who say that they want to go into Secretism had better at once renounce their Christianity; for Jesus said, "In secret spake I nothing."

"He that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his works may be made manifest, that they have been wrought in God."

The tithes and offering were then received.

The splendid anthem, Stainer's "Zion, Awake," was sung by Zion Choir.

**Zion in Seventeen Cities in Europe Cables Love to the General Overseer.**

Overseer Piper—The General Overseer requests me to read a cablegram which he received this morning:

LONDON, January 20, 1901.

DOWIE, Chicago.

Zion in London, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Grimsby, Doncaster, Birmingham, Ashbourne, Aylesbury, Edinburgh, Belfast, Londonderry, Ballyhalbert, Paris, Saint Cloud, Zurich, Chevenez, and steamer *New England* send love greeting General Overseer.

Psalms forty-seven.

CANTEL.

**"BEWARE, YE DESPISERS OF ZION!"**

The General Overseer continued:

INVOCATION.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, be profitable unto this people, and unto all to whom these words shall come, in this and every land, in this and all the coming time, till Jesus come. (Amen.)

I take this afternoon for my text a few words which were spoken by the Apostle Paul in the synagogue of Antioch, which I believe today to be appropriate to our special circumstances.

In the thirteenth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles you have, after the call of Barnabas and Saul to the apostleship, the entrance upon that wonderful apostleship. It was the purpose of God that the apostleship should be a perpetual office in the Church.

The Apostle Paul was invited in this synagogue of Antioch of Pisidia to speak, a most unusual favor. He delivered, as he always did, a most eloquent discourse to those whom he loved so dearly, who were of his own blood. I think I can say the same. Although it is far back, the blood of the Hebrew flows in the veins of the people of my tribe and ancestry, and I rejoice that it is so.

I would say lovingly the words which Paul said to those of his own people nineteen centuries ago.

I would say today, to my brethren and sisters in the various churches and denominations who have hitherto fought every foot of the way against the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, I would say to all in Christendom, wherever my voice can reach through the pages of LEAVES OF HEALING, or even when they are filtered through the pages of the Chicago press, beware how you fight the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

I desire to reach the people.

**A Zion Daily Paper Would Win in Chicago.**

I incidentally give the Chicago press notice that if they continue to misreport me and malign me, I shall establish a daily paper in Chicago which will excel them all. (Applause.)

I have no doubt of Zion's power to do it. Have you?

Audience—"No."

General Overseer—When we are ready, we will; but we will take our own time.

You will find my text in the thirteenth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, the fortieth and forty-first verses:

TEXT.

Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken in the prophets;

Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish;

For I work a work in your days,

A work which ye shall in no wise believe, if one declare it unto you.

Christianity at the date when these words were spoken was a very despised and contemptible religion.

The preacher whose words we have quoted was looked upon as a renegade and apostate. He had been a Rabbi, and doubtless a member of the Sacred Council of the Seventy, the Sanhedrin.

This is proved by two things.

First, by the fact that he was an official witness at the execution of the first Christian martyr, Stephen; that he was consenting thereto, and had a judicial vote. He was the official witness at whose feet those who murdered Stephen laid their clothes.

Second, he was the ambassador of the Council of the Seventy to Damascus on the day of his conversion.

Paul was a very little man, tradition says, about my height;

and, strange to say, with some of my physical peculiarities—especially that of bandy-legs (laughter) and a bald head.

I rejoice when I think of that little Jew and what he did.

How he was despised! How he was hated, and especially by his own countrymen! Yet today how he is loved, so that the proudest cathedral of Christendom, in London, rears its mighty dome in honor of St. Paul.

He died in obscurity to make a Roman holiday, either thrown to wild beasts, burnt in tar on the night of one of Nero's feasts, or he was crucified or decapitated at Rome.

How wonderful that today his mighty tones reverberate throughout the world, and we love, venerate and delight to read the words of Paul!

When he gave this warning, they did not like it.

**There is That in the Human Heart Which Resents Being Warned.**

I heard the other day, in Scotland, a number of interesting stories. One of them was of the pride of a Highlander who did not like to have it known that he was sick. The doctor said to him, "You will have to look out for your liver." He became indignant and asked what the doctor had to do with his liver, anyhow. He was very angry.

There are some people who will get angry if you even talk about their liver, or their stomach. If you gently hint that he is defiling himself, to the fellow who eats tobacco and squirts it out on every street; or to the man who smokes it, and walks all his lifetime behind a cigar, who has "A pillar of cloud by day, and of fire by night," and is a stink all the time, they get angry. (Laughter and applause.)

If you tell a man that he is a stinkpot, although it is true, he looks as if he would like to hit you on the nose. But there is not a woman in this vast assembly who does not believe that the fellow who chews and spews out tobacco like a spewing buzzard and stinks everywhere—there is not one woman in this audience who is a clean, good woman, but believes with me that he is a stinkpot. Is that not so?

Women—"Yes."

General Overseer—Now, you stinkpots! (Laughter.) You have received your character. (Laughter.)

You know I love you, and that is why I chasten you. I would like you to live eight years longer, and if you will give up pig, liquor and tobacco and telling lies, you will live twelve years longer. (Laughter and applause.)

Paul did not mean any harm when he quoted the words of Habakkuk. That was the prophet he was quoting when he said:

Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken in the prophets;

Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish;

For I work a work in your days,

A work which ye shall in no wise believe, if one declare it unto you.

I tell the churches of America, and tell the various churches of Europe, Asia, Africa and Australasia also, that the time has come for them to take care what they do with Zion.

These people at Antioch might have said, "Paul, you are a very conceited fellow. Your Christianity is only the religion of a few slaves. Your Christianity was founded by a man who was put to death on the cross, the vilest kind of a death for a criminal. Your Christianity is only the belief of a fragment of renegade Jews, and poor outcast slaves in a few cities."

"How dare you rebuke Imperial Caesar," they might have said, "and the great religious cults of our time?"

"How dare you rebuke the Hebrew, especially, and the splendid rituals of Moses. Paul, you are a conceited little humbug, and you must be put down. We will get the *Jerusalem Recorder*, the *Jerusalem Tribune*, the *Jerusalem Chronicle*, and the *Jerusalem Daily Mail* to come down on you and put you right, Mr. Paul. We will damn you until you are cursed everywhere."

Paul was the kind of a man whose backbone stiffened when you told him a thing like that. He stood a little straighter, and the majesty of his spiritual stature filled the place. He said to them that day when they were caviling and beginning to criticise: "Behold, ye despisers. You will continue to wonder, and you will perish; for the work which God is doing you will not believe, although it is told you by tens of thousands of witnesses."

**Warning to Those Who Fight Zion.**

The time has come, Mr. Denominational Minister, for you to take care what you are doing in fighting the Christian Catholic Church in Zion

Behold this scene today. This is the spontaneous action of Chicago today.

Behold this scene! Think what it means, lest that should happen to you which Paul said would happen, which in fact did happen, to them.

They despised and they wondered, and they perished, because they rejected.

What am I talking about? I am talking about the work which God planted right here in Chicago in 1893, when I first raised the Banner of Zion in the despised "Little Wooden Hut" outside the gates of the World's Fair.

I am talking about a work which was formed definitely into a Church less than five years ago. That Church began with 500 members, and today has more than 60,000 adult adherents, and hundreds of thousands of persons interested in it throughout the world.

Thank God for that.

What are the distinctive things for which Zion has been standing?

Zion has been standing for a Full Gospel of Salvation and Divine Healing and Holy Living.

Zion has been standing for a clean life, a clean home, and a happy home.

Zion has been standing for a healthy body.

Zion has been standing for a good wage for a good day's work.

Zion has been standing between her people and poverty and sickness and sorrow.

Thank God, Zion in every one of its members is happy and, for the most part, healthy, and going on to heaven with songs of joy.

What or whom are you despising?

Are you despising the preacher? That does not matter much. He never took any stock in your praises or curses. My hope is in God, and always will be.

When days have been dark, and friends have been few, I have preached as boldly as I do today. (Applause.)

Divine Healing is but a small part of the Everlasting Gospel which Zion proclaims.

You have misunderstood Zion if you imagine for one moment that all we are concerned in is the healing of the body. We are concerned in the emancipation of the spirit, soul and body of all humanity. Therefore Divine Healing is but an incident, although an important one, in this great Gospel.

You are despising facts.

#### No Wise Man Can Afford to Despise Facts.

You ask, "Where are the people who have been healed?" Do you want to see them now? Shall I show you them?

Zion, all who have been healed through faith in Jesus Christ, Stand!

As the General Overseer made the request, thousands of persons all over the vast auditorium sprang gladly to their feet. Many were already standing, hence it was difficult to estimate, but conservative persons who witnessed the sight placed the number at 5000.

Have you eyes to see? Reporters, get up and look at it. You will not. You will lie about it, though.

Witnesses, did God heal you?

Witnesses—"Yes."

General Overseer—Did you dream it?

Witnesses—"No."

General Overseer—Did I do it?

Witnesses—"No."

General Overseer—Did I charge you anything for it?

Witnesses—"No."

General Overseer—Have you ever been compelled to pay a dollar?

Witnesses—"No."

General Overseer—Do you know of anybody who has?

Witnesses—"No."

General Overseer—Has Zion's been a ministry without money and without price?

Witnesses—"Yes."

General Overseer—Have you given gladly?

Witnesses—"Yes."

General Overseer—Yes, and you have made Zion the possibility that it is today, thank God.

Behold, ye despisers!—If you continue to lie and to say

that these thousands of people do not know what they are talking about, then I will quote for you reporters a passage of Scripture: "All liars shall have their part in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone." (Laughter and applause.)

You ministers and others, if you will not acknowledge the truth—and you are too cowardly to acknowledge it—I will quote you another passage. I will quote you the beginning of the same verse, the end of which I have given in great love to the reporters.

It is not the liars who lead the procession to hell. They come last; so there is a chance yet for the wretches who lie. (Laughter.)

It is "the Fearful and the Unbelieving and the Abominable" who lead the procession. It is the coward everywhere who leads the procession to damnation.

Cowards!

The press is not afraid. It is not afraid to tell lies. (Laughter and applause.) They are not cowards about that, at any rate. I will say further of the press, that it never makes any mistake. It always lies on purpose. (Laughter.) It is brave in doing its master the Devil's work.

You Christians are cowards, nine-tenths of you. You are afraid of your own shadow. You are afraid of the parson. You are afraid of the doctor. You are afraid of your mother, your wife, your sister, your friend, your uncle, your niece, your aunt. You are afraid on every side, you cowards.

Cowards! You are afraid to investigate. You will lie without investigation.

Behold, ye despisers, and wonder and perish;  
For I work a work in your days.

A work which ye shall in no wise believe, if one declare it unto you.

I declare unto you that "The Lord hath established Zion." (Amen.)

Thank God for that.

#### What Does Zion Propose to Do?

Do we propose to steal something?

Do we propose to destroy something?

Do we propose to injure the body politic?

Is it our purpose to run away with something?

Ah, our newspapers said I would run away, did you not, you liars? (Laughter and applause.)

You said, "He has the money, and Chicago has seen the last of him."

You are not through with me yet. (Laughter.) You will never see the last of me until the day that God calls me to sleep in Jesus, and I am buried in the midst of Zion City Temple, and my people. Let that day come when God wills. I am not afraid.

You lied about me. You know you said I would never come back; and here I am. You are feeling it, too. (Laughter and applause.) Oh, I love you, boys; I do.

It is not you who are to blame for the lies; it is those infernal editors of yours. One boy said to me in London, "Doctor, do not blame me. I gave a good clean report, and when I saw it the next morning in the paper, I did not recognize it. It was that infernal editor."

I told him I would rather break stones in the streets than be a reporter for the *Daily Mail*. (Applause.)

I will tell you what Zion aims at. Let me speak plainly and simply. I am no orator. I am perfectly well aware of that. I am only a business man in the ministry.

When God called me to the ministry, He called me from business, and I did not understand. Although I went and passed through the University, and got a little more Greek and Latin and Hebrew, I remained a business man.

In answer to the charge that has been made about my making a business of my ministry, I say, I do, and if you did, some of you poor, miserable, one-eyed jokers (laughter), you would have success instead of failure. (Laughter and applause.) If you would make a business in your ministry, instead of going around America with a lecture on "Fools: by One of Them," you would do better.

Unless a man makes a business of his religion, and a religion of his business, both will be utter failures.

I charge you to carry your religion into your business, and your business habits into your religion. (Amen.) That is why we make a success of Zion under God.

See my babies there! See my dear girls in Zion's



White-robed Choir! Not one of them would marry a stinkpot. (Laughter and applause.) Would you, girls?

Girls—"No."

General Overseer—Would you, boys?

Boys—"No." (Laughter and applause.)

General Overseer—"What!" you say, "women are not stinkpots?"

"You are mistaken. In the hotels of Europe you will find women of title and fashion lounging in the open daylight smoking cigars and cigarettes; smoking them in the railway depots, smoking them in the trains. One of the curses of today is that the women of Europe are becoming victims to nicotine poison. There is not one of you stinkpots who wants your wife to smoke.

**Zion Stands for the Infallible Inspiration and Sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures as the Rule of Faith and Practice.**

Zion stands for the "Old-time Religion," which says that every Book in this Book, from one cover to the other, is an inspired revelation by God. Zion declares that this Book is the infallible rule of faith and practice. (Applause.)

The man in Zion who does not believe that, let him get out before midnight, or repent.

We believe that the Old Testament is one thing, and the New Testament another. We thank God that we are not under the Old Testament, but under the New; that we have not only Ten Commandments, but we have Eleven.

The other day a newspaper office in Boston called me up by telephone at the Westminster Hotel and asked, "What is the Eleventh Commandment?"

I told him what chapter and verse to find it in. He said, "Doctor, excuse me; we do not have any Bibles handy, will you please quote it to me?"

So I said, "The Eleventh Commandment is this:

"A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; even as I have loved you."

The Ten Commandments never got higher than loving your neighbor as yourself. The Eleventh Commandment tells you to love your neighbor better than yourself, and to do for your neighbor what you never expect your neighbor to do for you. That is the Commandment which is supreme in Zion today, thank God. (Amen)

Zion Seventies, stand. Zion workers in all branches, stand. I command you to carry the principle of the Eleventh Commandment into every home with the words: "Peace Be to This House." Will you do it?

Seventies and Workers—"Yes."

General Overseer—Will you live it?

Seventies and Workers—"Yes."

General Overseer—God help you. Sit down.

**Zion Stands for the Eternal Covenant, of Which the General Overseer is the Messenger.**

We believe in an Eternal Covenant, of which God has made me His Messenger. That Covenant covers three things: First, Salvation; second, Healing; third, Holy Living. Do you love it, Zion?

Zion—"Yes."

General Overseer—Will you live it?

Zion—"Yes."

General Overseer—Thank God.

Therefore, we believe that Christ came and was made poor for our sakes that we through His poverty might be made rich.

We think poverty a curse, disease a curse, sin a curse. We pray for the removal of all.

Zion stands for the "old-time religion" which tells us that Jesus saves us, heals us, cleanses us and keeps us.

Therefore Zion will care for all her children, will do her best to find every man employment, to shield every girl from temptation, and to seek the erring and the lost, and to be a blessing to Chicago, and to the world.

Is it a good programme?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—Let us live it. All who desire to live it, stand to your feet.

As the General Overseer outlined the glorious truths, principles, practices and purposes of Zion, the faces of the thousands in the audience, listening with the deepest attention, began to light up with sympathy and approbation. As he drew to a close, this expression deepened into one of conviction and purpose. When the climax came with this ringing invitation, the thousands of Zion arose immediately, and with them, some rising quickly and some with deliberation, were thousands in all parts of the house who never before had repeated the following

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.**

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. Take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be, in spirit, soul, body. Give me power to do right, no matter what it costs. Give me Thy Holy Spirit, that I may serve Thee; do right to my fellowmen; trust in Jesus the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin and the sorrow and the sickness of all who trust Him. For His sake help me to live as I pray. (All repeat the prayer, clause by clause, after the General Overseer.)

Did you mean this?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—Will you live it?

Audience—"Yes."

Then singing the reverent prayer of the Recessional, "Saviour, Again to Thy Dear Name," Zion's Choir and officers marched slowly out, while the audience sat with bowed heads.

When the music ceased, the voice of the General Overseer was heard, pronouncing upon this wonderful service the

**BENEDICTION.**

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

**Six Bound Volumes of Leaves of Healing.**

What six books, besides the Bible, could be more precious, more valuable to every member and friend of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, than the first six volumes of LEAVES OF HEALING?

They contain more of the Everlasting Gospel; more testimonies to Salvation, Healing and Cleansing through Faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God; more sound teaching, than any other six books published.

The world may scoff at that, but Zion knows it to be true.

Not only that, but these six Volumes contain, in some measure, the priceless record of God's dealings with Zion in these latter days. In them, as nowhere else, can be found the history of the mighty work which God has established for the extension of His Kingdom and the preparation of the world for the coming of Jesus as King.

In them is contained a large portion of the wonderful Message which God sent to the world by His Messenger.

In fact, when we stop to consider all the glorious things which have gone into the composition of these six Volumes, we find words insufficient and inadequate to express their value.

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These Volumes have been bound, by Zion Publishing House, in strong, handsome black binding, half-morocco, with a graceful design, LEAVES OF HEALING, in gilt upon the front cover.

Each has a carefully prepared index covering all the principal subjects in the book.

They sell at the regular rate of \$3.50 per Volume, or the exceedingly low rate of \$15 for the six Volumes.

These books should be in every Zion household.

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IF THOU wilt diligently hearken to the Voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His eyes, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases upon thee, which I have put upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord which healeth thee.

# A VOICE TO ZION AND GOD'S PEOPLE IN EVERY LAND.

O thou that tellest Good Tidings to Zion, Get thee up into the high Mountains lift up thy Voice with strength: lift it up, be not afraid: Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

Isaiah, XL: 9.

## THE GENERAL OVERSEER'S RETURN TO CHICAGO.

## RECEPTION OF WELCOME TO THE GENERAL OVERSEER.

*Report of Meeting held in Central Zion Tabernacle, Thursday Evening, January 17, 1901. Reception of Welcome to General Overseer.*  
*Reports of Meetings held in Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Morning and Evening, January 20, 1901. Morning Service—Sermon: "A Message With Authority"; Evening Service—Sermon: "The Last Supper."*

Central Zion Tabernacle, Thursday Evening, January 17, 1901.

As the General Overseer appeared upon the platform, he was greeted with applause, and all united in singing the words:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

REPORTED BY S. D. AND E. W. AND A. W. N.

The General Overseer then said:

FOR Zion's thousands in Chicago, the first few hours and the first Lord's Day after the General Overseer's return from Europe were epoch-making times.

There was a deeper, more holy joy in the Lord than ever before.

There was a most marked sensibility of the presence and power of God's Holy Spirit.

There was a stronger feeling of love and unity and loyalty to the General Overseer, whom God had so wonderfully spared and brought safely home.

There was a new song of praise and thanksgiving for all the wondrous victories which God had won in Europe through His Messenger.

There was a strong faith that in the months and years to come, God would most marvelously bless His people in Zion, and give them great victory and progress and prosperity; in fact, that the long-expected Times of Refreshing from the presence of the Lord were close at hand.

The joyous reception to the General Overseer was described in "Notes From Zion's Harvest Field," in the last number of LEAVES OF HEALING. This week a verbatim report of the addresses appears.

The first Lord's Day after the General Overseer returned to Chicago, Lord's Day, January 20, 1901, will not soon be forgotten by Zion or Chicago.

In another part of this paper appears the report of the unprecedented meeting at the Coliseum in the afternoon.

In the morning, at Central Zion Tabernacle, the members and friends of Zion met in a most precious family gathering with the General Overseer. There were about two thousand five hundred present.

At the close of day, with hearts overflowing with joy, fully 2500 of Zion met with their beloved General Overseer for the first time in over five months, in most sweet and blessed Communion with their Lord.

Never did He seem nearer, and never were the words of the man of God filled with greater power.



Address of Welcome on Behalf of Zion in Chicago, by Rev. John G. Speicher, Overseer for Chicago.

"A long time ago, somewhere away back in the other century—and it seems to me a good deal longer than it actually has been—we had a meeting in this room, something similar to the one this evening, only that was a farewell meeting—and this one—(laughter and applause)—I can hardly say what it is. But I am so glad. I know you are all glad with me.

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COLISEUM, CHICAGO, LORD'S DAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 20, 1901.

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"That was a little over five months ago, and some of us wept then.

"It was somewhat of an experiment for our dear General Overseer to leave his babies such a long time. He had left us for a few days at a time before, and he had come back and found us all here. But there were misgivings on our part about his going away so long a time.

"What if he should never be able to come back?

"To be gone half a year seemed a long, long time. It was a long time to be gone, leaving Zion in the midst of a great and wicked city. But he left us in the care of God Almighty, as we had to leave him in the care of God.

"We have waited for the months to roll away, and the day to come when he should be with us again, and, thank God, that time has come. (Applause.)

"We will soon hear from him something of what he has been doing, and hear of the battles that he has been fighting for the Lord. We have all followed these battles with the utmost interest. We wish we could have been there, and have fought the battles with him.

"But before we give him an opportunity to speak, we have taken this meeting in our own hands tonight and made our own programme. We intend to say a few words.

"I have asked Overseer-at-Large Piper to speak for the work of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, in America at large.

"I have asked Overseer Mason to speak for the foreign work.

"I have asked Elder Tindall to speak for Zion's Educational Institutions.

"I have asked Deacon Barnard and Deacon Judd to speak for Zion City Bank, Zion Land and Investment Association and Zion Lace Industries.

"I have asked Mr. Arthur W. Newcomb to speak for Zion Printing Works, Zion Publishing House, LEAVES OF HEALING, and Zion Publications.

"It is my pleasure tonight to speak of the work in Chicago especially. I feel that our General Overseer will be glad to hear a little in detail of what God has been doing in Zion in his absence.

"You remember, some of you, that just before he went away he said, 'Now I do not expect you to extend the work specially while I am gone; I expect that you will be united and hold your own, but you will not extend the work very much.'

"We did not expect to extend the work very much, but we did intend to do what the Lord would enable us to do; and I am glad to say tonight that God has extended His work very considerably while the General Overseer was away engaged in His work in Europe.

"I wish to speak first for you, my dear friends; of your attendance in the public service in Zion Tabernacle. The people have been especially faithful in this regard. I say to the glory of God, General Overseer, and for the praise of Zion, that the people have been faithful to your admonition and the request that you made of them, and words of exhortation that they should be faithful in attending the services in the House of the Lord. They have done so, and tonight this is only a representative congregation, as to size.

"The morning and evening services have been increased very markedly, thus showing the loyalty of the people to you.

"I desire to say a word about the baptisms during our General Overseer's absence. When he left, the Lord put into my heart to say that we must have 1000 baptisms in America in the six months that he was gone. I am able to report tonight that the number has reached 1040. (Applause.)

"It would only be fair for me to say a word about the outlying Zion Tabernacles. Excellent work has been done on the North, West and South Sides. The congregations have increased everywhere.

"I report an increase of Zion's Tabernacles.

"There is one new Zion Tabernacle on the Southeast Side, at Parkside. We now number ten Tabernacles in Chicago and its suburbs. The demand was so great there that we were compelled to give them a little hall to hold their meetings in. I believe that meets with your approval.

"Concerning the extension of Zion's Seventies work, while perhaps not so many of the Seventies have been engaged in the Seventy work as there were when you were here, yet there have been a larger number engaged in a very definite and practical religious work.

"From about twenty or twenty-five Cottage Meetings when our General Overseer left us, we have now increased to nearly

250 Cottage Meetings in Chicago every week. We believe that God has used these meetings in bringing together larger numbers to the Tabernacle services than would have been brought in in any other way, in his absence.

"I wish to say about Zion Home of Hope and Zion Working Girls' Home, that God has singularly blessed the work during the past year. They have been constantly growing in efficiency. The reports show, in Zion Home of Hope, that of the large number who have entered and have been cared for, nearly all have been converted. There are at this time fifteen babies in Zion Home of Hope, and God has wonderfully blessed and taken care of all the inmates. Many have realized Salvation and Healing under dear Deaconess Paddock's care.

"Zion Working Girls' Home has cared for 101 girls during the year, or since the first of May. God has blessed that Home very largely.

"I wish to speak of an Institution of Zion, General Overseer, which is not yet established—Zion Orphans' Home. God is putting it into the hearts of people more and more to give of their means for the establishing of Zion Orphans' Home. One lady bequeathed what will amount to at least, \$5,000.

"In behalf of Zion in Chicago, the Headquarters; in behalf of the people here; in behalf of the officers of the Church in Zion; in behalf of all the Institutions, I praise God, not for keeping us only; not only for blessing and enlarging His work here, but for the fact that Zion has proved to the world that this work, founded under God by John Alexander Dowie, our beloved General Overseer, has indeed been founded by God.

"Some wrote to me and said, 'Dr. Dowie has gone away on a vacation to have a good time.' (Laughter.)

"I think that not one of us tonight would want to pass through the 'good time' that he has gone through.

"It has not been an easy time, although it has been a good time with him.

"I am so thankful for what God has done for him. For, do you not think that if he had gone to Europe and come back in perfect quiet; if he had met with no persecution and no mobs, then he would have said, 'Did I not tell you when I got to England they would enforce the laws there?' (Laughter and applause.) Now I believe he will say with me that Chicago is just as good as London. (Applause and laughter.) We have more hopes now of his getting under the Star-Spangled Banner than ever before. (Applause.)

"I believe this is home to him, any way; not that he will stay here, for God will call him to all the Continents of the world to plant Zion everywhere.

"I thank God for what He has done for him and through him in Europe, and I thank God for bringing him back to us so safely tonight. (Amen and applause.)

"May God bless Him."

**Welcome on Behalf of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion in America, by Rev. William Hamner Piper, Overseer-at-Large.**

"Bless, our Father, what we have to say, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

"We meet tonight on what seems to me to be a momentous occasion.

"The Christian Catholic Church in Zion, born of the Spirit of God in the closing decade of the Nineteenth Century, was, in all probability, and was certainly in the ecclesiastical world, the greatest event in that century. It is quite fitting that we should have such an occasion as this to usher in the Twentieth Century, which, under God, will be the greatest century that the world has seen since the creation of man.

"I believe that as officers and members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion we have reason tonight to congratulate ourselves, to thank God, and to take courage for the remarkable work that God has been able to do through our beloved General Overseer in his absence from us in Europe, and for the blessing He has given to us in America during that absence.

"As one looks out over this vast audience and allows the inspiration for the moment to bring up to mind the historic events which might be classified under this same general head; as he looks around at the flags and banner which represent the two greatest nations upon the face of the globe, and the mightiest and strongest organization ecclesiastically that the world has ever seen, many are the memories and suggestions historically which come floating into one's mind.

"The flag, in all generations, has in a large measure been the emblem of war.



"I thank God for the warrior He has given us in Zion, who carries not the sword of steel, but the Sword of the Spirit. (Amen. Applause.)

"I rejoice for the fact that the Sword of the Spirit in his hands was plunged clear through my heart. Thousands, at least hundreds of you, rejoice that it pierced through yours. (Amen.)

"It is not a very common thing in the history of the Church for such an ovation as this to be tendered to any man.

"We were very much interested, the eleven of us who went out from Chicago as far as Michigan City today, to meet the General Overseer. I was reminded of the time when the brethren went out from the City of Rome as far as the Market of Appius to meet the Apostle Paul.

"We rejoice tonight in the homecoming of our General Overseer as much as it was possible for the members of the early Church in the City of Rome to rejoice over the coming of the Apostle Paul. (Amen.)

"Time would fail me to tell you of the events in history when great ovations have been tendered to warriors who have returned from the field of carnage and from bloody warfare. The remarkable difference between those ovations and this one is that they assembled to pay tribute to men who went out to do battle to send men's souls either to heaven or to hell—perhaps in the majority of cases to hell—whereas our General Overseer has returned, having fought the good fight of faith, to win men for God, and to start them on the way to heaven. (Amen.)

"I remember of reading of the time when John Knox returned to Scotland in the darkest days of Scotland's history. When he landed on Scottish soil, the word was passed from lip to lip, and from house to house, and from city to city, and from street to street, 'John Knox has come. John Knox has come.'

"When John Alexander Dowie landed in Boston, the word went up, 'Dowie is in America,' and Zion said, 'The General Overseer has landed. Thank God he is here again.' (Amen. Applause.)

"When we landed in Michigan City, we had been there only a short time when a newspaper reporter, one of those omnipresent fellows (laughter) who have done so much altogether unintentionally on their part to advertise Zion, came up. About a dozen of them were waiting at the Illinois Central Depot. They were crowding one another this way and that way to get at him. The word has gone through Zion, through the City of Chicago, and tomorrow, in all probability, the papers will publish it all over the United States, that Dr. Dowie has been given a royal reception by the members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, in Chicago, and by the members who have come from outside points.

"I rejoice tonight with you in the fact that God has brought him back well and strong. (Amen.)

"And may He spare him to us yet many years. (Amen.)

"When we first heard the report that the Banner was torn to pieces, we were all sorry; but I rejoice tonight that the Banner which has gone through a number of conflicts has come out intact.

"I recall an event in the Revolutionary War, in the history of this country. When, in the siege of Fort Moultrie, the American flag was shot down, Colonel Jasper leaped over the ramparts and clutching it, fastened it in its place again. His name has gone down in history as a courageous character.

"I rejoice tonight that in the midst of all the conflicts, and in the midst of all the hatred that the Devil has tried to hurl against Zion, the Banner of Zion comes back borne by the warrior-in-chief.

"We rejoice tonight in his homecoming, and we praise God for the fact that he is among us, and for the fact that he will lead the hosts of Zion on to greater victory. (Amen.)

"The Overseer for Chicago has unfortunately stolen a little of my thunder. (Laughter.) I wanted a chance to say, too, that the 'government of the people, by the people and for the people' is not such a bad thing after all. (Laughter and applause.) I agree with the General Overseer that the principle is a selfish one, but I do not think he has had quite so hard a time of it in Chicago as he did in Great Britain. It only demonstrates this fact: that the Devil is the same, whether on British or American soil.

"I read in the newspapers that Icel Stevens had gone to

Boston to hinder the landing of the General Overseer. (Laughter.)

"Of all the fools either living or dead, I think he is the supreme I know. (Laughter.)

"I thought, if they had not let the General Overseer land in America, and they sent him back to Great Britain, and they would not let him land there (laughter), what a delightful time he would have traveling across the water. (Laughter.)

"It would be all the worse for America and Great Britain, but it would be a great deal better for the ship's crew.

"When the General Overseer went away, he left me a delightful inheritance: Mansfield! (Laughter and applause.)

"A most delightful inheritance!

"A little den of rattlesnakes!

"Whenever they heard of a 'Dowie Elder,' as they said, Mayor Brown just opened the cage and said, 'Go for them.'

"Thanks be unto God who hath given us the victory in Mansfield! (Amen.) I thank God for your encouragement and cooperation, and I am especially grateful to God for the loyalty of the officers during the Mansfield fight whose portraits appear in the Christmas number of LEAVES OF HEALING.

"Let me remind you not only of that victory, but of the tremendous victory which God gave Zion in connection with the fight over the admission of the Lace Experts.

"Let me also remind you of the fact that since the beginning of the persecutions in the City of Chicago, running all through these years; that in the midst of mob after mob, lie after lie, persecution after persecution; let it be said tonight to the glory of God, that in the midst of all these, without a single exception, God has universally given Zion the victory! (Amen.)

"Never has she lost a single battle.

"She will not lose as long as she continues true to the teachings of him who under God has founded the Church.

"Never will she lose a battle as long as we are faithful to King Immanuel, and obey the teachings and the dictates of the Spirit of God.

"On behalf of the Church at large, I should like to say that the work has gone on steadily. Application after application for fellowship has come in. Men and women have been saved and born into the Kingdom of God. They have been healed.

"Zion Literature has taken a tremendous sweep onward.

"God bless the Message in LEAVES OF HEALING!

"I do not like to close for the reason that this will be my last chance for some time. (Laughter and applause.)

"It is perfectly delightful to preach to a large audience, especially when some other man has gotten it together for you. (Laughter.) Yet I am sure I speak the truth when I say that I shall most gladly remain silent during the weeks and months to come and listen to a man who can talk.

"I thank you who are members of the Church in the City of Chicago for your loyalty to the General Overseer, which you have manifested in your loyalty to those whom he has left in charge. We rejoice in what He has done for us during these months that are past.

"As one who has been born into the Kingdom of God through the ministry of our General Overseer, I again say that I rejoice in his homecoming. What little I may ever amount to in the Kingdom of God, I think I may as well say to his face as to his back, I shall owe it all to God under John Alexander Dowie. (Amen. Applause.)

"I rejoice in what he is to me. I rejoice in what he is to you. I rejoice in what he shall be to you and to the multitudes who are yet unborn into the Kingdom of God.

"I ought not to forget to remind you of the fact that no man, especially a man who has stood strongly for God, is ever appreciated in a very large degree by the world at large, until he has passed away. I am sure that the time will come, and it has already come, when even the world itself begins to understand the man better because they know his Message better.

"May the day soon come when tens of thousands of people where we now have a thousand, or even one, shall want to know the Message which God has been delivering through our General Overseer to the world.

"God hasten that day.

"Now with a heart full of thanks that the General Overseer is back, and again thanking you for the loyalty and cooperation and fidelity to the truth of God, as the representative of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion at large, I welcome back to

the platform of Central Zion Tabernacle our beloved General Overseer, and may God forever bless you." (Applause.)

The General Overseer at this point arose and read a telegram which conveyed the news that the latest party of Lace Experts, arriving at Portland, Maine, had been admitted to the United States by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Overseer Mason then said:

**Welcome on Behalf of the Orient, by Rev. George L. Mason, Overseer in the Christian Catholic Church for China.**

"I speak as a representative of the ancient people who number, perhaps, one-fourth of the human race.

"I can say very little, but I must say a word or two and personally state how LEAVES OF HEALING, the truth, reached me four years ago, and went through my heart, showed me my own defects and my own sins, and sometimes brought me down literally on the floor of my study in tears. I often, after reading, confessed to God, arose and went out with a new love to God and a tenderer love to man.

"It was that same LEAVES OF HEALING that came to us one morning about 5 o'clock, two years ago last December. We were at the port of Shanghai for a few days, and as we eagerly opened the paper early in the morning, my eye fell on that address of the General Overseer to Zion's Seventies. The sweet words of that Message, "Peace Be to This House," although not a direct Message to me, yet were used to call me out of apostasy, for the Holy Spirit so interpreted it.

"We did not that morning know that meant surely that we should come into the Christian Catholic Church in Zion. As I read it aloud, my whole being was filled with joy with the Message.

"We said, 'We must resign. We must do it now.' We resigned; sent the letters that day. Then we went back to our inland station, and it will be two years in a few days when again the Holy Spirit in the morning seemed to teach me the second step, as I opened the Book of Jeremiah and my eyes fell on the command:

"Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and will shew thee great things, and difficult, which thou knowest not."

"As quick as a flash it came to my mind, 'That is Zion. That is the Christian Catholic Church.'

"I rushed upstairs. I consulted my wife, and before breakfast we had filled out our applications. That day we had them started to Chicago.

"I thank God from my heart for the blessing it has been to myself and family.

"Now about China. There your brothers and sisters, many of them, are besotted with tobacco and alcohol and opium, worshipping demons and deceived by demons, not knowing God. I thank God that He has shed abroad His love in the heart of our beloved General Overseer so that he is able to take in the needs of the greatest nation of heathendom, the most compact and terrible of all the forces of heathenism in the world. The General Overseer has taken it in his heart and in his mind.

"I never heard such a clear, forcible and thorough presentation of the question of the far East as the General Overseer gave us for an hour and three-quarters in Zion Home to a little company of thirty or forty people.

"I have the pleasure of reporting, beloved General Overseer, that the work has taken root in Japan and in China.

"Dear Brother Cairns in Japan has shown himself a good soldier of the Cross, fighting the good fight, and in an humble and joyous spirit spreading the work. He knows that Zion cannot quickly take up with men until they are tested.

"In China, also, we have the great joy of now having among our workers Mr. and Mrs. Cossum. Mr. Cossum is a man of great power, who is ready to be ground fine in the mill of Zion. He is waiting for orders. He is enduring the hardships as a good soldier.

"Elder Viking, in Shanghai, has published Zion tracts, taught native preachers, and made a good start.

"I believe that God will do great things through the Christian Catholic Church in Zion in China because of the Full Gospel she presents, and more than that, because of the presence of the Holy Spirit in the work.

"I thank God for the feeling which is getting deeper and deeper into our hearts, that the work of Zion is one. It is not local merely. It is not Chicago. It is not America merely, but the whole world for which Christ died. The success of one Zion officer is the success and joy of the whole. The failure

and disappointment of one is the sorrow of all our hearts. Zion is one.

"I thank you for your earnest prayers for the Chinese people.

"General Overseer, your name in Chinese is *Dao Yah-an*. That is 'Dowie John.' We always begin in the proper way in the Chinese. We always put the most important part first.

"That name is a household word in not a few Chinese families. We trust that you are planning and that Zion people will be praying that God will help in some way the solution of the great question how Chinese Christians may get rice to eat and still do right. The same thing confronts the people there that meets the Zion people here, only in a worse way."

**Welcome on Behalf of Zion's Educational Institutions, by Elder O. L. Tindall, Principal of Zion Ministerial Training School.**

"Beloved General Overseer, I am happy to represent to you tonight the schools of Zion, Zion Educational Institutions in her three departments. Zion in that department is a trinity. We have the Junior Department, and we have the Preparatory Department, and the Ministerial Department.

"Our subject is not quite so large as that of the Overseer for Chicago. It is not so large as that of the Overseer-at-Large. Our subject is not as large as that of the Overseer for China. If we should graduate our speech in proportion to the size of our subject, it would be very short, but if we should graduate it according to its importance, General Overseer, it would be quite as long as any.

"We are most happy to extend to you our gratitude and love for your return. We were very sorry when we learned your disappointment, I suppose, in not being able to stand on the Mount of Olives on the first day of this New Century. At the same time, we felt compensated, in a measure, in the thought that we would see you at home so much sooner. We felt like saying, as the brethren said to Paul when they exhorted him earnestly not to go up to Jerusalem, and he persisted in going: 'The Lord's will be done.'

"When you went away, we felt as if you had left us orphans. Yet it was not altogether so. Jesus said to the disciples when they mourned His departure, that He would not leave them comfortless. We are grateful to God and to you that you left us a very good recompense in the person of our Overseer-at-Large. (Applause.)

"Zion College wishes to say that he has been very faithful to his trust. He has looked after us with a jealous eye. He has scrubbed us considerably, too. (Laughter.) We are grateful for that.

"We have missed, General Overseer, those very excellent and helpful Lectures on Prayer while you have been gone. Perhaps it has been well in this respect; we have had a good opportunity to put into practice what you have taught us in regard to prayer. I trust we have not been altogether negligent in that respect.

"Zion College, as Zion in all her other departments, has been growing. God has been blessing us.

"I feel to take shelter under what you taught us, and remember very distinctly in regard to prayer, that true prayer was never fully expressed in words.

"I feel, General Overseer, tonight, as I stand here to express the feelings not only of my department, but also of the other departments, that it is true words are too weak. We cannot express our feelings of gratitude for your return and for the many blessings which we have already personally received in Zion. We are very thankful to God, and wish to extend to you our most hearty welcome."

**Welcome on Behalf of Zion City Bank and Zion Lace Industries, by Deacon Charles J. Barnard, Cashier.**

"General Overseer, this is indeed a happy reunion.

"Ever since the day you last stood upon this platform and bade your people be of good courage and fight the fight of faith, we have not ceased to pray for you, that your mission in the foreign lands would be blessed, and that thousands would be saved and healed through your Message. We thank God tonight, and we praise His Name that those prayers have been answered. We believe thousands have been saved and blessed.

"You have been welcomed home by those who represent the ecclesiastical and educational departments of Zion, I welcome you home as the representative of Zion City Bank.

"I remember a meeting which you held in Oak Park some

years ago, in which you talked about obedience. I had been in Zion but a short time.

"You looked straight at me and said, 'Deacon Barnard, I believe that if I should say the word now, you would leave your position in the Commercial National Bank and go where I tell you.'

"I said, 'I would, Doctor.'

"It was not long after that when I was called up on the telephone, and you gave me that call. You called me out from a bank in which I had been engaged for thirty years. My friends often told me that I was very foolish. They often went so far as to tap their heads, as if to say, 'Well, it is too bad.' (Laughter.)

"I thank God that I obeyed that call. The six years which I have spent in Zion have not only been the most profitable years of my life, but they have been the most happy years.

"The business men of Chicago, beloved General Overseer, have said, 'We know nothing about Dr. Dowie's religion, but we do believe that he is a first-class business man.' (Laughter and applause.) One banker, a man who has held high positions of trust and responsibility, not only in some of the leading banks, but of the United States Government, told me just before you left for Europe, in speaking of Zion, and of Zion City more especially: 'Barnard, Dr. Dowie has got the biggest thing in America today.' I said, 'I believe it.' There are others who believe it, too.

"I rejoice that I can welcome you home in behalf of the 3000 customers of Zion City Bank and the many shareholders in Zion Lace Industries.

"I believe that the coming years in which God will permit us to work together will be the best years of our lives, because we have now the forces behind us, and God with us. I believe, under God, greater things will be accomplished for God in Zion under your leadership than have ever been accomplished before.

"I give you a hearty welcome tonight, and may God bless you." (Applause.)

**Welcome on Behalf of Zion Land and Investment Association, by Deacon H. Worthington Judd, Secretary and General Manager.**

"Beloved General Overseer, the words which I can utter can but feebly express the joy which it gives me to welcome you home. We have longed for your return. We have missed your wise counsel, your words of cheer and encouragement, as well as your well-directed words of reproof, especially along spiritual lines. We also feel to rejoice that God has given you such glorious victories for Christ and the Full Gospel in Europe.

"We realize that it is the entering wedge of Zion, whose teaching must soon pervade that whole Continent and bring joy and peace to thousands of misguided hearts.

"Sometimes during your absence it has seemed as if an impenetrable barrier would appear across our pathway. Then the thought would come, 'How much better we should know how to overcome this obstacle if our General Overseer were only with us.'

"Then we saw the necessity of trusting God and taking new courage, feeling that although you were absent in body, you were with us in spirit, and your voice was ascending to God's Throne in supplication for us. We remembered your words of warning, not to allow fear to get into our hearts, and, thank God, it has never entered for a single moment. I am pleased to welcome you tonight in behalf of the officers and employees of Zion Land and Investment Association. I am sure there is nothing but joy in every one of our hearts at your homecoming. May God ever bless and preserve you and enable you to accomplish great things for the upbuilding of His Kingdom and the establishment of Zion City this year." (Applause.)

**Welcome on Behalf of Zion Printing Works, Zion Publishing House and Zion Publications, by Arthur W. Newcomb, Manager and Assistant Editor.**

"Beloved General Overseer, on the 9th of August of last year, after I came back from the train where I had bidden you farewell, I sat down at my desk and thought: 'What will LEAVES OF HEALING do now?'

"I remembered the long hours of toil, night after night, every week, which you had given to that paper.

"I remembered the wonderful things you had been able to do during those hours of labor, on LEAVES OF HEALING.

"The thought came, 'Now he is gone. Now he cannot

give that time to the paper.' I could not see, for the moment, what would become of LEAVES OF HEALING.

"Then I thought: 'The General Overseer has gone, but, thank God, I have his Message, pages upon pages, and I can use that.'

"I have reason to thank God for the words which he spoke six years ago to a little company of people back in Divine Healing Home No. 1.

"I thank God especially for the words which he spoke in the Hall of Seventies to a few students and members of the Church. During his absence, these words, folded away in typewritten pages, have been brought to light through the Little White Dove, and thousands and tens of thousands—yes, I believe hundreds of thousands all over the earth—have received the blessed truth they taught.

"Through LEAVES OF HEALING the General Overseer speaks every week to by far his largest audience.

"My heart is full of thanksgiving to God tonight that I can report that LEAVES OF HEALING has gone forward. When you went away, General Overseer, the presses in Zion Printing Works turned out about 20,000 papers every week. Now they turn out 40,000. Each paper, at a conservative estimate, is read by five persons. That means 200,000 readers. An audience of 200,000 people hear, through the Little White Dove, the words of the Message of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living every week! What can that mean? When one copy of LEAVES OF HEALING has brought Salvation and Healing and Cleansing and Joy and Peace and Prosperity to families and scores of families, what can 40,000 copies of LEAVES OF HEALING every week do? We cannot comprehend it.

"I thank God for the loyal coöperation of all those in Zion Printing Works and Zion Publishing House. They have served God in their daily work. They have gone forward with a true interest in their work which has made management a joy.

"I also thank God for the kindness and coöperation of the Overseers and Elders and members of the Church, and of those in the Financial Departments with whom I have been in contact.

"I thank God that your prayers have been with Zion Printing Works. I have been able to feel their sustaining power through many a long hour of labor. I know that but for your prayers we certainly must have fallen many times.

"Speaking for myself, this is the first opportunity I have had to say a word about what God did for me through our General Overseer. He dugged me from an awful pit. I was a daily newspaper reporter. (Laughter.) I think it was a miracle that a daily newspaper reporter should ever become Assistant Editor of LEAVES OF HEALING. I thank God and our General Overseer for it.

"On behalf of Zion Printing Works and Zion Publishing House and LEAVES OF HEALING, I welcome you home with a heart full of love." (Applause.)

Overseer Speicher then said:

"There might be a great deal more said, but perhaps we have all said too much and taken a good deal of time, for this is a rare occasion in Zion when the General Overseer sits still and listens to us. I am sure we are all aching to hear him speak. (Applause.) We will be glad now to hear the General Overseer's side of the story." (Applause.)

The General Overseer said:

#### INVOCATION.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, and profitable to these, our beloved people, and to all to whom these words shall come, everywhere, for Christ's sake. Amen.

Now— (Enthusiastic and prolonged applause, the audience rising to its feet and waving handkerchiefs.)

I think you all know what I mean. I am on my native heath again.

I suppose you have not seen anybody walk up and down that platform like this. (Laughter and applause.)

#### We Are Old Friends.

I asked the Overseers that tonight the audience should consist entirely of our own people, so that it would be a family gathering. Of course I know the whole family is not here, because it is impossible to get the family here at any one meeting like this. Either the wife or the husband has to stay home and take care of the little folks. Besides, it is a very cold night, and the distances are very great, and they all expect to be here on that day "when congregations ne'er break up and Sabbaths never end." (Laughter.)

Next Lord's Day is to be a royal day, you know. We will begin in the morning and go right through for a good day.

The difficulty with me would be to know where to end, if I began at certain points. There is just one great thought in my heart first of all, and that is that if a total stranger were here who knew nothing about this work, he would be startled to be told that as an organization the Christian Catholic Church in Zion is not quite five years old! Yet in that time what hath God wrought?

It has pleased God to permit me to found all the Institutions on behalf of which these brethren have welcomed me home.

I have had the loyal coöperation of those who have been blessed under my ministry; for as you have heard tonight, nearly all of them acknowledge my paternity. I am glad to be their spiritual father.

Five years is a short time in the history of the human race. It was remarked very frequently in England, both in the religious and secular press, when announcing my coming, that the Christian Catholic Church in Zion and my poor little self were the most remarkable things in connection with the ecclesiastical, social and even political life of the closing century.

#### **Zion and Her General Overseer the Principal Topic of Interest in London Clubs.**

For instance, in one of the great society papers in London, devoted to fashion and to club gossip, and to all the aristocratic fads, appeared this article: "This week has been a remarkable one in the history of the club," said the writer. "The C. I. V. (that is, the City Imperial Volunteers) filling all the City of London have returned to get the greatest multitude that ever appeared in the streets of London, but it will not be a surprise for our readers to hear that in the clubs it has not been the C. I. V.'s and their return that have been most discussed, but that remarkable little man, Dr. Dowie, and his meetings at St. Martin's Town Hall." (Applause and laughter.)

Zion was the talk of the clubs. Zion was the talk of Society from the palace to the hovel. Zion stirred the city. Sometimes when we would drive up to St. Martin's Town Hall, we would find many thousands of people outside, filling a great part of Trafalgar Square. You would almost think that they were in perpetual session, because they were there in the afternoon, and they were there in the evening. They were there when we went in, and they were there when we came out. Then we had the Chorus from Guy's Hospital. That is what they call it—a very appropriate name. (Laughter.)

Sometimes there would be thousands of students about the hall.

I do not intend to talk tonight about the battles we have fought. What I have to say in detail regarding them will be said in LEAVES OF HEALING.

I desire to say that, by the grace of God—for I want to put my own personality out of sight for a moment, yet I cannot entirely do so because I was the fellow around whom the whole thing turned—wherever we went, the city and the land were stirred.

There was something peculiar about it.

They did not want to write about us, perhaps, or talk, but they had to. On every man's mouth and lips would be Zion and Dowie. Continually you would read it in the papers, and find it in the public omnibuses and in the pulpits and on the platforms. There was a continual reference to me up to the time I left, and I do not think they have forgotten me yet. (Laughter and applause.)

I thank God that I had the joy of carrying with me the flags of these two great Anglo-Saxon nations: the British Empire and the American Republic; but between them and over them I carried that blessed Banner of Zion. (Applause.)

That Banner above the choir is the Banner we have planted in five great countries: England, Scotland, Ireland, France and Switzerland, and indirectly in more than ten other countries, during the past five months.

It would be tedious to recall all the incidents or to attempt to. It would take weeks and years to do it. But everywhere amongst the apostate churches there was a fear of Zion. They were afraid as to what this preaching would bring about. They said, "This man's words and his work split up everything in connection with the churches."

Thank God it was so. (Amen. Applause.)

#### **The Difficult Task of Awakening London's Seven Millions of People Was Accomplished.**

It is hard to awaken the people in these old countries where populations are so densely packed. In the City of London alone there are more people than there are in the State of Illinois by two millions. Greater London now has seven millions of people. It is something to be able to awaken the great mass of 7,000,000 people and set them all thinking and talking; but we did it, by the Grace of God. The Lord did it through us, and the principles for which we stood are now well known.

There was a good deal of contention over the announcement of the Messenger of the Covenant. As things went on, however, men began to say, "He is preaching, for the first time in many centuries, the Kingdom of God itself—Salvation, Healing and Holy Living. Who can object, if the signs follow?"

The signs did follow.

People would ask the meaning of the seven or eight things which I wrote in my little card.

We found that the churches, the apostate denominations on every side, were dead.

Spurgeon's Tabernacle used to seat nearly 5000. When they reconstructed it upon the old site, the congregations had been diminishing. How many seats have they now, do you think, in that largest Baptist Tabernacle in the world? It seats 200 less than this Central Zion Tabernacle. It only seats 2900. In order to fill up the space, they widened the distance between the pews, and made things more comfortable for the people.

When we arranged this place, we wondered if we could make it do with a little less room between. (Laughter.)

Some people thought I was rather pushing the thing in having two galleries. Indeed, Dr. Speicher was wholly antagonistic to that upper gallery.

Overseer Speicher—"I had ten good reasons for not building the upper gallery."

General Overseer—And what did they amount to? (Laughter.)

What would we have done without the upper gallery? What would we do next Sabbath Day without the upper gallery? You know that if all our own dear people were to come, they would not be able to get into this Tabernacle at any one time. Think of the thousands whom we have frequently turned away because there was not even standing room.

One remarkable thing that struck me in going along the line of our Mission in Europe was that there was a great deal of preparedness for us. The people had been preparing for months. The ministers had been trying to get their people not to come, but if sheep know where to find good water and good grass, some way or another the sheep come in flocks, and so it was.

#### **Zion's Greatest Work Has Been That Which Cannot be Tabulated.**

It is not the amount of work which can be tabulated which has had greatest effect in the Mission in Europe, because the greater part of the work cannot be tabulated.

It is true that we have baptized hundreds of people.

It is true that we have had audiences where in many cases the people could not begin to get into the building.

It is true that we have come through great conflicts when life was threatened and in great danger for weeks together.

It is true that a vast amount of literature has been circulated, and that large numbers of persons have entered into fellowship with the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

It is true that the principles of Zion have been established, and that multitudes are desiring to know more of how we can combine so many things in one organization and not go mad.

They cannot understand how one poor little head like mine should be able to carry it all. They cannot understand how a man can devise and continue to carry out, and have his hand upon the helm all the time, even thousands of miles away.

Although I let these dear brethren do their respective parts, my hand was ready, if it had been necessary, to be upon the tiller, and to turn the whole ship in an instant. Once or twice I did it. I never lost sight of the work here for one moment. I oftentimes refused to give advice when they asked it. I said to myself, "I intend to see what my helpers will do without my giving advice. (Laughter.) I will see what they would do, if, instead of my being in Europe, I had gone to heaven."

Accordingly, when they looked at the pyramid, they saw the Sphinx. When they looked at the Sphinx, it was silent.

Overseer Speicher—"Spoke never a word."

General Overseer—Not a word. I watched to see what they would do, and as they nearly always went right without my saying anything, I felt it would be all right if I should go to heaven. In fact, you have given me such an excellent account of what you have done while I have been away that I have been rather sorry that I came back so soon. (Applause.)

I have been thinking whether you would like me to go again very soon; whether you would like me to go away next month? Voices—"No."

General Overseer—But I am not going. (Applause.)

But I did not say I was not going at any time. I think you will see with me, as this work develops, that

**The General Overseer Must Give Some Portion of Every Year to the Nations Beyond.**

I think you will all say Amen to that.

Voices—"Amen."

General Overseer—One of the most remarkable things was when I had climbed up to the foothills of the Alps at Zurich. I went to the top of the Uetliberg, near Zurich. The day before had been a very dull day, and there was still a great deal of mist around the Alps, but when I got to the top of the mountain, 2500 feet high, I had one of the grandest views of that wondrous Chain of Snowclad Mountains. God was so good to us that He brought down the beautiful curtain of mist from the Alps and showed us everything in that vast Semi-circular Panorama of Glory.

I looked at the lakes which flow into the Rhine, and these mountains which are the great watersheds of Europe. I looked upon the faces of the strong Swiss people. The next day, when I stood in the Tribunal—I stood in the place where the Chief Justice sits—I looked upon an audience which perfectly astonished me.

Where had they come from? They were crowding that building to overflowing.

When I began to find out whence they came, I found that they came from nearly every Canton in Switzerland; that they came from many parts of Germany; that they came from France; that they came from Austria; that they came from Buda-Pesth, Hungary; that they came from Italy; that some of them came from the northern part of Africa; that some of them came from the Islands of the Mediterranean Sea.

I was astonished to find myself in the midst of an audience assembled in the City of Zurich in which there were persons of high rank: judges, princes, lawyers, merchants and aristocrats. While I was speaking through an interpreter, more than half the audience knew English before it was turned into German. We had a glorious time.

When I had climbed to the highest point which I reached in Europe, I found the greatest blessing.

When at the close I asked those who had received Zion's doctrine to stand, there was not one single person sitting, so far as we could see. I did not see one.

Captain Stern, you were sitting on the platform; did you see one?

Captain Stern—"Not one."

General Overseer—It was not because I had given them eau-de-cologne or soft-soap. I spoke plainly about the things which Zion stands against.

I learned one German expression: "*Rauchen verboten.*" (Laughter.) What is that in German?

Voices—"Smoking forbidden."

General Overseer—Then I got it in French. I got it in Italian. I got hundreds and thousands of these people to give up the things which defile their spirits, souls and bodies. They received Zion's Doctrine of Purity for spirit, soul and body.

**Great Value of Deaconess Breiger's Work.**

In Zurich, I think, we had our greatest success; because when they scattered they went back to all the countries, and planted the Standard of Zion in Baden, in Gratz, Buda-Pesth, and many other places, including Meran, from which our beloved sister Deaconess Brieger came. I believe that it was her faithful work, as my Assistant Editor, and the Translator of LEAVES OF HEALING into the beautiful edition which I send forth called BLATTER DER HEILUNG, which had helped to bring together the nucleus. These brought others, until, I believe more than twenty countries were blessed.

From these Alpine heights the Water of Life was sent

streaming down into the valleys of the Rhine, and indeed through all Europe, and across the Mediterranean to Africa.

May the River keep on flowing forever.

We have had one place where we have not been able to do much; that is in poor, stricken France. Yet, perhaps, what we have not been able to do in France will tell more than all that we have done in Europe put together.

I do not wish to talk about this now. The great sorrow that shadowed our home and well-nigh ended my wife's life as well as her sister's, took me swiftly from the north of England by a very rapid journey, day and night, to St. Cloud, near Paris.

God instantly used me. I showed my wife what I tell you now: that God had nothing to do with the death of our beloved sister; that it was the Devil's work, root and branch. Her death was the result of an act, not on her part, but that of another, which was not wilfully done, but which was the direct cause of her departure.

I showed my wife that in a flash. Whatever else I may not be able to do or say, in connection with Divine Healing and all that belongs to it, I have been given the Light of Heaven to see the truth. In a moment I showed it to my wife. It was the truth which set her free. (Amen.)

When she saw that God had nothing to do with it, saw it clearly, then she was able to hear the Voice of the Advocate, who is also the Comforter. Quickly she turned to me and said, "You are right. I will do what you tell me."

I said, "Get right up out of this bed, and come down and have something to eat."

I am very practical. I had her up. I had her out the next day. I had her in the carriage the next day. I made her laugh. She said, "Why do you make me laugh?"

I said, "You know that if I did not do a little laughing, I would break my heart."

She did not think she would ever laugh any more, but she has done a great deal of laughing since then.

We have been glad to know that God had nothing to do with the departure of that beautiful life, although God permitted. That life was not designed to be taken away in that way. It would not have been, had things been as they ought to have been. Into that I shall not enter further than to say it is true.

**Overseer Jane Dowie in as Good Health as at Any Time for Twenty-Five Years.**

My wife has a very clear mind; in fact, she says it is like mine, and that our heads are the same shape, only that mine is a little bigger. That is the reason why we, for the most part, see eye to eye together.

I know you will be glad to know that Mrs. Dowie has entirely gotten over all her prostration. She accompanied me in my last trip across the Channel to England. She was with me in my final meetings, and bravely stood in the front in one of the fiercest of battles. She was with me to the end, when we came out in perfect peace. She has gone back to St. Cloud, near Paris, to remain there for the winter with my dear daughter, and to pursue certain studies which can only be pursued successfully, as it seemed to us, in Paris. These are studies in connection with French and other matters which will be of great value by and by to my dear ones in helping me to conduct correspondence, and to understand the work to be done in France.

Overseer Dowie is now in as good health as I have ever seen her during the last twenty-five years. (Applause.)

She is sure to come back this year, because the 26th day of May next is our Silver Wedding, and you could not keep her away from me then for anything. (Laughter.) In fact I would go for her myself if she did not come.

As the years have rolled on I have learned to understand my wife better. This sorrow has had this good result, that I said to her, "I have given up Palestine for your sake, and I will stay close by you. We will discuss the whole of God's work in Zion."

We discussed the work, and what part she would take in it in the future. It took away every bit of sorrow to discuss what she would do with the new strength which God would give her.

When I offered her the post of Overseer of all the Women's Work in Zion she bowed her head, she waited a moment or two, and then she looked me in the face and said, "You are the General Overseer, and if you command me to do it, I will have



to obey. If you will pray for me, I believe God will help me to do it." (Amen.)

Accordingly I ordained her in London as an Overseer, especially to be the friend and helper of all the women Elders and Evangelists and Deaconesses, and to oversee the work in connection with Zion Homes of Hope for Erring Women and for Working Girls, and all matters which specially apply to women. While she will be the first woman Overseer, she will, probably, not be the last. Pray that God will bless her in this great work.

#### **The Christian Catholic Church About to Enter Upon a New Unfolding.**

This Church has been very much alive since the beginning. We thank God that the plans and purposes and prospects of Zion are brighter than they ever were.

I do not think, Deacon Barnard, that there is any business man down town now who touches his head when he looks at you, and says that you made a mistake. Are they saying that still?

Deacon Barnard—"No."

General Overseer—They are not saying that to you, are they, Deacon Judd?

Deacon Judd—"No."

General Overseer—That day has gone by.

A man in London said to me, "Would you mind telling me what you paid for the land of Zion City Site?"

I said, "No; it is a matter of public record." Then I told him.

He said, "Do you mean to say that you bought two and a half miles of lake front on Lake Michigan, and all that vast area of land, and it did not cost you over \$200 an acre?"

I said, "Yes."

"When did you do it?" he asked.

I said, "I did it while I was engaged in the Holy War." (Laughter and applause.)

No man in Chicago would ever have dreamed that I was at that time carrying to completion the largest real estate transaction, barring none, which any one has undertaken in Chicago. There is no other one man, not even Rockefeller, Astor, Vanderbilt, or Pullman, who has undertaken to purchase 6500 acres of land near to Chicago for the building of a city. I did that, however, and whipped the Devil three times each day throughout those months of Holy War. (Laughter and applause.)

I had it out with the Devil at Hammond, Oak Park, and West Side Zion Tabernacle. I had a large portion of the police force of the city out to take care of us.

Who would have dreamed that I could have been engaged in such a transaction?

But we had thought it out. I had gotten my Business Cabinet together, and we had been doing things for months. But we did not tell everybody. You know I did not even tell you, and you did not ask, because you felt that the secret was best locked in our hearts.

#### **The Enormous Value of Zion City Site.**

The result was, then, that we purchased 6500 acres of land for less than \$1,200,000. That man said to me, "I know Chicago, and I know Milwaukee, and I know just where the railway passes through your land. We were talking about your land the other day, and do you know what we value it at?"

I said, "No; I would like to know."

He replied, "Without an acre being sold, we value your land as a City Site at \$1,500 an acre, which would make the value of the whole \$9,750,000."

We have the opinion of real estate men and a railway man, that Zion actually made a profit amounting to eight and one-half million dollars. That is very good for one day's work, is it not? (Laughter.)

I asked this same man, "What do you think Zion Lace Industries are worth?"

"What are they worth?" he exclaimed. "With sixty-five per cent duty, and expert men to teach the business; with men of that kind to manage it, and a great clientele like yours to back you up, and to do everything that you like to ask them"—

I said, "I do not know that they do that. I would have to ask them to do right things. I could not ask them to do anything wrong."

He said, "You would persuade them." (Laughter.)

"They are very bright, clear-headed people," I replied. "They would have to understand that it was in accordance with

the Word of God, and in accordance with good, sound sense."

"That is all right," he said. "I consider that there is no estimate can be made of the value of Zion Lace Industries once they are set on foot, for the simple reason that about twenty millions of dollars' worth of the lace which you will make is now imported from England every year. You will save \$20,000,000. If you can only get enough people to work at it and the machinery, it is a trade of at least from \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000 a year, and you start with one hundred per cent to the good over the foreigner, in the fight to get that trade." Then he added, "It is worth — millions per year."

I said, "You are mistaken, sir; it is worth immensely more, because I intend that we shall supply lace not only to the United States, America and Canada, but by and by I am coming over to show the Nottingham people how to do it." (Applause and laughter.)

"Well," he said, "what do you want? I have been in the States, and they have an expression there which says that a man wants the earth. Do you want the earth?"

I said, "Every inch of it." (Laughter.)

#### **The Earth is the Lord's.**

"I want the earth for Jesus Christ, my Lord and Master, who is the rightful Owner of every inch of it. I want it to belong to His people.

"I want all the wicked people to become good. If they do not become good, I shall be thankful when they have gone to hell.

"I want all the Christian people good and faithful. If they will not become good, I shall be thankful when they are all in heaven.

"I want the good people to inherit the earth, as God wants them, and to have authority over all things."

"You are a man of the biggest ideas that I ever saw," he said, "for a fellow who stands—how high do you stand?"

I said, "A man saw me the other day when there was nobody else on the platform. He said the Rev. John Alex. Dowie was a man of commanding appearance." (Laughter.)

He said, "You are not a small man. Dr. Dowie, I am greatly in sympathy with you, because I believe that you want to be a blessing to humanity. All I have to say is, may God bless you."

"That is a good prayer," I said, "but you have a few millions of dollars—come out and help be a blessing." (Laughter and applause.)

"I will be in Zion, Chicago, next summer," he replied.

Now, remember that, and pray for him.

I am glad to come back. After five months I find this work not only as strong as when I left it, but stronger. I thank God for it. That shows that I must have been enabled, by the Grace of God, to form an enduring organization, and to put the right men at the head of every department.

I think that shows that the Christian Catholic Church in Zion is a Tree of God's own planting.

Is that not clear?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—I thank God for the increased spirituality.

If you and I, my brothers and sisters, will all continue to pool our interests, spiritually, physically, materially and financially, and to pull together, and be as one man working for the one common good, the extension of the Kingdom of God, and blessing each other, there is no man, or organization of men, who will be able to stand before us.

Zion will be the strongest organization, ecclesiastically and financially, the world has ever seen. May God grant it. (Amen. Applause.)

Pray for me.

I present to you my three companions who went away with me: Stenographer Williams; my personal attendant, Captain Stern; my private secretary, now Deacon Sprecher. They have been my faithful servants in Christ. They have been brave and valiant and heroic. They have come out splendidly. They are worthy of God's calling. They are worthy of Zion. May God bless them.

#### **The General Overseer's Companions Thank God for Safe Return.**

Deacon Sprecher, offer your thanksgiving to God for coming back again safe and sound, and that you did not leave your little body in an Edinburgh or London graveyard.

Deacon O. L. Sprecher said: "I shall simply say in the

language of the Psalmist: 'The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad.' I thank you and thank God for this privilege."

Captain Carl F. Stern said: "I thank God for being able to be back again here tonight and to see you all. I rejoice in what God has done for us."

Mr. Ernest Williams said: "I praise God for the privilege of being here tonight. I feel almost too happy to say anything, only that I am glad to be back again."

General Overseer—I do not think I could have kept them away much longer. (Laughter.) I am not quite sure, however, that they will not be willing to go again. I never ask them whether they are willing to do a thing or not. I tell them and you to do it, and you always do it.

Now may God bless Chicago.

I will tell you another thing: the next time I leave the United States, I will have laid aside my allegiance to that flag, and will belong to that one. (Prolonged applause.) That does not mean that I approve of all these young men said tonight. When I get time to correct them, I will do so. (Laughter.)

If it pleases them, however, it does not hurt me. (Laughter.)

There was some truth in what they said. I told them in England that I would have to acknowledge there was some truth in it.

The service was then closed by the General Overseer pronouncing the following

#### BENEDICTION.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

#### MORNING SERVICE.

Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Morning, January 20, 1901.

The General Overseer conducted the service, which was opened by the Congregation singing Hymn Number 355, at the close of which the Apostles' Creed was recited.

The General Overseer read in the inspired Word of God in the sixty-seventh Psalm and in the tenth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke, closing with the prayer:

May God bless His Word.

Prayer was offered by Overseer Speicher, following which the General Overseer led the Congregation in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

#### Thanksgiving to God for Homecoming.

Beloved friends, I express once more my gratitude to our God and Father that by His Spirit's power, through our blessed Lord, He has led you and blessed you in my absence, and has led and blessed me.

We can thank God today that Zion is now formally established by our own hands under God in five new lands since I last saw you.

The flag of Zion is now planted in scores of places in England, in many parts of Scotland, and in various parts of Ireland.

It would be impossible to tell you how many Gatherings there are, for I think there are just about as many Gatherings as there are families of Zion throughout the United Kingdom.

In Paris today we have Overseer Jane Dowie. God bless her (Amen) and our daughter, the young man in charge of Zion Literature Bureau in Rue Cambon, and a few very faithful people. Throughout France there is a good influence.

We have, away up there in the foothills of the Alps, under the shadow of the Uetliberg, that beautiful Branch in Zurich, which is the mother now of so many Branches. As the streams fall on every side from Lake Zurich flowing into the Rhine, finding their way into many valleys, and flowing down into many other lands, so we have Branches springing up all over Hungary, Austria, Italy and many parts of Germany. Indeed, it would be easier to tell where we haven't them springing up than where we have, because the Little White Dove has carried good seed, and dropped it everywhere.

Wherever the Holy Dove goes, there the seed is dropped.

You find suddenly a Branch has sprung up, and you wonder how it came. It came up, no one knowing how, until you begin to examine, and find that one single copy of LEAVES OF HEALING set one heart aflame, won one person into the Kingdom of God, and that from thence many, many have been blessed.

The tithes and offering were then received, after which Mr. Samuel Henry Root, of Boston, Massachusetts, was ordained as a Deacon in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

#### A MESSAGE WITH AUTHORITY.

##### INVOCATION.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, profitable unto this people and unto all to whom these words shall come, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

My brothers and sisters, I give you a text. Although I will not be able to say much about it in the little time before me, I ask you to carry it with you in your hearts.

In the nineteenth verse of the tenth chapter of St. Luke:

##### TEXT.

Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall in any wise hurt you.

When any one goes out to work for God, whether he is a Seventy, a Deacon, a Deaconess, Evangelist, Elder or Overseer, unless he is sent with Divine Authority, his ministry will be a conspicuous and constant failure.

One of the greatest and best statesmen who ever lived in this world was William Ewart Gladstone. I have had him much in my mind today.

Many years ago I had the honor of defending the truth of God against one of the most eloquent and able of the prelates and princes of the Roman Catholic Church, Roger B. Vaughn, in New South Wales.

He had come to Australia to bring Australia to the feet of the Pope.

He was a magnificent man. If I were as big as he, you would all have to look up to me. You do look up to me in your love, but you would have to look up to me because of my stature, if I were like him. He was a man, if I remember correctly, one or two inches over seven feet tall, and vast in proportions. He was splendidly educated, belonging to the noble family of the Vaughns of England, a magnificent specimen of humanity, with a very pleasant face. When he used to ride out in his chariot he would take the smallest priest in the diocese to sit alongside of him. (Laughter.) I used to laugh at him a good deal, but I admired his magnificent eloquence.

One day he delivered a great discourse, and it staggered the whole community. Who was to "bell the cat"? Day after day passed, and no champion appeared.

#### An Early Fight With the Roman Apostasy.

I was only a little David, and after two weeks I answered him in my own church. The Metropolitan and others of the Church of England came and asked me to be the champion in the city. Accordingly I delivered the lectures, famous at that time, called "Rome's Polluted Springs," in answer to his, entitled "Hidden Springs."

These lectures brought me into touch with this great statesman in England, William Ewart Gladstone. When yesterday I opened one of the volumes of his works and read his beautiful and magnificent tract, "The Influence of Authority in Matters of Opinion," I was reminded of the fact that William Ewart Gladstone had sent me a copy of that tract, inscribed with his own handwriting, thanking me for what I had done.

I mention this incident to recall the fight which I had more than twenty years ago.

I am a young man, younger than ever, but an old fighter. (Laughter and applause.)

While in Europe I had occasion to recall my old conflict. I realized that I was dogged everywhere by the steps of the Jesuit. They never forget, they never forgive, and, when it is possible, they will destroy. They are like our friends of the Mah-hah-bone persuasion. There is a great deal of analogy between papal and pagan Rome and pagan Masonry.

#### Authority From Above.

I recall it today to tell you that I made no mistake when I realized that I went forth upon my Mission to Europe with the Authority of my Lord. I realized that when He called me to this work of General Overseer of the Christian Catholic

Church in Zion, it was God who called me. I am so glad that it was not the people.

I am so glad that it was not the sheep who called the shepherd.

When God called me, I went away out there into that wilderness, by the World's Fair. I lifted my voice amidst that Babel. Nobody would listen.

After the Babel was over and everything was a failure; when the World's Fair buildings began to go up in smoke from the torch of the incendiary; when the Mayor of the city was stricken down by the hand of the assassin; when liberty was throttled by the hand of the Anarchist Debs and those associated with him, and this city had to be protected by the United States Army; it was then that God brought forth Zion. (Amen.)

Nobody would listen at first, but oh, in the sorrow, and in the sickness of the people they began to hear the Voice. You know, many of you, how they filled the place at Zion Tabernacle No. 1, and how you could not get within an acre or two of it, and how God blessed the solitary preacher.

#### The Authority of the General Overseer is From God.

When at last God formed the Church, He led me to call it the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, and to assume the office of General Overseer—which simply means Catholic Bishop—it was looked upon as a great assumption. I did not care about that.

I have never considered how the *Daily Lyre* looks at things. I have never considered how the World, the Flesh and the Devil look at things, except to consider that when the Devil does not like a thing, then I rub my hands and say, "It must be good." (Laughter.) When the Devil makes a great noise about a thing, then I know it must be very good. When he wants to kill me for doing a thing, then I say, "Hallelujah! this is superlatively good."

I had the Authority. I knew I had.

Authority is more than Power. I had the Authority before I had the power which I now possess.

I stood alone, but I had the Authority.

People used to say, "Why, that fellow talks as if he had authority."

When I read that I said, "Yes, I have, you stinkpots! Do what I tell you, and do it quickly!"

You did it, didn't you?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Have you not been doing it ever since?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—And are you going to keep on doing it?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—God gave me the Authority. I love you; you know it. But my Authority does not depend upon your approval.

After Authority was put into my hands and I had organized the Church, in due time, I left it. That was the best thing I ever did. I consider that the best thing the Lord Jesus Christ ever did, was to leave the Church. If he had remained on earth, a bodily Presence, everybody would want to flock to that one place; but He went to heaven, and He sent the Holy Spirit to fill all the earth with His presence. Hence, where'er we seek Him, we can find Him in Spirit and in power. He is everywhere. Is that not better than being in only one place?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—He gave His apostles Authority.

"All Authority," He said, "hath been given unto Me in heaven and on earth. Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations."

#### Marvelous Effect of a Message With Authority in Zurich.

When I got to Zurich, Switzerland, a gentleman said to me, "What are you going to do here, Doctor?"

I said, "Nothing."

"I did not think you would do much," he replied, "but I will not say that you will not do anything."

I said, "I shall do nothing, sir."

"If you expect to do nothing, why did you come?" he asked.

I said, "Because I expect God to do a great deal. I expect God to take me and use me. I have the Divine Authority. God will make disciples of you beer-drinking, tobacco-smoking and careless-living Germans."

"Do you intend to talk to us like that?"

"I am going to scrub you," I replied.

I got them. They filled that Court House. The President of the Tribunal himself was there, and God blessed us.

At the end we had, as we had everywhere, many healed, many saved, many added to the Church, and many baptized. You saw the list in last Saturday's LEAVES OF HEALING, seventy-two who were baptized at the close of a three days' mission. But that was not by any means all who could have been baptized. Had opportunity offered, we might have baptized many hundreds.

I return with great joy, as the Seventies did. I come to you and say today:

I have seen Satan fall like lightning from the heavens. I have seen him prostrate in the dust. I see that, like the old serpent, he is compelled to crawl on his belly and eat dust. I see that he is being cast out of many, and is being driven back to hell. I see today that that which Christ said to the Seventies is as true regarding myself and every officer of this Church as it was then:

Behold, I have given you Authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall in anywise hurt you.

"Unto you that fear My Name," said God through Malachi, the last but one of the prophets of the ancient dispensation—John was the last—"Unto you that fear My Name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in His wings, and ye shall go forth, and gambol as calves of the stall. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I do make, saith Jehovah of Hosts."

I have gone nowhere where the wicked have risen in great power but that God has enabled me to dash them to my feet, and to tread upon them. (Amen.)

I have trodden upon the Devil in London, in Edinburgh, in Liverpool, in Manchester, in Leeds, in Belfast, in Ballymena, in Londonderry, in Paris and in Zurich!

I have never been the under one in any fight! (Applause.)

That is an Americanism, but you will all understand. (Laughter.)

We were not the under one at Mansfield, were we?

Audience—"No."

General Overseer—

#### We Are Not Through With Mansfield Yet.

We have only begun. I may as well give you notice here—Overseer, you know nothing about it, but you are to go down to Mansfield and stand trial.

Overseer Piper—"All right." (Applause.)

General Overseer—Elder Fockler!

Elder Fockler—"Here."

General Overseer—You are to go down to Mansfield and stand trial.

Elder Fockler—"All right." (Applause.)

General Overseer—If they will not enter a *nolle prosequi*, we will have them try you, and punish you, if you have been wicked. (Laughter and applause.)

When you and others whom they indicted are through, I intend to go down and stand trial myself. (Applause.)

They say I have libeled Mayor Huntington Brown. For what? Because I spoke of the essential immorality of Freemasonry. I am going down there to prove it. (Amen. Applause.)

I will place Freemasonry on trial before High Heaven, before all the Continents, and America! (Applause.)

I predict that there will be a *nolle prosequi*. They will probably back down, but they must either back down or fight, and do it quickly. I will call you as a witness, Conductor Rice, if there is a fight. (Applause.)

I will prove by you that in the first three degrees of Masonry the Name of Jesus Christ is not once mentioned. I will prove that the diabolical lie, the resurrection of the dead Hiram Abiff by a mythical King Solomon upon the five points of fellowship, is all the resurrection there is in that accursed Masonry.

I will have the Mystic Shriners there. I will put them on the witness stand. I will prove before high heaven the essential immorality of Freemasonry. I will show that its emblem of the "point within the circle" is the filthy emblem of Phallic worship, the worship of Baal, the sun-god, and that the greatest Masonic authority in America said so, and printed it, and that Masonic booksellers sell his book. We will have a lively time. (Laughter.)

They expected things to be lively when I came back. They will be lively. (Applause.)

I will be my own counsel, with the assistance of a greater legal luminary whom you all know. I propose to fight this thing out.

They indicted us as criminals. They got a "true bill" from the Grand Jury.

A true bill, was it? There are various "billygoats" who will find it difficult before we are through. It was a "false" bill in every line of it.

I thought I would let you know that piece of news right at the beginning. Overseer Piper and Elder Fockler did not know a word about it. Zion's officers are not accustomed to being told in advance. They are ready to obey their General Overseer in the noble, self-sacrificing, loyal spirit that they have always shown. The Overseer-at-Large will be a larger man when he is through. (Laughter.) I will not know what to do with him if he gets much larger. (Laughter.)

I am inclined to think Zion's enemies will not fight; that they will back water. I should be almost sorry if they did, because we have the power to "tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt us."

Hallelujah!

We believe every word of it. (Applause. Amen.)

All who believe it, stand and tell God. (Apparently all arose.)

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. Take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be, in spirit, in soul, in body. Give me power to do right, to support those who lead in Zion, with prayer, with money, with earnest zeal. Help me to do right. Bless Mansfield. Make it a place full of blessing. Bless its Mayor. Convert him, Lord. Convert the sinful men who injured Thy children, and make Mansfield as famous for blessing as it has been notorious for folly, for Jesus' sake. Now be with us today. Bless the meetings. Give Thy servant the grace he needs, for Jesus' sake. Amen. (All repeat the prayer, clause by clause, after the General Overseer.)

After the Doxology had been sung, the service was closed by the General Overseer pronouncing the

#### BENEDICTION.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

### EVENING SERVICE.

Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Evening, January 20, 1901.

The General Overseer was in charge of the meeting, and opened the service by pronouncing the invocation. This was followed by the congregation singing Hymn Number 201, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

After the Apostles' Creed had been recited, the General Overseer read from the twenty-second chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke. Overseer Piper then offered prayer and made the announcements, at the conclusion of which the General Overseer said:

#### Thanksgiving for the Blessings of the Day.

Let me talk to you now regarding the work in general in a conversational way.

First of all, let me give thanks to God for that unprecedented meeting in the Coliseum today. (Amen.)

We have every reason to thank God. When the time came and I called upon the people who desired to live that Gospel to stand up, nineteen-twentieths of that vast assembly were upon their feet. I do not believe that out of those present there were anything like a thousand who kept their seats. I am very glad that many thousands consecrated themselves to God.

I thank God, too, for the many kind words spoken to me. I had a great big lump in my throat a great many times as I passed through the processional and heard so many ejaculating a cry to God for my blessing. It has been a great joy to me to have your love.

I have never doubted it for a moment. To have the loyalty of my brothers in the Eldership, and in the Overseership, and in all ranks has been a great inspiration during my Mission in Europe.

I do not know how to talk about Zion's White-robed Choir. It is delightful. As the sweet little children sang their lovely little song, "Brightly Gleams Our Banner, Pointing to the Sky," it was so delightful to know that some of them had been born in Zion since their parents had entered it, and that all of them nearly will never know anything else than Zion all their lives.

What a Royal Generation that is which is coming! (Amen.) My brothers and sisters, I desire you to be practical more and more in your association together.

I thank God for the Cottage Meetings. Maintain them.

Many are looking at our operations and marveling how this man can do so much. It is not this man; it is this people. You have been so kind and loyal that you have followed my leadership and received the instruction which God gave to me. It seems to me that I am training in Chicago a vast missionary organization the like of which the world has never seen.

But enough of mere prophesying. Let us get down to more and more practical business.

#### Zion's One Common, Steadfast Purpose the Extension of the Kingdom of God.

Do you believe with me, with all your hearts, that we shall have increasingly one common, steadfast purpose, namely, the extension of the Kingdom of God?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—Are you willing, as you were when I left you, to consecrate your time, talent, money and lives to that purpose?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—Are these things yours or God's?

Audience—"God's."

General Overseer—Will you keep your money in the hands of the World and the Flesh and the Devil?

Audience—"No."

General Overseer—Will you keep your money in banks which are run by men who belong to the world?

Audience—"No."

General Overseer—Will you not at this time coöperate with us to rapidly extend our activities? It is wonderful what we have been able to do. The greater part of 2000 acres of that 6500-acre tract is ours. The rest has to be acquired quickly, if we are to open the whole tract in the spring. My policy is not to sell an inch of the land until we throw all open for selection.

Any one looking at that meeting at the Coliseum today must see that a most powerful and compact organization for the extension of the Kingdom of God, and the upbuilding of its people's prosperity, is now a great accomplished fact. Who can tell what it will be, if this is the result in the center of operations in less than five years of church life? What building would contain the people five years hence? But the great Coliseum did not contain those who wished to enter today. They tell me there were thousands outside who lingered all the time, and tens of thousands may have gone away who came up and saw and went.

#### The Days of Doubt as to Zion Are All Over.

I have come back again. (Laughter and applause.) That simple sentence told today in the Coliseum.

God has never left you. He has been with you every hour. You have been happy, and prosperous, too. As I said the other night, I do not know whether I have not come back six months too soon.

But I cannot bear to be too long away from you. You have won my heart, for I have won yours.

I feel that my God is your God. Where you dwell, I want to dwell. And your prosperity is the constant aspiration of my life.

The tithes and offerings were then received.

Zion's Choir sang the anthem, "The Radiant Morn Hath Passed Away," with a depth of feeling admirably voiced in harmony and expression.

#### THE LAST SUPPER.

The General Overseer continued:

#### INVOCATION.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, and profitable unto this people, oh Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer.

#### TEXT.

And He said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this pass-over with you before I suffer.

Beloved friends, Christ only could see with prophetic vision, which was His alone, the sharpness of the Cross, the terrible agonies which must come before He had finished His work for humanity. He who saved others could not save Himself. He must die.

It was an intense desire of His that He should gather at a Last Supper His beloved, the men to whom He had given His heart's love, whom He intended to use in founding His Church.

He was the Rock upon which He built that Church. That Rock abides. That Church you saw today issuing forth in its youth and beauty. Who shall tell what it will be when our processions in thousands sweep along the avenues of Zion City to Zion Temple? With what desire do I desire to see that day!

I shall see it, God helping me. (Amen.)

But to the Christ there was only death.

My brothers and sisters, I agree with John Bunyan, who put the Valley of the Shadow of Death in the middle of the Christian journey. He did not put it at the end. The sun was shining at the end. There were psalms of Victory there.

I am going to see Him whose face was spit upon for me. I am going to see the Brow which once was crowned with thorns for me. I am going to see Him who bore my sin, and my sorrow, and my shame. I am going to see Him whose heart was riven for me.

It is not the end of the journey that is dark. It is the middle. I have had my Valley of the Shadow of Death. It can never be darker, now I have passed through. I am glad that I did not fall when I passed through it. I am glad that the Devil could never make me fear. I am glad that now we see Jesus every step of the way, and there is no dark valley any more.

#### Zion Has Passed Through the Valley of the Shadow of Death.

Zion is on her way to the Celestial Mountains. Zion is on her way to victory on earth and victory in heaven.

But on that night when Christ said these words He was about to suffer.

O, how He suffered! He suffered in ways which no human being can understand. I know a little. I have suffered when I have gone down into the dark, dark valley.

But I desire to call your attention to the fact that beyond the eating of that Passover He had a glorious, peaceful Prospect.

With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer: for I say unto you, I will not eat it, until it be fulfilled in the Kingdom of God.

My brothers and my sisters, the Kingdom of God is at hand. The Christian Catholic Church in Zion is the only Church I know in the world which is preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. (Amen.)

Zion is telling everywhere that there is only one King.

Zion is telling that her King is coming.

Zion is getting ready to receive Him.

Our beautiful City, midway between Babel and Beer, is a glorious thing to think of.

But, beloved, I never deceived you. I told you I would help Zion to build other cities.

I wish to see a Zion near Boston. (Amen.)

I wish to see a Zion near Philadelphia. (Amen.)

I wish to see a Zion near Hell Gate at New York. (Amen.)

I wish to see a Zion near Golden Gate at San Francisco. (Amen.)

I wish to see a Zion near London. (Amen.)

I wish to see a Zion near every great city of the world. (Amen.)

I desire to help all, that all these cities shall build the old Zion in Jerusalem, and make it so beautiful for the King. (Amen.) He is coming. Let us get ready. Let us prepare the way of the Lord. Let us get the Palace ready for the King.

If He were to come tonight, we would not be ready. That is why I know He is not immediately coming, because we are not ready. But we are living in the days when a great City can be erected and populated by Zion in hosts within five years.

He talks about eating the Passover when the Kingdom is fulfilled.

Sometimes there seems to come the thought that my Lord may let me stay until He comes Himself. (Amen.) Then I feel so unworthy.

But, O Lord, I will help those who will get the Palace ready

for Thee. He is coming to eat in His own Kingdom; coming to establish His Kingdom, and we shall see Him and glorify the Lord. We poor, puny little lights will seem so small. We will be willing to seem so small when the King appears. He will not forget us.

#### Zion Is Preparing for the Coming of Her King.

We have fought His battles in the dark days, and we love Him and serve Him, and are willing to die for Him. Every time we have this Passover Feast we say:

"Till He come!"—Oh let the words  
Linger on the trembling chords,  
Let the "little while" between  
In their golden light be seen;  
Let us think how heaven and home;  
Lie beyond that, "Till He come!"

When the weary ones we love  
Enter on their rest above,  
When their words of love and cheer  
Fall no longer on our ear,  
Hush! be ev'ry murmur dumb,  
It is only "Till He come!"

Clouds and darkness round us press;  
Would we have one sorrow less?  
All the sharpness of the cross,  
All that tells the world is loss,  
Death, and darkness, and the tomb,  
Pain us only "Till He come!"

See, the feast of love is spread,  
Drink the wine and eat the bread;  
Sweet memorials, till the Lord  
Call us round His heavenly board,  
Some from earth, from glory some  
Severed only "Till He come!"

As we take this cup, we say "Till He come."

The Roman soldier took an oath that he would, by grace of the gods, serve Imperial Rome and die. He took the cup and poured out the wine at the feet of their god. We do not. We take this cup—it is a *sacramentum*—He gave His own blood—He gives us Himself in all the spiritual reality and living presence. While we do not invest the elements with that which they do not possess, we do know that in the taking of this bread, and the drinking of this wine in the Spirit that He directed, we eat His flesh and drink His blood, and have His life in us. That life makes us conquerors over Satan and Sin, Disease and Death, and Hell. Hallelujah for the life of God! This Cup is our *Sacramentum*, and beneath this Banner of Zion we renew our vows to love and follow Him wherever He leads. (Amen.)

The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper was then administered to fully 2500 communicants.

The service was closed with the following

#### PRAYER AND BENEDICTION.

Our Father, bless tonight the thousands who have stayed with us at this Feast of Love. Oh let the Holy Spirit be in every one, and let the Water spring up into Everlasting Life and flow into every part of their lives. Keep us together in love, in purity, in peace, and lead us on in power to win the multitudes of sin-stricken and disease-smitten to Thyself.

Bless Zion everywhere. (Amen.)

Zion in Africa. (Amen.)

In Europe. (Amen.)

In Asia. (Amen.)

In Australia. (Amen.)

In the Islands of the Sea. (Amen.)

Beloved, Jehovah bless thee and keep thee. Jehovah make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. Jehovah lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you, keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

#### Has God Blessed You in Tithing?

Have you realized a fulfilment of God's promise to those who "bring the Whole Tithe into the Storehouse"? If so, let others know how true the promise is. Write your testimony and send it to Rev. William Hamner Piper, Overseer-at-Large of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Let your testimonies be brief and straight to the point.



# ZION IN THE ORIENT.

BY REV. G. L. MASON, B. A., B. D., OVERSEER OF THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CHINA.

## ZION'S MESSENGERS DARE NOT COMPROMISE WITH SIN.

THE Apostasy of both the Papal and Protestant Churches in America during the first six decades of the last Century was very marked on the question of slavery. Horace Greeley says in his history, "The American Conflict":

The antislavery cause, throughout the years of its arduous and perilous struggle up from contempt and odium to respect and power, received far more of hindrance than help from our ecclesiastical organizations. And this fact explains, if it does not excuse, the unorthodox, irreverent and "infidel" tendencies which have been so freely, and not always unreasonably, ascribed to the Apostles of Abolition. These have justly felt that the organized and recognized religions of the country had not treated their cause as it deserved and as they had a right to expect. The pioneers of "Modern Abolition" were always uniformly devout, pious, church-nurtured men, who, at the outset of their enterprise, took the cause of the slave to the clergy and the Church, with undoubting faith that it would there be recognized and by them adopted as the cause of vital Christianity. Speaking generally, they were repulsed and resisted, quite as much to their astonishment as their mortification.

THE CHURCHES, as organizations, had no pity for the slave until the cause of the slave began to be a little popular.

The leading churches pleaded for compromise. Men were blinded by business interests. They were full of caste spirit. They loved reputation, ease and the good will of near relatives. They were bound by their pride, prejudice and perquisites. The preachers loved the salaries and the soft praises of men who dared not offend the slave power (Ezekiel 34:1-10).

HONORED MARTYRS.—Two hundred Protestant missionaries and many thousands of Chinese Christians were murdered last year; noble spirits, but they were in apostate organizations.

MISSIONARY salaries are paid in part by planters, sellers and users of dirty nicotine. They sell the multitudes tobacco, *the bread of hell*, and with the profits hire men to deal out the Bread of Life to the Chinese! (Micah 3:10.)

Moreover, the bread of life which they carry is in many cases moldy with unbelief. It cannot fail to be more or less tainted with the foul air of compromise which fills most of the theological bake-shops.

Do they not compromise with Secretism and Romanism in the schools where they make missionaries? Do they warn against poison drugs? Do they not eagerly read and repeat slanders against the Christian Catholic Church in Zion? Are not many of their students more skilful in criticising the Scriptures than they are ready to obey them? Are they not more familiar with modern literature than with the Word of God?

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES were taught by hirelings who fought the Abolitionists. The students were quicker than their teachers to plead for the slave (Micah 3:11).

THEY HATED GARRISON not for the phraseology he used, but for the principles he taught. They hate Dr. Dowie not for his vocabulary, but for his victories.

In 1836 the Antislavery Society in Boston could get neither hall nor church for its meetings. In most cities the despised reformers had the same difficulties in getting halls which Zion now has, and they were met with the same Satanic arguments—the throwing of eggs and stones and filth (John 10:31).

A MOB IN BROADCLOTH led William Lloyd Garrison, with a rope around his neck, through the streets of Boston. A young

lawyer saw it, and at once he gave his life to God and Liberty. He was Wendell Phillips.

Mobs encouraged by respectable apostate preachers have disturbed the meetings and threatened the lives of the General Overseer and Zion's Elders. But many a young Wendell Phillips is looking on who will one day plead for the Freedom of man from all that defiles.

Garrison's motto in his paper, *The Liberator*, had a Zion ring: "Our country, all the world; our countrymen, mankind."

NO COMPROMISE.—This from Garrison has a flavor of Zion: "I will be as harsh as truth and as uncompromising as justice. I am in earnest. I will not equivocate. I will not excuse. I will not retreat a single inch. *And I will be heard.*"

ROMAN CATHOLIC ROBBERY of the Chinese is what Chinese term the demand for about \$169,000 indemnity made on their Chinese Government for the murder of two Roman Catholic missionaries in 1897 by a few fanatics. The money was paid. The Bishop was not satisfied. He appealed to the German Government. Then followed the German seizures of the port of Kiaochau. *The Independent* justly says that the German occupation of Kiaochau was the principal cause of the Chinese massacres in 1900.

MEDICINE IN ASIA is the occasion of much rumor and slander among the natives. Pandita Ramabai, of India, in her annual report, says:

For instance, many of the unconverted girls in my homes have a great fear in their mind. They think that some day after they are well fattened, they will be hung head downward, and a great fire will be built underneath, and oil will be extracted from them to be sold at a fabulously great price for medical purposes.

ELDER VIKING writes:

China Inland missionaries who profess to believe in Divine Healing do not confess it in public. The whole is a mass of compromise. One lady of that kind died this week in Shanghai. Yet her death is blamed on Divine Healing!

However, one of their missionaries from West China took sick of fever and sent for me.

He believes in Divine Healing, but he confessed that he had consented to vaccination before and was a compromiser all around.

He got rid of the fever. The next day he was out and well.

I told him to report himself to headquarters and confess his hypocrisy. He was going to do so.

The Baptists try to make out Dr. Dowie to be the Devil and the healings to be of the Devil. At their church meeting they formally excluded Li Dz-eng and wife and Mr. Tsiu, my translator. No letters are given to those who wish to become members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

LEAVES OF HEALING goes this week into every office in Shanghai where there are foreigners (Europeans or Americans).

Some men are coming for more literature. The people are talking all over.

Some newspapers are noticing us. The *Union* speaks of the doctrines. We shall have a nice time when we get a Tabernacle and helpers from home.

To begin to work this terrible Shanghai mountain is a hard task.

But we are glad.

Zion is going to bring forth much to the glory of God.

Last Sunday afternoon at a meeting of nearly all native churches in Shanghai, the Christian Catholic Church was discussed

Warnings were given against visiting our chapel.

One man spoke about our chapel being a kind of grocery store, or something like that, as we already have a number of articles as small shoes, medicine, tobacco pipes, etc., on the walls. Hallelujah!

# CHEERING WORDS FROM ZION'S GUESTS

## NOTES FROM ZION HOME

THE regular Praise and Testimony Meeting held in Zion Home, Saturday evening, January 12, 1901, was conducted by Professor Harnley.

After the usual opening exercises, the States represented were enumerated and found to be twelve in number, as follows: Alabama, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Virginia and Wisconsin.

The following foreign countries were represented:

Canada, England, Ireland and Japan.

The meeting was then thrown open for testimony.

MRS. MARGARET MUDGETT, La Junta, Colorado, said: "I praise God for the privilege of being in Zion. We are almost alone in our town and it is a great joy to get with Zion people. I also praise Him for the privilege of working for Him. When I was in the Methodist Church, and would pass by the saloons and see the drunken men and women, my heart went out to them. I do praise God that in Zion we can carry LEAVES OF HEALING to them and help them to live for God. I praise Him for LEAVES OF HEALING, which has led so many into Zion. It has been an inspiration in leading so many to stand for God."

WILLIAM BRAUER, 963 North Francisco Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I thank God for the many blessings I receive when I read the Bible. I am a living witness that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. God had done much for me, my family and many others whom I could mention. God is a good Father. He hears and answers the prayers of His children. My little girl was blind and received her sight. My wife was very hard of hearing for twelve years. She is now getting better. The Devil gave me the grip. I was unable to work, but the Lord took it away."

S. B. HADY, Zion Students' Home, 1243 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I praise God for the wonderful answer to prayer on behalf of my brother-in-law, A. B. Groff, editor of the *Somerset County Democrat*, Somerset, Pennsylvania. I received a letter from my father in Meyersdale, Pennsylvania, stating he was very sick with typhoid fever and had been taken to the Memorial Hospital at Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

"I immediately telephoned to Overseer Speicher and asked him to pray for him. On January 9th I received another letter from my father, stating that Mr. Groff came home on Saturday, relating a very remarkable experience which he had at the hospital.

"Christmas Day he was very low. On Wednesday (the day Overseer Speicher prayed) the physician of the hospital examined him. He pronounced him a well man. The doctors of Johnstown were also called in. All stated they had never seen a case like it before.

"Mr. Groff told this experience several times before he learned that Overseer Speicher had prayed.

"I thank God for Zion. Through Zion, God led me out of a life of sin and sorrow to one of peace and happiness. I thank Him for LEAVES OF HEALING and for the privilege of sending it to my people."

L. D. CARROLL, 1243 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "It is between three and four years since I first entered this room. I was then a total wreck. I was first with the Christian Alliance people. While I was with them I took sick with typhoid fever. They did not tell me that I had to make my wrongs right. I was confined to my bed for eight weeks.

When my relatives saw I was getting no better, they forced me to have a doctor. After that I had four doctors, but became worse. I then got inflammatory rheumatism. For eighteen months I could hardly feed myself. I could hardly get my hands to my mouth. I was a total wreck in every way. I had fallen from a weight of 143 pounds to less than ninety. The General Overseer prayed with me. I was able to walk across the end of this room several times. I grew stronger as I walked. Afterwards I was baptized in Findlay, Ohio. There I received more blessing. From that time on I have been able to work hard. I praise God for the health and strength He is giving me day by day.

"I first heard of Zion through LEAVES OF HEALING."

MISS LIZZIE DAUBNEY, Zion Home, said: "I praise God for answer to prayer. I had a bad cold with severe pains in my head. Deaconess Hertrich prayed for me and I was delivered."

GEORGE J. HUSTON, Laurens, Iowa, said: "I was healed nearly three years ago, in my own home. I had a chronic disease. I was a wreck. I left my case in the Great Physician's hands and He healed me. I came just as a child and He delivered me. I thank God for Zion."

MRS. ANN STEVENSON, formerly of Beeston, Nottingham, England, said: "I praise God tonight for healing me from a very severe cold. Elder Graves and Overseer Mason prayed for me, and I believe through their prayers and trust in God I have been delivered."

MRS. ELIZABETH KRUSE, San Jose, Illinois, said: "I thank God for all the blessings I have received. I had a very severe cold and it is now all gone. I thank God for it."

MISS ISABELLA DAUBNEY, formerly of Beeston, Notts, England, praised God for the blessings she had received in Zion.

JOHN F. BAKER, Plymouth, Indiana, said: "I praise the Lord for what He has done for me and my family. My little daughter was taken with a very bad cold. She did not eat any breakfast or dinner. This afternoon I telephoned to Elder Fockler to come and pray for her. Within a few minutes after prayer was offered, she got up and asked for something to eat, and has been well since. I praise the Lord and trust Him for all things."

MRS. C. E. PECK, 1311 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I praise God tonight for healing from grip."

ELDER FOCKLER, Zion Home, said: "I would just like to say a word of encouragement in regard to the distribution of LEAVES OF HEALING. About ten days ago two ladies came to my office seeking to know about the work of Zion. One of them has a father in Canada who is very sick. Some one sent him a copy of LEAVES OF HEALING. He was filled with hope, and sent the paper to his daughter in Kansas. She read the paper and took hope for her father. She gave the paper to a friend who was very much diseased. This friend was just about to be operated upon, but was restrained. This lady also had hope. The two at once made arrangements to come to Chicago to find out more about Zion. They subscribed for LEAVES OF HEALING and promised to come back.

"We cannot tell what a nickel will do. Sometimes when I am weary I feel that some fruit would do me good. Then the thought comes, 'How much good that nickel spent for LEAVES OF HEALING will do.' Some of you ride in the street cars too much. If you would walk five or six blocks, it would strengthen you and you would have a nickel to spend for LEAVES, which will bring salvation and healing to some needy one."

# NOTES OF THANKSGIVING TO ZION'S GOD

## Little Boy Miraculously Healed When Dying of Terrible Diseases.

EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN, December 26, 1900.

DEAR OVERSEER SPEICHER:—We praise God for His goodness to us and send this testimony, hoping it may be a blessing to others.

The 17th of last September our little Harold was taken suddenly with epileptic fits.

We did for him what we had always done before.

It did him no good.

When he came out of the first fit he was paralyzed. He could not hold anything in his hand, nor talk.

We thought he would die if he had one more, but in two hours he had another.

I decided that no doctor could help us.

I sent for Deacon Stockholm to come.

Harold had two more fits after he came.

During the last one, we thought the little one must go. His pulse left and his little fingers got cold.

But God heard the prayer of His servant and children, and gave him back to us.

Praise God, in one hour he ate a little supper and talked.

At 9 o'clock he went into internal spasms, from one to another for four days and nights.

It seemed he must die.

His bowels never moved for five days.

He had a high fever all the time.

I sent to Overseer Speicher for prayers.

His spasms and his fever left.

His bowels moved for the first time. Nothing but green poison passed his bowels.

His mouth and throat were coated thickly with a white, gristly coating, which grew brittle on being exposed to the air.

Four or five times during the time he was the same as dead, or apparently dying.

He had three abscesses, one in his left eye, one in his right ear and one just under his ear.

His head was swollen almost as large again as normal. Jaws were set two days. He did not speak for about four weeks.

I thank God he is well and fat now.

No tongue can tell the suffering he endured.

Thank God, he never had one drop of medicine.

Some who saw him said he would be an idiot if he lived, and some said he would never walk. But I knew better.

Harold says, "God healed me. I am a Zion boy."

All of our other children were taken with canker sore throat, but were speedily healed in answer to prayer.

One of them was very near death. His throat was almost shut and the canker reached nearly to his teeth.

He was delivered in two hours in answer to prayers, without any medicine.

I have been healed several times of different things.

My husband has given up tobacco and we gave up pork one year ago.

We thank you for your prayers and give God all the glory. It would take pages to tell all the blessing we have secured in the last two months.

May God bless you and our dear General Overseer.

Your Sister in Christ, (MRS.) A. A. FELTON.

## Delivered From Death From Fever.

ROCKY FORD, COLORADO, January 10, 1901.

REV. J. G. SPEICHER.

Dear Overseer:—I know Zion will rejoice with us how wonderfully God delivered me when at death's door with the fever.

It left me last night about 8 o'clock, and I rested peacefully all night.

I shall never cease praising God for what He has done for me.

I thank you and all of Zion who prayed for me.

Had it not been for your earnest prayers, I should not be here.

Very sincerely yours in Christ, (MRS.) LIZZIE COLLINS.

## Mother Healed of Pneumonia; Daughter of Painful Induration of the Breast.

297 GRAHAM STREET,  
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, January 10, 1901.

DEAR OVERSEER SPEICHER:—We have every reason to believe that mother had pneumonia. All symptoms agree with those she had twenty-two years ago when Dr. Senn gave her up, but God in His mercy raised her up, although we did not then look to Him.

The symptoms were of a severe nature, and only by supplicating God has she been enabled to continue at her work, all pain and sickness being taken from her as we called on God.

The cough did not change until asking your prayers, when she received a great blessing.

I wish to add my personal testimony to healing from an affliction which very few knew of.

Some months ago I found a lump in my breast which pained me.

I dreaded to acknowledge it, even in the above language, although Satan suggested a cancer, which I refused in the Name of the Lord, claiming Jesus my Keeper as well as my Healer from diseases.

Just before Christmas I promised the Lord not to touch it again, leaving it all with Him, neither did I, as long as I felt its presence.

Last night, the breast being free from any tightness, I made search for the lump in order to testify and, praise the Lord, I could not find it.

We cannot thank and praise God enough for making known to us through Zion teaching that there is Healing as well as Salvation in Jesus Christ.

Yours in the Master's Service,

NINA WAZAU.

## God Quickly Heals of Scarletina.

PAISLEY, ONTARIO, CANADA, January 11, 1901.

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—I wish to testify to God's goodness and mercy to us when our daughter Jennie had the scarletina.

She was quite sick a few days before Christmas, and had a very sore throat.

I sent you a request for prayer on the Friday before Christmas. I also sent a request for prayer to Zion's Gathering here on the following Lord's Day.

She received a rich blessing about 4 o'clock. All at once she got so much better, the feverish heat passed away, and her throat, head and eyes were greatly relieved.

She said she could get up, but we thought best not to let her, as she was covered with the rash.

She gained very rapidly, and was at our All-Night Meeting.

We belong to the Malcomb Gathering, which meets at our house every third Sabbath.

We thank God for Zion, which teaches us to banish fear and unbelief and trust God alone for healing.

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) ANNIE CAMPBELL.

PAISLEY, ONTARIO, CANADA, January 11, 1901.

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—I was very sick for a few days, but God graciously delivered me and blessed me in spirit, soul and body.

I feel well and strong now, and praise God for it.

Praying that God will continue to bless Zion in all things,

Your Sister in Christ, JENNIE CAMPBELL.

## The Prayer of Faith Effective.

SPENCER, IOWA, January 11, 1901.

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—I wish to thank you for your prayers.

I am thankful to God that He heard and answered.

About two weeks ago I took a severe cold, which terminated in the grip. It finally settled in my right side.

I had a terrible soreness and pain in my side continually, which hurt me to breathe.

It kept getting worse for nearly a week, when I sent to you to pray for me.

The day after I wrote, the pain was worse than ever, but when I arose the next morning, the pain and soreness had entirely gone.

I have felt nothing of it since.

I have been healed a good many times in answer to prayer.

Yours in Christian Love, (MRS.) IDA BIRD.

## Healed of Rheumatism While Praying at the Family Altar.

MINERAL POINT, WISCONSIN, January 2, 1901.

REV. J. G. SPEICHER.

Dear Overseer:—Last Friday I caught a cold and got rheumatism very severely in my hips, legs and around the edge of the ribs; also lame back.

In this condition I kept my bed most of the time, with but little sleep. Part of the time I was delirious.

This morning I arose and dressed.

While on our knees around our family altar, God healed me of all rheumatism and lame back, praise His Name.

When we got up from our knees, I moved around as usual.

With much love to you and Zion in Chicago and elsewhere,

Your Brother in Christ,

S. HOCKING.

OBEYING GOD IN BAPTISM.

“Baptizing Them Into the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.”

Nine Thousand One Hundred and Thirty-Seven Baptisms by Triune Immersion Since March 14, 1897.

Nine Thousand One Hundred and Thirty-Seven Believers have joyfully followed their Lord in the Ordinance of Believers' Baptism by Triune Immersion since the first Baptism in Central Zion Tabernacle on March 14, 1897:

Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle from March 14, 1897, to December 14, 1900, by the General Overseer.	4339	
Baptized by Elders, Evangelists and Deacons.	1769	6108
Total Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle		
Baptized in places outside of Chicago by the General Overseer	383	
Baptized in places outside of Chicago by Elders, Evangelists and Deacons	2297	2680
Total Baptized outside of Chicago		
Total Baptized in three years and nine months		8788
Baptized since December 14, 1900:		
Baptized in England by the General Overseer	89	
Baptized in Massachusetts by the General Overseer	32	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Overseer Piper	116	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder McClurkin	35	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Deacon Kessler	9	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Fockler	29	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Stith	5	194
Baptized in British Columbia by Elder Simmons		
Baptized in California by Elder Taylor	7	
Baptized in Michigan by Elder Kennedy	6	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder Bouck	4	
Baptized in Ohio by Overseer Mason	1	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder Voliva	2	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder Voliva	11	
Baptized in Oregon by Elder Ernst	3	155 349
Total Baptized since March 14, 1897		9137

The following-named thirty-two believers were baptized by the General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, in the Morning Star Baptist Church, corner Church, Winchester and Piedmont Streets, Boston, Massachusetts, Tuesday morning, January 14, 1901:

Andrews, Miss Sarah T.	South Carver, Massachusetts
Arnold, Mrs. Matilda	Shawomet, Rhode Island
Arnold, Maurice J.	Shawomet, Rhode Island
Bailey, Mrs. Alzina A.	Westboro, Massachusetts
Ball, Henry	Westboro, Massachusetts
Beebe, M. Esther	81 Worcester Street, Boston, Massachusetts
Brown, Mrs. Mary A.	Norwood, Rhode Island
Gill, Mrs. Maria	301 Columbus Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts
Green, Mrs. Mary S.	Auburn, Rhode Island
Harding, Mrs. Hattie	62 Laurel Street, Fitchburg, Massachusetts
Hersey, Mrs. Maud W.	Auburn, Rhode Island
Higginbotham, J.	Brighton, Massachusetts
MacLellan, Elizabeth	81 Worcester Street, Boston, Massachusetts
Moore, Mrs. Edith G.	64 Clarkson Street, Brooklyn, New York
Morrill, Florence M.	3 Second Street, Cliftondale, Massachusetts
Morrill, Gilman S.	Cliftondale, Massachusetts
Morrill, Hazel L.	Cliftondale, Massachusetts
Morrill, Phebe J.	Cliftondale, Massachusetts
Phillamore, Daisy	Ash Street, Cliftondale, Massachusetts
Phillamore, Rose	Ash Street, Cliftondale, Massachusetts
Phillamore, William A.	Ash Street, Cliftondale, Massachusetts
Rideout, Nicholas B.	148 Linden Street, Everett, Massachusetts
Sharp, Alexander D.	East Pepperell, Massachusetts
Sharp, Mrs. Flora E.	East Pepperell, Massachusetts
Sharp, Mrs. Mary A.	East Pepperell, Massachusetts
Smith, Daniel C.	1922 Columbus Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts
Smith, Daniel Stewart	1922 Columbus Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts
Steeves, Miss Cynthia	81 Worcester Street, Boston, Massachusetts
Weathers, Edith R.	12 Summer Street, Charlestown, Massachusetts
Weathers, Elbert A.	12 Summer Street, Charlestown, Massachusetts
Wilson, Mrs. R. B.	Hartford, Connecticut
Wood, Mrs. Annie G.	33 Ciesenden Street, Boston, Massachusetts

The following-named fifteen believers were baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle, Wednesday evening, January 23, 1901, by Elder C. B. Fockler:

Berchtold, Mrs. Emma	3146 Shields Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Cook, Mrs. Clara	3501 Irving Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Coppings, Mrs. Mary E.	Elkhorn, Wisconsin
Hanson, Detlif.	6042 Justin Street, Chicago, Illinois
Hathaway, William N.	Grant Park, Illinois
Kash, John	361 Orchard Street, Chicago, Illinois
Kettell, Mrs. Albertina R.	75 Winthrop Street, New Britain, Connecticut
Kuri, Kew.	68 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois
Ladenberger, Frank	Hoisington, Kansas
McCordic, Clare	1343 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Meyer, Henry	Zion City, Illinois
Olling, Mrs. K.	5948 Throop Street, Chicago, Illinois
Ott, Miss Ethel M.	Veneseo, Illinois
Storey, Mrs. Agnes A.	Monte Vista, Colorado
Yoder, Menno J.	Elkhart, Indiana

ZION'S BIBLE CLASS.

CONDUCTED BY DEACON DANIEL SLOAN.

MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS LESSON, FEBRUARY 13th or 14th.

God Is No Respector of Persons.

- He made all alike.*—Acts 17:24-28. God is the Father of every spirit. Every being is constrained to seek God. Every power in our nature is God-given.
- He loves all alike.*—John 3:14-17. God does not hate anybody. God does not want any one to die. He wants every person to be saved.
- He calls all alike.*—Acts 17:29-31. God calls first of all to Repentance. God calls men to escape judgment. God calls persons to forsake idolatry.
- He has mercy for all alike.*—Romans 10:5-12. He is not afar off from any one. His Word is the revelation of His mercy. Riches of mercy is offered those who seek Him.
- He saves all alike.*—1 Timothy 2:3-7. He saves from sin. He saves from ignorance. He saves from enmity.
- He blesses all alike.*—Matthew 5:2-12. He has wealth for the poor. He has joy for the sad. He has honor for the lowly.
- He heals all alike.*—Acts 10:34-43. He cannot heal those who will not forsake sin. Neither can He heal those who will not do good. He does heal all seeking to know Him in faith.
- He bestows His Spirit on all alike.*—Acts 2:15-21. He gives His Holy Spirit to those who ask Him. He gives His Holy Spirit to those who obey Him. He gives His Holy Spirit to those who serve Him.
- He rewards all alike.*—Psalm 126:1-6. Those who sow incorruptible seed, will reap. The precious seed when sown will grow. The song of redemption precedes the harvest song.
- He judges all alike.*—Romans 14:7-13. The judgment of the Cross is where sin is condemned. At the Judgment Seat of Christ rewards are fixed. Before the Great White Throne destinies are settled. *The Lord Our God is an Impartial God.*

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS LESSON, FEBRUARY 17th.

Restoring Grace and Mercy.

- Restoration follows repentance and confession of sin.*—Psalm 51:10-17. So many are unclean in thought and desire. So many live in vales of sadness. So few are filled with the power of godliness.
- Restoration is the work of Christ unto greater righteousness.*—Psalm 23:1-4. Christ wants us to be contented. He wants us to be calm in mind. He wants us to be in perfect fellowship with Himself.
- Restoration is based in incentive on the holiness of Christ.*—Revelation 3:7-13. We should be holy because He is holy. Christ wants us without rebuke. We ought to be invincible in our lives.
- Restoration means a return of the revivifying power of the Holy Spirit.*—Zechariah 10:1-4. God's time to give His Spirit is now. God's time to scatter gloom is now. God's time to show His word of power is now.
- Restoration will come after deep hunger and longing for it.*—Isaiah 44:1-8. God can do nothing when fear fills us. Wavering faith is not likely to get refreshing from God. When watered, one is sure to grow into fruitfulness.
- Restoration gives great light on prophecy and future events.*—Proverbs 1:20-23. People are so ignorant of God's ways. The Bible has so little effect on most lives. We will understand it, when we read it, if we have His Spirit.
- Restoration gives great faith in final restitution.*—Acts 3:19-26. Jesus is not coming back to suffer on the cross again. Present salvation must be enjoyed before future salvation will be realized. God will be satisfied in the work of redemption as He was in creation. *God's Holy People are a Restored People.*

Deacon Sloan has resumed the teaching of Zion's Bible Class Lesson in Zion Hall of Seventies, Sabbath Days from 1:30 to 2:30 o'clock. Members of Zion, for personal growth and Seventy work, as well as preparation for conducting Cottage Prayer Meetings, are urged to regularly attend his class; also to prayerfully follow in study these lessons each week, which are covering such a wide range of Bible truth and Scripture knowledge, vital to Holy Living and a right understanding of the relations of life.

He sendeth His word  and healeth them.

# LEAVES OF HEALING

I am the Lord that healeth thee. And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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## GOD'S WITNESSES TO DIVINE HEALING.

HEALED AFTER YEARS OF SUFFERING FROM MANY DISEASES.

**A**S MANY AS TOUCHED WERE MADE WHOLE. This Witness tells a Story of terrible suffering from disease.

She experienced the utter failure of human means. Her life was ebbing away in darkness and despair. An attack of the grip, during the blighting epidemic of 1890, left her with an internal disease.

Drugs and treatments made her worse.

Complications set in.

From this time on, for several years her life consisted of terrific struggles to comparative health, only to be plunged again into an agony of torture.

She was afflicted with diseases of the womb, kidneys, liver and bladder.

Words cannot describe her sufferings

Such is the dark side of her Story.

Praise God, there is a bright side!

His Divine Light came into her life and all the darkness fled away.

That Light was brought into her home by a student in the Moody Bible Institute.

He told her of the work of God's servant in Zion, the General Overseer.

With joy she heard the Message.

Eagerly she sought out the

"Little Wooden Hut," Zion Tabernacle No. 1. There she heard from Mrs. Dowie's lips the wonderful Message of God's love, His power, His willingness to heal.

Prayer was made for her, and she received a blessing according to her faith. But her faith was weak. "Faith cometh of hearing," and she had heard but little.

In the fearful struggle between doubt and faith which followed, faith came off victorious.

Then, throwing aside all human means and consecrating herself fully to God, she sought Him for Healing.

She had met His conditions.

He fulfilled His promise.

She was perfectly healed.

Every vestige of the disease which for so many years had made her life a burden was removed.

With her heart full of joy, she went forth to tell the wonderful Story to her brethren in the Baptist Church.

She thought they would rejoice with her over God's great goodness

To her astonishment, her Story called forth not smiles of gladness, but black looks; not praises to God, but ugly whispers of doubt

Her husband also told the Story with thanksgiving in the



MRS SUSIE PELTON.



Baptist Church, of which he was a member. The pastor and deacons threatened to lock the doors of the church building against him.

The same spirit was in them that made the rabbis cast the man healed of blindness out of the Temple.

It was the same spirit that finally led the high dignitaries of the Jewish Church to demand the crucifixion of Jesus, the Divine Son of God.

But all their rage was impotent. Jewish rabbis could not stop the onward march of Divine truth.

Jesus is still the Saviour, Healer, Cleanser and Keeper, although they murdered Him and cast out those whom He healed.

He is the same today, although Baptist ministers and deacons in jealous fury turn His Witnesses out of their churches.

Howl on, then, ye who deny your Lord!

His Witnesses will still tell the blessed Story.

They do not fear your threatenings.

They know that "the Lord hath founded Zion, and in her shall the afflicted of His people take refuge."

Thousands and tens of thousands have thus taken refuge in Zion.

Zion rejoices in their deliverance.

She gladly sends their stories to the ends of the earth on the spotless wings of the Little White Dove.

May God bless this Story to thousands of His people.

May they find in Zion a refuge from their sins, their sicknesses, their sorrows.

A. W. N.

#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF MRS. SUSIE PELTON.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, January 5, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—For some time I have felt that I should like to write and tell what the Lord has done for me.

It will soon be six years since I was healed through faith in Jesus.

In the spring of 1890, I was taken with what the doctors called the grip.

For three weeks I was unable to lie down, because of the intense pain around my heart. Along with this, there were other diseases more painful.

I had inflammation of the bladder, kidney trouble, also ulcers of the womb, and dyspepsia, so I could not remain in a room where meat was being fried.

After I had been treated by a physician for some time, he told me there was no medicine which would help me; that I would have to undergo an operation of some kind before I could receive any benefit.

With this fact staring me in the face, I left his office, disgusted with doctors.

I was next advised to get an electric belt. This I wore for nearly a year, but received no benefit from it.

I was still taking medicine.

The more I took, the worse I became. I finally said I would take no more, and taking up the bottles, I threw them all into the street.

For six weeks I suffered intense pain, but when the weather settled, having a strong constitution, I became, as I thought, pretty well.

I was left, however, with a constant pain in the right side of my abdomen.

In the fall of the same year I was taken sick again, although not bed-fast.

I kept getting weaker and weaker.

I went to another physician, who told me the same as the first (this was in Independence, Iowa). The last doctor mentioned was our family doctor. He said, "There is no use taking anything; you will have to have an operation."

He gave me a wash to use, but said it would only keep me from getting clear down.

I had always been so well and strong previous to that year, I thought they were looking for the money, and not to help me.

I would not consent to an operation.

Although I gained in strength, I was far from being well.

In the fall of 1891 I came to Chicago, in October.

I consulted Dr. Davis. He was then located on the corner of Western Avenue and Van Buren Street.

He said that nothing but an operation would benefit me.

He prescribed for me, nevertheless. I received no help from this.

I was always tired, and so nervous I could not stand the least noise.

I had failed so in flesh that in the spring of 1892 I only weighed 121 pounds, my average weight being 145 to 150 pounds since I was sixteen years old.

I was sick most of the time during the summer of 1892, but during the winter felt quite well, and gained considerably.

I was married in March, 1893. My health continued to be about the same until March, 1894.

Then I began to fail again.

We consulted with Dr. Camp, of Englewood.

My body was so full of disease that nearly every organ was out of order.

He treated me twice a week for some time.

He told me that I had catarrh of the womb; that my liver, kidneys and bladder were in a very bad condition.

I finally had to take my bed, and typhoid-malaria set in.

For five weeks I never expected to again get well.

Words can never express the awful pain I suffered; such excruciating pain in my back.

It was during this sickness that Divine Healing was brought to our notice.

C. W. Safford, a student in the Moody Bible Institute, told me of you and your work, and how a Mrs. Henderson had been instantly healed of internal diseases, and that God was wonderfully using you in the Salvation and Healing of scores of people.

We said we would give up medicine, then ask God to give me strength to go over and hear you.

Mrs. Dowie took charge of the meeting the day we went.

At the close I went into the prayer room.

I had received but very little teaching, and believe I was only trying God, instead of trusting.

However, when you laid your hands on me and prayed, I received a blessing.

That night, what a fight we had with the Devil!

What agony I suffered!

We wrestled until ten minutes of five in the morning.

Then I said, "Father, give me rest."

I fell asleep and slept until 8 o'clock.

When I awoke, I felt so well I got up and dressed myself.

Many called that day, and each one told me what was used when she was sick. They recommended many things, talked a great deal, and for a long time. They thought to do me good, but instead I became nervous, my pain came back and I had to excuse myself and lie down.

We had another battle that night, worse than before.

I was in such pain I could not pray.

My husband thought Divine Healing was not for us.

I took morphine to quiet me.

This time it took twice as much to deaden the pain.

I grew rapidly worse.

We went back to medicine, although every chance I got, when alone, I would not take it.

On the 6th of January, 1895, I dressed myself, and sat up part of the day, for the first time in nearly two months.

I again stopped taking the medicine entirely.

When the doctor came that evening, he was surprised to see me up; for he had left strict orders for me not to even sit up in bed.

I became stronger and was quite well as far as the fever was concerned, but my internal diseases were not gone.

In March I began to come down again, starting with malaria, as before.

I had taken my bed, and for three days had taken no nourishment whatever. I could not keep a spoonful of water on my stomach.

My dear husband came home from Sunday School, feeling very blue because of my condition.

I had a high fever and was feeling very much worse.

I said to him, "I can stand it no longer. Something must be done."

He asked me if we should pray or go for a doctor.

I said, "We will pray."

He prayed for me, and instantly God heard.

In less than two minutes I was perspiring quite freely and felt well.

I ate a large baked potato with great relish.

A short time after that I was healed of all my internal diseases.

Bless God, I was also healed of a severe form of gastric colic.

Last week I was wonderfully healed of the grip.

We give God all the glory, through Jesus' Name.

We were members of the Baptist Church at the time of my healing.

Some of them even denied my sickness as being what I have described. They became angry when I would tell of it. Some refused to speak.

My husband was the President of the Young People's Society, and had announced three subjects for study: "Christian Baptism," "Second Coming of Christ," and "What the Bible Teaches on Divine Healing." The

pastor, C. R. Betts, called a meeting of the Board of Deacons, of which my husband was one, and brought him before them.

After some hours' discussion, they decided to lock the church doors.

The following Wednesday evening they called another meeting, and tried to persuade him to drop the lessons.

When they found he was firm, one shook his fist in his face and said, "We will lock the church."

He told them they could not keep him from teaching Bible truths, and handed them a letter telling them to drop his name from the roll.

That same evening God sanctioned his action, by saving my brother and his wife in our home.

We did as God's Word commanded, and joined the Christian Catholic Church, December 3, 1899.

We were baptized by Triune Immersion December 10th.

We thank God for all His blessings to us and for sending such a fearless and godly man to teach us the Full and Everlasting Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We praise God for such a Saviour, Healer and Keeper.

I thank God for bringing me into Zion.

Thanking you for your prayers and teaching, and praying God will spare you and Mrs. Dowie to us for many years, I remain.

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) SUSIE PELTON.

### W. W. PELTON CONFIRMS HIS WIFE'S TESTIMONY.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, January 5, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I desire to add that my wife's testimony is true. The half has not been told.

We are grateful to God that in our time of trial and suffering He heard us and gave us deliverance.

We never so realized His love before. We cannot help but trust Him. Neither did we realize the condition of the Church until they so bitterly opposed His Word and denied me the privilege of conducting a Bible study on Divine Healing in the B. Y. P. U., of which I was President.

Our own Pastor came to the meeting, tried to break it up, and ordered me from the platform.

But we held the meeting, which proved a great blessing.

Many received the truth and are now rejoicing in Zion in a Full Salvation.

There have been eight of the Sunday School teachers from this same Church who have united with the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

Your Brother in Christ,

W. W. PELTON.

### Healed of Inflammation of the Stomach and Bowels in Answer to Prayer at the All-Night Meeting.

PARROTT, OHIO, January 8, 1901.

OVERSEER W. H. PIPER.

Dear Brother in Christ:—On December 29th my husband wrote, requesting you to pray for me, as I was very sick.

We received a letter saying that you had remembered me at the All-Night Meeting with God.

After sending request, I rapidly grew worse.

The grip came on and a very high fever with it.

As evening came on, my suffering increased until I was obliged to retire.

Then I knew that inflammation of the stomach and bowels had set in. My faith never wavered, as I knew that my Father would deliver.

Severe purging kept up all Saturday night, also all day Sunday.

Quite late in the evening God heard and answered our prayers for that, but I continued in great pain until Overseer Piper prayed for me at the "All-Night With God."

I slept well and all pain left. I suffered no more.

I sat up all day, except a few minutes' rest.

I thank you for praying for me and give God all the glory.

If I had been trusting in human aid, I would have been sick for two or three weeks.

May these words be used for God.

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) EDITH N. THOMPSON.

### Healed of Sores in Head in Answer to Prayer.

MONTREAL, CANADA, January 8, 1901.

OVERSEER W. H. PIPER.

Dear Brother in Christ:—Yours of the 2d was received today. I can answer with thanksgiving and praise to God that I am healed of the sores in my head, and my heart trouble is nearly all gone.

I thank you, dear brother, for your prayers.

God bless Zion.

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) E. BERRYMAN.

## DO YOU KNOW GOD'S WAY OF HEALING?

BY THE REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

Let it be supposed that the following words are a conversation between the reader [A] and the writer [B].

A. What does this question mean? Do you really suppose that God has some one especial way of healing in these days of which men may know and avail themselves?

B. That is exactly my meaning, and I wish very much that you should know God's Way of Healing, as I have done for many years.

A. What is the way, in your opinion?

B. You should rather ask, WHO is God's Way? for the Way is a Person, not a thing.

I will answer your question in His own words, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; no one cometh unto the Father, but by Me." These words were spoken by our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, who is both our Saviour and our Healer. (John 14:6.)

A. But I always thought that these words only referred to Him as the Way of Salvation. How can you be sure that they refer to Him as the Way of Healing also?

B. Because He cannot change. He is "the same yesterday and today, yea and forever." (Hebrews 13:8.) He said that He came to this earth not only to save us but to heal us (Luke 4:18), and He did this when in the flesh on earth. Being unchanged, He must be able and willing and desirous to heal now.

A. But is there not this difference, namely, that He is not with us now?

B. No; for He said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world"; and so He is with us now, in Spirit, just as much as when He was here in the flesh.

A. But did He not work these miracles of healing when on earth merely to prove that He was the Son of God?

B. No; there was still a greater purpose than that. He healed the sick who trusted in Him in order to show us that He came to die not only for our sins, but for our sicknesses, and to deliver us from both.

A. Then, if that is so, the atonement which He made on the Cross must have been for our sicknesses as well as our sins. Can you prove that is the fact from the Scriptures?

B. Yes, I can, and the passages are very numerous. I need quote two only. In Isaiah 53:4, 5, it is written of Him, "Surely He hath borne our griefs (Hebrew *sicknesses*), and carried our sorrows; . . . and with His stripes we are healed." Then in the Gospel according to Matthew, this passage is quoted and directly applied to the work of bodily healing in chapter 8, 17th verse. "That might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our diseases."

A. But do you not think that sickness is often God's will, and sent for our good, and therefore God may not wish us to be healed?

B. No, that cannot possibly be; for diseases of every kind are the Devil's work, and his work can never be God's will, since Christ came for the very purpose of destroying "the work of the Devil." (1 John 3:8.)

A. Do you mean to say that all disease is the work of Satan?

B. Yes, for if there had been no sin (which came through Satan) there never would have been any disease, and Jesus never in one single instance told any person that sickness was God's work or will, but the very contrary.

A. Can you prove from Scripture that all forms of sickness and infirmity are the Devil's work?

B. Yes, that can be done very easily. You will see in Matthew 4:23 and 9:35 that when Jesus was here in the flesh, He healed "all manner of disease and all manner of sickness among the people." Then if you will refer to Acts 10:38 you will see that the Apostle Peter declares that He [Jesus] went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the Devil." Notice that all whom He healed, not some, were suffering from Satan's evil power.

A. But does disease never come from God?

B. No, it cannot come from God, for He is pure, and disease is unclean; and it cannot come out of Heaven, for there is no disease there.

A. That is very different from the teachings which I have received all my life from ministers and the churches. Do you really think that you are right, and that they are all wrong in this matter?

B. It is not a question as between myself and them. The only question is, What does God's Word say? God has said in all the ages to His Church, "I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26), and therefore it would be wicked to say that He is the defiler of His people. All true Christians must believe the Bible, and it is impossible to believe that good and evil, sickness and health, sin and holiness could have a common origin in God. If the Bible really taught that, it would be impossible to believe our Lord Jesus Christ when He says, "A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit." (Matthew 7:18.)

A. Yet even if I agree with all you say, is it not true that the Gifts of Healing were removed from the Church, and are not in now?

B. No, the "Gifts of Healing" were never withdrawn, and can never be withdrawn, from the true Church of God: for it is written, "The gifts and the calling of God are without repentance." (Romans 11:29.) There are nine gifts of God to the Church (enumerated in 1 Corinthians, 12:8 to 11), and all these are in the Holy Spirit. Therefore, so long as the Holy Spirit is in the Church, all the gifts must be there also. It is true that some of those gifts does not prove that they do not exist, but that the faith to exercise them is lacking in God's servants. The gifts are all perfectly preserved; for the Holy Spirit, not the Church, keeps them safe.

A. What should a Christian then do when overtaken with sickness?

B. A Christian should obey God's command, and at once turn to Him for forgiveness of the sin which may have caused the sickness, and for immediate healing. Healing is obtained from God in one of four ways, namely: First, by the direct prayer of faith, without any aid from the officers of the Church, praying as the Centurion did in Matthew 8:5 to 12; second, by two faithful disciples praying in perfect agreement, in accordance with the Lord's promise in Matthew 18:19; third, by the anointing of the elders and the prayer of faith, according to the instructions in James 5:14 and 15; and fourth, by the laying on of the hands of them who believe, and whom God calls to that ministry, as the Lord commands in Mark 16:18, and in other places.

A. But are people healed in this way in these days?

B. Yes, in thousands of cases. I have myself laid hands upon many hundreds of thousands of persons, and I have seen the Lord's power manifested in the healing of great numbers, many of whom are living witnesses in many countries, who have testified publicly before thousands, and who are prepared to testify at any time. This ministry is being exercised by devoted Christians in many parts of America, Europe, Australasia and elsewhere.

A. Is it not the same as Christian Science, Mind Healing, etc.?

B. No. Divine Healing is diametrically opposed to these diabolical counterfeits, which are utter anti-Christian. These impostures are only a more refined form of spiritualism, or Spiritualism is a more recent form of this delusion, and a deceptive many.

A. But how shall I obtain the necessary faith to receive healing, which faith I am at present conscious I do not possess?

B. It is written, "Belief cometh of hearing, and hearing by the Word of Christ." (Romans 10:17.) Our Missions are held for the express purpose of teaching fully the Word of God, and thus enabling you to believe and to attend the meetings which are announced for Zion Tabernacle. All are welcome and there are no charges of any kind made, for all God's gifts are free gifts. Salvation is the first of these, without which you cannot be healed through faith in Jesus. All the costs of this work are covered by the free-will offerings of the people who attend these meetings, and others whom the Lord leads to help; but the poorest who have nothing to give are as heartily welcome as the richest.

A. Do you see the sick and lay hands upon them in this Mission?

B. Yes; after we feel satisfied that they are fully resting in the Lord alone for the healing, we see privately, so far as time permits, those who attend; but under no circumstances do we claim the power to heal any; for "power belongeth unto God."

A. Have you any writings upon this subject which can be purchased?

B. Yes; these can be obtained at the office of Zion Publishing House, 1207 Michigan Avenue, or Zion Tabernacle, 1621-1633 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill. But the best book on Divine Healing is the Bible itself, studied prayerfully and earnestly.

We extend to you a hearty invitation to attend the meetings, which are free to all. Our prayer is that you may be led to find in Jesus Christ our Lord and God, your present Saviour from sin, your Healer from sickness, your Cleanser from all evil, your Keeper in the way to Heaven, your Friend for Time and Eternity. We pray that these words may help many who read, and that our little conversation may bear fruit in leading many readers to look to Jesus only.

"The Healing of Christ's seamless dress  
Is by all beds of pain;  
We touch Him in life's throng and press,  
And we are whole again."



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### "ARISE YE!"

"LET US go up to Zion  
 Unto the Lord our God."

WE TAKE our seat once more in our editorial chair, with thanksgiving and praise unto God for all the way in which He has led us.

With great delight we once more address our readers throughout all the world in these brief Editorial Notes.

IT IS JUST three weeks since we returned from our Mission in Europe.

During that period we have been busy with the almost innumerable details of our office as General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, both private and public, and especially the former.

IN OUR PUBLIC ministrations we have had the joy of speaking, during these twenty-one days, to audiences of at least thirty-thousand persons in the aggregate.

No words can express our gratitude to God, and to our dear people, and to the thousands and tens of thousands of our friends outside of Zion who have cordially welcomed us on every occasion of our public appearance.

WE ALSO rejoice that God has blessed these ministrations.

Letters have poured in upon us from all sides, showing that the Holy Spirit is leading many to repentance of past transgressions, and to earnest desire to confess and restore to their fellowmen whom they have wronged, as well as unto God.

Large numbers of critical so-called Christians have written desiring forgiveness for many bitter criticisms of the past, and have testified that they have found Salvation and Healing and Holy Living through our ministry.

All these things have brought much joy to our heart, and given us much occasion for praise to God.

BUT OUR principal work has been in private.

We have toiled night and day in long interviews with officers in all departments of Zion, in special instructions and acts of care for the Institutions of Zion City, and for the financing of large undertakings connected therewith.

In addition to all this we have paid considerable attention to our vast correspondence, which continually threatens to overwhelm us, and in the almost literally thousand and one details of administration of the Institutions of Zion in Chicago, and in the oversight of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion throughout the world.

Besides all these, we have to attend to the study of the Word of God, to prayer, and to a wide range of reading, for which we have increasing opportunity through the large additions we have recently made to our private library.

WITHIN THE LAST few days we have had the joy of taking a Great Upward Step in the acquisition of the land which we purchased under contract a year ago for Zion City.

We have the pleasure to announce that on February 1st we paid to the owners of the land over One Hundred Thousand Dollars, and that on that day we acquired the title to five hundred acres, making now in all One Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy-Five acres of which we have full legal possession.

IT WILL BE SEEN, therefore, that we have secured within one year and one month the fee simple of One-Fourth of the Entire

Area of the Six Thousand Five Hundred acres, which we contracted to purchase a year ago for the Site of Zion City.

THE ACQUISITION of this large tract, therefore, of two and one-half square miles out of the ten, calls for our gratitude to God, and to all who have coöperated with us.

The land thus acquired comprises the entire two and one-half miles frontage on Lake Michigan, and the greater part of the land required for the future manufacturing districts of the City, the whole of Zion Temple Site and its immediate surroundings, etc.

In short, we have now secured title to the most costly and valuable portions of all the land.

THE LARGE PAYMENTS which have been made in accordance with the contract, will now make the acquisition of the title of the remainder much easier, and we propose, God helping us, with the aid of our friends, to clear the title to all the remainder of the land, at the rate of about a thousand acres a month.

By midsummer of this year we shall hope to be able to say that we possess title to every inch of the six thousand five hundred acres, or that we are in a position to possess that title.

WE THEREFORE ask all our friends, far and near, to pray earnestly for the accomplishment of this most desirable end.

Let all who are able help us to the utmost extent of their power, by taking up rapidly the stock of Zion Land and Investment Association.

The acquisition of that stock will entitle them to many privileges if they wish to use it in purchasing lots.

The stock in itself has also become very valuable.

A day will come, we believe, in the not distant future, when Zion stocks will all be at a premium: for the issues will be limited.

We are still pursuing the policy that we have from the beginning, of endeavoring to keep the whole of the stock, and the possession of the land, in the hands of those who are in full sympathy with Zion, and especially in the hands of those who are likely to become citizens of Zion City.

At the same time we do not refuse to sell stock to those who are friendly to Zion, and will cordially agree with the terms on which it is sold.

The advantage of our early completion of the land purchase in the extension of the Kingdom of God, the rapid upbuilding of Zion City Temple, Zion Colleges and Schools, and Institutions of every kind is very apparent.

And the advantage to those who invest is very great, inasmuch as the money will all be kept circulating in and around Zion City, and interest and profits will not be sent away for investment in distant lands, and for ungodly purposes.

All that we make as profits out of the land will, in one form or another, be spent in such a way as to constantly increase the value of every purchaser's holdings.

THE RESPONSE to our Appeal in our discourse of this issue, "LET US GO UP TO ZION" (pages 498-501), has been very prompt, and encourages us to believe that before the spring is well advanced, we shall have all we require.

We therefore again impress upon our readers who are in Zion, and all our friends who are interested in Zion, to get into immediate communication with Zion Land and Investment Association and secure the advantages which investment will now bring.

MUCH ATTENTION has also been given by us since our return to the Establishment of the many Industries which are now arising, and to others which are in contemplation, in Zion City.

THE LAST PARTY of our Experts for Zion Lace Industries has arrived from England, and the whole company, for the most part with their wives and families, is now in Chicago.

The draftsmen are already at work in their department, and the managers are making final preparations for the shipping of the machinery to the temporary premises erected at Zion City.

But the weather is much against us, for, at this writing, the thermometer is at zero.

The whole site is lying under a deep shroud of pure white snow, in the firm grip of a very cold winter.

Still many things are in progress, and much quiet activity is going on.

We hope, ere the summer opens, to see Zion Lace a finished product, ready for sale.

We have already eager competitors amongst wholesale purchasers of lace for every yard that we can manufacture for some time to come.

We have in the United States alone a market for scores of millions of dollars' worth of lace every year, and it is a constantly increasing market.

Of course a great amount of work has yet to be done before we can get the factory in full running order, and the severity of the winter is very much against our settling Zion Lace Workers in the large and commodious Home which has been already prepared for them, and in various houses which have been taken for their accommodation on Zion City Site and its neighborhood.

READERS OF THE COMING CITY will remember the very flattering article quoted from *The Economist*, which appeared in the last issue of that paper, telling of how our operations had enhanced the values of all land in the neighborhood of Zion City.

It is very apparent that soon there will not be an unoccupied house in the entire neighborhood.

More than a hundred persons are now settled on the land in various capacities, and more than a hundred and fifty are ready to go out the moment that the weather becomes fine.

In fact, there is every probability, within a few weeks, of the first five hundred residents being very busily engaged in preparations for the coming spring and summer.

WE HAVE received applications for stock in a number of new enterprises which are about to be launched, such as ZION GENERAL STORES, which will, no doubt, in days to come, be conducted on a very vast scale.

ZION LUMBER ASSOCIATION is also about to be launched and has already a footing, in a preliminary way, for we have established our first lumber yard in Zion City under the management of Mr. John Johnson.

Other Industries and enterprises are likely to be entered upon very soon.

WE HAVE BEGUN to reorganize the whole Business Staff of Zion, in view of the immense expansion which has already taken place, and of that still greater expansion which is in sight.

We have, therefore, to record officially, in these Notes, some of the more important appointments for the information of all concerned.

DEACON CHARLES J. BARNARD, hitherto Cashier of Zion City Bank, has been promoted to the office of Manager of Zion City Bank, and, in addition, has been placed at the head of a New Financial Department, under the title of GENERAL FINANCIAL MANAGER OF ALL ZION INSTITUTIONS.

This great Department will, under our personal direction, be in absolute control, financially, of all the various Industries

and Institutions for which we are responsible, and will super-  
vide all expenditures, upon properly certified requisitions.

It will also control the income, under our direction, of all  
Zion Departments, both ecclesiastical and business; and, in  
short, it will be the Clearing House for Zion, and relieve us of  
an immense amount of detail which we have hitherto directed  
from our personal office.

The responsible direction, of course, will still remain with  
us; but the methods of organization which we have adopted  
will enable us to see at a glance, every week, the exact financial  
condition of all Zion's Enterprises, and reduce our personal  
labor in this matter to its minimum consistent with a proper  
discharge of our responsibilities to God, and to our investors,  
and to the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

DEACON WILLIAM S. PECKHAM, hitherto Assistant Cashier,  
has been promoted to Cashier of Zion City Bank, and will be  
the immediate executive head of that great and growing Insti-  
tution, which "*within twenty-two months has increased its business  
more than sixty-one times,*" an almost unprecedented but steady  
and constant growth.

The confidence of our friends, far and near, in Zion City  
Bank has grown with the weeks and months and years, and we  
do not doubt that, under the combined skilful management of  
Deacons Barnard and Peckham, Zion City Bank will, ere long,  
take a very high place among the Financial Institutions of the  
United States of America.

The day will come when Zion City Bank will have its Branch  
Offices on every Continent.

A VERY IMPORTANT Auditing Department is being organized,  
and will be maintained in a high state of efficiency, so that  
*leakages* and *extravagances* of every kind will, it is hoped, be  
prevented, and accounts be kept in a thoroughly effective  
manner

DEACON RICHARD H. HARPER, B. A., a brother of very great  
capacity, has been appointed Superintendent of Construction  
for Zion City. He has already entered upon his work, and is  
now organizing his staff.

He will have charge of the Construction of all the works  
designed by Zion City's Engineering and Architectural Depart-  
ments.

We have had for a number of years many opportunities of  
judging of the value of this Deacon's work; for he has been a  
Superintendent of Reconstruction in connection with all the  
Zion Institutions in Chicago, and we have found that he pos-  
sesses a truly great capacity, although, like some other great  
people, he is not very large of stature.

WERE I so tall to reach the pole?  
Or mete the Ocean with a span?  
I must be measured by my soul:  
The mind's the measure of the man.

DOUBTLESS our readers will recognize these four lines which  
we have just quoted as the reply of the famous Dr. Isaac Watt  
to the loud whisper of a titled lady, who remarked, "What a  
little man?"

Lady Huntington shortly afterwards introduced the aston-  
ished aristocrat to the famous Christian poet, and he, with his  
usual wit, improvised the stanza.

And so it stands, a comfort forever to little men and women  
who have to undertake great things.

MUCH ATTENTION has been given by us to the coming  
changes in the large building which we have purchased in

Chicago known as ZION HOME, where our Headquarters Offices  
now are, at the corner of Twelfth Street and Michigan Avenue,  
which will be transformed into a ZION OFFICE BUILDING, God  
willing, on May 1, 1901.

The General Offices of Zion City Bank and Zion Land and  
Investment Association will occupy a splendid hall on the  
ground floor, which will be seventy-six and one-half feet north  
and south, and fifty-five feet east and west, and will include  
a large, comfortably furnished parlor for the accommodation  
of the customers of the Bank and Land and Investment Asso-  
ciation, while transacting business, etc.

Zion Lace Industries, with its beautiful samples, will  
occupy, in all probability, the large room on the upper floor,  
now occupied as a drawing-room, and the other Industries and  
offices will be suitably arranged for in the Building.

It will also be the official residence of ourselves and of the  
Overseers, Elders, Evangelists, Deacons and Deaconesses, and  
Heads of Departments engaged in the general work of the  
Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

In short, the whole Building will be a hive of Administra-  
tion Offices.

The work throughout the whole world demands every inch  
of space in that great Building, which is seven stories high, and  
has become so well known now to the citizens of Chicago by  
its conspicuous position near the Lake Front Park, on the  
finest Boulevard of the city.

It is believed that the moving of Zion City Bank and Zion  
Land and Investment Association to this better location will  
greatly increase the business of these Institutions.

WE ARE ALSO arranging for increased accommodation for  
Zion Printing Works, in view of the publication of THE ZION  
BANNER early in the spring, and also because of our ever-  
increasing business in the printing of LEAVES OF HEALING, A  
VOICE FROM ZION, and Zion Literature of every kind.

We shall also establish a department in Zion Printing  
Works for the jobbing work required by our large Zion busi-  
ness constituency.

BUT ALL THESE arrangements will only be temporary, for  
the time is fast approaching when we must begin the construc-  
tion of the future home for the many Departments of our  
large Printing and Publishing House in Zion City.

WE TRUST that our readers will emulate the good example  
of our friends at a recent Tuesday afternoon Divine Healing  
Meeting in Central Zion Tabernacle, attended by about a  
thousand persons.

When we mentioned the appeal which we were about to  
make to the readers of LEAVES OF HEALING to raise a fund of  
Forty Thousand Dollars for a new weekly paper to be called  
THE ZION BANNER, the people started from all parts of the  
house for the platform, each with at least Two Dollars in his  
hands, and some with Five, Ten and Twenty Dollars, without  
any appeal for them to do so.

Within a few minutes we had a considerable sum in our  
hands to start with, and it has been since increased.

But it will require *large gifts*, as well as small ones, from  
Zion's friends to enable us to get a plant and good start for  
THE ZION BANNER.

We trust that many of our forty thousand readers will feel  
the great importance of Zion Printing and send us special offer-  
ings for this great work.

We are now making investigations concerning the necessary  
machinery. We shall probably set up the new paper by type-  
setting machines.

Zion Printing Works and Zion Publishing House constitute



one of the most important Business Departments of Zion's Work. We rejoiced in Europe to hear, in every country to which we went, of the blessing which accompanied the weekly visit of the Little White Dove, LEAVES OF HEALING.

We still hope that some wealthy friend of Zion will be led of God to send us a very large sum for THE ZION BANNER Fund.

In any event, we ought to have no difficulty, within two or three months, in getting the Forty Thousand Dollars from our readers.

IN RESPONSE to many questions, we must say that we are not yet ready to publish any *prospectus* as to the form of THE ZION BANNER and its subscription price, much depending upon the result of our investigations as to the cost of plant, etc., and the result of this appeal to our readers for necessary funds.

We believe that, under God, this extension of Zion Printing Works will mean the planting of the Banner of Zion still more extensively in all parts of this land, and in every Continent throughout the world. We further believe that the doing of that means the Salvation, Healing and Cleansing of millions of sin-stricken, disease-smitten, and sorrow-laden sufferers in many nations.

WE ARE NOW taking steps to establish our first ZION ORPHANAGE, a number of orphans having come into our care, through our Zion Seventy Work, whom we cannot feel it right to hand over to unsatisfactory organizations established by state, church, chance or charity.

We believe that the time has come for us to begin this very important work, which, of course, will by and by have a large center in Zion City. Pure Religion demands the care of the Widow and the Fatherless by a Pure Church.

WE ARE also giving much attention to the question of providing, temporarily, for the great increase in the number of students who have come to study at ZION COLLEGE.

We are again literally crowded out, not only in College and School accommodation, but in the Zion College Homes, of which we now have four in Michigan Avenue, where students from a distance are boarded.

The cry is for more accommodation in every line, and the cost of providing this is very great in the City of Chicago.

We desire, of course, to be able to begin our Institutions at Zion City as quickly as possible; but, as every one knows, even after the land is thoroughly secured, it takes time, as well as money, to grade streets and to build and furnish the extensive buildings which will be necessary for the permanent housing of all these Institutions.

WE ARE looking forward to the Profits from the Sale of Zion City Land to enable us to do this, and many other things.

Meanwhile, we are giving much attention to the imperative necessity of providing for immediate needs.

There is every prospect that, ere this year ends, the number of students in the Ministerial Training and Preparatory Departments of Zion College will be more than doubled.

This imposes a very serious problem.

However, God has given us great joy in undertaking these many things, and if we occasionally suffer from *growing pains*, we do not feel it would be right for us to complain.

Zion grows like a Tree planted by the River of Life.

ZION HOME OF HOPE FOR ERRING WOMEN and Zion Working Girls' Home are both full to overflowing.

Glorious work is being done in these Institutions, the one for the reclamation of men, and the other for the prevention of, those miseries which, alas, are the work of the Devil, who is

ever ready, with the help of tens of thousands of demon-possessed human monsters, to drag woman down to nameless depths of sin, and shame, and crime.

Larger Homes for both these Institutions are urgently required.

We are leaving for Overseer Jane Dowie, and a very large staff of women helpers whom we are preparing to assist her, the inauguration of a very large movement for the betterment of women.

We expect her to return from Europe early in May, and a great Inauguration Demonstration is being arranged for in the Chicago Auditorium on May 26th, as we announced in our last issue.

ALL OVER AMERICA and the world, the cry for help is ringing in our ears continually—that old Macedonian Cry which Paul heard when in a vision he saw a man of Macedonia stretching out his hands across the sea, and crying, "Come over and help us."

From all the Continents of this earth, and from the Islands of the Seas, this cry is coming increasingly—"O, come and help us."

The waters of prejudice are everywhere abating, and our Little White Dove comes back to Zion from every land with a Branch, which shows that the Seed which she carried from Zion has been sown, and that above the dark waters of the awful Flood of Iniquity, the Tree of Life is growing.

THESE MANY employments for every moment of our time will give our distant readers, as well as near, some idea of the work that we have had to take up in these three weeks since our return from Europe, and of the work which lies before us.

It is a joyful work, and yet most arduous, and were it not that we know that it is God who leads us on, and that He will give us continually, by His Spirit, daily grace for daily needs, we should be overwhelmed; but we remember that—

"Day by day" the promise reads:  
Daily strength for daily needs.  
So we live exempt from care,  
By the energy of prayer.

THE DEEP-ABIDING consciousness that what we are doing is our Father's will, is that which sustains us.

Our little plannings in what our friends so often call our *great* City and Zion Movement, are but "little things" to God, our Omnipotent Father, when compared with the vast concerns of His Universal Empire.

We know that there is no burden in God, nor is there any burden to those who cast their burden on Him.

Hence, we Go Forward, doing His will.

AMONG THE recent developments of the work of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion has been the use made of Zion's Seventies, in the City of Chicago especially, as the leaders of nearly Three Hundred Cottage Meetings scattered through the whole of the vast area of the great city.

WHEN WE ordained Overseer John G. Speicher to the special Overseership of the Church in Chicago, shortly before our departure for Europe, we gave him the charge to make the utmost possible use of Zion's Seventies in gathering the people together in regular weekly meetings in every district of the city.

RIGHT WELL has he fulfilled this great charge.

In addition to a most extensive visitation covering the homes of hundreds and thousands of persons weekly in Chicago, we have the great joy of seeing these now well-trained

Zion's Seventies engaged in conducting hundreds of excellent little Gatherings for Praise and Prayer and Reading of God's Word, and for Testimony and for Teaching.

And so the work of grace is being deepened in the hearts of tens of thousands in Chicago, and the consecrated services of Zion College students and earnest Christian workers, led by faithful Elders, Evangelists, Deacons and Deaconesses, are producing far-reaching and abiding results.

The extension of this Zion Cottage Meeting system to other cities and lands is of course only a matter of time, and we trust that we shall soon be able to report not only great Gatherings in a few hundred Zion Tabernacles, but a glorious face-to-face work in the homes of the people, such as that which was undertaken by the Church in Pentecostal and Apostolic times.

WE READ that not only did the early Church continue daily and with "one accord in the Temple," but that they brake "bread from House to House, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favor with all the people."

RELIGION which finds expression only in great public services, no matter how glorious they may be, and does not get into the Homes of the People, is of very little power.

Temple Preaching, Tabernacle Preaching, Open-air Preaching and other kinds of Preaching is rendered far more effective if it is followed up by "House-to-House Teaching," where individual men and women are brought into direct contact with those whose feet God has already guided into the Way of Life and Light, and Love and Purity, and Peace and Power, through faith in Jesus Christ.

THIS SEEMS, also, to have been the practice of the Apostle Paul, since he said (Acts 20:20) in his address at Miletus to the Elders of the Church in Ephesus, "I shrank not from declaring unto you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly, and *from house to house*, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks Repentance toward God, and Faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ."

It is evident, therefore, that the Apostle preached not only publicly, but from "House to House."

We rejoice that is now the case in Zion, and that our beloved Zion's Seventies and officers are testifying to all "repentance toward God" as the foundation of a true faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

We rejoice to record the fact that God's work in this glorious department of Zion's activity is spreading rapidly.

We believe that we shall be able to announce in a very short time that Zion's Seventies are conducting a Thousand Cottage Meetings weekly in the City of Chicago alone.

THE DAY WILL soon come when every Zion Home will in effect be a Little Zion Tabernacle, where the friends and neighbors shall be invited to gather, at appointed times, in the Name of the Lord, to hear His glorious Word read and to hear many wonderful testimonies from the lips of humble people who can testify of their own knowledge that in Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, they have personally experienced that God is still the Saviour, Healer, Cleanser and Keeper of His people, in Spirit, in Soul and in Body.

WE ARE NOW reaping the fruits of years of patient Sowing and Preparation in Zion, and, by the Grace of God, we shall continue to reap and speedily garner into the Church multitudes from the streets and the lanes of all the great cities of the world.

HOW DIFFERENT is the condition of Chicago today, with hundreds upon hundreds of doors eagerly opening to Zion's Messengers, from what it was when we began the work, when not one door was open for Jesus Christ as the Saviour and Healer of His people in all the city!

HOW DIFFERENT is the work today than when our Little Wooden Hut, Zion Tabernacle No. 1, stood amidst a wilderness near the burnt fragments of the World's Fair in a practically abandoned district, where it was almost impossible to get, for some time, a larger congregation than from seven to seventy persons!

Contrast this with the teeming multitudes who thronged the Coliseum in Chicago at our Welcome Meeting three weeks ago tomorrow, when more than 12,000 people within and probably more than 20,000 people without desired to hear the Word of God from the lips of His Messenger in Zion.

WHEREUNTO will this grow?

Who can estimate what this work will be even two years hence, much less twenty or fifty years, should the Lord tarry?

THE DETAILS of the daily work of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion in Chicago alone would fill every column of this paper, and the details of the work, throughout the whole world, even in its present early stage, would every week fill the paper ten times over.

What will the future be, should we maintain only the same rate of increase?

By the Grace of God, we shall maintain that rate of growth, and shall even exceed it.

ZION IN CHICAGO is the crucial point in organized Christianity today.

It is here that the great Problems of Christian organization must be wrought out.

It is here, for the present, and for some time to come, that all the malice of the apostate churches will be directed to destroy, if that were possible, the work which God has so graciously planted in Zion.

It is here that hundreds, thousands, and tens of thousands of workers must be prepared and sent forth as Zion's Messengers to every land and every nation.

It is here that the great problem of a Christian Community, free from the curse of the Babel cities of the world, shall prove, in the establishment of Zion City, the possibility of Christians coöperating in Profitable Industries and in building up a clean Christian Commonwealth, where a joyous, free, holy, and happy life can be lived every day with God, in Christ, a life of which He alone is "the Alpha and the Omega."

IT IS IN THAT CITY that a great Temple must be erected where vast multitudes can continually hear the Everlasting Gospel, where the great services of a United Church may be carried out in solemn Acts of Adoring Worship, and in Services of Praise, Prayer, Consecration, Communion, Baptism, and Ordination, and the endowment of the prepared ones with the powers and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

IT IS HERE, in short, that the Great Battle must be fought which will prove that the Church of God can exist without the aid of the World, the Flesh and the Devil, where it can prepare its young children, by a Christian and practical education, in all the good arts and true sciences, to take their

# A VOICE TO ZION AND GOD'S PEOPLE IN EVERY LAND.

O thou that tellest  
Good Tidings to Zion,  
Get thee up into  
the High Mountains  
Lift up thy Voice  
with strength:  
Lift it up, be not afraid;  
Say unto the cities of Judah,  
Behold your God!  
Isaiah, XL: 9.

## THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL DECLARED.

*Report of Meeting held in Central Zion Tabernacle, Tuesday Afternoon, January 22, 1901. Address: Divine Healing Teaching.*

*Report of Meeting held in South Side Zion Tabernacle, Chicago, Lord's Day Morning, January 27, 1901. Sermon "God is Light."*

*Report of Meeting held in Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Afternoon, January 27, 1901. Sermon "Let Us Go Up to Zion."*

REPORTED BY S. D. AND E. W. AND A. W. N.

**G**OD signally blessed the first Divine Healing Meeting held by the General Overseer after his return to Zion, Chicago, on Tuesday Afternoon, January 22d, at which more than a thousand persons were present.

Hundreds of sick, from all parts of the city and land, and from other lands, gathered in Central Zion Tabernacle to hear the teaching of God's Messenger concerning His Covenant of Healing, and to have his hands laid upon them in prayer.

Plainly, clearly, yet lovingly, the man of God laid down the conditions upon which God had promised to heal.

Graphically he related examples, taken from the rich storehouse of his many years of experience.

"Repentance and Confession" were the thoughts particularly enforced.

The Spirit of God was present and carried the stirring words of the speaker to the hearts of his audience with convincing power.

At the close, there was an earnest prayer of Repentance, Confession and Consecration in which all present joined.

Prayer with the sick followed, God working Healing and blessing.

Central Zion Tabernacle, Tuesday Afternoon, January 22, 1901.

Overseer William Hamner Piper, at the request of the General Overseer, opened the meeting.

Prayer was offered by Elder McClurkin. The congregation then joined in singing Hymn Number 425:

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' Name.

Overseer Piper read from the eighth chapter of Romans, and after he had made a few comments upon it, the General Overseer came upon the platform and took charge of the remainder of the service.

The General Overseer then delivered the following

### ADDRESS.

As I entered this building today I felt what a joy it was to be able to preach a Gospel which was the Power of God unto a Perfect Salvation for Spirit, Soul and Body.

I am glad there was a Paul. What a grand fellow he was! I am glad that he wrote that epistle which I have just been hearing. I am glad that he said in that epistle those beautiful words:

But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwelleth in you, He that raised up Christ Jesus from the dead shall quicken also your Mortal Bodies through His Spirit that dwelleth in you.

### This Mortal Body Wants Quickening.

The great trouble with a great many people is that their mortal bodies are like balls of iron with chains. They are dragging along their mortal bodies. It is a wretched thing to have a mortal body in that condition.

You want this mortal body quickened.

The word "quicken" is to "make to live."

How is it to be done?

By His Spirit who dwelleth in you.

But if the Spirit does not dwell in you, how can it be done?

There are a great many people in whom the Spirit does not dwell, who are Christians.

Jesus said to His own disciples concerning the Holy Spirit:

He abideth with you, and shall be in you.

He was not in them at that time. He dwelt with them.

It is one thing for Overseer Piper to dwell with Elder Graves. If these two go along together, they will be very strong; but if you could only put Overseer Piper inside of Elder Graves, he would be a bigger fellow, would he not?

He would be a larger man. He would be Elder Graves and

Overseer Piper rolled into one.

But if a Mortal Man has the Spirit of the Immortal God dwelling in him, how much bigger he is! What is the dynamic power of that spiritual being?

A man's power alone is as nothing, but if God is dwelling in him, what a tremendous power!



**The Indwelling of God.**

The power of a true Christianity is an indwelling Christ, an indwelling Spirit, an indwelling Father—the indwelling of a Triune God.

I believe not only in the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, but more. Jesus said:

If a man love Me, he will keep My Word: and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make Our abode with him.

Who is the "We"?

The Father and the Son will dwell in the man who has the Spirit of God, and who by the Holy Spirit loves God.

Can a man love God without the Holy Spirit?

It is impossible.

Man first is led by the Holy Spirit to love and trust Jesus as his Saviour and Intercessor, and then he loves God the Father from whom the Son and Spirit come.

What a power love is!

"If a man love Me, he will keep My Word: and My Father will love him, and We (the Father and the Son) will come and make Our abode with him."

I believe in much more than the indwelling by the Holy Spirit. I believe that the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, a Triune God, must dwell in a triune man if that man is to fulfil the purposes for which God made him.

What did God make us for?

To be "a Habitation for God."

That was the first object of God in making man. God desired an indwelling place. He created man with a beautiful Inner Sanctuary in the interior of all his being, a spirit. "There," He said, "I shall dwell."

But the Devil got in.

By temptation, the lust of the eye, the lust of the flesh, and the accursed pride which made Eve think that she could run that ranch alone, the Devil got in. She did not want to wait for Adam to come home. There was a chance of getting ahead of Adam; there was a chance of being "a god," so Satan said.

"Eat," said the Devil at last, "and you shall be as gods knowing good and evil. You will be as God."

Poor, foolish Eve believed him. She ate; she fell; and Adam fell in the transgression.

**The Damning Power of Lust.**

I do not think that Adam was ignorant of what he was doing when he ate the fatal fruit; when he committed the fatal sin. His love for the woman whom God gave him, made him willing to go to hell with her, made him willing to go out of Eden with her. If she was to go out of Eden, he would go, too.

It seems to me that Adam knew what he was about; that he sinned with his eyes open.

It is an awful thing to use the power of human love to drag a man down to hell, or to drag a woman down to hell. It is the most horrid crime against God that one can imagine to use the love of another for purposes of impurity.

I have no doubt that love, originally, between Adam and Eve was the love of pure and innocent people, but when sin entered, Damning Lust took the place of love.

Lust and Love are as far apart as heaven and hell.

Lust and Love are as far apart as the Devil and God.

Lust is selfish, brutal, beastly, desiring gratification, at no matter what price.

Love is unselfish, holy, and seeks self-effacement rather than self-gratification. Love is willing to die for the object of love.

What a power is Divine Love!

What a hellish counterfeit Lust is.

Why is it that there are in this room probably hundreds of people who are sick?

I declare without fear of any mistake that the diseases from which you suffer are directly or indirectly the consequences of Damning Lust; perhaps not your own.

It may be that you have inherited the consequences of the sins of your ancestors.

**The Great Power of Divine Love.**

I ask you, first of all, to consider with me the tremendous power of a Divine Love, and the horrible power of a Hellish Lust.

I ask you to see, by the Message of Divine Love, the way out of the horrible prison-house of Hellish Lust and its consequences.

All the diseases from which we are suffering today in this world, saint or sinner, are the direct or indirect consequences of lust. If you cannot prove it in yourself or in your parents, you can trace it away back to the damning lust which entered into the heart of Eve in Paradise; to the damning lust which sprang from the vile, filthy being of the serpent of which Satan had taken possession. The serpent in himself was not guilty. It was the Devil who had taken possession of the serpent, and was speaking through the serpent, who was guilty.

The glorious power of Divine Love is in this glorious Message of Divine Redemption.

Have you really in your own experience believed, realized the power of the Love of God in bringing you to a true Repentance, to a simple Faith, to a full Salvation in your spirit? You will know the Love of God, if you will continue to serve God; in its blessed effects of cleansing in your spirit, and healing in your soul and in your body.

Salvation is the offspring of the Love of God.

"God so loved," that there sprang from His Own Being the Redemption for Humanity.

"God so loved," that the Holy Spirit conceived a Sinless Being in a Sinless and Sanctified Virgin.

Go back to that Immaculate Conception every time you think of Love. It was the Holy Spirit overshadowing who brought into being through that Blessed, Holy, Virgin Mother the Holy Child called Jesus.

I go back to that for a moment or two for this reason: I desire you to realize, my sisters especially, that God designs you to be as pure as He can make you; therefore that you should be perfectly pure. God desires you, through faith in His blessed Son, to have within you a new birth—to have within you a new birth, a new creation.

If any man is in Christ, he is a new creation.

Man! Woman! Youth! Maiden! Sinner, stained with sin!

**The Holy Spirit is Today the Author of a New Creation!**

What do you know about a new creation?

I desire to start aright with you.

What do you know about the words, "Behold, I make all things New"?

How many things are new in you?

Do you think that you can glorify God with a kind of patching of your own devilishness, with a kind of putty and varnish over the ravages of sin?

Do you imagine for one moment that the object of God is the repairing of your old heart, patching it up like a watch which is wearing out, and just cleaning it a little?

What you need is a new mainspring, a new creation, a new birth, a new power, and the operation of the Holy Spirit's power within you until everything within you is new.

"Behold, I make"—how many things?

Audience—"All."

General Overseer—"All things"—what?

Audience—"New."

General Overseer—"New." A new spirit, is it?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—A new soul, a new body, a new love, new hopes, new aspirations, new possibilities?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—A new heaven, and a new earth. What a wonderful thing it is. *All* things new. All things *new*.

It is such a delight.

**God Will Give a Clean, New Heart.**

"Oh," I heard an old man say, "if I could only get a new heart."

I said, "God will give it to you."

"Ah," he said, "I have a dirty old heart of damning lust. I have a dirty old heart which seeks for tobacco and liquor and pig, and everything you hate, and which I also know are dirty. Oh, if I could only have a new heart."

I said, "God will give it to you."

"A new heart? What are you talking about, sir? How can God give an old wretch like me a new heart?"

"Suppose we go and ask Him," I replied.

We started in; we began to ask Him. All at once the Holy Spirit began to work in that man and to convict him of sin; convicted him of the righteousness of Christ, and with a tremendous force convicted him of judgment to come.

He cried out as he threw up his hands, "Oh, the judgment

to come! Oh, the judgment to come! Oh, the Righteous Judge before whom I shall appear! Oh, what a sinner!"

He turned to me, "You have made me miserable. Your God has made me miserable."

I said, "I am so glad. Keep on."

"Oh," he said, "how can you be glad, that a man shall be tortured like this; that he shall be afraid of judgment; that he shall be afraid of the Righteous Judge, and that he shall be convicted of his sins? My God, whither have you brought me? I see every sin I have committed."

"Hallelujah," I said, "I am so glad."

"Oh," he said, "that is inhuman."

I said, "Keep on. Keep on."

Presently there came to him with the conviction of sin the answer to the prayer which I was making, that the Righteous One would reveal Himself as the Advocate.

#### Jesus Christ Our Righteous Advocate.

I said, "That Righteous One of whom you are afraid is pleading for you, the Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the Righteous."

"Is he?" he asked.

"Yes," I replied.

"He used to do it when He was here," he said. "Is he still the same?"

"Yes," I answered.

"Does he really plead for sinners like me?" he again inquired.

I said, "He does. Go ahead."

He began to pray that he, a sinner, might believe.

Presently he turned to me saying, "Dr. Dowie, I am not afraid now."

I said, "Why are you not afraid?"

"I cannot tell you," he answered, "only, did I not put my case in the hands of the Righteous Advocate just now? Did I not ask the Father for His sake to have mercy upon me?"

"Yes."

"Then," he said, "I am not afraid of Him now."

"What about your past sins?" I asked.

"Does He not forgive them?"

I said, "He does."

"Hallelujah!" he said, and he jumped.

You know, some people object to jumping.

"Ah," said a man one day in London, "actually Dr. Dowie jumped on the platform."

Some one else said, "Did you hear what he said about it? He said you would jump, too, if you had something to jump about. (Laughter.) You never had any religion worth jumping over."

That old man, who had received a new heart, jumped. He had enough religion to make him jump.

Some of you have scarcely religion enough to make you crawl. (Laughter.)

Your religion has never gotten beyond the grub state.

Oh you denominational grubs! You miserable grubs, what is the matter with you? Growling and grubbing along. God has put within you wings, and you say, "No, I do not want wings; I want to be a grub."

#### Healing of a Man Seventy-Nine Years Old.

That man was emancipated. He was an old man, and he got Salvation.

Then he said, "Why should I not get healing?"

He lived in New Zealand. He had rheumatism. He told me that he was seventy-nine years of age, and that he had had rheumatism off and on for something like forty-seven years, mostly on. (Laughter.)

"John," I said, "what else have you?"

"This stomach of mine is all out of order; you see how bloated I am."

I said, "John, let us go further, and ask this great God and Father who has saved you to heal this mean, dirty old carcass of yours."

"That is pretty hard upon a fellow, is it not?" he asked.

"Is it not true?" I said.

"Oh, it is all you say—mean, dirty old carcass.' He has made me happy in my heart; but I find there is more, for you tell me Jesus purchased not only my Salvation, but my Healing?"

"Yes."

"Will He not heal me, and let me live a few years to tell people how good a God He is? If I were as happy as this all the time, why, I believe everybody in this city would have to believe me, especially if they saw me healed."

And I prayed and laid my hands upon him, and told God what I wanted.

"Now," I said, "John, throw away that stick. Now walk!"

He started to walk—walked up and down. Presently he stood up.

"You see my waistcoat?" he asked.

"I do not see that big paunch you had; it has gone down."

"Hallelujah!" he cried.

He made tracks for the door. That was the last I saw of him until, that night, in marched John like a young man. He was leading in many of the bums of the town. (Laughter.) I do not know how many he got in, but he was an old bum himself, and a miserable old fellow going around, exciting pity and drinking all the bad whisky he could get.

I saw that man three and a half years afterwards, and they called him Happy Jack. He had never gotten very much further than shouting and jumping. He never could do anything else. He said, "I do not know how to tell you how happy I am, but look how I can jump. You all know I had rheumatism forty-seven years off and on, mostly on." Then he would tell the story, until tears of joy choked his utterance. And then, with a final jump, he would go on his way.

There was a man seventy-nine years of age saved and healed.

#### A Wretched Old Sinner Made New.

The point I desired to make in telling that incident was this: I saw that man made new before my own eyes. He was a dirty old bum of the town, a miserable old humbug, sick and worldly. He had wasted his life. How he had lived, God only knows. At seventy-nine years of age I saw him convicted of sin; I saw him converted from sin; I saw him get a new heart; I saw him get a new life; I saw that mortal body quickened. I saw that man go about without his crutch; I saw him without a bloated stomach; I saw him come back that night with those whom he had led in from the public houses, the low saloons; I saw him years afterwards, happy in God; and I shall see him by and by in Heaven, amongst the glorified, radiant with all the glory of a celestial body.

If God can do that with an old worn-out castaway of the Devil, is there any of you whom He cannot save tonight?

Audience—"No."

General Overseer—Is there any of you whom He cannot cleanse tonight?

Audience—"No."

General Overseer—Is there any of you whom He cannot heal tonight?

Audience—"No."

General Overseer—Do not get the thought into your heart that it is too late. "Too late" can only be said by those who are standing outside the gate which is shut. But this gate is open—this Beautiful Gate of a perfect Salvation and a perfect Healing, this Beautiful Gate of Holy Living.

How are you to get there?

The Love of God alone can bring you there.

If it were the Justice of God we were talking about, we would have to go to the other place quick. If it were the Justice of God, we would be under condemnation, as many still are. If it were only the Justice of God, how could any one stand?

But Justice wears the garb of Love. He is still just, but He is the Justifier of those who confess their sins, and forsake their sins.

#### Sins Must be Confessed and Forsaken.

That is the trouble with some of you. You cover your sins. You will not confess them. You will not forsake them. God has said, "He that covereth his transgressions shall not prosper." I wish you would repeat that.

Audience—"He that covereth his transgressions shall not prosper."

General Overseer—"But whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."

There is not a particle of mercy for you if you will not confess, and if you will not forsake. If you will not confess and forsake your sins, you will go to hell, where you belong.

If you will not confess, God has never promised to forgive.

If you will not forsake, God has never promised to restore.



If you can find me one promise in the Bible which says that God will forgive a man who does not confess his sins, give it to me. Do you know where to find it?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon."

If you do not confess and put away your sin by forsaking it, and put away your sin by bringing forth fruits meet for Repentance, then you are covering it and you will not prosper. You will perish.

#### Practical Repentance.

Practical Repentance means that the woman who stole, steals no more, but confesses her theft and restores what she stole. It means that the man who stole, lied and cheated, must do right; that the sinners shall confess their sins, not only to God, but to each other.

Confess, therefore, your sins one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The supplication of a righteous man availeth much in its working.

My supplication would not avail an iota—the supplication of the Christ of God Himself would not avail an iota, unless you confessed your sins one to another as well as to God.

I lay that upon you.

"Oh," you say, "it is too hard a burden. I cannot do it. The price is too hard. If I confess my sin, my husband will turn me out of doors."

All right; perhaps you deserve to be turned out of doors. Let him do it. If he wants to do that, go. There are worse things than being turned out of doors. Is it not a worse thing to be turned away from the gates of heaven?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—"But it is probable that your husband will do no such thing."

#### A Husband Saved Through a Wife's Confession.

A woman said to me one day, "If I told my husband what I had done, he would kill me. He would certainly turn me out of doors."

Of course I saw what she had done. She had failed in her marital vows. I knew what a mean dog her husband was; that he was a bad man. He was a stinking fellow; you could smell him yards off, as you can some men who chew and smoke tobacco, and drink alcohol. I knew that he was a cruel man to her.

I said, "Do you love him?"

"I do," she said, "but I lied to him. If I go and tell him I lied to him, he will throw me out of doors; he will kill me, perhaps."

I said, "What are you going to do about it?"

"I cannot confess," she said.

"Then," I said, "you will go to hell."

"No," she said, "I do not want to go to hell. Oh, I cannot go to hell. I cannot let this dear baby go to hell."

"What are you going to do about it?" I asked again.

"I am going to do as you tell me," she replied.

"Go home," I said, "get all the house cleaned. Wash up everything nice. Take three or four days to do it. Pack up your trunk, send it to your mother, and on Saturday when he comes home have ready the most royal dinner you ever made for him. (Laughter.) What does he like?"

"Oh, he likes everything."

"Give him roast beef and plum pudding. Pour into him custards. Just cook for him until he will wonder what on earth has happened. When the animal is full, go right up to him and say, 'I want to confess to you.' Tell him you want to get to heaven; you want him to go to heaven; you want the baby to get to heaven, and that in order to get to heaven you must confess sin. Tell him that you have to do right, and that you will do it if you die for it. Perhaps he will not want to be disturbed, and he will not want to hear your confession. You must make him hear it."

The next Tuesday I saw her, radiant. I said, "How did you get on?"

"Why," she said, "it was wonderful. I did exactly as you told me. I put my arms around him and told him, 'Oh, John,

I have been such a sinner.' I cried. I told him I had something to confess.

"He said, 'Do not talk about it, Mary; I do not care what it is. I forgive you. You have been good to me.'

"But I must get your forgiveness," I said."

She told him her sad story. She confessed to him that she had lied to him. It found his heart. But he seemed to be as hard as a stone.

She said, "John, forgive me; for the sake of the baby, forgive me. Oh, do not send me out into the street. I love you, and I have been faithful to you."

She did not know what he was doing, his face was so hard; but he was really trying to keep from crying. Presently out it came with a great burst as he fell on his face, crying, "Mary, Mary, do not talk; I am ten times worse than you. God have mercy upon me."

That man is in Zion today. You can reach his heart better by a sermon now than you could by a dinner then. (Laughter.) But he was a perfect hog, and it was his wife's confession which led him to God.

#### Confession to God and to Those Wronged Our First Duty.

I will tell you this, I do not care what it is, you must confess. Husband, father, friend, employer, in nine cases out of ten you will find the party who is wronged willing to forgive, if you go in the right way. You will find also that the party wronged will himself confess his wrong and get forgiveness. You may lead him to God. Some of you are keeping your husbands out of heaven because you do not boldly tell them your own sin, whatever it is.

Some of you are keeping your wives out of heaven because you do not boldly tell them your sin, whatever sin it is.

Some of you are keeping your friends out of heaven because you do not confess your sin.

I talked like that one day, and a banker in Australia heard me. He said, "I am without light. I am an Elder in a Church, and as you spoke to sinners today I felt I had sinned somewhere. You know me, tell me my sin."

I said, "If I tell you your sin, you will be angry."

"No. If you will, I will thank you," he insisted.

"Alexander L——," I said, "you are a coward. You do not witness for God in your business. You do not witness to your partner, Mr. D——. You do not tell him, although you take no part in the liquor trade, that he is a sinner, and that he is selling liquid fire and distilled damnation, and that he will go to the same hell to which he is sending people to whom he is selling the liquor."

He looked at me. He grew pale.

"My God," he said, "you have hit the nail on the head. I am a great big fellow compared to you, but I am a coward. I do not know how to talk to my fellowmen; but I am a Christian, if I am a coward."

I said: "I do not take any stock in the Christianity of a coward. It would not pay to give a penny in the pound for such stock. You are the kind of Christian Peter was when he denied his Master through his fear."

#### The Glorious Result of a Courageous Confession.

The result of it was that he went to Mr. D—— and said: "Mr. D——, I ought to have warned you, when I gave up my part in the whisky business, that I could not continue because I felt I would be damned. I ought to have told you what Mr. Dowie told me down at his Church, that I was to tell you: that you would go to the same hell whither the people went who drank your brandy."

Mr. D—— said: "Alexander L——, if anybody else had told me that, I would have struck him."

He said: "Do not reject it, D——."

The man's face worked for a moment. Then he said, "It is true. I know that I am a lover of money. I intend to have money at all risks."

"At the risk of your damnation?" Mr. L—— asked.

He sat back in his chair in his office, and he gripped both sides of the chair hard. He said, "Mr. Dowie is right. Have we ever prayed in this office? I am a member of a Church, and you are an Elder. You never prayed with me. You are my senior, and you never helped me."

He said, "Forgive me. Let us pray."

They locked that office door, and they prayed. L—— confessed his cowardice to God, and he confessed it to D——.

D— confessed his worship of Mammon; his grubbing for money. He confessed that his brandy went into the infernal saloons and dragged people down to hell.

He cried to God, "O God, take out of me that accursed love of Mammon! Help me to get rid of the infernal thing."

That day there was another who went out of the liquor traffic forever, thank God.

#### Salvation of a Dying Consumptive Through Confession.

The next day L— was sitting in his office, very happy. An old business friend came in, a coughing consumptive. He said, "L—, I have come in on some important business. I am sick. What am I to do? I'm afraid I am going to die."

L— closed the door. He went up and put his arms around his dear consumptive fellow-merchant—a wealthy man with whom he had done business for twenty years. The man looked up and saw L— crying. L— said, "Forgive me, Charley, forgive me. I never told you you were a sinner, and that Jesus Christ was a great Saviour. I am such a coward."

Then he told him of D—, and presently that man burst into tears. He said, "O, L—, I wish you had spoken to me years ago. I wonder if it is too late."

L— said, "It is not too late."

They knelt and prayed. That man passed away in a short time after that, and L— stood over his grave.

He came down to me and told me these things. I said, "L—, you are no more a coward. I know you are going to heaven."

He said, "I am so happy, but I am so sorry for the many I might have told before I confessed my sin to God. What a coward! What a coward!"

On the next Saturday afternoon his son went out into the woods to look for father. It was a hot day, and he had said he would go down to the woods and lie in a hammock. He found him sleeping in the hammock. He stepped up to him. As he looked upon his father's face it had such a beautiful smile that the son thought it a shame to disturb him, and went away.

He came back again in half an hour, and looked—the same smile, the same face, only paler; he seemed to be sleeping still. He touched him, and found that he was "asleep in Jesus." His spirit had passed away.

#### I Do Not Care as Much About Your Healing as I Do About Your Getting to Heaven.

If you do not confess your sin and do right and forsake it, I do not see how you are to get to heaven. You had better do right now.

I may say that L— did not know that he was sick. I do not know what he died of. His wife said to me, "I almost think he died because he was too happy, that his heart burst with his joy."

Of course that was just her way of putting it. That came to her and comforted her in her sorrow.

It seemed to me that it was not death at all; he simply slept. At least Christ's words were true in L—'s case, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep My Word, he shall never see Death." L— saw only the Angel of Life.

I will take you another step. God does not want you to die.

He wants you to live out all your life.

He wants you to have these bodies quickened.

I can be no more use to you, nor Overseer Piper, nor Elder Graves, nor any Elders of this Church, no more use in prayer, no more use in laying hands upon you than if they were laid upon a piece of wood, unless you will fulfil the Divine conditions. Then God will hear you.

No man can save you.

No man can heal you.

It is the Spirit of Him who raised up Jesus from the dead who must dwell in you and quicken you.

May the Holy Spirit come today. (Amen.)

May He come to every one of you. (Amen.)

The Healing will come, quick as a flash, if you do right.

Now every one in this room who is determined, God helping him or her, to fulfil the Divine conditions of a true Repentance, of full Confession, forsaking all sin, stand up and tell God so. (Apparently all arose.)

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. Take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be, in spirit, in soul, in body. Help me to

do right, no matter what it costs; to do it quickly in Thy sight, and to my fellowmen. Give me true Repentance and power to do right, and Thy Holy Spirit, that my spirit may be clean, that my blood may be clean, that my body may be healed, that I may be clean throughout. Help me to persevere until I get this perfect blessing, for Jesus' sake. (All repeat the prayer, clause by clause, after the General Overseer.)

My brothers and sisters, can you say before God that you meant that prayer? Can you say, I did?

Audience—"I did."

General Overseer—Will you live it out?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—God help you.

What a power it is, is it not, to think that here today there are more than a thousand people who will live that out? It will be a mighty power in Chicago, and throughout the world, if you will do it. May God bless you.

#### BENEDICTION.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who will also do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

*The General Overseer desires every sin and sickness-oppressed reader of these Addresses to pray with those who heard these words, the Prayer of Consecration, asking God to follow it with Immediate Deliverance from the Bondage of Corruption, whether it be in their spirits, souls, or bodies.*

*Probably there are but few who are so wholly free from sin or sickness that they have attained to the Perfect Blessing of which the Prayer speaks.*

*Let those who receive Deliverance immediately send their Testimonies to Zion.*

#### MORNING SERVICE.

THE General Overseer began a series of Lord's Day morning services in the outlying Zion Tabernacles of Chicago and suburbs at the South Side Zion Tabernacle, 6428-6434 Wentworth Avenue, Englewood, Chicago, on Lord's Day morning, January 27, 1901.

This commodious Tabernacle, which was opened by the General Overseer during Zion's Holy War, in October, 1899, has been since that time a place of blessing to many.

Between 1500 and 2000 people were present on this occasion to welcome the General Overseer to the South Side Zion Tabernacle for the first time in many months.

Many of them were members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion who live in that section of the city, but there were also many strangers present, who heard the Message of the General Overseer with close and respectful attention.

The Message was a witness against darkness; darkness in deeds, darkness in intellect, darkness in spirit. It was a proclamation of the glorious truth, "God is Light," and a call to every hearer to come into that Light.

The witnessing was effectual. Many arose to express their desire to leave behind the darkness and its deeds and to come into God's marvelous Light.

Zion's White-robed Choir led in praise to God and reverent worship to His Name.

South Side Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Morning, January 27, 1901.

The services opened by the General Overseer pronouncing the invocation, after which the congregation joined in singing Hymn Number 6:

Behold a Fountain deep and wide,  
Behold its onward flow;  
'Twas opened in the Saviour's side,  
And cleanseth "white as snow."

CHORUS—Come to this Fountain,  
'Tis flowing today;  
And all who will may freely come,  
And wash their sins away.

The Apostles' Creed was then recited, at the conclusion of which the General Overseer read the first chapter of the First Epistle of John.

Overseer Mason offered prayer, followed by the General Overseer.

The congregation joined with Zion Choir in chanting the Disciples' Prayer. The announcements were then made by Elder Stokes, Elder-in-Charge of the South Side Zion Tabernacle, after which the General Overseer said:

**Thanksgiving.**

I desire to thank God that I am privileged to meet with you in this part of the city. I determined that as soon as possible after my return home I should talk on the South Side.

We have had wonderful meetings in the few days since we came back. I do not know just how many people we have talked to. If we could have had a big enough place, we would have talked to 30,000 persons on a recent occasion. I am told by the police and others who estimated the crowd that there were 20,000 persons outside the Coliseum last Lord's Day afternoon who could not get in.

I am glad for this privilege of speech to visible hearers. I think I am still more glad for a very much larger audience to whom we are talking through the pages of LEAVES OF HEALING.

**Leaves of Healing Read Everywhere in Europe.**

I found in Europe everywhere that the LEAVES had gone before us. The "Little White Dove" was a welcome visitor in all parts of England, in all parts of Scotland, and in all parts of Ireland.

I found it being read by prince and by peasant in Europe. I found it being read most earnestly by priests of the Roman Catholic Church, ministers of the Lutheran Church and dignitaries of the Church of England. Whatever might be the opinion of the readers, thousands were sufficiently interested to read our Message and the Records of God's Work in Zion, and to want to get more.

I have been very much pleased indeed with the fact that God is blessing the Message which goes forth from Zion.

A very dignified looking gentleman stopped outside of the depot for Zion Literature in the Rue Cambon, in Paris. He looked at the words Christian Catholic. He looked at the window. He looked at the pictures. He looked at Zion Literature. Then he went inside and bought some. He quietly went away.

He came back a few days afterwards, and said to our Evangelist, "Kindly send that card to Dr. Dowie, and tell him that I send him my Christian love. Although I am what you see this card says, I am profoundly impressed with what he has written and said."

It was the card of a Cardinal of the Church of Rome.

This will show you just how God is blessing the world; that one in the office of Cardinal, close to the Pope himself, was impressed by the Message of Zion, and sent me a very loving and kind message.

I could tell you a good deal more about that, but I do not tell you everything at once; I keep it until by and by. Besides, there are many things which we cannot speak of until the time has come.

Zion has learned to know that while we are not in any sense in sympathy with Secretism, we understand how to maintain the confidence of those who trust us, and are investigating. The position in their churches is such that it would be a very great danger in some cases for them to let it be known what they are doing until the time comes when they are willing to take all the risks, and trust God and come out.

May God grant that a mighty landslide may soon come from the Church of Rome. (Amen.)

**I Have Great Sympathy With Roman Catholics Who are Profoundly in Earnest and Profoundly Wrong.**

They are sinfully misled. Their leaders have been misled by generations of false teaching; by generations of men who thought they were teaching the truth, but were teaching that which Satan had changed into a lie.

The Apostle Paul said of the Roman Christians of his day, that there were many who had "exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen."

Wherever we fall short of making God the Supreme Object of all our thought and all our life, there we have failed to render an acceptable worship. Wherever we have brought God down to our petty level—and in the Church of Rome, O to what a wretched level they have brought Him down! Lower than the level of humanity, lower than the level of the very brutes!

The Church of Rome has sent forth the accursed dogma that a priest, by his hocus-pocusing of a little bit of wet flour and the utterance of certain words, can prevail upon God to transform it into the body, blood and bones of Jesus Christ! It is a scandalous lie, a horrible lie!

God cannot be brought down into such a condition. We are to seek God. We are to rise to God. We are ever to be rising upward to God, and He, in His Infinite Mercy, will come down to us. But God is Spirit, and they who worship Him must worship Him, not in a bit of bread, but in Spirit and in Truth. The adoration of the Sacrament is a wicked, heathenish and idolatrous act, which cannot be otherwise than displeasing to God.

Friends, I do at the same time, however, sympathize with my beloved friends in Rome who are eagerly seeking for a great truth even in that very Ordinance.

I think, on the other side, the Protestant churches have erred in not finding at His Table that which Christ said we should find. He said that we should find Him there in Spirit and in power.

**We are to Find God in Our Services and in Our Ordinances.**

We must find God in the Baptistry.

We must find Father, Son and Holy Spirit in the glorious Ordinance of Baptism.

We must find God at the Lord's Table.

We must find God in our homes, God in our workshops, and God in our business.

We must find God everywhere. (Amen.)

Seek for Him. Do not enter into anything or go anywhere where God is not to be found.

That is the reason why we fight Secretism, and these accursed associations which shut the Lord Jesus Christ outside the door. They say, "You cannot enter here. We cannot name your Name here. We can name every name except Your Name, but inside this Lodge we cannot name the Name of Jesus Christ."

That, we say, is the most horrible of all apostasies. It is infinitely more dangerous than Rome even at her worst. I do not hesitate to say that the Masonic apostasy today has honey-combed and destroyed the spiritual life of the Protestant churches, as organized bodies, despite the fact, which I heartily admit, that there are multitudes of true Christians, as individuals, both in the ministry and membership of these denominations. But they become feebler and fewer every hour that they remain there.

May God smite the monster of Secretism! (Amen.)

I say these things at the risk of my life, they tell me. My life still continues, however, and will until my work is done. I do not desire to live longer than that.

I warn you who are in Secretism that when you enter into a Lodge or place of any kind where Jesus Christ has to be left outside, that you have sinned against your God. You ought not to go anywhere where you cannot take your Lord with you.

It is a bad place, and it is a bad business in which you cannot name the Name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who gave His life for you.

Look into that closely and earnestly.

What do you need of Secretism, anyway?

Must we not "walk in the light as He is in the light"? If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we shall not find any need for walking in the darkness at all.

It is bad business when you have to come down to oaths and passwords and covenants with death and with hell.

**Terrible Results of Secretism.**

I speak very plainly regarding Secretism today. I do so for the reason that there is not a week, there is not a day, but that I find most terrible things arising in consequence of the fact that there are more than ten times as many Secret Society Lodges in Chicago as there are churches.

What does it mean? It means that the women and children are at home while the man is riding his goat every night of the week. He is coming home drunk; finding his way, sometimes, into houses of shame before he gets home. He is sometimes being robbed because he is utterly incapable of taking care of himself or of his property.

There is not a day, there is not a night, that sorrowing and broken hearts and wrecked homes are not coming under my notice in consequence of these Secret Society churches, which

number ten times as many as the churches which profess to be Christ's. And the ministers and members of these professedly Christian Churches are found in very large numbers during the week-nights in Secret Lodges where Christ is excluded, and in Society Gatherings where "it is not good form" to mention His Name or His claims. It is a terrible thing.

The money and time go, spent in foolish games and silly, abominable suppers, where men are gluttonous and drunken. When women go into it, then the family is gone altogether. There is no longer a home when the mother, or the woman in charge of the home, becomes a Maccabee or a Macca-wasp, or something of that kind (laughter), or when she goes out to see "Stars." (Laughter.)

What becomes of the children in such a family? Let common sense answer.

What becomes of their comfort and the blessedness of home? What becomes of the education of the children? Let common sense answer.

I am not bringing a railing accusation when I say these things.

#### **Zion Will Fight Secretism to the Bitter End.**

Zion will win, too. Secretism must perish.

God helping us, we will walk in the light. We will fight in the light, and will do nothing mean. We will say nothing in secret.

What we have to say we will say straight out in the light.

Think of what I say.

My brothers and sisters, get out of the lodges, and keep out. Get into Zion.

That is a pretty good place to get into, is it not?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—We find it so. God is blessing Zion every day.

I want you to know, no matter how you feel, that what I say is true. God knows it is true. You know it, and the more quickly you realize that the better.

There are some who cannot stand such talk. They go to places where the minister is sure to say nothing to offend them. If the poor fellow does dare, what follows?

The churches are so constructed that if the shepherd does not please the sheep, or the goats, they all get together and butt him out of the pasture. (Laughter.) You cannot butt me out of the pasture. (Applause.)

I tell some in this audience they do not need to sit there looking at me savagely. (Laughter.) I am right, and you know it.

I wanted to say these kind, loving things, because I long to see the people get together and do right. That is what we desire in Zion. That, by the Grace of God, we are getting. We are getting together to help to extend the Kingdom of God. We are getting together to do right; to make happy homes and happy families.

I do not take any stock in the man or woman who neglects his or her family in order to go to a prayer meeting. If you cannot go to a prayer meeting without neglecting your family, stay at home and have a prayer meeting there. You do not need to neglect your home, however. The wife and the husband can take care of the house by turns. While one is at home, the other can go out and help some poor sinner to find in Christ a Saviour and Healer.

The tithes and offering were received, during which an anthem was sung by Zion Choir. The congregation then joined in singing "Wonderful Words of Life."

#### **GOD IS LIGHT.**

The General Overseer then delivered the morning address.

#### **INVOCATION.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, and profitable unto this people, oh Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer. (Amen.)

#### **TEXT.**

And this is the Message which we have heard from Him, and announce unto you, that God is Light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in the darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: but if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanseth us from all sin.

"In Him"—not in the world, not in the Secret Lodge, not

in paths of sin and shame, and doubt and fear, but "In Him is no darkness at all."

#### **The Highest Intellectual Light Often Accompanied by Deepest Spiritual Darkness.**

Intellectual light, mental culture and scientific attainments are all possible in a man who has sunk to the utmost and meanness and most degraded moral depravity.

A man can be an intellectual giant and an incarnate devil.

A man can be an embodiment of scientific power and a power for evil.

One thing is perfectly certain, and that is that the world by its own wisdom knew not God.

When the arts and sciences had reached their highest in Egypt, in Greece, and in Rome, men had reached their lowest point of depravity.

When Praxiteles brought forth the most beautiful productions of his art; when Aristotle and Socrates and Plato brought forth the most beautiful philosophies and reached the highest point in the science of mathematics; at that time the world, as a whole, was steeped in its deepest moral and spiritual and physical degradation.

Heathenism was perfectly in keeping with high intellectual development of a certain kind.

I do not desire to judge Chicago University by the words which were uttered as having come from the President and professors during this past week, but if they said anything like that which they are reported to have said, then it has been a curse that Chicago University was ever founded. Unless it is changed, it will be a continuous curse to Chicago.

#### **A Personal God in Science.**

What! Are we living in a Christian age, and are these so-called Christian men who tell us that God must be eliminated from the world of science, that the laws of nature demand no longer a personal God?

Where is the logic of the man who talks like that? How can a law exist without a Lawgiver? How can a law ever be maintained without the existence of One who has the power to maintain His laws?

What! Ye men of intellect tell us that laws exist without a Lawmaker, without a Law-controller, and that God, as a personal Being, must be eliminated because we have law?

If some Chicago University professors have no Father in Heaven, and eliminate Him from His own creation, I think I know where to find their father. They are fatherless children, if they are not the children of a living Devil.

The father of lies himself could never curse this city more than by the statement, if it was made, as reported, that God must be eliminated from His world, and that His laws take His place.

Every man of real scientific mind knows that when you talk of law, you are talking of that which is as Infinite as God Himself. When you are talking of the operation of a real admitted law, you can never shut out the fact that by the operation of a higher law, God can come down and suspend the operation of the lower law.

These men do not understand that the Law of Sin and Death means that the sinner shall die—have perdition here and hereafter; that the man who has sinned shall be sick, and shall go down in rottenness to his grave. They do not understand that the Law of God, the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus, steps in and sets aside the Law of Sin and Death, and that the poor sinner finds Salvation, and the sick find Healing.

What do you think of that, Mr. Chicago Professor?

You know nothing about it, because you do not know your Father in Heaven. You have been studying His laws, and you have been leaving the Lawgiver out.

God is Light.

That is my Message. "In Him is no darkness at all."

#### **Men Who Walk With God, Walk in the Light.**

The Masons say that they are groping in darkness, seeking for light. They are right. There is no light in Baal, the sun-god, the monster whose emblem is the point within the circle, that symbol so precious to Masonry.

They will never get into the light, but they will ever be groping in the darkness until they believe the Message of Christ that "God is Light, and in Him is no darkness at all."

If any man walk in darkness, we know well that he is not in the Light of Divine Life. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth.

I speak with caution, because I do not trust the infernal press. It was reported that a certain dignitary of the University said that churches had their place—he liked to see beautiful buildings and have a comfortable pew. Is that all? I would rather have my "Little Wooden Hut," Zion Tabernacle No. 1. where we began this work in Chicago, outside the gates of the World's Fair, with hard little chairs, than your magnificent church and your cushioned pew.

Is that all? To listen to an intellectual essay that will hurt nobody—is that all there is in the Church of God?

Has God, our Father, left His world and given up the guidance of His children? Has the mere cultivation of the intellectual faculties taken the place of the restoration and liberation of the eternal spirit, and of the soul, and of the body, that tripartite being which the Triune God designed to be a temple for Himself? If so, then confess it. Write your University: "God is eliminated from this world, and law, as we define it, prevails."

#### Zion University Will Honor God in Everything.

I think we will have to find another University. God helping us, there shall be another University at Zion City. (Amen. Applause.)

There men will be taught just as thoroughly intellectually as they are in Chicago. I will back the Christian University of Zion, twenty years hence, against the infidel and rationalistic University of Chicago. (Applause.)

Zion will have something to say about this very question. The doubt which has been long in our minds concerning Chicago University is being very rapidly brought to a clear decision, namely, that it was born by a steal; that it is maintained by a steal, and it is now endeavoring to steal away the little faith which is left in Chicago.

God helping us, it shall not. (Amen.)

I am stirred, deeply stirred. I realize more and more that Zion has an all round work.

Zion is called, by the Grace of God, to provide, especially for her own children, an education from the Kindergarten to the highest branches of instruction in Zion University. In all her Educational Institutions the Alpha and the Omega shall be Christ. Zion University will honor God first, God last and God all the time. (Amen.)

#### Leaving Christ Out of the University Would be Very Acceptable to the Infidel.

It would be very acceptable to those who have never owned the Lord Jesus Christ to leave Him out. It would be very acceptable to the Jew who continues to deny His Divinity and His Messiahship to leave Him out. It would be very acceptable to the Unitarian who denies the Divinity of his Lord. It would be very acceptable to the Christian Scientist, who is neither Christian nor scientific, who has said that we have no God except an abstract principle, and no Holy Spirit except this continent of mud called Christian Science. Such teaching would be very acceptable to these, but Christianity is not dead in the world yet, thank God. (Amen.)

There is not one true Christian who would tolerate that kind of talk for a moment.

We dare not send our sons or daughters to such Universities if that stand is maintained.

I have only one daughter, whom I was thinking of sending to the Chicago University. But if these are the principles of its President and its professors, I would sooner send her to a Mohammedan mosque than to a University where they say, if they did say, that God must be eliminated from the control of His own world and the direction of His own laws.

I am glad that we have not only law, but a Lawgiver. I am glad that we have not only Law, but, in the Infinite Mercy of God, we have the Everlasting Gospel. We cannot worship a Law.

Thank God that the Law of the Spirit of Life, that higher law, comes in to set us free from the Law of Sin and Death.

Thank God that the Gospel tells us that Jesus Christ is still the same Saviour, Healer, Cleanser and Keeper, and that He is with us all the way.

Thank God, that in the midst of this depravity and intellectual degeneracy, that in the midst of this scientific humbug

where men are telling us that their science is going to replace our God, the Bible still lives.

Thank God that His Word is not bound.

Thank God that the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit still control the Universe—One Eternal Triune God; and that His Covenant is ever the same.

Thank God that He has raised up Zion. (Amen.)

If we walk in darkness, and say we have fellowship with God, we lie and do not the truth.

#### Intellectual Degeneracy Accompanied by Moral Depravity.

Mr. Chicago University Professor, if you are walking in mental, moral and spiritual darkness, and say that you have any fellowship with God, you lie not merely to man and to the University, but to God.

Investigation will prove very quickly that the man who is an intellectual degenerate, is a moral degenerate also. Intellectual degeneracy is always accompanied by moral depravity. I would not trust a man who had lost his God, and believed that he was simply a mere machine amenable to a law from which God was eliminated.

If we walk in the Light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Mr. Professor, what do you know about the blood of Jesus? Have you no confidence in the sacrifice of the sinless Christ, the Lamb of God who took away the sin of the world?

If you have not, tear down your word "Christian" from your Department of Theology. Place there instead, "This hall of theology is erected to the worship of Baal," for that is all you have left. All you have left is the Phallic symbol of "The point within the circle." All you have is the base and sensual and devilish worship of the procreative forces of nature.

When you have lost Jesus Christ, you become a pagan and a brute.

I will maintain that position. I know it is true.

How many of us here know the other side! How many humble hearts here came to God their Father in their sin and their sickness and their sorrow, and obeyed Jesus Christ!

Did you not find Salvation?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Did you not find Healing?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Did you not find Cleansing?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Did you not find power to live a better life?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—All who desire to follow Jesus, stand and tell Him so. (Apparently all arose.)

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. Take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be in spirit, in soul, in body. Give me Thy Holy Spirit, that I may do right, repent of sin, trust in Jesus and follow Him. Forgive me. Cleanse me. Help me henceforth to understand the Message of God, His Life, and Light, and Love, and that in Him is no darkness at all. For His sake, lead me into the Perfect Life in His Name, who died for sinners. Amen. (All repeat the prayer, clause by clause, after the General Overseer.)

After the Doxology had been sung, the services were closed by the General Overseer pronouncing the following

#### BENEDICTION.

The grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, abide in you, bless you and keep you, spirit, soul and body, forever. Amen.

#### AFTERNOON SERVICE.

**A**RISE YE, and let us go up to Zion unto the Lord our God," the inspiring words of Zion's Motto for 1901, formed the basis for the General Overseer's address in Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day afternoon, January 27, 1901.

The upward march, the climbing of the "Hill of Difficulty," was especially emphasized.

The snow and cold doubtless kept many away, but, nevertheless, there were fully 3000 persons present.

The service itself was full of the "Upward" spirit. As the General Overseer proceeded in his discourse, and the toils of the "Hill of Difficulty" were made to disappear in the glories of



the "House Beautiful," the hearts of all were lifted up to God, so that at the close the service reached its climax in the wonderful sight of almost the entire audience standing and reverently consecrating their all to the Divine purposes which God is working out in Zion and Zion City.

Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Afternoon, January 27, 1901.

The services were opened by singing Hymn Number 12:

God is Love!—His word proclaims it,  
Day by day the truth we prove;  
Heaven and earth with joy are telling,  
Ever telling, "God is Love!"

CHORUS—Hallelujah! tell the story,  
Sung by angel choirs above;  
Sounding forth the mighty chorus—  
"God is Life, and Light, and Love!"

The Apostles' Creed was then repeated by the audience, after which the General Overseer read the fifteenth Psalm; also in the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah, the thirty-first chapter, closing with the following prayer:

May God bless His Word.

Prayer was then offered by Overseer Speicher; also by the General Overseer.

The General Overseer then made the announcements, and among other things said:

During the first week of my return I spoke to 20,000 persons in the aggregate in Chicago in many great assemblies, and I have been very busy in my office speaking to some hundreds of thousands more in various ways.

I should like to say many things this afternoon, but I have said the principal things I would wish to say at this time in a letter which I have addressed to the Christian Catholic Church in Zion throughout the world. It is in type, and will be finally revised tomorrow morning. It will be in your hands next Saturday, February 2d, in LEAVES OF HEALING.

In that letter I have returned my thanks to God and to His people for their kindness to me in these welcoming services. I have also outlined some immediately important engagements ahead of us.

#### Defiance to Board of Death Vaccinators.

There are many, many things in Zion which have to be attended to, which cannot be matters of public talk. We simply have to do our work.

I desire here and now to give straight, honest notice to Dr. Reynolds, the head of the Health Department, that if he endeavors to make his infernal ordinance of Compulsory Vaccination applicable to the schools and establishments of Zion, we will fight it to the last. (Applause.)

I have received today a copy of that ordinance which would seem to compel us to see that all whom we control, young or old, shall be "*promptly, frequently and effectively vaccinated.*" Dr. Reynolds knows that his ordinance is not worth the paper it is written on.

Dr. Reynolds knows that the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois has said that a person cannot be punished for refusing to allow his children to be vaccinated, and that the School Board has no right to exclude a child on that account. This decision was given in May, 1897, in the case of Posts vs. Breen, where the Court said: "Nowhere is found a provision of law prescribing vaccination as a condition precedent to the exercise of such rights"—referring to the right of children of proper age to attend Public Schools. The Court also spoke of the rights of "those who seriously object to Vaccination" and said, "they cannot . . . be denied of their Rights to Protect themselves, and those under their control, from an Invasion of their Liberties by a Practically Compulsory Inoculation of their Bodies with a *virus* (vaccine poison) of any description, however meritorious it might be."

The Ordinances of the City of Chicago must be kept within the decisions of the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois, or else these Ordinances are themselves Anarchistic Abominations. (Amen.)

Dr. Reynolds and his staff of vaccinators desire to propagate cowpox for so much per head for the vaccinator. It is a very profitable thing for the doctors.

Ordinances are not laws. We had to teach that to the City of Chicago in a long fight, extending over a year, when we

smashed their infernal ordinance which said that we should not pray for the sick in the Homes which we had established.

We took that wicked ordinance and smashed it again and again and again, until there was not a vestige of it left. (Applause and laughter.)

I tell the Commissioner and the doctors of the Board of Death that they may look out for the biggest fight they have ever had, if they attempt to impose that ordinance upon Zion. Every man and woman in Zion would rather go to prison than obey it. (Applause.)

They would have to make a very large prison (applause and laughter) if they attempted to get into it all the people who were in the Coliseum last Sunday who "seriously object to vaccination."

Dr. Reynolds, it cannot be done. Others who will obey, may, if they choose, submit to your inoculation with the disgusting *virus* in your vaccine points. Zion will never permit you to take our babies or ourselves and put that infernal pox into us. (Applause and voices of "Never.")

It is illegal. If it were not illegal we should fight that law, for it would be fundamentally illegal.

In England that question is settled by law. Throughout the British Empire vaccination is not compulsory. Every one who declares that he has conscientious reasons against vaccination, either for himself or his children, is by law exempt.

Zion has conscientious reasons. (Amen.)

More than that, Zion has good physical reasons.

#### Vaccination a Most Dangerous Menace to Health.

Zion declines to take the lymph of the diseased cow. She declines to take the lymph which has been taken from human bodies filled with disease. Zion knows what Dr. Reynolds knows, what every man of sense knows: that vaccination has propagated not merely cowpox, but many other filthy diseases, when it has been taken from the human body. Most of the lymph is so taken.

In a recent case in Ohio, bone erysipelas, from which scores and scores of persons suffered numerous tortures and many died, resulted from vaccination. The principal vaccinator himself died from his own vaccination. Thousands and tens of thousands have been made unutterably miserable from diseases created by vaccination, and thousands have died from that cause. The recorded cases fill many volumes.

We will fight it. We will never submit to it.

Zion, am I voicing your sentiments?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Will you follow my leadership.

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Stand and say so, you who will follow my lead in this matter. (Apparently the entire audience of fully 3000 persons arose.)

Will you follow my lead?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Do I voice your sentiments?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Let this voice of many, many thousands, representing tens of thousands in Chicago, go back to the Board of Death. Amen.

#### Let Zion be Clean, in Body as Well as in Soul and Spirit.

Let your "hearts be sprinkled from all evil conscience," but remember the other part of that: let your "bodies be washed with pure water."

Be sure to keep your bodies clean. Smallpox is a disease of dirt. People who keep themselves clean and the pores of their body open, and eat good food and drink that which is good, and put themselves in God's hands, will be all right.

So far as I know today there is not one case of smallpox in Zion. (Amen.)

Is there one?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—I know of none. Board of Death, you have it all over Chicago. Zion is all over the city, and there is not a member of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion in the United States this day known to have smallpox. Thank God. (Applause.)

There has not been one single case amongst our people in Chicago, and I do not know of one elsewhere.

We have a better vaccinator than you, Dr. Reynolds. We have all been inoculated with Divine Healing in Zion by God.

I do not say that others shall not do as they please. If anybody likes cowpox and bone erysipelas, and all the rest of it, they can have it. I cannot prevent it; but I will give you good advice: do right, keep your bodies clean, and do not fear, and you will be all right. God will take care of us.

If there should be a case of smallpox in any house, we wish to know it immediately.

We do not anticipate that; but if it should come, let Zion Headquarters know it immediately, and you will get the proper counsel.

I have had many a long fight with this Board of Death. I know the smell of them afar off. (Applause and laughter.) It lasted once a whole year, and you know what happened.

I do not think that Dr. Reynolds is aching for a fight with Zion. If he is, he will get all he wants when he starts.

I have more confidence in the good sound sense of Mayor Harrison than to suppose that he will permit the Board of Death to enforce an Ordinance which is contrary to law. Tens of thousands of persons in Zion will rather die than submit to "a compulsory inoculation of their bodies with a virus of any description." (Amen.)

#### I Thank You for Many Tokens of Your Love.

I cannot find any words for it. Last Lord's Day was wonderful. All the week through I have been receiving from all parts of the land such kind letters, many of them from persons who are not in Zion at all.

Sometimes I think, when I read some of these letters, of the passage in God's Word which reads:

When a man's ways please the Lord,  
He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

If I have received one letter asking me for forgiveness, within the last week, I must have received a hundred.

I do not answer every one of them, but every man who has offended or wronged me and asked my forgiveness, is forgiven at once.

God bless you all. I thank you, and I ask you now to pray for the few words which I shall say this afternoon.

The tithes and offering were then received.

#### "LET US GO UP TO ZION."

The General Overseer then delivered the following address:

##### INVOCATION.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, and profitable unto this people, oh Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer.

##### TEXT.

For there shall be a day, that the Watchmen upon the hills of Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the Lord our God.—Jeremiah 31:6.

That day has come.

Ephraim stands, in my opinion, for that portion of Israel which is found in these United States, and upon this American Continent. I will not enter upon that at great length.

I am a firm believer, and have been for thirty years, in the Israelitish origin of the Anglo-Saxon race.

There was no part of my recent journey which I viewed with more interest than my visit to Iona and Staffa. I am studying concerning what I then saw. I am intensely interested in the whole story of St. Columba.

Columba means a dove. Columba was the first preacher of the Gospel in the Eighth Century to Scotland. He came from Ireland.

I was led to make a number of examinations and to follow up some clues by reading of ancient history, and I am not through yet. Everything I read and see and experience confirms me in the conviction that the Anglo-Saxon race is the lineal descendant of the Ten Tribes of Israel who were scattered abroad. That in this land it is the dominant race is, of course, without question.

The time has come when, on the high places of this land, the call goes forth, "Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the Lord our God."

#### Zion's Motto This Year Means "Go Upward."

In previous years Zion's Motto has been, "Go Forward," in 1899, and in 1900 the promise, "I will bring you to Zion." This year Zion's Motto is "Go Upward." "Arise ye, and let us go up."

We have gone forward. We have come to the foot of the

hill. Now we must climb. We have come to the foot of the hill, and we are going to climb up. It is not altogether an easy matter that lies before us.

The "Hill of Difficulty" is the way to the "House Beautiful."

In that beautiful allegory of Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress," Christain got into difficulties into which he would never have gotten if he had kept on climbing. But there was a little arbor on the "Hill of Difficulty," where the Lord had given a place for saints to rest. Instead of merely resting, he went in there and had a snore.

He went to sleep, instead of resting.

There are some people whose resting consists in going to bed, and having a snore. You cannot do anything with them. They tell you that they are resting, and that they have a right to rest on the "Hill of Difficulty." You cannot get them to wake up. They will get into real difficulty.

In that allegory of Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress," many of you will remember that Christian, the pilgrim, went to sleep in the arbor instead of resting a little while and then resuming his journey. While the sun was still shining a little, there was plenty of time to see his way, so that he could go on to the "House Beautiful" before the sun set.

Owing to his sleeping, there fell out of his bosom something which he did not know had fallen out.

He awoke suddenly to find that the day was declining. The "House Beautiful" was beyond the top of the hill.

He must be quick about it, if he wished to reach there before dark. He asked the Lord to forgive him for sleeping, and began to go up hurriedly.

#### Some People are in Too Great a Hurry.

You are in a feverish hurry, some of you.

Some of you want to hurry me. Do I not go fast enough? If I do not go fast enough, who does? We have gone far ahead of all our engagements in connection with the purchase of the land for Zion City, and in many other ways.

There are some of you who seem to think that the General Overseer will take a little jogging. You had better look out. If I jog you back, you will get a terrible jog. Some good Christians are in a hurry, especially when it is Number One who is to be looked out for.

If I were only to look after Number One, I would not be in a hurry. I have thousands and tens of thousands, and even hundreds of thousands of people to think about.

I have a great deal more to think about than your lot 40x150. I have to think of ten square miles, and beyond that there are a good many other things. Just by the way, I tell you not to be in too great a hurry. I notice that the people who want to hurry everything are those who have never succeeded in anything. Jesus had once to say to His own brothers who wanted to hurry Him, "My time is not yet come; but your time is always ready." Talkers of that kind were, and are, ever an offense to Jesus.

I will lead you as quickly as you will follow with safety. There are some of you who desire to run ahead all the time. You had better look out. You will get into some difficulty.

Christian was very sorry that he had slept. He asked the Lord to forgive him, brought himself together, and toiled up the hill.

He did not know that he had left something. When he got to the top of the hill, he put his hand into his bosom.

What!

He had left the most important document in the world down where he had been sleeping: the roll containing his Assurance. It was left in the arbor. He could not get into the "House Beautiful" without that roll. He must present it there, so there was nothing for the poor man, who was in a great hurry, but to go back.

He had to go down. By the time he got there, weeping for his roll, he found it in the dim twilight just where he had been in such a hurry. He snatched it up and put it into his bosom. Then he began to toil up again.

But the sun was setting. The shades of night were falling. As he got to the top he met Mistrust and Timorous, fleeing.

"What is the matter?" he asked.

"Are you a pilgrim?" they asked him.

"Yes," he replied. "What is the matter?"

They said, "There is a lion in the way. In fact there are two of them, and you cannot get to the 'House Beautiful.' You will be eaten up by lions."

There are some lions in the way here. There are Mah-hah-bones and Boards of Death in the way. (Laughter.)

Poor Christian had very great temptation, for there were two pilgrims running away.

#### A Christian Has No Armor for His Back.

I read of a breastplate, a helmet, a girdle, shoes, greaves for the legs, a shield, and a sword, but can any one tell me where the Christian's backplate is?

There is no backplate. It is a good policy for you Christians not to turn your backs because you will get one under the fifth rib, sure. (Laughter.)

The Devil knows that the Christian has no backplate, and when a Christian turns his back and runs, then the Devil can give him a stroke. I do not blame the Devil at all for doing that—a coward is always despicable, and especially so when he professes to be a Christian.

There are quite a number of persons who are drawing pensions from the United States Government who were severely wounded in the Late War. They never tell you just where they were wounded.

One man said to me one day, "Doctor, I would be ashamed to tell—I got wounded in the back when I was running away." (Laughter.)

Christian got to the top of his "Hill of Difficulty" with the darkness descending, the sun set and only a little light along the western horizon. Many deep shadows were in the valley and on the hills.

Man is liable, if he is not strong, to be a little fearful in the dark. Christian was only in the beginning of his pilgrimage, and was a little fearful. For a moment or two he hesitated; but, as I say, he remembered that the Christian had no armor for the back, hence it was not good policy to flee. Besides, he thought, where would he go? If he were to go back to that arbor and sit there in the cold all night, a lion might come there.

Accordingly he made up his mind that he would go forward, lion or no lion, and he went forward. But the darkness deepened, and the roar of the Mah-hah-bones and the "Board of Death" was heard. (Laughter.)

There were real lions, two of them, between Christian and the "House Beautiful."

The sluggard saith, There is a lion in the way.

#### The Sluggard Denounced.

If there is any man on God's earth whom I want to see in heaven quickly, it is the sluggard.

That lazy Christian always reminds me of that song the Negro Jubilee Singers used to sing. The deep bass used to groan, "The la-a-a-ziest man about the town." After he was dead he was "The la-a-a-ziest ghost about the town."

There are some Christians who are not only lazy in life, but the very memory of them is lazy. I hope they will never bother Zion. We have no place for slothful men.

Men who will not work shall not eat in Zion. Is that right? Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—And women, too, mind. (Laughter.) Is that right?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—All work. If there should come a time when we had to nurse you, we would nurse you when you could not work. If a man can work and will not, he has no place in Zion. We have no place for slothful men.

It is only a slothful coward who says that there is a lion in the way.

It does not matter how many lions there are in other roads, there are no lions on the King's Highway of Holiness.

The Bible says, "No lion shall be there." If you walk in the King's Highway of Holiness, you will find no lion there.

Christian went on because he dared not go back. The lions roared louder than ever. As he drew near he could see the flash of their eyes in the deepening darkness.

So the Board of Death roars. They can roar tremendously, especially when the *Chronicle*, and the *Tribune*, and the *Record*, and all the rest help them to roar. (Laughter.) But they are only asses in lions' skins. (Laughter and applause.) That is all.

I must go back to that hill. Christian saw before him in the distance the "House Beautiful."

#### The Lions Chained.

It was all lit up full of light and life, and love and song. He was out in the darkness, and the lions were between. He stopped. He did not go back. He stopped with a feeble, timorous heart. The door of the "House Beautiful" opened, and the Porter said, "Christian, come on! Christian, come on! The lions are chained. They are not on the way. Come on!"

He heard the voice, and went forward. The lions were chained, and although he was afraid, just a little, he passed them by, and they could not touch him.

Remember that, all ye Mah-hah-bones and Boards of Death. (Laughter and applause.) God has a chain upon you.

He went on, and passed in at the door of the "House Beautiful."

That is my text.

Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the Lord our God.

Do not sleep on the road.

If Christian had just simply gone up, he would not have been late. He would have seen the pathway before him in the bright sunshine. He would have seen that the lions were chained, and that they were not on the way at all.

But it was dark, and he could see nothing.

Brothers, sisters, we are climbing the hill.

Let us go up, *up, up!* The "House Beautiful" is at the top. Elders, hear me; Evangelists, hear me; Deacons, Deaconesses, professors in Zion College, leaders of Cottage Meetings and Zion Seventies, hear me; throughout the world, tell Zion not to sleep.

Oh Zion, let not thine hands be slack.

Go right on. Rest a little, if you will, now and then, but do not let the shades of darkness fall. Rise up and go up to Zion. Do not wait a year, two, three. Be sure to keep the roll of Divine Assurance within your breast.

This is the time for going up. One more hill and then Zion City, the House Beautiful, is reached.

If you do what I tell you, I shall lay the Foundation Stone of Zion Temple on the 14th day of July of this year, in Zion City. (Great applause.) But remember, it is only if you do what I say—so I will not bind myself farther than that.

#### God Gives Refreshment and Strength to Work Through the Night.

Sometimes when it is day no longer, and the night has fallen, and I am tired, I say, "I think I will sleep." Then I see the work to do, and I say, "O God, give me refreshment. I have done a long day's work, and it is time to sleep; but, O God, I desire to work."

Then there comes to me that sweet refreshment which lengthens out the day. I go on and on and on, and the night is not long.

I am toiling while others are sleeping. I am weeping sometimes while others are sleeping. I sow what others will reap.

But I am so glad that the "sun stands still." Although the sun of earth has set, the Sun of Righteousness with Healing in His wings is flooding all my life with light. The night passes, and I often find that I have been able to do two days' work in the four and twenty hours.

So it goes on all the time. I think, sometimes, I have lived a hundred years in my fifty-three, because I have asked God to double and treble the ordinary day's work.

All I ask for is the joy of working for God and for humanity, the joy of reaching that Beautiful Gate ere the shadows fall.

Will you not arise and go up with me? Will you not arise and go in with me?

What does it mean to open the Gate of Zion Temple at Zion City?

It means, I think, to open a Gate of Hope to the millions of the earth.

Could you but see them as I see them!

Could you see as I see it, poor, degenerate France, which used to be so noble, so majestic in spiritual power, where the Huguenots lived and loved, and served their Lord, and filled France with the Light of the Gospel before England was reformed!

Could you see Italy as I see it, and the deep depravity which has fallen upon that nation where the noblest martyrs of the Christian Church lived!

Today, under Rome, you will find in the catacombs, dug out of the rocks, the facts which show you where the martyrs of

the first ages lived and worshiped, and loved and died in subterranean caverns rather than deny their Lord. They died in thousands for Him. Yet in these lands, where once Christianity was supreme, today the moral, spiritual and physical degradation of the people is extreme.

#### I Love the Latin Nations.

It is true that they are degenerate, but I remember how they were a blessing to us. It was Rome that sent the Gospel first to Great Britain and to Europe.

May God bless Rome again!

May God bless Italy again!

May God bless France and Spain and Portugal again!

May Zion be their blessing, under God. (Amen.)

Look at our own favored race in its center in London. I bring no railing accusation; for I love my nation. I loved the Queen who has passed away. Perhaps, next Lord's Day, I may be ready to talk of her.

I could not talk without tears today; for I remember her when I was a little boy in Edinburgh. I used to meet her with Prince Albert, the Royal Prince Consort, and her family. Sometimes I would get a word from the Prince, and sometimes from the Queen. We lived near Holyrood Palace.

I think of the Mother, the Mother of the Empire; the Mother whose body lies dead in Osborn; but whose spirit is, I do not doubt, in heaven.

I know that never shall the earth again see such a monarch upon the throne until Christ shall reign on Zion's Holy Hill. King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

#### The Reign of Infidelity, Impurity and Intemperance.

How degenerate is that nation! How degenerate is London itself! How it has gone down into the depths of degradation. The accursed trinity of Infidelity and Impurity and Intemperance is reigning over the majority of the people in that city and Empire. London is a veritable Babel with its Seven Millions of inhabitants, of which it is as true today as it was of Nineveh in the time of Jonah that "there are more than six score thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand."

The future of London gives great concern to its best citizens and to the wisest amongst the rulers of the British Empire.

That trinity is reigning here; that same accursed trinity of Intemperance, Impurity and Infidelity; the infidelity of which some are boasting at the Chicago University.

I ask you to rise and go to Zion. I ask you to help me this year to secure all that land.

If we are united, then let us go up

I am afraid of no engagement I have made.

Everybody knows that Zion has met all her engagements in the last year in connection with this land purchase. Not only that, but Zion has acquired title, years ahead, to between 1000 and 2000 acres. We wish to go still further ahead of our contract and take, this year, full title for all the rest of the land. It is a splendid investment. Already it is worth millions more than we paid.

Arise. Bring your money with you. Do not leave it in the arbor where you have been sleeping and where you may, like Christian, have left a still more precious thing. Arise and bring your Assurance in God that you will trust God whatever betide.

Sometimes a man says: "I have all assurance in God, but I will leave my stock just where it is. I will leave my money just where it is. I will leave my Church membership just where it is."

"Oh Doctor, I pray for Zion," write some people to me, "and I love you so much. I long to see Zion succeed."

#### Those Who Love Zion Should be in Zion, and Help to Build Up Zion City.

If that is true, why do you stay in the Denominational Church?

You know that Zion is doing this work and fighting its battle, and Zion, you say, is in your heart—then come into Zion, and go through the glorious conflict with us.

Wherever this Voice from Zion reaches today, I say to those into whose hearts Zion has come, "Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the Lord our God."

It is not Go Forward this time.

It is Go Upward.

Go up!

I had some experience while I was away in climbing mountains.

I climbed to the top of Ben MacDhui. I was not long in climbing up the mountain. I was as fresh as a daisy when I got there. The trouble was coming down. (Laughter.) I wore myself out coming down. I can climb up. I cannot go down very easily—it hurts me.

I desire to climb up and never come down.

I long to be where I can send this Gospel to all the earth.

Zion is not going to leave Chicago. If the Board of Death thinks that, it is mightily mistaken. We will have about a thousand Zion Tabernacles in Chicago before we get through. We will have more Zion Tabernacles than all the denominations have church buildings. (Applause.)

We have nearly as many meeting places, large and small, principally small, now.

Inasmuch as most of their churches are going down, perhaps we may be able to buy the whole outfit. (Applause and laughter.)

There are quite a number of them for sale now.

A good offer would buy two dozen churches today in Chicago.

I know where to get them, but I do not know that I want some of them because the leprosy of sin seems to be in the walls.

#### Zion Must First Build Zion Temple.

I thank God for this place, but it is only a tent. One day we may build a Zion Tabernacle not far from where this tent now stands.

We shall build many, but we must build Zion Temple before anything is built in the way of a new Zion Tabernacle anywhere. The Dome of Zion Temple must rise on the beautiful shore of Lake Michigan as soon as possible.

What a splendid thing it will be!

We will put our light on the top of it. We will make it shine by night, and that white dome will shine by day. The mariner far up the lake will say, "Did you see the Light of Zion?"

It will shine farther than any light along the shore.

Thank God for the new City which is rising midway between "Beer and Babel." (Laughter.)

May God be with us.

I desire to see a practical rising up.

#### Spiritually We Must "Go Upward."

If we are to go up externally and materially, we must go up to God spiritually. We must get into the way of leaving the earth and communing with God, even while we do its earthly business.

We must go up in our Christian experience. We must go up in our family life; in the way we do our business for God.

I have no notion, you delegates, of a uniform wage for the toiler. I wish to lift the toilers above all your wage systems. I wish to make them partakers in the profits of their industry. I would make the toilers, by and by, to be largely the holders of the stock in Zion's many Industries. (Amen. Applause.)

No dream of mine is more earnestly sought for than the realization of that.

#### Every Man Should Receive What He is Worth.

There are some men who want more than they are worth. They will not get it in Zion, if we know it. There are some men who take less than they are worth. We make a note of those men, and by and by they get more.

There are some men who do not know their value. They think it is higher than it really is. Some men think they are worth less than they are. But Zion will be able to find out just what each is worth.

My aim is a population of godly people who shall work together for something more than dollars; who shall work together to help each other up.

The poor girls who now work for just a few dollars a week, when they are out of work are upon the ragged edge of poverty, and upon the precipice of sin. I wish the arm of Zion to be around the dear girls who have fathers and mothers but no homes, and who have neither mothers nor fathers nor homes of any kind. I wish to see them raised up, until a woman shall get the same wages as a man, if she earns it. (Applause.)

I think it is a perfect abomination that a woman should get less than a man because she is a woman.

May God have mercy upon the mean wretches in this city who pay a woman who does the same work less than a man, simply because she is a woman. (Amen.)

I long to raise women up. I long to raise men up. I do not desire to level down; I want to level up.

Arise ye, let us go up to Zion unto the Lord our God.

Brothers and sisters, if we cannot find the Lord our God in Zion, then I do not want to go.

If Thy presence go not with me, carry us not up thence.

I say it as Moses said it.

My Lord, my God, if You do not go with me, I do not want to go. I have no desire to go.

I do desire to go, however, because I know I shall find God there in the midst of His people. I shall be able to help them to sow and plant, and build and reap, and inhabit.

I believe that I shall. I know I shall. I already have, to some little extent.

Now let us go up.

The world is watching us.

The Devil is watching us.

The angels of God are watching us from the battlements of glory. Holy ones are looking down, and are saying: "Will he fail as others have failed? Will this Church be the Church which shall welcome her Lord when He comes, or is it to go back as others have done?"

Shall we go back, or shall we go up?

Voices—"Up."

General Overseer—May God grant it.

Every one who desires to go up in spirit, soul and body, stand up and tell God. (Almost without exception the entire audience arose.)

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.**

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. Take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be, in spirit, in soul and in body. Give me power to do right to every one whom I may have wronged. I will arise and go to my Father, and say, "Father, I have sinned". I will arise and do right to my fellowman.

I will arise and go unto my God and Father, and say: "Father, I am Thy child. Take me, cleanse me; help me to be among those who day and night go upward, ever upward to Zion to the Lord our God."

Give us patience. Give us perseverance. Give us brotherly kindness. Give us love. Make us wise to those who are without, and let us be devotedly determined to help all who are within; to cooperate faithfully; to follow the leadership which Thou hast given Zion, for Jesus' sake. (All repeat the prayer, clause by clause, after the General Overseer.)

Did you mean it?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Then may God grant it.

**CLOSING PRAYER.**

Father, hear my prayer for this people. Hear my prayer for myself. Hear my prayer for Zion everywhere today, and everywhere throughout the world may this cry of Arise be responded to. Let us go, when we go, with all the power of God. What a wonderful going it will be! Let us go up, up, up! until we see the "House Beautiful"; until the World, the Flesh and the Devil see it, and from the light and glory of it let the evil powers pass away into darkness, wondering and perishing. Oh God, prepare Zion to receive her King, for Jesus' sake.

Now be with us. Help us to live what we preach and sing and pray. Help us every day in every part of our daily lives, for Jesus' sake.

**BENEDICTION.**

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

**Prayer to God Answered for Injured Foot.**

SILVERTON, January 12, 1901.

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—On December 24th, while loading rock, I stepped on a ten-penny nail, which penetrated my foot three-quarters of an inch.

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I asked God to relieve me.

I worked the rest of the day and walked home at night, which was two miles.

I told my wife what had happened. She took my foot in her hand and prayed. We trusted God.

I stayed at home on Christmas Day and went to work the next day.

My foot is well.

The Lord is my help in time of need; praise His Name forever.

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# CHEERING WORDS FROM ZION'S GUESTS

NOTES FROM ZION HOME

THE regular Praise and Testimony Meeting held in Zion Home, Saturday evening, January 19, 1901, was conducted by Elder Excell.

After the usual opening exercises, the States represented were enumerated and found to be thirteen in number, as follows:

Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

The following foreign countries were represented:

Canada, England, Germany, Ireland, Japan and Scotland.

The meeting was then thrown open for testimony.

MRS. CYRUS B. FOCKLER, Zion Home, said: "I have great reason to thank God for a healing which took place in our family last Sunday. Our little baby had a very severe cold and coughed considerably. He became very sick in the afternoon. Services were being held in Central Zion Tabernacle. I sent for an Elder, but there was none in the Home at the time. Mr. Clemons telephoned to Zion Tabernacle requesting prayer for the child. I did not know that he had done so at the time. The child was lying on the bed in a semi-conscious condition, when my little daughter remarked, 'Mamma, I believe Harold is dying.' He was breathing very heavily. I said, 'That is the change.' It was miraculous. He broke into a perspiration from every pore of his body. This took place at the very moment prayer was offered at Zion Tabernacle. I never saw anything stop so quickly. I praise God."

MRS. CHARLES CHAMPE, Zion Home, said: "I thank God for His wonderful goodness to us during the past week. Our baby had taken a severe cold. Tuesday afternoon, when I requested united prayers, he broke out in a perspiration and since then he has been getting better every day and is now well."

CHAPLAIN MILLARD, 1311 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I find Zion to be the House of the Lord. I am a witness of the power of God to heal the body as well as the spirit and soul. Sometime ago I fell and struck my knee joint and scraped the bone down to the ankle. I was sent to the hospital. The doctor on examining me said that it was a dangerous wound and might lead to blood-poisoning. In that case, of course, the case would be nearly hopeless. He thought he could save my life if I would submit to a surgical operation. The wound was to be cut open from top to bottom and the bone scraped. He said it would never heal with those pieces of broken bone in it."

"I said, 'God, whose I am and whom I serve, is able to deliver me.'

"I had been confined to my room for two weeks and only able to leave my room by the aid of crutches. I prayed to God to deliver me, and in the strength of the Lord I threw away my crutches and walked. Glory to God for Divine Healing."

MRS. MARY E. BROWN, Elma, Iowa, said: "About four weeks ago I was afflicted with a severe pain in my side, and other troubles. I sent word to Zion for prayer and received a great blessing. I praise God for Zion. It is more like heaven on earth than any other place I know of. I thank God that I am here."

MISS CARRIE H. TURNER, Cincinnati, Ohio, said: "I thank

God for Zion and for our General Overseer. Four years ago, I was brought to Zion in a very low condition. I had been suffering for ten years and for four years was a helpless invalid. I had paralysis, heart trouble and an internal injury which caused me very much suffering. I was told that I would not live.

"The third day after I arrived in Zion Home, I was lying on a couch in this room. The General Overseer was holding the meeting and Mrs. Dowie was reading Psalm 103. As she read, 'Thy youth is renewed like the eagle,' I thought that was for me. As the General Overseer was teaching, I arose from my couch and walked. The Lord raised me up. The next day I walked seven blocks. That was the 18th day of May, 1896. I have been able to do Zion Seventy Work. The Lord gives me strength, and I thank Him for it."

JOHN GALLANT, Hebron, Nebraska, said: "I praise God for LEAVES OF HEALING coming to us four years ago. We have been reading it ever since. We compared it with the Word of God. We praise God they corresponded exactly. The result was I was healed of a terrible complication of diseases. It was done very quickly. I was healed of a cough from which I had suffered greatly. I said, 'Lord, take this away.' He did so. He also delivered me from the torment of tobacco."

"I preached many years. I belonged to the Methodist Church. I was just starving to death for spiritual food. I could not get it in the churches. My wife and son and I wanted to get out of the Church, but did not know where to go. Finally, we found a Church which fears God and keeps His commandments. I praise God for the General Overseer, who preaches the truth."

"I am in my eighty-second year and am healthy."

"Praise God for a free and full Gospel of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living. Bless His Holy Name."

MRS. JULIA A. BURTRIDGE, Kenosha, Wisconsin, said: "I am so glad there is a place where the Full Gospel is preached. This is the Church I have been seeking. God has healed me at various times in answer to my own prayers. I prayed to God, and trusted Him because He said He would heal me, and He did."

MRS. JOHN LARSEN, Akron, Ohio, said: "I thank God for many blessings I have received since I have come to Zion. Last Wednesday I had a very severe attack of grip. I requested prayer and God delivered me. I have also had many other blessings since coming here, for which I thank God."

PETER SCHAEFFER, Cincinnati, Ohio, said: "I thank God first of all for the Gospel of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living. I thank God for bringing to us our beloved General Overseer to preach to us the Full Gospel. It is nearly four years ago since the Little White Dove brought this precious Message to me."

"I had been troubled all my life with indigestion. The first LEAVES OF HEALING I saw contained the testimony of Miss Fannie E. Law. I grasped the truth at once. I got down on my knees before my bed and prayed to God to deliver me. Praise His Holy Name, from that time on I was healed. I had taken large quantities of medicine and had any number of doctors, but nothing ever did me any good."

"I was also a sinner. I used a large quantity of tobacco in a day. God has been very good to me. Whenever I have

been sick, I have taken my sickness to God and He has answered. I will trust Him for everything. Praise His Holy Name."

MISS LUCY E. HICKS, Newport, Kentucky, said: "I thank God for leading me into Zion. Two years ago I had nervous prostration. I had been treated by physicians for a good many years. I had taken all kinds of medicine. I suffered with nervous chills. I had about thirty during a month, an average of one a day. I had them in the night and also during the day.

"I was just about to be treated by a specialist in Cincinnati and had just about given up all hope. He said I was going into consumption. Before that the doctors and others kept this from me. I was to meet this specialist at the Palace Hotel. As I was walking along I saw the sign, Zion Tabernacle. I thought, 'Don't that sound like the Tabernacle in the wilderness? I believe I'll go in,' and in I walked.

"I did not care what became of me. My mother and father were dead. Before I heard Zion teaching, I thought God had killed them. I was so glad to know differently. Instead of going to the specialist, as I intended, I went into the prayer room and Elder (now Overseer) Piper prayed for me. I had not received much teaching, and I did not give up all remedies right away. But as I heard the teaching, I trusted God fully. Now I am so strong I can go out on Zion Seventy work and Saloon Seventy work."

MRS. D. S. FLETCHER, Wolcottville, Indiana, said: "I praise God tonight for a wonderful healing I received a short time ago. On the 13th of December, 1900, I assisted a very sick mother. I had a sore finger at the time, but I gave no thought to myself. The second day after my finger began to pain me dreadfully and finally it became black. If a physician had seen it, he would have said that the finger must come off. The pain reached to my shoulder and in my chest. We sent a request for prayer by telephone to Zion Home. I praise God that I have been healed."

JOHN W. PARCEL, Westfield, Illinois, said he had ceased to use medicine and swine's flesh and had accepted Zion's teaching.

MISS CLARISSA ANDERSON, Garfield, Washington, said: "I praise God tonight that I have the privilege of being here. I praise God that although I was in the Methodist Church, I never have had a doctor. I praise God that He has saved me and that He keeps me. I will follow Christ wherever He leads."

ELDER A. J. MCCREERY, Belvidere, Illinois, said: "I have been troubled more or less with bronchial trouble. Whenever I took a little cold, I would begin to wheeze. I forgot about this trouble. God has healed me of it, for which I praise Him tonight."

W. C. CLOUGH, Stanningley, Leeds, England, said: "I thank God that I am in Zion, and above all, that Zion is in me. I first heard of Zion six years ago while in South Africa. I was there when the Little White Dove reached me the first time. I learned the lessons of obedience, such as giving up swine's flesh and paying tithes, through LEAVES OF HEALING. I thank God I had been delivered from smoking before I heard of Zion. I thank God for His goodness to me. He has healed me many times. I knew a little about Zion and I have come to learn more. God has wonderfully blessed us away over in England, through the General Overseer."

MRS. MARY A. ANDERSON, Francesville, Indiana, said: "I am glad to say that I am in Zion. Twenty-eight years ago I accepted Zion in my heart. I was justified by faith in the Methodist Church. I rejoiced when I heard there was such a place as Zion in Chicago. During Zion's Holy War I resolved that I would come to Chicago and see for myself. I had heard so much about Zion and so much about Dr. Dowie, and of the persecution, and was satisfied in my heart that this work was of God, and that our General Overseer was a man of God. I praise God for the victory He has given him. I praise God

tonight for the joy I have in my heart. I thank God I have known Jesus as my Saviour and Healer. He is everything to me."

The meeting was then closed by the

BENEDICTION.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

The following testimonies have been omitted from the regular reports and are appended without date, that they may go forth as a part of Zion's record:

MRS. CLARA P. DRAKE, Beaver, South Dakota, said: "I thank God for the General Overseer and also for answer to prayer. For about five years I prayed for the salvation of my husband and that he might come into Zion. God has answered, and I now have my prayer realized."

T. A. LINDSAY, Zion Home, said: "I am very thankful to God that I am in connection with the Christian Catholic Church in Zion. I never belonged to any Church before, but I attended other churches, especially the Methodist and Presbyterian. I found that these churches were not what they ought to be. When I first read LEAVES OF HEALING, I became disgusted with the way the churches were carrying on.

"I was reluctant in joining the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, as I did not care to pay tithes, and we did not have to pay tithes in the Methodist Church. The Devil kept me back.

"A little over a year ago I was called to see my brother, whom I dearly loved. He had typhoid fever and was in a German hospital in the City of Toronto, Canada. I had LEAVES OF HEALING sent him, but he did not seem to accept the teaching, and died soon after I arrived. I was so disgusted with the way he was used in that hospital that I vowed to God that I would never touch another drop of medicine. When I came back home, I immediately sent in my application for membership in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

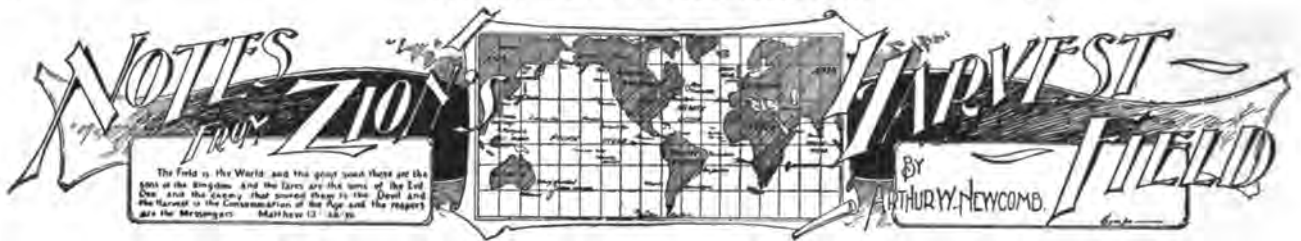
"I am so thankful for Zion, her principles and the purity of life. My desire is to live a pure life and to obey God in all things."

T. H. KETTEL, Zion Home, said: "I came to Zion a year and a half ago, discouraged and despondent. I thank God for LEAVES OF HEALING and what He has done for me through it. These meetings have been the source of great encouragement to me. As I have testified in public and private, the peace which every Christian should have has gradually come to me. I am very thankful to be permitted to listen to this teaching. I thank God for the General Overseer."

MRS. D. E. BROWNEWELL, 1425 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I thank God for His keeping power. He has kept me wonderfully since I came into Zion. I came here two months ago, almost totally blind. I have received a wonderful blessing. My eyes are so much better that I have been sewing every day this week. I am very happy that I am well and in Zion."

MRS. M. E. KING, 1425 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I thank God for the many blessings I have received since I have been in Zion, both spiritually and physically. I have been healed of many diseases. My eyesight has been restored. I lost sight in one eye, but it is just as strong now as the other.

"I am very thankful for the teaching we get in Zion and for the servant God has sent us to teach us the wonderful Full Gospel. I praise God every day for the good He is doing."



### CHICAGO.

**R**ENEWED earnestness and activity in all lines has marked the first two weeks following the General Overseer's return to Zion, Chicago.

The mighty momentum of the unprecedented gathering in the Coliseum on the first Lord's Day after his return is gathering force as the days go by.

Deeply impressed by what they saw and heard on that day, hundreds are inquiring "concerning Zion with their faces thitherward."

The Zion Tabernacle services throughout the city are more largely attended, the outlying Tabernacles going forward under the impetus of a series of Lord's Day morning services led by the General Overseer.

The Cottage Meetings, which are becoming one of the bulwarks of Zion's work for God in Chicago, are steadily increasing, both in numbers and in spiritual power.

The Tuesday afternoon Divine Healing Meetings in Central Zion Tabernacle have again been taken by the General Overseer and are proving to be seasons of great blessing, not only in mighty manifestations of God's Healing Power, but in spiritual uplifting and renewed consecrations.

The material interests of Zion are keeping pace with the spiritual.

The fourth and last party of Lace Experts from Nottingham, England, arrived in Boston on the steamship *New England*, on Friday afternoon, January 25, 1901.

They were in charge of Mr. Arthur Stevenson, brother of Deacon Samuel Stevenson, the third of the Stevenson brothers to come to Zion in connection with Zion Lace Industries.

The party was stopped by the Immigration Inspectors on the ground of their coming in violation of the Alien Contract Labor Law.

A. J. Gladstone Dowie, son of the General Overseer, who is attending the Law School of Harvard University, met the party, and on the following morning conducted their case on an appeal to a Special Board of Inquiry of the Immigration Bureau.

Mr. Dowie's argument was convincing, and after three hours' discussion, the Board decided that the experts were entitled to admission to the United States.

They arrived in Zion, Chicago, on Sunday evening, January 27, at 10:25 o'clock.

The following is a list of those in the party:

- Mr. Arthur Stevenson and wife.
- Mr. G. Gurton, wife and two children.
- Mr. J. Marriott and two daughters.
- Mr. J. Willimot and one child.
- Mr. B. C. Harrison and wife.
- Mrs. H. Owen.
- Mr. J. Hazeldine.
- Mr. W. Walker.
- Mr. H. Bailey.

**San Francisco, California.**  
Rev. W. D. Taylor, Elder-in-Charge.

The work of the General Overseer in America was begun in the City of San Francisco, twelve and one-half years ago, God greatly blessed that work, and there are thousands, not

only in San Francisco, but all along the Pacific Slope, who owe their natural and spiritual lives, under God, to John Alexander Dowie.

There was no permanent organization of those who thus learned the truths of the Everlasting Gospel. The great necessities of the work in Chicago and other parts of the world prevented active operations on the Pacific Slope, yet many remained loyal to the General Overseer throughout all those years, and many of them became members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion upon its organization. More have come in during recent years. Now many Gatherings of the Friends of Zion shine like beacon lights all along that coast, while a Branch of the Church has been organized at San Francisco, with Elder W. D. Taylor in charge.

Elder Taylor resides at 1516 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California, while the Branch holds its meetings in Zion Tabernacle, 927 Mission Street, San Francisco, California.

Meetings are held at 3 and 7:30 P. M. every Lord's Day, and at 7:30 o'clock on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

Two Cottage Meetings are also held. One meets at the home of Elder Taylor (address given above) on Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock; another at 5608 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland, California, at 7:30 o'clock, Thursday evening.

God is blessing the work in California.

He is bringing many in that beautiful State to a practical knowledge of Himself through Christ as Saviour, Healer, Cleanser and Keeper.

### Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Gideon Hammond, Elder-in-Charge. Deacon C. F. Kelchner, Assisting.

We have received from Miss Mary S. Ortman, the teacher in Zion's Junior School at Philadelphia, the following wonderful testimony to healing of a broken leg of one of the Junior school boys, in answer to the prayers of Deacon Kelchner:

We would like to add our testimony to the many we see and enjoy reading in LEAVES OF HEALING.

A few days before Christmas, one of our Junior boys, John Kaufmann, 2838 Park Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with a schoolmate and another boy, was playing among the cars in a freight yard, and while jumping from one car to another he was pushed and fell and broke his leg.

Virgil Pangborn, his schoolmate, lifted him up upon his back and hurried off with him.

The policeman called to the boys about the ambulance and the hospital, but Virgil, telling of it, said, "We did not want to go to the hospital, so I ran as fast as I could and got away from the 'Cop'; but John was awful heavy."

Our Juniors fear the hospital and shun it as they would a pest house.

As Deacon Kelchner prayed and took hold of the leg, he could feel the lump caused by the broken bone go down.

The boy kept his leg quiet, but there were no applications whatever used—no splints, etc.

In two weeks' time he began to walk, and in less than three weeks he returned to school.

We praise God for this victory over the Devil.

We rejoice to see that this blessed truth of Divine Healing is taking hold of the children.

### Instantaneous Healing at Time of Prayer.

UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO, January 22, 1901.

DEAR DR. SPEICHER:—We received your letter yesterday and thank you for your prayers.

I was instantly healed the same day, and the little boy's finger burst open the next day at 4:30 P. M.; for which we thank God.

Your Sister in Christ, (MRS.) GEORGE A. DIRMEYER.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

(Continued from page 488.)

places as Builders of Zion, in every State of this Union and in every Republic and Commonwealth of this Continent, and of every Continent and Island throughout the world.

If within the lifetime of one man, Christianity could spread, in the First Century, over all the earth, what may not be done in the Twentieth Century by God through a Living Church, "built upon the Foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief Corner Stone"?

What are the possibilities to a Church filled with the Power of the Holy Spirit, and able to employ by its wealth and talents all the material forces of the "Hidings of God's Power," in this Twentieth Century when "one drop of ink makes millions think"?

The possibilities which are now unfolding before us in Zion are not the wild Imaginations of a dreamer of dreams, but, as the world is everywhere seeing them, they are the Glorious Realizations of God's Promises to His Zion, which have come down to us from the distant ages through Divinely-inspired prophets, which God said would be realized in the latter days.

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ARISE! SHINE! O Zion, for thy Light is come,  
And the Glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

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A LITTLE ONE shall become a Thousand,  
And a small one a Strong Nation;  
I the Lord will hasten it in its Time.

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WE PROCLAIM confidently that God's time to fulfil this Promise in Zion has come, and that this First Year of the Twentieth Century is the First Hour of a Glorious Day.

The darkness is already beginning to flee away, although "gross darkness" still covers many of the peoples.

But the Dawn has come.

The Light has come, and Zion is going forward, obeying that Voice which rang through all the Holy City's palaces and towers, and in the solitudes of Judea, long centuries ago:

Make ye ready the Way of the Lord,  
Make His paths straight!

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THIS IS the Day of Preparation.

Make the Lord's Way ready, oh Zion!

This is the day for action, for bridging over all the deep, dark valleys, for climbing up to the heights of the highest mountains, and swiftly descending to the seas.

The River of Life will flow, and is flowing, through the Oceans and the Islands and the Continents, until all the world shall know the glorious truth of the Everlasting Gospel: "One is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are Brethren."

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WHEN THAT day comes, every Tyrant's Throne will fall to rise no more, and Wars and Contentions between nations will forever cease.

When that day comes, every Ecclesiastical Apostasy will vanish to curse the world no more with the dark shadows of crimes and superstitions and hypocrisies.

When that day comes, men shall know the Lord.

It is the mission of Zion to "make ready" for her Lord that happy day, albeit that she is still going upward, contending earnestly for "the Faith once for all delivered to the Saints," rejoicing as she goes "walking in the Light."

The Time of Final Triumph for the Kingdom of God will come.

It will be as when the engineering difficulties in the great

transcontinental railways had been overcome, when rivers had been bridged, slimy marshes had been crossed, the rocky mountains had been climbed, away up to their highest peaks, the rocks were tunnelled through, pathways hewn out of the cliffs along the narrow canons of the rivers, and when at last the Panting Steam Horse had on its Iron Way crossed the plains, and come down to the Pacific Ocean!

Then the Way for millions to cross was at last made plain, every foot of all the thousands of miles of it, from "Hell Gate" at New York to the "Golden Gate" at San Francisco!

Even so the Way of the Lord shall be prepared from the very Gates of Hell to the Golden Gates of Heaven. Hallelujah!

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THIS IS God's Message and Zion's Mission.

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WE IMAGINE that when these words are read by the Philistines of the Churches in their Gath, and by the Mah-hah-bones in their Pagan Temples, that they will perhaps laugh a little, and endeavor to keep their courage up by some of their old-time scorning.

But even while they do it, we see their lips are pale and their hearts are quaking; for God has sent forth a hand which has written on the walls of all their Masonic-Belshazzar-feasts: "*Mene, Mene, Tekel.*"

And they know in their ungodly hearts, in their hypocritical mummeries, in all their dens of iniquity, in the press and behind the pulpit, in all the places where they are scheming to deceive the people, that they are under the Condemnation of God.

God has written these Words of Doom upon all their walls, and this is still their interpretation, as when Daniel interpreted them—

*Mene*—"God hath numbered thy kingdom and brought it to an end."

*Tekel*—"Thou art weighed in the balances and art found wanting."

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WE HAVE no hatred in our hearts against any one, even were he as wicked as Belshazzar; but we hate with all the intensity of Divine Love the abominations which have so long retarded the establishment of the Kingdom of God o'er all the earth.

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ENDING WHERE we began, we proclaim that God's Word is being fulfilled in America today, and in this Voice from Zion—

There shall be a Day that the Watchmen upon the Hills of Ephraim shall cry,

Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the Lord our God.

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LOOKING OUT upon the white-shrouded earth now lying beneath the winter snow, we cry to Zion everywhere, "Arise, and let us go up to Zion unto the Lord our God."

For yet a few weeks and the Winter shall pass away and the Spring shall come, and the Rivers shall flow, and the Ice-bound Lakes shall laugh and dance and leap for very joy in the Summer Sun and reflect the unclouded blue of the throbbing sky.

The Bright and Glorious Days of our happy Reunions in Zion are near, and God will do Mighty Works in Zion this year.

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ARISE! AND *come up to Zion*, "unto the Lord our God," and let us build the City which He hath already founded, where the Site for His Temple is already consecrated, and to which throngs of the Ransomed are coming with Songs from every Continent, filled with determination to coöperate with us in making Zion the Joy of the whole earth.

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# LEAVES OF HEALING.

## ZION CITY BANK.

By DEACON WILLIAM S. PECKHAM.

BUT A WOMAN that feareth Jehovah, she shall be praised.—Proverbs 31:30.

THE entire English-speaking people of the world share in Great Britain's sorrow over the death of her beloved Queen Victoria. The death of any other of the crowned heads of the world would have caused more concern politically, but not one of them would have been so universally mourned. Queen Victoria was preëminently a monarch of peace, and many times her influence kept England from war. On several occasions her strong hand and wise counsel kept her ministers from precipitating war with the United States.

She was a true woman, a devoted wife and mother, a noble Christian, with an intense love for the Bible. Once when asked what was the secret of England's glory and greatness, she said it was due to the Word of God. Her influence was ever on the side of Christianity.

Not only was her reign the longest in the history of Great Britain, but it was marked by the most wonderful progress in the nation's greatness, in its wealth, resources and expansion. Vast additions have been made to her territory, and the "gates" of the world are almost all held by Great Britain.

The sun never goes down on the "Union Jack." The English navy is the largest and most powerful in the world.

The Elizabethan age was scarcely more remarkable for its literature and great authors, and no reign of any of England's kings and queens saw so many grand statesmen, among whom none stood higher than Hon. W. E. Gladstone, heroic defender of Christianity and the Bible.

THE HEAVY SELLING in the London market consequent upon the death of Queen Victoria caused many foreign holders to part with American securities. But there has been a decided rally and the conditions of trade with the United States are all that could be desired. In fact, many of the leading men of Europe are now advocating a league against the rapid encroachment of American manufacturers in their markets.

OUR EXPORTS still continue to lead our imports in increasing ratio. The increase in the bank clearings of all the great cities of the country shows large gains, in several instances the increase being eighty per cent.

The jobbing trade continues very heavy and collections are reported as excellent.

Banks universally show large gains in deposits and increase in loans; but in nothing is the prosperity of our people shown more clearly than in the remarkable and steady growth of our savings institutions. It is not so much what a nation or a man makes, as what each saves, that determines their ultimate success and prosperity. The large increase in the savings banks' deposits indicates thrift, industry, frugality and healthy economic conditions.

Very few people have any idea of the vast sums of money now on deposit in the savings banks in the United States, which now reach the enormous total of \$2,400,000,000. The number of depositors is 6,000,000, and the average deposit \$400.

During the year 1900 the number of depositors in savings banks increased 420,000, and the deposits were increased by \$220,000,000. This reflects the splendid conditions existing in the industrial and commercial world, and reveals the fact that mechanics and toilers of all kinds are employed at good wages, and able to lay aside a portion of their earnings. It is

estimated that one person out of every ten is interested in the savings institutions of the country.

ZION CITY BANK opened 233 new accounts in its Savings Department during the month of January, and now has 2850 depositors in this department alone. Our commercial business is growing steadily, and our foreign exchange business is also increasing. Zion City Bank will go into its new and beautiful quarters in Zion Office Building, now Zion Home, about May 1st, with a well-established business, and will be glad to leave the old crowded rooms in Zion College Building. No doubt our new quarters will again be too small in a few years, for Zion is constantly outgrowing her clothes.

IN ASSUMING the duties and responsibilities of the position of Cashier of Zion City Bank, I am very glad to know that we shall still have the wise counsel and direction of Deacon C. J. Barnard, who has been made General Financial Manager of all Zion's Financial Institutions and Industries, whose enterprise and ability have done so much to put Zion City Bank on its present solid foundation. Best of all, we rejoice in having the oversight and control of our beloved General Overseer, whose wisdom, large experience and wonderful executive powers are acknowledged by the keenest business men of Chicago.

NOW IS THE TIME to purchase Zion Lace Industries Stock. Do not delay until it has all been taken.

NOW IS THE TIME to purchase Zion Land and Investment Association Stock. Do not delay until your choice of lots is gone.

ARISE YE, and let us go up to Zion unto the Lord our God.—Jeremiah 31:6.

JOHN ALEX. DOWIE  
President

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# ZION IN THE ORIENT.

BY REV. G. L. MASON, B. A., B. D., OVERSEER OF THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CHINA.

## WHO ARE THE REAL GODS OF CHINA AND JAPAN?

**WHAT IS IDOLATRY?** It is not, as many think, the mere worship of images of wood and stone and gold.

The Chinese *think* they worship the spirit of some dead person which they suppose visits or dwells in the idol. They deem it to be the spirit of an ancestor, or of some hero or sage of the past. Every god is only human, they think.

He may have been a good man or a villain. That does not matter. If the Emperor of China has appointed him to be a god, his spirit may be worshiped.

The power which makes can unmake. But we have heard of no gods deposed even by the Empress Dowager. And new gods are often added to the Chinese pantheon.

**WHO ARE THE GODS?** Certainly not the spirits of dead men. The bloody and immoral General Kwan-ti is now worshiped as the Chinese god of war in every county of the Empire. In which of his 2000 shrines is his spirit present? It can only be in one place at a time. Yet in each of his temples there is a personal influence controlling the people.

A **SUBTLE SPELL**, mysterious and strong, is exerted over those who bow before the images. It is the cunning power of evil spirits. In 1 Corinthians 10:20 the Holy Spirit says: "The things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to *demons* and not to God." In the Revelation of Jesus Christ (9:20) He speaks of those who repented not of the works of their hands that they should not worship *demons* and idols.

The teaching is plain. Asia does not worship mere idols. Nor is the worship received by spirits of the departed. It is received by a host of wicked demons under the control of Satan.

**THE GOOD IN HEATHENISM** makes some missionaries deny the Satanic origin of idolatry. But he would be a stupid Devil indeed if he did not mix in some good with his systems.

Echoes of God's primeval revelation to Adam have come down to man in all ages and lands. Man has by experience learned other truth. Some truths which God revealed and some which man has learned, Satan has taken and perverted by mingling with his own lies, connecting it all with many impressive and seductive forms of worship, ostensibly offered to the lost ones gone before, but really received by the lying demons, the spiritual hosts of wickedness, led by the "Prince of the Power of the Air" (Ephesians 2:2).

**THE ANGER OF JEHOVAH** would not burn so fiercely against idol-worship if it were merely a mistake of men; or if, as many teach, idolatry is only a crude and yet sincere way of adoring the unseen Creator. Idolatry is inspired by Satan. In Revelation, chapters 21 and 22, it is classed with lying, uncleanness and murder. To entice another to worship evil spirits, under the old law, was a crime to be punished with instant death.

If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, which is as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers; of the gods of the peoples which are round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth; thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him: but thou shalt surely kill him; thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the

people. And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die; because he hath sought to draw thee away from the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is in the midst of thee.—Deuteronomy 13:6-11.

**HEAVENLY FOOT SOCIETY.**—The Chinese, through missionary influence, have formed a Heavenly Foot Society. Heavenly is used in the sense of natural. It is a protest against the cruel custom of dwarfing and deforming the feet of little girls by tight bandaging.

The Chinese might well send missionaries to England and America to start a Heavenly Waist Society. The same Devil that invented the Chinese fancy goat-hoof for girls, to attract the lustful gaze of men, devised the European hour-glass waist for the same purpose. The delicate vital organs are cramped out of shape and the waist made small so that the bust and hips, by contrast, may look large.

Why? Ask the Devil why! Ask the demi-monde!

A Chicago firm advertises the only corset "that positively *reduces the abdomen.*" It is "recommended by physicians," of course. It helps their business. "No other corset *can accomplish the same results.*"

There are not a few weak sisters in Chicago who will bite at this nicely-baited hook of Satan and then go to a missionary meeting and whine for money to rescue Chinese girls from footbinding! Wasp-waisted women are wicked.

One would better be "A pagan suckled in a creed outworn" than such a Christian (1 Corinthians 3:16, 17).

**PHYSICIAN'S WIFE HEALED.**—Elder Viking writes from Shanghai, China, of the Baptism of nine and of healing:

The Lord has blessed and given several marked healings lately among the Chinese.

The wife of a Chinese physician had been sick in bed one month. The last week she was in agony and pain, having some peculiar stomach disease.

She had no appetite.

She was practically given up as hopeless by her husband.

He had heard about Zion. He got some of our Chinese tracts, came to our chapel, asked for prayer, and requested us to come and see his wife.

I took Mr. Li with me.

We had it out with the physician about his profession, so full of the Devil.

We told him that her healing depended upon their repentance and their giving up of the Devil's service.

They were led to see the truth and to give up their business.

We then prayed, ordered her to eat, and left them.

Two days after, we returned. We found the wife at work making socks for a store near by.

In a house near by somebody was dying. Two Buddhist priests were there with drums, candles, papers and all kinds of noises in order to cast out the Devil.

What a contrast!

The bad feeling against us in Shanghai comes from so-called Christians.

The leaders are at their wits' end how to prevent the Chinese from coming to us.

The churches are being visited by Zion Literature.

Several of the leading native preachers have been to see us, defending drugs, whisky, tobacco, pork, etc., to their everlasting shame.

ANTI-VACCINATION information in detail may be found in LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume VII, Numbers 21, 22 and 23.

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Zion Tabernacle, 618 Main Street.

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 E. E. Snyder, Deacon.

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J. H. Paxton, Deacon, Clark and Main Streets.

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Rev. David A. Reed, Elder.  
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Rev. Susan R. Hoy, Evangelist.

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**Ryde.**

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**Timaru.**

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**Wellington.**

Henry Roberts, Deacon.



BY DEACON H. WORTHINGTON JUDD.

**N**O REASONABLE person who is honest at heart and familiar with the circumstances connected with the purchase of the more than ten square miles of land for Zion City, can deny the fact that more than human agency has had to do with the accomplishing of what has already been done by our General Overseer, John Alexander Dowie.

Every thoughtful, earnest Christian must learn to know that strict obedience will bring the fulfilment of God's promises to His Zion. The secret of the success of God's servant is that he has learned the lesson of obedience and has the knowledge of that fact written in his heart. God through his ministry is fulfilling the promise to Zion as recorded by the Prophet Isaiah, who says:

I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will make straight all his ways: he shall build My City, and he shall let My exiles go free, not for price nor reward, saith the Lord of Hosts.

For many years God has given His servant, our General Overseer, the assurance that this should be accomplished in these last days. He has seen that the afflicted and persecuted of God's people should have a place of refuge, a harbor of safety from those who are the enemies of God and fight the truths contained in His Word. There the Covenants of God will be so securely written in the hearts of His people that none will have need to teach his brother, saying, "Know the Lord": for all shall know Him "from the least to the greatest of them," as their Redeemer, their Healer, Cleanser, Keeper, their All and in All.

How wondrously has God spared and kept His Messenger through the many conflicts with the hosts of Satan who have encamped around about him, determined, if possible, to destroy his life. As God's Messenger declaring His Ever-living Covenant, he has been a swift witness against the oppressors, the adulterers, the false swearers, and especially the doctors, or sorcerers, the latter adopting as a means of defense the ruffianly tactics learned on the football gridiron.

But God has brought him through triumphant, and Christ has conquered everywhere. Praise His Holy Name!

Some time in the month of September, 1899, a little company met together in Zion Home to arrange a plan to be pursued in securing options on the land for Zion City Site, the selection of which had been plainly marked with the stamp of God's approval.

Prayer was offered by the General Overseer, who asked God to specially prepare the way for our agent, who was being employed at that time, that he should find favor with the many farmers and others with whom he must negotiate in order to get the land. God most wonderfully answered that prayer, and although obstructions arose, which seemed to be serious, yet the way was opened until fifty separate landholders had consented to the sale of their properties. We have yet to hear that Zion's agent has even the ill-will of any one of the large number of persons he had to deal with.

We believe this favor is more deeply felt toward Zion because of the honest and prompt manner in which she has more than fulfilled every contracted obligation. In fact, it is widely talked about by business men throughout the whole country as being the squarest real estate deal they have ever known.

Hiram Ferry, whose total holdings were about 600 acres,

was the one prevailed upon to sign the first contract for the sale of 497 acres of his land, eighty acres of which we obtained possession of a few weeks ago, it being located where the first new lace factory is now being erected.

On February 1st we paid for the remainder of this land, which gives us possession of 1150 acres of the most valuable land purchased, lying between Sheridan Road and Lake Michigan. This land will, within a very few years, be worth many thousands of dollars per acre.

Every day during the time the agent was obtaining the options on the land, field notes were being received from him stating the experience he was having, how much had been secured, and how hard they were trying to guess whom the purchaser might be. Never was he compelled to falsify, but he was brought sometimes into very close corners.

Their guessing availed them naught. First, they said that Rockefeller, the oil magnate, was buying the land. Then they were sure it was for a cemetery. Then they thought certainly it was for a stockyards or a beet-sugar refinery. Then a telegram came with the announcement that Frick, the coke king, was the man; then the Wisconsin Central Railway, and so on. They never suspected for a moment who the real buyer was, although it seemed at times as if the General Overseer, who was running over with ecstasy and joy at the prospects, would surely make it known, coming so perilously near to it that it made us shudder lest the location would be revealed.

After the welcome announcement did come on the morning of January 1, 1900, how the Devil howled, saying: "He never can carry it through," and "The coming of these Dowie people into this community will be an awful calamity to the county."

But what a change has come now!

The business world everywhere is looking upon the enterprise with much favor. The people with whom Zion has had dealings, instead of being surly and indifferent as at first, now show a willingness to treat fairly without prejudice, even voluntarily offering to grant favors.

Here the Scripture is being fulfilled, which says: "When a man's ways please the Lord, He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him."

Now God has performed another miracle for Zion. On the first day of this month, His servant, our General Overseer, was enabled to pay out in cash and securities the large sum of One Hundred and Thirty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars, which gives Zion possession of 1575 acres, or one-fourth of the most valuable land secured.

If Zion City grows the next fifty years in proportion as Chicago has grown during the past fifty years, this land alone will be worth at a very conservative valuation One Hundred and Fifty Millions of Dollars.

The future plan of the General Overseer is to take up 1000 acres of the balance of this land every month, and he should have the loyal and hearty cooperation of every true child of God in Zion, that it may be speedily accomplished.

In the meantime everything will go forward in the way of improvements. The land will be prepared for occupancy as fast as possession can be acquired, until it can be announced on the 14th day of July, at the Anniversary of the Temple Consecration, that every acre of the land is in Zion's control and possession.

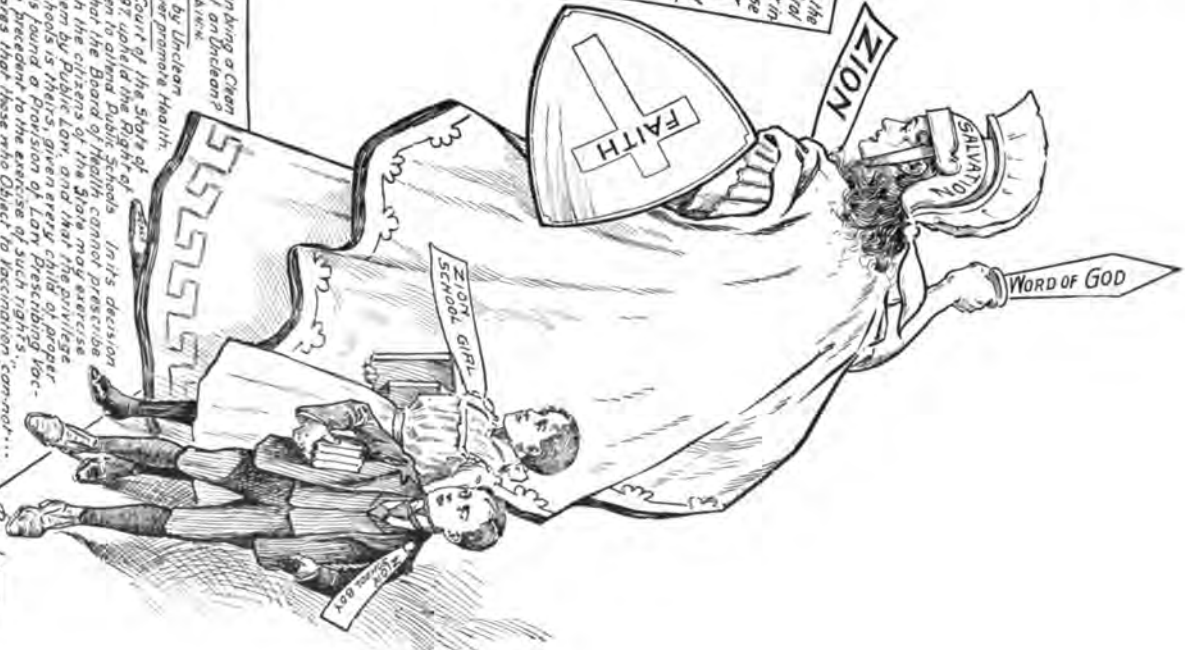
ZION'S PROTEST AGAINST DISEASE-BREEDING VACCINATION.



Every person having the care, custody or control of any minor or children and procuring such minor or individual to be so PROMPTLY, FREQUENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY VACCINATED that such minor take or be liable to take from that section of her the smallest of her own Ordinance of the City Ordinance.

Who can bring a Clean Thing out of an Unclean? Not One! - Isaiah  
Vaccination by Unlearned Gempex can never promote Health.

The Supreme Court of the State of Illinois, in May 1897, upheld the Right of Unvaccinated Children to attend Public Schools. The Court declares that the Board of Health cannot prescribe conditions upon which the citizens of the State may exercise of attending public schools is their own, and that they are not to be held liable for the consequences of such rights. The Court further holds that these who object to vaccination, "cannot... be denied of their liberties by a practically compulsory inoculation of their bodies by a virus of any description."  
The Absurd City Vaccination Ordinance requiring "PROMPT, FREQUENT AND EFFECTIVE VACCINATION" is, therefore an Ordinance contrary to Law.



Gempex



OBEYING GOD IN BAPTISM.

“Baptizing Them Into the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.”

Nine Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Baptisms by Triune Immersion Since March 14, 1897.

Nine Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Believers have joyfully followed their Lord in the Ordinance of Believers' Baptism by Triune Immersion since the first Baptism in Central Zion Tabernacle on March 14, 1897:

Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle from March 14, 1897, to December 14, 1900, by the General Overseer.....	4339	
Baptized by Elders, Evangelists and Deacons.....	1769	
Total Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle.....		6108
Baptized in places outside of Chicago by the General Overseer.....	383	
Baptized in places outside of Chicago by Elders, Evangelists and Deacons.....	2297	
Total Baptized outside of Chicago.....		2680
Total Baptized in three years and nine months....		8788

Baptized since December 14, 1900:

Baptized in England by the General Overseer.....	89	
Baptized in Massachusetts by the General Overseer.....	32	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Overseer Piper.....	116	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder McClurkin.....	35	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Deacon Kessler.....	9	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Fockler.....	29	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Stith.....	5	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Overseer Speicher.....	12	206
Baptized in British Columbia by Elder Simmons.....	8	
Baptized in California by Elder Taylor.....	6	
Baptized in China by Elder Viking.....	9	
Baptized in Michigan by Elder Kennedy.....	4	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder Bouck.....	2	
Baptized in Ohio by Overseer Mason.....	2	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder Voliva.....	11	
Baptized in Oregon by Elder Ernst.....	3	166 372
Total Baptized since March 14, 1897.....		9160

The following-named twelve believers were baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle, Chicago, Wednesday evening, January 30, 1901, by Overseer J. G. Speicher:

Cook, Mrs. H. Jennie.....	Denver, Colorado
Hughes, Albert G.....	Dighton, Kansas
Laundstrom, Mrs. Mary.....	306 Webster Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Lee, Charles H.....	638 Division Street, Indianapolis, Indiana
Leighton, Mrs. Harriett J.....	306 Webster Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Morris, William J.....	Nee-pawa, Manitoba, Canada
Muller, H. C.....	1604 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Nordyke, Miss Lillian.....	16 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois
Petersen, Jacob.....	1731 West Twenty-second Street, Chicago, Illinois
Sandleman, Albert.....	Blackstone, Illinois
Smith, David J.....	Valparaiso, Indiana
Friedrich, Wilhelm.....	Wellington, Indiana

The following-named nine believers were baptized in Zion Tabernacle, Shanghai, China, Friday, December 28, 1900, by Elder C. F. Viking:

Dzin, Mr. Tseng-wo.....	Huchau, China
Dzin, Mrs. Tseng-wo.....	Huchau, China
Dzin, Mr. Shu-Kying.....	Huchau, China
Dzin, Miss Yiu-Ing.....	Huchau, China
Pun, Miss Lam-Ing.....	Huchau, China
Pun, Mr. Jun-Tseng.....	Huchau, China
Tsiu, Mr. Dzong-Saen.....	Ningpo, China
Tsiu, Mrs. Dzong-Saen.....	Ningpo, China
Ing, Mr. We-Dju.....	Ningpo, China

The following-named believer was baptized at Cleveland, Ohio, Lord's Day, January 27, 1901, by Elder R. N. Bouck:

West, Walter.....	Danville, Kentucky
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The following-named believer was baptized at Vancouver, B. C., Lord's Day, January 13, 1901, by Elder R. M. Simmons:

Kannady, Neil.....	New Westminster, B. C.
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ZION'S BIBLE CLASS.

CONDUCTED BY DEACON DANIEL SLOAN.

MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS LESSON, FEBRUARY 20th or 21st.

What Men Do With God's Word.

1. *They change it.*—Romans 1:22-25.  
By reading meanings into it.  
By false conceptions of God.  
By standards of human thought.
2. *They corrupt it.*—2 Corinthians 2:14-17.  
By forming a religion out of it.  
By defining its truths in some creed.  
By seeking to build up some sect.
3. *They twist it.*—2 Peter 3:16-18.  
So as to mean that God will not do what He says.  
By inferring that God has not clearly made known plans for the coming time.  
By substituting some pursuit of knowledge instead of Christ.
4. *They lie about it.*—James 3:13-17.  
By saying it warrants one getting unduly angry.  
By saying it permits one to take drugs when sick.  
By saying, "We must not expect to be too good on this earth."
5. *They discuss it.*—John 8:4-7.  
In the light of their customs.  
In the light of some school of theology.  
In the light of the opinions of some man.
6. *They disobey it.*—2 Thessalonians 1:7-10.  
Because their hearts are wicked.  
Because their prejudices are set.  
Because their teachings have been wrong.
7. *They explain it away.*—Matthew 15:4-9.  
For the reason that their Church says so and so.  
For the reason that they have never experienced it.  
For the reason that it relieves them of some duty.
8. *They dogmatize concerning it.*—Luke 20:27-33.  
By picking out some particular verse.  
By a one-sided view of the truth.  
By worshipping a doctrine instead of God.  
*The Lord Our God is a Bible-Defending God.*

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS LESSON, FEBRUARY 24th.

Principles to Observe in Reading the Bible.

1. *The Scripture in original form is given by inspiration.*—2 Timothy 3:16, 17.  
The original language of the Bible is Greek and Hebrew.  
These two tongues have never changed in meaning.  
The accuracy of the Bible is thus fixed for all generations.
2. *The many translations are not inspired.*—Matthew 23:19, 20.  
Translations are compromised by common agreements of the scholars.  
When sprinkling was taught as Baptism, they would not translate the word.  
The word "baptizo" means to dip repeatedly, and Christ says how often.
3. *These translations in the main present a true conception of God, while faulty in particular words and verses.*—1 John 2:12-14.  
The Bible teaching on God's mercy in forgiving sins is plain.  
The Bible teaching on God's power in overcoming the Devil is plain.  
The Bible teaching on God's strength for physical weakness is plain.
4. *The meanings of words change, and for this and other reasons translations are a necessity.*—2 Corinthians 12:15-17.  
The word "crafty" usually is understood to mean being deceptive.  
"Guile" means effecting one thing while designing for something else.  
One word in one place in our English Bible does not always mean what it does in another.
5. *Translations partake of the spiritual dimness of the day in which they are made.*—Acts 4:8-12.  
One translation would strive to make works essential to salvation.  
Another would seek to make Baptism essential to salvation.  
The word "salvation" in the text and context means soundness of body.
6. *Textual errors in translations do not confuse those who compare Scripture by Scripture.*—1 John 2:20, 21.  
Scripture in one place must be put beside Scripture in another.  
The Holy Spirit binds Old and New Testament as well as certain Books to each other.  
Out of a translation He will reveal the truth by consensus of teaching.
7. *God's Spirit will ever guide the humble into full salvation through the Scripture.*—2 Timothy 3:13-15.  
We are commanded to hold fast the form of sound words.  
We are told also to contend for the faith once delivered.  
All is so plain that even a child can find Jesus as Saviour, Healer and Sanctifier through the Scripture.
8. *Misinterpretations of Scripture show that one has not walked in the truth, because he stumbles.*—2 Peter 3:14-17.  
God's truth is to lead every one to liberty and faultless living.  
The truth can only be seen when God's Spirit lights up His Word.  
His Spirit is given to all who obey Him.  
*God's Holy People are a Bible-Wise People.*

Deacon Sloan has resumed the teaching of Zion's Bible Class Lesson in Zion Hall of Seventies, Sabbath Days from 1:30 to 2:30 o'clock. Members of Zion, for personal growth and seventy work, as well as preparation for conducting Cottage Prayer Meetings, are urged to regularly attend his class; also to prayerfully follow in study these lessons each week, which are covering such a wide range of Bible truth and Scripture knowledge, vital to Holy Living and a right understanding of the relations of life.

He sendeth His word



and healeth them.

# LEAVES OF HEALING

I am the Lord that healeth thee.

And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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## GOD'S WITNESSES TO DIVINE HEALING.

QUICKLY HEALED OF ASTHMA, HAY FEVER, CATARRH AND CHRONIC ULCERATION.

### HEAL THE SICK!

This was an important part of the commission which Christ gave His Apostles.

He was sending them forth to carry on the work which He had begun. That glorious work is not yet finished. He is still carrying it on, by His Spirit, through His chosen ministers.

- The needs are the same.
- God's Power is the same.
- Sicknesses are the same.
- God's Love is the same.
- Sorrows are the same.
- God's Will is the same.

Hence true ministers of Christ go forth with the same commission today.

Those who have not the commission, the Authority, are not His ministers.

Those who have the commission, have the "signs following."

God honors their faith and obedience.

He answers their prayers.

By His Holy Spirit, He heals the sick when they plead for them.

He has thus honored His Messenger to Zion.

He thus, daily and hourly, sets the Seal of His Divine Approval upon His ministry.

Wounded devils may shriek their impotent imprecations.

Envious ecclesiastics may

sneer their lying insinuations. But their puny voices are drowned and swept away by the irresistible volume of the testimony of tens of thousands of God's Witnesses.

The young woman who looks out from this page is one of those Witnesses. Satan had literally closed his terrible fingers upon her throat, and was strangling her to death.

She suffered the tortures of asthma.

Physicians, drugs and treatments, which God never promised to use or bless, availed nothing.

She grew steadily worse.

She also suffered from hay-fever and catarrh.

Was there no hope?

Was her young life to be thus darkened and ended?

It was not God's Will.

He sent her the Little White Dove, LEAVES OF HEALING.

It told her that it was not His will and that He had said, "I am the Lord that healeth thee."

It told her that He was still healing His children through the prayers of His true ministers.

She believed He could heal, but that she was too ill to be healed.

Then He showed her, by His Spirit, through His Word and LEAVES OF HEALING, "that no prophecy of Scripture is of private interpretation."



MISS CLARA L. DAVIS.

His promises were for all alike who would fulfil His conditions.

By this time she had been brought down to the very door of death.

Life was kept in her body only by a fearful struggle.

Then she claimed God's promises for herself.

She fulfilled God's conditions.

She believed in the Authority of His Messenger to Zion.

She asked Him to pray.

In Zion, Chicago, he prayed, "in the Name of the Lord Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and in accordance with the Will of God our Heavenly Father," for her deliverance.

God heard.

Far away, across the prairies of the State of Illinois, where this Witness lay in the agonies of death, God's Spirit came

Instantly the diseases were killed.

Her suffering ceased.

She was soon well.

Those diseases have never since afflicted her.

Later she was attacked by chronic ulceration of the nose, which may have been the dread disease cancer.

Again God honored the prayer of His servant in Zion and she was quickly healed.

Her mother also tells a wonderful Story of healing when dying of blood-poisoning.

She also was delivered in answer to the General Overseer's prayer.

Thus they add their glad voices to the ever-swelling Song of Praise.

It comes up from all the lands beneath the sun.

It is the sweet song of God's Witnesses.

Thousands and tens of thousands are singing their thanksgiving.

They have been saved.

They have been healed.

They have been made happy.

These blessings have come through the ministry of God's servant, the General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

They are the Seal of his commission from God. A. W. N.

#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF MISS CLARA L. DAVIS.

1635 MICHIGAN AVENUE, }  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, February 2, 1901. }

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—It is with a grateful heart and thanksgiving to God that I desire to testify to the many blessings which He has bestowed upon me.

First of all, I thank the Lord for a Christian mother, whose prayers followed me through many years when I was living a thoughtless, worldly life, and was indulging in pleasures which were not pleasing in God's sight.

I thank God that He honored the prayers of my dear mother, and by His Holy Spirit convicted me of sin and showed me my need of a Saviour.

In 1893 I gave my heart to God, and from that time on I have lived a Christian life, so far as I have had the light.

I rejoiced in Christ as my Saviour, but did not accept Him as my Healer until November, 1898.

For years I was a victim of that distressing disease, asthma. At first it seemed nothing more than shortness of breath, but it gradually grew worse until it became so serious that I consulted a physician, Dr. Shimer, of Mount Carroll, Illinois, who was considered one of the best physicians in that part of the country.

He called my diseases hay-fever, asthma, and catarrh. He gave me treatment for my catarrh, also two kinds of medicine for the other two diseases.

He said it was useless to expect a permanent cure for either asthma or hay-fever without a change of climate.

I followed closely his directions for some time, but found that each attack was more serious than the preceding.

In autumn, especially, I would be for weeks unable to lie down or

walk, and the least exertion would cause such difficulty in breathing that it seemed as if every breath would be the last.

Even the moving of my chair would sometimes bring on such an attack, at which time my breathing could be heard in every part of the house, and I would frequently expectorate blood.

When I contracted a cold, it would always be accompanied by asthma, and if I walked fast or was out in the dust, I could scarcely get my breath.

I cannot find words to describe my feelings when these spells would come on.

How I dreaded them, as I felt confident that at some time I would take one and not recover from it!

The thought of having an incurable disease fastening its grip tighter and tighter upon me, was a terrible one.

My lungs also were weak from the time I had lung fever, several years before.

I consulted several other physicians and tried every remedy recommended to me.

One of these remedies was so very strong that after taking several bottles of it, my stomach became so badly affected that it would digest only certain kinds of food. Unless I was very careful what I ate, I would suffer from indigestion.

I believe if I had continued taking that medicine, it would have completely destroyed my stomach.

Hardly a day was I free from headache caused by catarrh.

It also began to affect my throat.

For eight years I was oppressed in this way by the Devil, and yet did not realize that it was not God's will that I should be so afflicted.

I tried to bear it patiently and to say as little as possible concerning it to any one.

There was scarcely a time during those years when I was not suffering in some measure with these diseases.

I was a teacher, and although at times unable to attend to duties, never gave up the work entirely.

I gave up all hope of ever being well, and had lost all faith in medicine.

LEAVES OF HEALING had been given to us by a friend. I read it with interest and believed the teaching was of God.

I looked upon the General Overseer as His servant. Yet Satan had so blinded my eyes and my case seemed so hopeless, as the physicians had never given me any encouragement, that I felt that there was no healing for me.

We subscribed for LEAVES OF HEALING, and through it learned God's Way of Healing, and that "Jesus was the same yesterday and today, yea and forever," and was ready and willing to heal "all manner of diseases" today just the same as when He was on earth.

I then saw a ray of light and began to realize that it made no difference what the disease might be, God would heal us of it if we did our part.

In the fall of 1898 I had a very severe attack of asthma.

One night my parents had to rub me and fan me to keep me alive.

My arms and limbs were numb, and it seemed impossible for me to get my breath.

They thought I could not live, and I myself had given up.

It was then that I laid aside all human means, trusted my case fully in God's hands and decided to leave the result with Him.

A request for prayer was sent to the General Overseer, and a few hours after I began to recover. That night I was able to lie down all night, something I had not done for several nights.

I gained strength very rapidly, and in a little over a week was able to resume my school work.

Since that time, which is over two years, I have had no return of these diseases.

I have also been healed of other troubles, for which I thank God and give Him all the glory.

I did not join the Christian Catholic Church at once, as I should have done, and was not under the influence of Zion's daily prayers, which I now deem a great privilege.

Soon after I received my first healing, a sore began to form on the inside of my nose.

It was very annoying and became so bad that it almost ate through between my nostrils.

It bled a good deal and was painful at times.

It also broke out on my upper lip.

This lasted for about five months, and I became very much concerned about it. I did not think of going to a physician, but took it to God in prayer.

Owing to our family history, my people thought it was a cancer, my grandmother having been operated upon twice for cancers.

I do not know that it was anything more than chronic ulceration.

I did not receive answer to my prayers, and realized that there was something for me to do.

I made out my application for fellowship and sent it to Zion Headquarters, together with that of my mother and sister, and a few weeks later came to Chicago.

Elder Viking laid hands upon me and prayed the prayer of faith, and God healed me.

I have been baptized by Triune Immersion, and am happy in Zion.

I praise God for raising up our dear General Overseer, who has brought back to us the Full Gospel of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living.

I wish to express my appreciation of your kindness in giving me a position as stenographer in connection with the work of Zion at Headquarters.

The time I have spent here has been the happiest and most profitable of my life.

I daily praise God that I have the privilege of doing my little part toward the extension of His Kingdom.

Thanking you for your prayers and teaching, and praying God's continued blessing to rest upon you, and that your life may be spared for many years, I am

Faithfully yours in Christ,

CLARA L. DAVIS.

#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF MRS. KATHRYN DAVIS.

MOUNT CARROLL, ILLINOIS, February 4, 1901.

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

*Dear General Overseer:*—I wish to confirm the testimony of my daughter, and also to add a few words of testimony to what God has done for me.

I was a member of the Free Methodist Church for years, but got very little teaching on the subject of Divine Healing.

They claimed that God could heal, but that it was all right to take medicine and ask God to bless it.

I was an invalid for eighteen years, and was under the care of a physician most of that time. I did not send for an Elder of the Church to pray for me, as he would have advised me first to send for a doctor.

I had a complication of diseases; heart trouble, dropsy, neuralgia and catarrh, but was not always confined to my bed.

I was unable to do any work the most of the time.

Often I would lie in fainting spells for four hours, and for years my husband carried me from the chair to the bed.

Sometimes I was so very weak that he would put his ear to my heart to ascertain if I were breathing.

They had to care for me almost like a child.

There was no color of blood in my face and I became so emaciated that I was almost skin and bones.

I did not care to live, as I felt I was only a burden to those around me, and had no hopes of recovery.

At last when I was suffering intense pain with neuralgia and toothache, I earnestly called upon God to deliver me, and instantly I was healed, not only of neuralgia and toothache, but of all my diseases.

I do praise God for His keeping power, which has kept me free from them ever since.

A few years later we received LEAVES OF HEALING through a friend. I read it eagerly and believed every word of the teaching. That was just what I had been looking for, but failed to find it in the denominational churches.

Three years ago, while out in the orchard, I was bitten by a poisonous insect.

I paid little attention to it at first, but soon a large sore formed where I had been bitten.

From that time I gradually grew weaker until I was compelled to be in bed part of the time.

I had two chills regularly every day and fever and night sweats.

I did not know what was the trouble with me.

My daughter happened to meet our old family physician, who inquired about me, and she described my case to him as nearly as possible. He said I had blood-poisoning and that it was a very dangerous thing.

We at once sent a request for prayer to the General Overseer, and from that time I began to improve.

In three days I was well, with the exception of my hands. The skin had come off of them, but it soon grew on.

My hair all came out and my finger nails came off.

I know that God healed me in answer to your prayers, for which I give Him all the glory and express to you my heartfelt thanks.

I do not get any spiritual food from the churches here, and could not get along without LEAVES OF HEALING.

I receive so much blessing through reading the Little White Dove.

May God bless you and dear Mrs. Dowie, and give you much wisdom and strength, is my prayer.

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) KATHRYN DAVIS.

#### NOTES OF THANKSGIVING TO ZION'S GOD.

##### Aged Mother Healed Quickly When Very Ill.

WEST UNION, ILLINOIS, January 14, 1901.

DEAR OVERSEER SPEICHER:—My mother, Mrs. Isabel Buckner, took sick on the 28th of December.

She took a severe cold, which settled on her lungs and in the right side of her abdomen.

She coughed continually from 10 P. M. until morning.

I sent for my brothers.

They wanted to send for a doctor.

Then mother said, "I cannot stand it any longer unless I have help."

She was in terrible agony and was rapidly growing worse.

She said, "You must write to Overseer Speicher."

As soon as brother began to write, she became easy.

Shortly after he started to mail the letter, she fell asleep.

About 9 P. M. she went to sleep and slept until 3 A. M., then she awoke and drank some milk and slept until morning.

The next night she rested all night, something she had not done before for years.

Her cold seemed to be all gone.

She gives God the glory and thanks you for your prayers and kindness to us.

She is nearly eighty years old.

(MRS.) M. E. HILLS.

##### God Heals a Very Sore Finger.

2842 UPLAND PLACE,  
MOLINE, ILLINOIS, January 15, 1901.

REV. WILLIAM H. PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—I wish to write my testimony to the honor and glory of God.

December 10, 1900, I noticed that my finger was paining me.

There was a piece of dead skin stuck up between the flesh and the nail.

At the time I thought it would not amount to very much.

Mother cut off the dead skin, but my finger grew worse.

The next day I had what is called a "run-round" on my finger.

We prayed, but it grew worse until Thursday morning.

Thursday morning a friend of Zion came to our home and we had prayer.

I went on with my work, which was scrubbing the floor.

I paid no attention to my finger, until in the afternoon the pain was all gone.

By Friday all inflammation and fever was gone and the dead skin began to come off.

By Sunday it was perfectly well, and remains as natural as my other finger, for which I thank God.

Your Sister in Christ,

(MISS) ELZARID HECK.

##### Healed of Asthma, Catarrh, Constipation and Liver Trouble.

SPENCER, IOWA, January 19, 1901.

REV. W. H. PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—I wish to thank you for prayers.

Two weeks ago yesterday I could hardly breathe.

We sent a request for prayer.

Between 8 and 9 o'clock that evening I was much better.

The next day I was up all day, and on Sunday rode eleven miles into the country.

I thank God for the teaching we have in Zion.

God has healed me of asthma, which I had for twenty years; also catarrh, constipation and liver trouble.

I had breathed through my mouth almost continually for fifteen years, but now am breathing through my nose.

I have many things to thank God for.

Yours in Christ,

FANNIE R. LOWERRE.

##### Immediately Healed of Pneumonia.

FREDERICKTON, NEW BRUNSWICK, January 20, 1901.

OVERSEER W. H. PIPER.

*Dear Brother in Christ:*—I feel that I must tell you how wonderfully God has blessed me and that through your prayers and the prayers of our own little band I was immediately healed of pneumonia.

When our little company of believers prayed, I would seem to get the victory for a while, but the suffering would return, until you prayed.

Then I got a perfect deliverance.

I did as much work as usual on the 12th, the day you got my letter.

Praise the dear Lord, I have been as well as ever I was since then.

May the blessing of God ever rest upon Zion and all everywhere who take Jesus as their Saviour, Healer, Cleanser and Keeper.

Yours in Jesus till He comes,

(MRS.) GEORGE PRESCOTT.



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### EDITORIAL NOTES.

**A** WAKE! AWAKE! PUT ON THY STRENGTH, O ZION!

CHICAGO, except in its busiest business streets, lies under deep snow, which, in many of its streets and lanes, is piled up from three to seven feet high. Winter still holds the land in its icy grasp.

BUT THERE IS NO winter in Zion. The evidences of growth and glorious fruitfulness are apparent on every side. From distant lands, as well as from all parts of America, good news of ever-increasing blessing is constantly coming

NORTH SIDE ZION TABERNACLE overflowed last Lord's Day morning, and Central Zion Tabernacle in the afternoon, hundreds standing in the former, and many being turned away from the latter because of lack of room.

We shall have something to say next week, when the report of our afternoon service appears, concerning the disgraceful conduct of the Chicago Press, upon which we laid firm hold and most effectively squelched. There has not been another word of their shameful lying in an endeavor to make the people of Chicago and America believe that Zion had entered upon a career of anarchy in smashing drug stores.

IT BECOMES easier each succeeding time to throttle the slimy serpents of the unclean Newspaper Press. This last exposure, which has proved beyond all question that both the press and the drug stores were in a conspiracy of lying, has had a splendid effect in every part of the city.

IT WAS GLORIOUS to see more than two thousand persons remain to witness the Baptism of last Lord's Day evening, after more than three hours of meeting. Indeed, it does not seem possible to weary a Zion audience. We can only say that our experience has been that they will stay in their seats, in thousands, as long as we will stand upon the platform.

BUT BEST of all is the joyful tidings of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living which every day brings to us. We cannot say that all who come to our services are saved, or healed, or cleansed, but we rejoice to know that it is only the few who fail to receive the blessing. The constant testimony is that many, and by far the greater proportion of the people, are blessed.

GLORIOUS TIDINGS have reached us of the progress of the work in Europe, in Asia, and in Australasia. We shall give some account of these in future issues, when we, amongst other pictures, will present a view of our first Zion Tabernacle in Melbourne, Australia, and a view in Zion Publishing House in the same city, which have been sent to us by Overseer and Elder Wilhide.

MOST CHEERING progress is being made in preparing for the launching of two new Institutions, Zion General Stores and Zion Lumber Association. A very considerable amount of capital has been already subscribed, even though we have not called for subscriptions for stock.

Zion Lace Industries is now beginning to attract very widespread attention. A considerable amount of stock is being taken by persons who are entirely unconnected with the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, who have the utmost confidence in this splendid investment.

Zion Land and Investment Association keeps, of course, Original from



well in the front, as we desire that it should. We are receiving many thousands of dollars weekly in subscription to its stock. We confidently anticipate that we shall be able to acquire title to another thousand acres of Zion City land during next month.

Zion City Bank, of course, as our great Financial Institution, keeps in the front of all. We rejoice in its increasing prosperity.

On every side there are joyful hearts. When the snow passes away and Spring appears, everything is being gotten ready for the great Onward Movement in connection with Zion City.

BUT WE ARE also busy in planning for considerable alterations and additions to our Zion Institutions in Chicago.

After much reflection, we have determined to keep Zion Printing and Publishing House in Chicago for the next two years.

We have secured a favorable extension of the lease of the large and beautiful building which we occupy at 1300 Michigan Avenue, of which we here give a small picture.

This substantial building is now occupied by a number of Institutions, but so great and so immediate is the need for larger premises that from the first of May it will be entirely given up to Zion Printing and Publishing House. Nearly every portion of it will be at once fully occupied by this Institution, where THE ZION BANNER will find its home, in addition to LEAVES OF HEALING, BLATTER DER HEILUNG, A VOICE FROM ZION and the Zion Seventy Messages.

We continue to remind our readers of our needs in this matter, and ask them, as God's stewards, to send us quickly, as an offering to Him, all that is required for the enlargement of our operations, and the establishment of this much-needed weekly paper.

Tens of thousands of persons in Chicago are eagerly waiting for its first issue; but we cannot even send forth the Prospectus until we have been able to arrange for the purchase of the plant and secured the necessary accommodations for the increased business and literary staffs.

A good beginning has been made for the Forty Thousand Dollar Fund, one good friend sending \$330 as her contribution this week. Many scores and hundreds are sending in their Two Dollars.

We personally and earnestly appeal, however, to our friends more widely to respond to this special appeal, and to enable us to purchase for cash, and quickly, a suitable plant, and to make the necessary changes in this establishment.

We have directed our Acting Manager to prepare, as soon as possible, an article giving an outline of the Story of Zion's Printing Enterprise. We are sure the facts will greatly interest our readers.

THE STORY can really never be told of what the Little White Dove, our LEAVES OF HEALING, has, by the blessing of God, wrought in millions of hearts. No account of the mere machinery and beautiful process employed in our Printing House can ever be half as interesting as the infinitely more beautiful facts which are constantly being set forth in these pages, and the still greater multitude of facts which it would be impossible to find room to record in these pages.

We praise God unceasingly for the delight which we have had in this, as in all other Departments of His Service. We know that our beloved friends in all parts of the world have only to realize how fruitful an Investment for Eternity can be found for their money in Zion Printing and Publishing House,

to cause them to send us a sum even larger than that for which we at present call.

Long before the two years have expired, and indeed almost within sight now, we can see that even this large building will be inadequate for the printing and publication of our Zion Literature. But we feel it right to keep Zion Printing and Publishing House in the city until the transfer of our Institutions to Zion City is fully effected, and our own permanent home established there. This transfer will be gradual, but it will take two years to complete, so far as we can now foresee.

Again we say, let our friends remember that the appeal which has been made is one which we ask God to deeply impress upon all our readers' hearts, so that we may be quickly in a position to Go Forward with THE ZION BANNER.

WE WELCOME to our columns this week a very beautiful article which has just been received from our beloved wife, Overseer Jane Dowie, entitled "How Jesus Heals the Little Ones."

We trust that this will be only the first of a number of articles which she will be able to send us from France.

We take this occasion to ask our readers to pray for our dear wife and for the great work to which God has called her in the Oversight of Women's Work in Zion throughout the World.



ZION COLLEGE BUILDING.

WE WOULD also remind our friends, far and near, of the Special Excursion Rates which will be given on the Railways from May 24th to June 3d, which will cover the Great Demonstration to be held after the arrival of Overseer Jane Dowie, in the Chicago Auditorium, on Lord's Day, May 26th, and a series of Conferences and visits to Zion City.

WE CALL ATTENTION to an article of a different nature, but excellent also in its way, an interview by one who is not a member of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion: namely, Mr. A. A. Douglass, Zion's Attorney at Mansfield, Ohio.

This interview appeared in the Mansfield *Shield* of February 1st, and has been reprinted in its weekly issue, and very widely circulated and reprinted throughout America.

It gives a very interesting account of how Zion now appears to one who has had only to do with the protection of her legal interests in Mansfield, Ohio, but has been led through that to see somewhat of the real nature of this whole movement.

Mr. Douglass' article has appealed to many who do not read Zion Literature or come in contact with Zion people.

IN THIS CONNECTION it is amusing to notice the frantic eagerness with which Governor Nash bellows and roars, and rages and storms, and declares that he will call out the whole force of Ohio Militia to prevent a terrible outrage upon the fair fame of the great State of Ohio, namely—only a fight between two brutal pugilists at Cincinnati!

How is it that this great "protector" of the fair fame of Ohio had nothing to say but contemptuous sneers when the streets of Mansfield were weekly the scenes of the most horrible and brutal outrages upon unoffending and respectable citizens? Zion ministers' clothes were torn from their backs; they were cruelly beaten and bruised, and outraged by tortures worthy of Apaches, under the direct protection of Governor Nash, Mayor Huntington Brown and many other municipal and State authorities.

This continued for weeks and months; but there never existed in this great Governor's tender and patriotic breast anything like the indignation which moved him to heroic

action when he saw the awful possibility of a Cincinnati prize fight!

Why is this so?

We shall ask this question, Governor Nash, in your own State, one day, in a manner which you will never forget.

Depend upon it, God is not through with you and all who aided and abetted you in that horrible series of outrages which defiled the town of Mansfield and stained the State of Ohio with the foul disgrace which has not yet been blotted out.

Remember, all ye hypocrites who "strain at a gnat and swallow a camel," that these words are written by God's finger on the walls of all your Mah-hah-bone Feasts, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord."

The Day of Reckoning is drawing nigh!

The next move is Zion's.

Zion will take it when she is quite ready.

Zion has not forgotten that the Grand Jury (1) of Mansfield found "true bills" against ourselves and others last August, upon which false and malicious documents none of the so-called "authorities" have dared to act.

Zion's officers will appear, when we are ready, to answer these indictments for crimes of which the false advisers of the Grand Jury well knew these officers were never guilty.

If Governor Nash and Mayor Huntington Brown, the Attorney for Richland County, and other authorities of Mansfield want the fight to go on a little more quickly why do they not apply for an Extradition Warrant for ourselves and various other officers of this Church, to stand trial on their indictment?

That indictment was a contemptible, mean, disgusting "bluff," intended to throw dust in the eyes of the whole country.

One, also, of the Elders indicted has never left the State and can be found in Marion, Ohio.

Why does not this "defender" (sic) of law, order, peace, good-will and harmony not arrest Elder McFarlane and bring him to instant trial for his terrible crime in preaching the Gospel of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living in Mansfield?

Why, again we ask, does not Governor Nash demand of Governor Yates the extradition of the writer, and of the other alleged criminals who are easily to be found in Chicago?

"THE MILLS of God grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly fine."

YOU WILL HAVE a most interesting time, Governor Nash, when God and Zion call you to an accounting for your protection of the brutal mobs who violated homes and indecently paraded innocent men in a state of nudity through the streets of one of your cities, time after time, whilst you refused to do your plain duty.

Shame! *Shame!* SHAME! Governor Nash and all who were associated with you in that shameful series of atrocities, you now pretend to be the guardians of public purity, but for many months you were the protectors of a long series of the vilest and most indecent outrages!

Shame on you, you hypocrites, and ten thousand times shame!

MEANWHILE, with ever-increasing delight, Zion moves forward and the Gospel is weekly proclaimed by her ministers in Mansfield, for which we praise God alone.

YEA, AND THAT GOSPEL is being proclaimed over all the earth. It is the Message of the Covenant of the Everlasting Gospel of the Kingdom of God, and it will prevail.

BRETHREN, PRAY FOR US.

## THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN OPENED

Debts Paid and Money Invested in Zion.

216 CENTER STREET,  
WAUKEGAN ILLINOIS, January 31, 1901.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—It is with great pleasure that we send our testimony in regard to paying tithes to God.

We first began paying tithes twelve years ago, when we were members of the Baptist Church.

God blessed us very much as long as we paid faithfully.

But we became careless about it a few years before coming into Zion.

We have been especially blessed the last three years, since we have been members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, and have paid our tithes faithfully into Zion Storehouse.

We have been enabled to pay off old accounts and invest some in Zion Land and Investment Association.

It has been a joy and delight to give freewill offerings, as we feel we are not giving in paying the tithe; it belongs to God.

Faithfully your Brother and Sister in Christ,

MR. AND MRS. R. A. SCHULTZ.

Financial Blessing When Tithes are Paid.

1221 MILITARY STREET,  
PORT HURON, MICHIGAN, December 18, 1900.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—I wish to testify to God's wonderful fulfilment of His promise to bless those who obey His command to bring the whole tithe into the Storehouse.

In my case, God has blessed me in a financial way, although, by taking the stand which we have for Zion and her teaching, our business seemingly would have been destroyed if God had not been with us.

He has also blessed us in all ways, and we feel very grateful to Him for His goodness unto us.

Hoping that this little testimony will be of benefit to some one, I am  
Your Brother in Christ,

HERBERT HOWARD.

God Rebuked the Devourer for Her Sake.

115 SUMMER STREET,  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, January 31, 1901.

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—I have a fruit farm north of Grand Rapids, at Frankfort.

Last fall was the first season I had it.

I put it into the hands of the Lord and knew it would be all right.

The neighbors said I would not market my grapes because the frost would take them.

I put that in the hands of God, asking Him to keep the devourer away. Praise His Holy Name, He did.

Then the neighbors said that it was because I had it.

I told them it was because God had it.

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) ELIZA P. PAXTER.

Back Tithes are Debts to God.

RICHMOND, INDIANA, January 14, 1901.

REV. W. H. PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—In reply to your request regarding tithes, I have this to say to the glory of God.

While in Zion Home, the subject of back tithes was brought very forcibly to my mind, and I, wishing to know the mind of the Lord in the matter, asked Him that if it were His will that I should pay all my back tithes, He would make it known by replacing the amount which I had lost in a recent investment.

This was done in a short time, and in such an unexpected way that I did not realize at the time that it was an answer to my prayer.

In Jesus' Name,

(MRS.) E. A. RICH.

Easier to Pay Debts When Tithes are Paid.

MARION, KANSAS, January 12, 1901.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER:—In reply to your inquiry, "Has God blessed you in tithing?" I can say that I have been paying tithes for the last ten years, eight years in the Methodist Church and two years in Zion, and I can pay my debts a great deal better now than before I began paying tithes.

I would no more think of ceasing to pay tithes than I would think of cheating my neighbor out of an honest debt.

I know that it pays to "bring the whole tithe into the Storehouse."

WILLIAM HOLDER.

# HOW JESUS HEALS THE LITTLE ONES.

BY OVERSEER JANE DOWIE.

**W**HEN we wish to speak to children, our thoughts naturally turn to the story in the Gospels of how the little ones were brought to Jesus, and He said:

Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus had been speaking to the people, and they had asked Him questions. His answers were good and full of purity and wisdom, as He told them, in answer to these questions, that Moses had permitted some things because of the hardness of their hearts, but that in the beginning it was not so; one man was for one woman; God made them male and female.

We can imagine that the parents of these children, listening to the teaching of the Master and looking at the loving face of Jesus, wanted Him to bless their little ones. Then, too, knowing that Jesus laid hands upon the sick and they recovered, they wanted Him to lay His hands upon them that they might be healed of their sicknesses.

So these mothers, thinking first of their children before every one else, boldly pushed their way to Jesus.

The disciples rebuked them, but Jesus said:

Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Then He took them up in His arms, laid His hands upon them and blessed them. We feel sure that when He did that, they received a spiritual blessing, and that those who were sick were healed. What happy mothers and fathers!

What happy little children were they to have had the hands of the loving Saviour laid upon them, and to have received blessing and healing through His tender, loving hands.

"But," you say, "these things are of the past. He does not bless and heal the little ones now in that way. He has given us another way. We must receive blessing through the priest's or minister's words only and healing through the doctor. They are the balm of Gilead; they are the physicians of this day. Jesus is not here now," they say. "He was crucified and is dead and buried."

Is He? I thought the angel said to the women at the tomb, "Why seek ye the Living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen." And Jesus Himself has said, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

We present to the children a Living Christ, a present Saviour and a present Healer.

We tell fathers, mothers and children to come to Jesus for Cleansing, Healing and Keeping power, for He "is the same yesterday and today, yea and forever," unchanging and unchangeable.

This story of the children being brought to Jesus is read by ministers when they are sprinkling infants; but nothing is said in the Gospel story about Baptism in connection with His blessing the children. Baptism, too, has to be preceded by Repentance, hence this could not have reference to that Ordinance.

In the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, we believe that it is a good thing for parents to bring infants to the House of God to receive a blessing. So the parents bring them and present them to the Lord. His minister lays his hands upon them and blesses them, in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The parents are responsible to God for their children until they are old enough to understand, and the parents, bringing their children to the House of God, promise to train them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and to show in their own lives the example of godliness.

Many a time have I told this lovely little Story to our children in Zion. Although it is repeated down through the ages, it never loses its charm. Such are all the narratives of the healings of children in the Gospels.

How sweet the story of the little daughter of Jairus, whose father came to Jesus on her behalf, and how touching the story of the woman who was healed as Jesus was on His way to heal Jairus' little daughter!

Ah! how in that day the rulers, as well as others, felt the helplessness of human strength apart from the Divine. How



OVERSEER JANE DOWIE.

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many there are, like this woman, who had spent her all on physicians and "was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse." How they cry out for the Great Physician!

This woman believed that if she could but touch the hem of His garment, she would be made whole. And she was.

The little girl, twelve years old, was raised from the dead by the touch of the loving Jesus.

The children love to hear that story.

They also love the story of the nobleman who came to Jesus for his son, when Jesus said, "Go thy way; thy son liveth."

We love to read the story of the woman of Samaria, who

been busy disputing among themselves who should be the greatest, and so God could not use them at that time.

The man brought his son to Jesus, and He had compassion on him and cast out the evil spirit as the father had prayed Him to do.

Jesus came down from the beautiful mountain scene where He was transfigured with Moses and Elias, to cast out horrid, unclean devils, and to find His disciples disputing as to who should be the greatest.

Then He called a little child and set him in the midst of them and said:

Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus wants us to be His true children, humble and teachable.

He was a little child Himself once, so He knows how it feels, and can understand little children.

His Book also says, that the angels of the little ones "do always behold the face of My Father which is in Heaven."

As a little child in a father's house can get to his father and talk to him, so a little child who is in the Kingdom of Heaven, on earth, can pray and receive what the Father in Heaven has promised to give to His children: good gifts to those who ask Him; the Holy Spirit to those who obey Him.

We tell the children that they must obey. That is the lesson we begin with in life, and we have to keep on learning it.

They obey God first. To a little child, father and mother are in the place of God until he understands.

"Children, obey your parents," is a Divine command. How necessary, then, for parents to be wise with their children, and not "provoke them to anger." That is a Divine command also.

Then, too, we urge upon the children the necessity of Repentance and Confession.

When they do wrong, they must be sorry and put things right. They must tell it to those whom they have wronged and to God, and ask them and Him to forgive.

Then they must ask God to put His Holy Spirit into their hearts to keep them from sin, and witness with their spirits that they are His children.

If the Holy Spirit is in their hearts, they will not love sin. He will say in their hearts, "This is not right; do not do it!" and then they must not do it or they will grieve the Holy Spirit, and He may leave them to the consequences of sin.

We also get them to ask God to cast out all fear from their hearts, so that they can love Him with a perfect love.

Perfect love casteth out fear, because fear hath punishment; and he that feareth is not made perfect in love.

"But," you ask, "does this help them to receive healing for their bodies? Can a child understand how to do this?"

Certainly they can, and they do.

If it were as easy to get older people to know the Way, with all the lessons of the past, as to show them how not to believe, and how to explain away the simplicity of faith, the Gospel of Healing would now be welcomed in all the churches, and the people would not have had to come out of the denominational churches in order to keep their faith in Christ as the Healer.

But Zion has been established by God Himself as a refuge for the afflicted of His people. Her gates are open wide to all who belong to the Kingdom. We are large enough to receive all.

In the earlier part of our work in Chicago, after we had built our first Zion Tabernacle there, we commenced to have one day a week specially set apart for the children, to teach them and to pray with them.

I shall never forget that time and the great number of lame, blind, deaf, deformed, imbecile, and sick children of every kind who came.

It was indeed a strange sight.



WILLIE ESSER.

"A little child shall lead them."—Isaiah 11:6. Paralyzed and diseased for six and a half years, his hip was lengthened, and strength to walk without crutches, brace or boot was given in a moment, through faith in Jesus. (See LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume I, Number 1, page 14.)

brought her daughter, grievously vexed with a devil, to Jesus. When she became willing to humble herself, begged the children's bread for her child, and was willing to become as the little dogs, if she could thus be let into the Master's House, and eat of the crumbs that fell from the Master's table, she was taken into the Kingdom, and her daughter set free from those awful demoniacal possessions!

Then we have the story of the man who brought his son to Jesus. The boy was possessed of an unclean devil, and "ofttimes it cast him both into the fire and into the waters, to destroy him."

The man cried to Jesus, "I brought him to Thy disciples, and they could not cure him."

Jesus said, "Bring him hither to Me."

These disciples, while Jesus had been on the mountain, had

One wondered where they all kept coming from, week after week.

My husband was very much loved by these poor little children.

When the time came for prayer, I used to arrange them for him in the room, and do such things as he asked me to do.

Some of them were not over clean, and they all had something the matter with them, but they were all the same to him.

He took each little child up in his arms, inquired what the trouble was, then laid his hands on the diseased parts and prayed, "In the Name of the Lord Jesus, in the Power of the Holy Spirit, and in accordance with the Will of God our Heavenly Father."

Then kissing the little one, he set it down and went on to the next.

Perhaps the next little one had been prayed for before, and was much better. She would greet him with a happy smile, and tell him how her lame leg had come down four inches, and she had no pain now.

The mother would say, "Yes, Doctor, she used to cry all the time, and now she is so happy, singing all day, and sleeping all night."

He would thank God for this, pray again for the child, and tell the mother to keep on bringing her till she was all well.

And so on he would go around amongst them, seeing many at a time and laying hands upon as many as five or six hundred sick children in one day.

The dear little creatures used to love to get as close to us as possible, and, as the building would always be full, and all the space had to be used, we let them sit down on the platform, on the edge of it, and on the steps.

I have often gone in to begin the meetings till my husband would come, and as soon as they saw him, their faces would light up with joy. How different from the looks with which they would greet a surgeon or a medical doctor!

At first, some of these children would shriek if he came near them. Their mothers explained that it was because they were afraid of every man with a black coat, they had suffered so much from the treatments of doctors and were afraid to be touched.

But when they found it was just that we were praying to the Heavenly Father in the Name of Jesus, and that no nasty medicine was to be given, faith and love took the place of fear. The only trouble was they could not get enough of the "Good Doctor's" laying on of hands.

Their pains were now gone, their abscesses were healed, and the terrible inflammations from which they had suffered were all passed away.

My husband always told the children, "I cannot heal you. The healing comes from God, who has promised to heal, and His dear Son Jesus told me to lay hands upon you in His Name."

So they fully understood that it was God's work, but they loved Dr. Dowie just the same.

He used to like to have them witness. One favorite way he had was first to call on all the children who had been healed of lameness to stand up. Often as many as twenty would stand.

He knew each one and would ask them, "Where are your crutches and high boots now?"

Out would ring their little voices, "On the wall, Doctor!"

"Do you need them now?"

"No, sir."

"How many inches has your leg lengthened?"

They would answer, and the answers were all the way from an inch to, in one case, eight inches.

In the same way he would have those who had been blind and deaf testify.

Then he would have some come up on the platform and let them give particulars.

I think I can hear now the clear little piping voices as they gave their thrilling testimony.

One little girl is saying: "When I came here first, I could not walk at all.

"I had never walked.

"I am twelve years old.

"My spine was paralyzed.

"My mother carried me, and when Dr. Dowie saw me he said, 'Can you walk?' and I said, 'No, sir.'



CORA CARLEY.

Deaf three years; ear drums destroyed; twelve bones removed from nose; was healed so that she now hears the slightest whisper. Restored through faith in Jesus. (See LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume I, Number 25, page 385.)

"Then he put his hands on me and prayed; and then he took my two hands in his and said to me, 'In Jesus' Name, you can walk'—and I walked.

"I have been able to walk ever since.

"I thank God, and ask Him to bless dear Dr. and Mrs. Dowie."

Then my husband would say, "Let the people see how you can walk," and she would walk up and down the platform to show them.

The mother then would give her testimony with a grateful heart, telling the names of the doctors who had treated her in the past, and giving their statements of the hopelessness of any cure to her child.

What man could not do, God had wrought.

I hear another sweet little voice talking. It is little Mary Dowling.



She is saying: "When my mamma brought me here first, I could not see; my mamma and my sister led me by the hand.

"When I was quite little, I had the measles and my eyes were weak. I could not see well when I went to school. So the teacher sent me home, and mamma took me to the doctors.

"I could not go to school any more, and I had the doctors a long time.

"The doctors doctored me blind.

"So my mamma brought me here.

"I gave my heart to God, and then when Dr. Dowie prayed for me and touched my eyes, I could see.



MARY DOWLING.

Totally blind in left eye for six and one-half years, and nearly so for eight months in the right eye. She is now able to read fine print, and is going to school. (See LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume I, Number 25, page 401.)

"Now I can see quite well. I go to school and am in the Second Grade.

"I thank God and dear Dr. and Mrs. Dowie."

Then my husband would say, "Let me see; you say you can read," and, opening the Bible at the story of the healing of the man who was born blind and to whom Jesus had given sight, he would have her read the verses:

The man answered and said unto them, Why, herein is the marvel, that ye know not from whence He is, and yet He opened mine eyes. We know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshiper of God, and do His will, him He heareth. . . . If this man were not from God, He could do nothing.

We felt as they did of old. We have seen strange sights today, for He hath done all things well. He maketh both the blind to see and the deaf to hear. They glorified the God of Israel.

Another little voice is speaking.

This is little Cora Carley.

After she has spoken, her mother tells her story while she stands upon the Doctor's table to look at the people. There is not a scrap of fear in her little heart, for she is a witness for Christ.

The mother speaks out with a rich, clear voice.

She tells, first, of how she heard of the wonderful works of God, and then brought her little girl.

She had come a long journey; but when she saw so many who seemed to be even worse than her child, she gave them her place several times, because there were so many that some had to be left, and she could come again.

At last her turn came, and she said she felt that it had been good for her to wait.

Cora had a disease which had decayed the bones in her nose, the back part of her head behind the ears and in her ears.

Pieces of bone would come from her nose; her hair came off from portions of her head, leaving them bald.

The corruption was very offensive indeed.

She was told by the doctors, whose names she gave, that her little girl's ear drums were destroyed.

The little one was totally deaf.

A doctor gave her strong medicine to put in the child's ears. She had to put her down on the floor and hold her with force while she put this strong medicine into her ears.

She thought at that time she must do this, and that it was her duty to her child because the doctors had ordered it.

The poor child screamed so that the neighbors came to expostulate with her, and know why she was so cruel to her daughter, whose piercing shrieks were more than they could endure.

Then she was told of God's wonderful works in healing. She thought Divine Healing was more merciful and more like God's Way.

Little Cora was prayed for and went home.

That same day the little girl was playing with a little boy at the end of their yard. They were playing with a spoon in the sand.

The mother wanted Cora to come in. "So," she said, "I called to the boy who was playing with her to tell her, when Cora turned herself and, holding up her little spoon in her hand, came running and crying out, 'O mamma! mamma! I heard you. I heard you.'"

From that time on she has heard perfectly. Her hair has grown again and the horrible disease is all gone.

This certainly was a Miracle of Healing.

Little Cora then heard and answered the questions put to her, and as she had listened with a happy, smiling face to her mother's story, it was quite apparent to every one that she could hear all that was said.

These are just a few illustrations of the great work God was doing at this time.

People thronged from all parts to Zion Tabernacle.

As so many persons were being healed free, Divine Healing being without money and without price, the doctors did not like it.

As people were coming from the churches, the ministers did not like it. The people belonging to Secret Societies did not like it and many others whose crafts were in danger did not like it. It did not touch their hearts to know that the sinful were saved from lives of sin; that unclean habits were put away, and the sick healed.

History repeats itself.

They wanted to destroy the servants, as those whom He rebuked wanted to destroy the Master.

They banded together to pass an ordinance in the City Council of Chicago. On the authority of this Ordinance, which

they passed for that purpose, they arrested my husband and tried to imprison him.

They also had the doctors of the Board of Health to work, to attempt to prevent such "unnecessary" healing. These doctors decided that praying for the sick with the laying on of hands was practicing the healing art. Practicing the healing art, they decided, was practicing medicine, and as we did this without a license from them, they had us before the magistrate to answer for this awful crime.

My husband's case was tried first. He made no secret of the fact that he prayed for the sick. He had persons who had been healed go into the witness box, where they told how they were healed, without any medicine, but in answer to prayer.

The Doctor told them, in answer to their questions, that he was a minister of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, not a doctor of medicine; that he had his commission from the Bible. Then he read the passages to them.

The magistrate, after several days' trial, took two weeks to think it over. He then delivered himself of the monstrous verdict that my husband was guilty of "practicing medicine without a license," and sentenced him to pay a fine and costs. He refused to do so, and told the magistrate to his face what he thought of him.

My husband at once appealed the case to a higher court, and as this Judge was so unjust we asked for a change of venue when my case was called.

They never brought up either of these cases again, because they knew that they could not stand in law and they would be defeated.

But they apparently decided that the ordinance which was made in the City Council was to be the persecuting machine.

This ordinance was also an interesting and unique idea.

The crime which they tried to make out the Doctor had committed, in this case, was keeping a hospital without a permit. This ordinance defined a hospital as any place where the sick were received and cared for. It declared that a permit must be obtained and \$10 paid for it to the city.

As we received sick people into our house, they had witnesses to prove they saw them going in, and that was sufficient to prove that we had a hospital. As we declined to ask for a permit, the cases were proved.

My husband contended that these verdicts were illegal, because the ordinance was contrary to law; that an ordinance could only be valid if in accordance with the common law.

They, on the other hand, claimed that he committed three offenses a day, and arrested him on one hundred warrants.

One Sunday they took him from his platform, officers being sent with firearms in their pockets.

These men took him in the morning and kept him till the afternoon. When he came to preach at the afternoon meeting, he was arrested and carried before a police magistrate on the other side of the city. He gave bonds and returned to take the evening meeting.

The indignation of the people was very great, but my husband was very calm. He spoke quietly to the people, telling them to keep calm; that this was done by a form of law, to which for the present we must submit, although it was illegal. He said that it would only please the persecutors to be able to make us commit some disturbance of the peace.

The people did just as he told them.

He turned to me and told me to give the sermon that morning. This I did, and God wonderfully strengthened and blessed me. Even though their indignation was aroused to fever heat, the people listened so quietly that you could have almost heard a pin drop.

The enemy hoped by keeping up this system of persecution to weary us out, and eventually to be able to shut up our

Divine Healing Homes, our Zion Tabernacle and our Zion Publishing House.

But they failed in it all.

They did not know the material they had in hand to deal with. God was with us, and when He is with us, it does not matter who is against us.

The ordinance at last reached the upper courts, and there it was eventually pronounced invalid.

I put in this piece of history at this point, because it was during this period that I first took up the Children's Day at Zion Tabernacle.



ALTA GERTRUDE NOWELS.

Healed of curvature of the spine, partial paralysis, diseased lungs, etc., in Zion Home. The instruments of surgical torture, previously used without benefit, caused her such severe pain that she would lose consciousness. (See LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume II, Number 14, page 209.)

Many a time, just as Dr. Dowie was teaching the children, would these police officers arrive. Then the usual performance of finding a magistrate to take bonds and get him free consumed a great deal of time. The trial of all these cases, each one separately, also took him away a great deal.

I had to start in and do just what I could. We did not omit one meeting.

God began at this time to raise up other faithful workers.

Dr. Spiecher (now Overseer for Chicago) and J. T. Wilhide (now Overseer for Australasia) both came to us at about that time, and were very helpful.

Now we have a very large staff of Ordained Officers.

How those little children cried when they knew that they could not have the "Good Doctor" to pray with them!

I said to them, "Jesus is here just the same. He will hear

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me, and I will teach you and lay hands upon you in Jesus' Name."

I began then taking these Children's Meetings regularly. I did so for over three years. I had much joy in this work.

It has always been a joy to me to be with the children, for I have a natural love for them. Little children never trouble me.

In my testimony meetings, I used to ask all the children who wanted to tell what God had done for them to come up to the platform to me, and tell the people about it.

I will give you a few of these testimonies.



SUNSHINE HARDING.

Healed of scarlet fever. When her mother tried to have her take medicine, she refused, saying, "Why don't you get closer to Jesus?" A telegram was sent to Dr. Dowie which he received and answered from the platform, and God healed the child. (See LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume II, Number 28, page 433.)

Two nice, intelligent boys, with their mother, came up. The boys told that they were quite healed of a trouble they had had from their earliest recollection, and they wanted to thank God and serve Him all their lives because He had been so good to them.

The mother then arose and said: "I brought my two boys and came myself to hear the great preacher, but when we came I was disappointed, because I had come from the other side of the city, a long way, and he was not here. They had him in the police courts.

"I thought at first I would go back, but when Mrs. Dowie began to speak I became interested and listened. I felt that she was right and that disease was evil, the result of sin and the work of the Devil.

"I saw that doctors could not heal; but that Jesus came to destroy the work of the Devil; that He healed the sick, when He was in bodily presence on the earth, and that He had said:

"He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works shall he do; because I go unto the Father.

"I knew I was sick and miserable, and that I and my boys had suffered from constipation all our lives. We could only get relief by artificial means, and life was always a misery.

"When the meeting was over I was going away, but my two boys said, 'Mother, we want to go into the room to be healed.'

"I thought to myself, 'Do they expect to be healed?' But I saw they were eager, so I went in with them.

"The room was full, and Mrs. Dowie went around and put her hands on the heads of the children, praying a brief prayer with each in turn. Then she let them go.

"My boys walked quietly out with me, and we took the train for home. On our way we passed the drug store at which we were accustomed to deal, and I stopped to go in.

"I had thought when I came out of the prayer room, '*Is that all they do?*' So I was going for the old thing again.

"My boy put his hand on my arm and said to me, 'Mother, don't. We won't need it. I am healed. Besides, you know we promised the lady we would take no more medicine.'

"I thought to myself, 'Does he really mean it? Has he more faith than I have?' As I looked at his face, I saw that he was in earnest.

"So I went without the medicine, and that night and the next day everything was natural with the boys.

"It was wonderful.

"I have *not* thought since then that *prayer was nothing*. I felt how faithless I was as compared to my children's simple faith.

"The following Sunday I came and heard Dr. Dowie's wonderful teaching. At the end I repented in tears and gave myself to God; for I do not believe I was a true Christian before, although I had professed to be.

"The next Tuesday, Dr. Dowie prayed and laid his hands upon me, and I was healed of about six different ailments.

"I do praise God.

"Never again will I look upon prayer as nothing."

How many persons, if you tell them that when you are sick you pray, will say to you in horror, "But do you do nothing for it?"

You say, "Yes, I pray. That is something; it is the mightiest force on earth. The power of God is put forth to answer prayer."

A young man brought up his little step-brother to testify in Central Zion Tabernacle.

The little fellow was twelve years old. He had been injured by a wall falling on him and his back was broken.

He could only walk on his hands and feet, bent over like an animal.

His brother brought him to Chicago, because the doctors in Milwaukee, who had treated him for a long time, wanted to break his back again to see if they could straighten it in that way.

The little fellow was very happy to come, for he said to his step-brother, "I believe Jesus will heal me."

They carried him into the Prayer Room out of a chair in which he had to work himself about.

He was healed.

His brother said, "He walks now on his two feet."

We let him come up and he showed, with his face full of happiness, how now he could even jump, which he did. He jumped up about a foot high.

Then his step-brother said to him, "Show them how you used to walk," and he walked in the old way, on his hands, making them like the paws of an animal.

The people all cried and rejoiced, in turn.

I thought it was so good of God to answer my prayers in this marvelous way. It was only His wonderful goodness.



Here is another story from Central Zion Tabernacle.

A mother and father had one only child, a little boy eight years old.

He became blind.

When the friends of the family knew this, they wrote to her, telling her of various doctors to go to in Chicago.

Among the letters, however, they received one from an intimate friend of former years, who had written to my husband and had been prayed for, receiving a marked and wonderful healing.

This friend sent a copy of LEAVES OF HEALING, and begged them to leave the case entirely in God's hands and have Dr. Dowie pray for the child.

The boy listened to his parents talking about this, and when his mother took him to still another doctor, who gave no more hope than the others, he said, as they came out, "Mother, take me to Zion Tabernacle. This is the day (Thursday) for the children. I want to go there, because God can heal me, mother, if the doctors cannot."

She came. She thought she would hear Dr. Dowie, but it was only Mrs. Dowie. She heard the simple Gospel Story, the healing of Jairus' little daughter.

She heard the children testify to their healing, but she only listened without heeding, for her heart was so full of sorrow that her boy was blind, and she could not take her mind off what the doctor had told her.

But with the child, it was not so. He could not see, but he could hear. The Holy Spirit got into his heart because he was ready to receive, and he drank it all in.

At the close I said, "All who believe that God will heal them today may stay and come into the Prayer Room. I will believe that God will heal today all who obey and believe Him."

The mother, taking her boy's hand, turned to go toward the front door. But the boy, feeling her turn, said, "No, mother, not that way. The lady said the door to the Prayer Room was behind her; you are not going the right way."

She looked down into the face of her child, which was full of sweet trust and expectation. She said, "Do you believe, dear, that God will heal you today?"

"Yes, mother, I do. I know He will today."

She turned to go the right way with the child, and that day he received his sight.

He went home seeing.

Cannot a little child understand and believe? Surely he can.

Our children in Zion now look upon the least thought of taking drugs as sin. They are taught to pray themselves, and if they do not receive the answer, they must search their hearts to find the hindrance. Then they have their parents pray with them, and if the answer does not come, they obey the Word of God and send for an Elder of the Church, or the parents bring the child to the place of prayer.

There have been very, very few deaths among the vast number of Zion children.

One Sunday morning, just as we came from the platform, my husband was accosted by one of our Zion members, who asked to be let come into the vestry. He had his little son wrapped in a rug.

This little man, three years old, was quite a favorite of the Doctor's. He used to save his pennies for Zion, and then come with a bag full of them to give to the work, surprising the Doctor with the vast amount of his acquired treasure.

The plump little face was all flushed with fever. He had his shoes on the wrong feet, and when the rug was off him he was seated on the table, his legs sticking out and a woeful expression on his face.

One could see that not only was he in pain, but he was in sad disgrace. It was evident that he had sinned.

What was the matter?

His father seriously and solemnly told the story, while his blue eyes opened to their fullest extent as he listened.

He had sinned, and it was wilful sin.

His father had a wagon factory, and the men would come in and out and leave the gate open.

It was a wet day, and Micky's mother had told him he must not go out in the wet, and also that he must not go with some naughty boys who used bad words.



MICHAEL N. LINDSKOG.

Healed from the effects of a bite of a mad dog. Divine Healing better than the Pasteur treatment for rabies. (See LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume III, Number 40, page 625.)

Micky watched to see when his mother was busy, and then ran out and went off with the bad boys. His mother could not go after him, so he was away a long time.

The consequence was that Micky had an attack of inflammatory rheumatism. It was all over his body. His fat little ankles, his knees, his shoulders and wrists were swollen. It was pain for him to move himself at all; and he had a high fever with it.

It was all the direct result of wilful sin.

Doctor said to him, "Micky, I am shocked to think you could do this! What have you to say?"

The little mouth twisted and then he said, the tears filling his big blue eyes and dropping down his cheeks, "I was naughty, Doctor. I won't do it again. I am sorry."

So he was told to tell God he was sorry; whereupon he

folded his hands together, closed his eyes and repeated the prayer.

Doctor then took him and prayed, passing his hands around the joints. Then he moved the ankles without pain; then the knees and arms and wrists.

Then Micky stood and walked. Doctor then told him to thank God, which he did.

We kissed him and letting him go, Doctor said, "Now, Micky, God has been good to you." With a twinkle in the back part of his eye, he added, "I am not quite sure that you deserved Him to be, but be sure you do not do that again."



MISS ETHEL POST

Healed of cancer in the mouth and blood-poisoning when her case was considered hopeless by an eminent physician. (See LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume III, Number 48, page 753.)

He was fully impressed with the gravity of his case. He, a little Zion boy, who had been healed before in answer to prayer, being wilfully disobedient to his mother, and playing in the wet and mud with children of the Devil who used bad words!

He knew he deserved the Devil's wages.

This is the story of little Michael Lindskog's healing, but he was also healed of other things, amongst which was the bite of a mad dog.

Among the testimonies I loved to hear there were those who told how fear had gone from them.

One mother said to me: "I do love you so much, because, through you, fear has gone from my little boy. He was a timid child from his birth and was not able to sleep without a light in his room. If he awoke in the dark, he would scream with fear. Now he tells me, 'Mother, put out the light. I am not afraid any more, because Jesus is here. He will take care of me.'"

I have sought earnestly to get fear out of the hearts of the mothers; for from them it gets into the children even before they are born.

Famine and plague have slain their thousands, but fear its tens of thousands. Even after you think it is cast out, how often it will try to pop up its ugly head again!

Many a child has come into the world with an inheritance of fear.

Fear has prevented many beautiful little spirits from coming into this world at all. They have been killed before they were born.

Mothers, do not fear to have your children. God will take care of them and of you, if you will obey Him.

Do not take the bad advice of doctors who tell you to do things which are sinful to your bodies. Our bodies are fearfully and wonderfully made, and are most tender in their construction. As long as God's laws are obeyed, they can be kept in good order. The Bible is the book which instructs us in these matters.

It is to the interest of the doctors to keep women sick; not to have them made well.

God's command to the first man and the first woman was: "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth." That was given before the fall, as well as after.

God's Book also says: "Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord."

When a husband and wife unite together to train up their children for God, and live as God would have them do, then the promises which were given for the seed of the righteous will be fulfilled in them, and they shall inherit the earth.

When my children were very little they knew God. It was one of the first things they were taught, as soon as they could walk and talk.

My boy, who was the older and is now a young man, was very young indeed when he began to talk, and very intelligent.

He used to read his child's Bible when only five years old, and repeated the second chapter of Luke when he was not three years old, just by having heard it read a few times at family worship.

I do not remember his ever having any fear in his heart at all. He thought every one was his friend, and had a very happy disposition. His name which we called him when a child just fitted him. It was Gladdie.

When he was less than five years old we were away from home, and boarded for a short time with a lady who had an old Irish servant for a cook.

This old cook, Mrs. O'Leary, was a good servant, but she had an unfortunate failing. She had periodical times when she would get off on a drinking bout. Then she would get right again, and go on for a while doing her work well. Her mistress was sorry for her and tried to do what she could with her because of her good qualities.

When she was recovering from the effects of liquor she would be afraid of everything.

On one occasion her mistress asked her to go across the street for something, only half a block away. It was a dark night, and she was afraid to go. She said so.

Little Gladdie heard her, and looking at her with surprised eyes, he went up to the poor creature and putting his hand into hers, said, "I will go with you, Mrs. O'Leary. Then you will not need to be afraid, because God always takes care of me."

She looked at the child. Then she said, "Sure I will. I believe God does take care of ye."

I am sure many a mother wonders that her boy comes through dangers and difficulties. My boy was very venturesome, but he always came through unhurt.

When I heard him speak as he did to this old servant, I knew that he had faith in God's protecting care over him.

My little daughter once when quite young got fear into her



little heart. She was about eighteen months old at the time. Before that, she had never known fear.

It was a hot night in summer, when we lived in Melbourne, Australia.

A maid who had been with us for some time, left to go to



MISS ALMA KELLER.

Instantly healed of hip disease, and right leg lengthened three and one-half inches in answer to Dr. Dowie's prayer. (See LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume I, Number 23, page 353.)

her home in the country. It was while the new maid was with us that this happened.

A young man, son of one of our members, had taken an epileptic fit. His mother came and begged us to go and see him. We did so.

It had taken twelve strong men to hold him, he was so possessed. When we arrived, my husband had them let him go and kneeled down beside him, holding his temples with his hands and praying. In Jesus' Name the Devil was cast out.

We paid another visit afterwards and reached home at 11 o'clock, having no uneasiness about our children, because they never awoke in the evening after they were put to bed.

We had our latch-key with us, and as we put it into the door we were surprised to hear a smothered sound of weeping coming from the nursery. I said, "That is our little Esther," and we went quickly upstairs to her room.

She was in her little bed with the blanket held tightly over her face with both her hands. Her sobs sounded as if she had sobbed thus for a long time and was all tired out, so that she could hardly cry any more.

The perspiration was all over her body and her face was wet with it.

I said, "Why, Esther dear, what is the matter?"

Her papa began to take the blanket off her, but she held tightly to it crying, "Oh no, I can't. I can't look; there is a black man there."

We said, "No, dear, there is no black man. Papa and mamma are here."

But she said, "There is a big black dog down the lane, and he is coming to carry me away."

Then we saw at once what had happened.

This child had never been told anything but the exact truth all her life, and she believed exactly what was told her. This new maid had wanted her to go to sleep quickly for some reason of her own, and had told her these things to make her lie down and cover herself up.

Then she had awakened, and the horrid black man had come up before her vivid imagination. She had, at that time, never seen any colored person, and would not have feared one if she had. As for a big dog, she never was afraid of any animal. But this wicked girl had put into her heart the spirit of fear.

Immediately her father said, "Esther dear, there is no one



MISS CLAUDIA THOMAS.

Healed when dying of dropsy and heart and kidney disease, consequent upon typhoid fever. Her body gashed by doctors in seventeen places with the usual bad results. Her parents confirm her testimony. Still kept by power of God. (See LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume IV, Number 20, page 381.)

here but papa and mamma and Jesus. He is here. He is always here when we are not. He will always take care of our little girl."

She at once dropped her hold of the blanket and smiled at

us, looking around the room. We talked to her and took off the clothes, which were wet with perspiration. We put fresh sheets on the bed and a fresh gown on our dear little one. Then she laid down again, saying to herself, "Only papa and mamma and Jesus."

We kissed her good night, put out the light and went into our own bedroom. She was asleep in a few minutes.

The next morning when we arose, the children had eaten their breakfast.

I saw her first at the top of the stairs, a dear little pet, with her big brown wondering eyes fringed with their black eyelashes, and her beautiful head covered with dark brown curly hair.

She stood and looked at me. I said, "What is it, dear?"

She said, "Mamma, I have been looking for Jesus."

She then went back to her room, looked behind the door, under her bed and all around. I watched to see what she would do.

Then she said, "I can't find Him now, mamma. He was here last night. I saw Him, but He is not here now."

Then I saw what that look meant, and I said, "Esther, He is always here, dear. We cannot see Him, but His Spirit is here. Although you do not see Him, papa and mamma tell you He is always taking care of His little child, and no wicked persons can harm you. You can always ask Him to take care of you."

She looked very happy and, smiling at me, said, "He is always here, mamma."

She never again had any fear.

Of course, we at once sent away the bad girl who had so wickedly frightened her.

When the sick people came to our house for healing, as they did shortly after this time, she took great interest in the sick children and would talk to them about Jesus. One day her doll had a bad fall and broke its head. She ran at once to her father and knocking at the door of his room, where he prayed with the sick, she got in and, laying the doll down on his knees, she said, "My baby is sick, papa; pray for her."

Her father took the injured doll and gently put it together, trying it up. He explained to her that a doll was not quite like a little girl, but he would do what he could to mend it.

Our son and daughter are now grown to manhood and womanhood, but they are not afraid, and believe that what Jesus said is true, "Lo, I am with you always." No one can fear who really believes this, for they can say from their heart, "I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me."

We trust that in the years to come all the instruction and knowledge which our son and daughter are now busy acquiring in great schools of learning will be turned to good use in furthering the work of God. They were given to Him from the beginning of their lives. May He ever guard and bless

them. As we have prayed for you and yours, we also desire that you will pray for us and ours.

There are many more things which I could say, but I think I have made this now long enough.

I would just add that Jesus has been our Home Physician for almost twenty-five years, and we wish you to make Him yours. We are not telling you to do what we have not done ourselves.

Never a drop of medicine has been in our home, either for ourselves or our children.

We have lived with the sick a great part of the time, but God has kept us; and when any sickness has come, God has answered prayer in our behalf.

Just one more little story, and with that I close. An artist

once painted a beautiful picture intended to represent the mothers bringing their little ones to Jesus.

He made a beautiful picture of Jesus, and then put in some beautiful little children. Jesus was holding out His hands to them, and looking lovingly upon them; but some of them were hiding behind their mothers' skirts and pulling back, the mothers gently drawing them forward as they did so.

The artist took his little girl to see his picture, and asked her how she liked it.

She looked at the face of Christ, and her face lit up; then she looked at the children. He said, "Are they not beautiful little children?"

She said, "No, papa, I do not like them! If Jesus looked at me like that, I would run to Him. I would not want to be pulled and pushed to Him."

He saw his mistake. He wiped out these children and painted in their places the beautiful picture of the little children, holding out their arms and running eagerly to Jesus.

Ah, that has been the trouble! Our Heavenly Father, the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit have not been presented to the world as they are, a glorious Tri-une God.

If we had always been shown Him as a loving Father, merciful and gracious, pitying His children as a father pitieth; if we had always thought of Him as loving us with an Everlasting Love, whose mercy endureth forever; if we had pictured Him as one who went about full of sympathy with the sick and sorrowing, bearing away from them their burdens of sin and sickness; if we had kept more in mind that He said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven," and had always known that He is ever ready to take them up in His arms and bless them, what a different world this would be!

The time would be indeed hastened when the prayer which our Lord taught His Disciples to pray would be fulfilled:

Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth.

St. Cloud, Paris, France, January 27, 1901.

*Jeanie Moore.*



EUGENE H. BOETCHER.

Quickly healed of a broken leg in answer to the General Overseer's prayer. A member of Zion's Boys' Choir. (See LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume V, Number 44, page 845.)

# A VOICE TO ZION AND GOD'S PEOPLE IN EVERY LAND.

O thou that tellest Good Tidings to Zion, Get thee up into the high Mountain Lift up thy Voice with strength: Lift it up, be not afraid: Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Isaiah, XL: 9.

## THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL DECLARED.

*Report of Meeting held in West Side Zion Tabernacle, Chicago, Lord's Day Morning, February 3, 1901. Address: "God, the Father, Giver of Every Good Gift."*

*Report of Meeting held in Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Afternoon, February 3, 1901. Sermon: "Purity." Reception of New Members. Ordinance of the Lord's Supper.*

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THE first Lord's Day in February, 1901, witnessed the worst storm of the winter in Chicago. Beginning on the Saturday, the Storm King sent forth his shrieking cohorts of wind and snow.

On the Lord's Day morning the wind was fiercer, the snowfall more rapid.

Huge, heavy drifts of wet, clinging snow were piled in the streets and on the sidewalks.

Traffic was interfered with and in many places completely blocked.

All through the day the wind raced, eddied, whirled and howled, ever bearing on its pinions the rapidly-falling snow.

Snow entangled the feet, snow blinded the eyes, snow was plastered upon faces and garments.

So fierce was the storm that in Chicago it claimed ten killed and many injured, while others are missing.

Despite the discomforts and dangers of the storm, the General Overseer spoke to large audiences at both morning and afternoon services.

The morning service was the second of the series in the outlying Zion Tabernacles of Chicago, being held in the West Side Zion Tabernacle, at the corner of South Paulina and West Madison Streets.

God blessed the Message, a Message setting forth His love for His children, and His willingness to give them every good gift.

In the afternoon, at Central Zion Tabernacle, there were fully 2000 present. It was a wonderful sight. No Tempest could keep these thousands away from Zion.

The man of God spoke with great power upon that most

important subject, "Purity." There was an intense earnestness in the hearts of many as they repeated the words of the Prayer of Consecration, "O God, make me pure, that I may see Thee."

God heard the prayer and many are being set upon the beautiful Highway of Holiness.

Seventy-two new members were received at the close of the service, the General Overseer extending the right hand of fellowship with his earnest benediction.

Then, while the elements raged without, all within the House of God was quiet, calm and hushed with a Divine Peace as nearly 2000 Christians gathered with thanksgiving, song and prayer about the sacred Table of the Lord.

The General Overseer administered the Ordinance.

Then, for the first time since his return, the members of the Christian Catholic Church in Chicago had an opportunity to grasp the hand of their beloved General Overseer. Crossing the platform from south to north, the long line of people shook hands with him, extending a personal welcome home and receiving his kindly, loving greetings.

West Side Zion Tabernacle. Lord's Day Morning, February 3, 1901.

The service was opened by the General Overseer pronouncing the invocation. The congregation then joined in singing Hymn No. 226, after which the Apostles' Creed was recited.

The General Overseer said: Let us read in the Inspired Word of God in the seventh chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew.

### Scripture Reading and Exposition.

Judge not, that ye be not judged.

The word "judge" here, of course, has the signification of condemnation, of passing verdicts upon things, of attempting to settle the whole matter by a wicked, censorious judgment.

For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured unto you. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me cast out the mote out of thine eye; and lo, the beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye; and then



shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast your pearls before the swine, lest haply they trample them under their feet, and turn and rend you.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, who, if his son shall ask him for a loaf, will give him a stone; or if he shall ask for a fish, will give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him? All things therefore whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them: for this is the law and the prophets.

That is as high as they attained. If you do as much as that, you do very well; but there is something better than the law and the prophets.

Enter ye in by the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many be they that enter in thereby. For narrow is the gate, and straitened the way, that leadeth unto life, and few be they that find it.

The great mass of the people will never "find" the Narrow Gate. They will have to be led to it. They will have to be guided to it.

They do not know the way to Christ.

It is true that Jesus Christ is the Way to God, but there are many ways to Christ.

There is only one Way to the Father, but there are many ways to Christ.

We ought to endeavor to use every possible means to bring people by every possible way to Christ.

Christ is the Door. He is the Gate.

The people will not find Him, unless they are helped.

The people will not even seek Him, unless they are told about Him.

Many people do not believe that there is such a Gate. They do not see others going in there. Their fathers and mothers did not go; they know nothing about it, and they will have to be led to it.

Few there be that find it.

But I thank God many there be who are led to it.

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves. By their fruits ye shall know them. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but the corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Therefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in Heaven.

#### Doing, Not Saying or Singing, is What God Desires.

God takes very little account of what you say, unless you do it.

Saying is all very well, very profitable and very helpful, if you do it.

It is nice to sing sweetly, but you must live so, if your song is to be of any power.

It is nice to preach well, but you will have to live as you preach, if your preaching is to be of any power.

It is nice to speak sweetly, but you will have to live sweetly.

By their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in Heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy by Thy Name, and by Thy Name cast out devils, and by Thy Name do many mighty works?

There are many people who read this passage who say, "A man may do very many mighty works, and a man may cast out devils in Jesus' Name, and yet when he gets to heaven he will be set aside."

They make that assertion simply because they read ignorantly.

These people said that they did these things, but Christ did not say that they did. On the contrary, He said they lied.

Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy by Thy Name, and by Thy Name cast out devils, and by Thy Name do many mighty works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity.

Do you see what that means?

He will say, "I never knew you. There never was a time when you were Mine. There never was a single thing which you did in My Name. You lie when you say that."

**Christian Science, So-Called, Falsely Claims to Work in Christ's Name.**

The same can be said today to those who are using the Name of Christ to cover one of the greatest abominations

which has ever cursed modern society. Take, for instance, Christian Science, which is neither Christian nor scientific; which denies the personality of God, the Father; which denies the Divinity of Jesus Christ, His Son; which denies the personality of the Holy Spirit. That system denies the trinity of God. It speaks of God as "Father God and Mother God." It speaks with perfect contempt about our Lord Jesus Christ as having made Atonement for man's sins.

That whole Abomination has in the front of it the Name of Christ. They say they do these things in Christ's Name. They do not do any such thing. Their theology and their books are the proof that they do not.

They deny that man is capable of sin, sickness or any departure from holiness. They say that all these so-called sins and sicknesses and departures from holiness are things the existence of which you must deny. When you have denied their existence, they say you will discover that they do not exist.

These people have the audacity to put the Name of Christ in the front of that continent of mud called Christian Science. They have the audacity to say they are doing these things in Christ's Name.

They know that claim is false.

They are apostates, mostly led by persons who have been spiritualists, theosophists and infidels, and sometimes by women who deny the commonest principles of morality.

It is not very many years ago since the woman next in rank to Mrs. Eddy publicly divorced her husband, and took another. You know what the result was. She found out that her new husband had many wives besides herself.

#### So-Called Christian Science is Essentially Immoral and Mercenary.

Any one who makes terms and agreements for money to pray the prayer of faith is simply a cheat, a liar and a blasphemer.

Mrs. Eddy boldly tells you she had a Divine revelation that she should charge \$300 for each treatment. She has a charge from that to \$500 for teaching so-called Christian Science in a class.

It is perfectly shameful!

The Name of Jesus Christ is dragged in to protect a thing and to cover a philosophy and a so-called religion which is an Abomination.

I have no confidence whatever in the so-called healings in Christian Science. Not an atom!

I believe that there may be among the Christian Scientists, just as there are among the Roman Catholics, those who, despite the fact that they are amongst those who are apostate, really love the Lord, and have really sought Him, and received a blessing. There are many Roman Catholics who have received Divine Healing, because, notwithstanding all the abominations by which they were surrounded, they went to God in faithful humble prayer and got a blessing.

There are many persons connected with Christian Science, no doubt, who really get away from the false philosophy, and get to God. In such cases they will get healing, not because of Christian Science, but in spite of it.

Any one who believes in Christian Science as it is taught in "Science and Health" by Mrs. Eddy is simply believing in a mass of Antichristian imposture.

I do not believe in their alleged healings because they teach their people to lie; to profess that they do not have any pain and do not have any disease, when the disease is there, and the pain is there all the time.

It is a shameful mass of lying!

When they go before God with their impudence and say: "We do this in the Name of Christ," the Lord Jesus Christ will say, "Mrs. Eddy, I never knew you. Depart from Me; depart from Me ye that work iniquity. You never were converted. You never were Mine." Go!

#### I Have a Strong Conviction That Christian Science Must be Utterly Destroyed.

It has no real power now. It would have no existence at all but for the fact that the churches have denied the truth of Divine Healing, which leaves the way open for a great mass of imposture.

I call your attention to this passage, which is oftentimes quoted as if these people had done all these good things in Christ's Name, and had after all been rejected. It is no such thing. Christ never knew them; their claims were false.



Every one therefore which heareth these words of Mine, and doeth them, shall be likened unto a wise man, which built his house upon the rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon the rock. And every one that heareth these words of Mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and smote upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall thereof.

And it came to pass, when Jesus ended these words, the multitudes were astonished at His teaching: for He taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

#### Authoritative Teaching the Only Effective Teaching.

That is the only way in which any teaching can ever come. It must be authoritative teaching. The man who teaches mathematics must have the Authority of personal knowledge, and must have the Authority from the proper sources.

If a man has no Authority, he is simply an abomination as a teacher.

If a man pretends to be a police officer when he has not the Authority, he is a criminal. He can be very severely punished.

Wherever this Everlasting Gospel is proclaimed, if the preacher has not Divine Authority, it is a curse to him; it is a curse to the people.

Where there is Authority on the one side, there must be Obedience on the other. If I speak to you today, my brothers and my sisters, with the Authority of a Messenger of God, then you must obey, not because I say it, but because God sends His Message.

I am speaking that Message with Authority. Authority in teaching is the indispensably great thing.

These miserable old scribes and Pharisees did not have any power with the people because they had no Authority. Whenever they preached they would say, "Rabbi Elieser says this, Rabbi Joseph says the next thing."

What does it matter what Rabbi Joseph says, or Rabbi This, or Rabbi That?

The only thing that matters in this world is what God says. "Can they not tell us what God says?" asks some one. "Then they would speak with some Authority."

No; they could tell you what Moses and the prophets said, but they could not know what God said.

They may teach what Moses said, they may teach what the prophet said, they may teach what is in the Gospels, and they may teach what is in the Epistles, and yet they may have no Authority.

It is easy to talk, just as easy as it is for one man to impersonate another. There are multitudes of men today who are preaching this Gospel in words, who have no Authority. No one obeys them, because every one sees that they have no Authority.

When Jesus spoke, the people were astonished at His teaching. He taught them "as one having Authority, and not as their scribes."

What we need today is Divine Authority, so that you may know that the Message is from God.

Every honest man and woman is simply desirous of knowing what is God's will. Honest persons want to know what God wants them to do.

They want it told them plainly.

The more plainly I can speak, the better.

May God help you. May God bless you.

Rev. Gerald F. Stevens, Elder-in-Charge of the West Side Zion Tabernacle, then offered prayer, followed by the General Overseer, at the close of which the congregation joined in repeating the Disciples' Prayer.

The General Overseer then continued: I am very glad to be on the West Side again and to speak to you.

This very, very stormy morning no doubt accounts for the fact that a very large number whom I know desired to be present are not here, although the Tabernacle is nicely filled.

I am glad to see you who are members who live on the West Side. I know you are doing very good work. I am very glad to hear of the success that has accompanied Elder and Evangelist Stevens's ministry among you.

I thought that after I had tested his patience among the Dutch at Grand Rapids, I would give him a place where he would have plenty of scope, and where the people would be a little quicker than the Dutch. The Dutch are not to be despised, but they are very hard to move. They are hard people, hard as granite. They are stubborn. They are

stupidly stubborn. They will not think. They hold to one idea. That is a grand thing, if the idea is wise and good; but just the opposite if it is a foolish idea.

#### The Absurdity of the Boers Going to War With Great Britain.

If they had possessed good sense, the Boers would never have gone to war with the British. It was a perfect piece of absurdity. Just look at it. Suppose the people of Hyde Park or Englewood, 250,000 people, were to solemnly declare war upon the United States, and tell the United States that they are to do exactly as they wanted or they would sweep them into the sea.

It was worse than that, because the Boers defied an empire of 500,000,000 people, six times as many people as there are in the United States. The Boers were about as many as the people living in some of the smaller divisions of the City of Chicago, about 200,000 people.

They should never have gone to war. There would have been a very large party in England who would have helped them in every way to get whatever really belonged to them.

Many people do not understand this Boer question.

You say it was their country. It was no such thing. It was no more their country than it is yours. They came and took it from the Kaffirs. They stole it from the Kaffirs. They flogged, murdered and enslaved the Kaffirs. To this day they treat the Kaffirs brutally.

They treat the missionaries who stand up for the Africans in the same way. Some of you do not seem to know the history of the Boers.

If you will read the history of the life of David Livingstone, the great missionary, you will find that these Boers came down upon him because he protected the interests of the blacks, and destroyed his property, drove off his cattle, smashed up his things and tore his books to pieces.

That is the kind of people they are.

They will go out and sing a Psalm after committing such outrages. I do not take any stock in that kind of Psalm-singing.

I do not say that there are not many good people amongst them, because we have a good many members of this Church among the Boers, and there are many noble Christian men and women amongst them.

They are downright stupid, nevertheless, when they once get a wrong idea into their heads.

Great Britain has done one good thing—I will say that for her.

#### Great Britain Has Everywhere Protected the Rights of the Black Man.

She has given him freedom under her flag. She everywhere demands that he shall be treated as a man, and that his property and life shall be protected. Woe to any man under the British flag who assaults or robs or kills a black man! He will be fined, imprisoned or hanged, no matter how rich he is, just as sure as he commits the crime.

A black man is treated fairly under the British flag. I have never known of a case of lynching in Australia. I have never known of a case of lynching, either black or white, in England in my lifetime. Let the law take its course.

My heart is very sore when I see people make this great blunder about the Boers. You seem to forget that England never proclaimed war against the Boers. It was the Boers who proclaimed war against England, and England was not ready.

England did not have 10,000 troops in Africa when the Boers declared war. The Boers were ready, and they swept over into Natal, and nearly siezed that whole province.

#### The Boers Want to Embroil Europe in War.

They do not care if they do get France and Germany and England and Russia all fighting one another. They do not care so long as they can get what they want. What a horrible thing a war amongst these millions of Europe would be! The Boers are eager to get nations to embark in their quarrel and fight with one another. That is not a Christian spirit.

I do not say that England is always right. I do not say the United States is always right. I do not say that men anywhere are always right. I think that, for the most part, there is a great deal of wrong on every side; but on this matter there is no doubt whatever that there was no desire upon the part of



the great majority of the people in the British Empire for war at all. Why should there be? It is absurd.

The idea of a great nation of four or five hundred millions wanting to go to war with a little people like that, about the size of a small division of Chicago, not more than one-eighth of its population. It is ridiculous.

People ought to think of things in their right proportions before they talk.

I desire you to pray God to give us peace in our time. I am hoping that with the advent of the new King of Great Britain we shall see an endeavor to make peace in Africa.

There are magnificent men upon the Boer side, splendid men, good men, wise men; but the great majority of the Transvaal Boers are illiterate. They are uneducated. They do not educate their children properly. The consequence is they do not know much. Many of them are very, very ignorant. Their ignorance is appalling.

They have very few books, and do not care to read. The boys delight to shoot, and are taught from their childhood to shoot to kill. It is a horrible thing when boys are trained up for the purpose of shooting to kill. The Boers will tell you frankly that they have trained up all the young generation to shoot to kill. They tell them that every bullet which they carry ought to be worth a British life. That is a horrible, murderous thing. I do not care who does it, it is wicked.

May God bless the nations. I love all mankind.

I am glad that the Christian Catholic Church in Zion has members in Johannesburg and Pretoria, in Orange River Colony, in Cape Colony and in Natal; scores and scores here and there, hundreds in the aggregate throughout southern Africa.

It has been very touching to me all through this war, to get letters by the same mail from those who were on the firing line of the Boer and British sides—both of them good Christians. The tithes and offering were received.

#### GOD, THE FATHER, THE GIVER OF EVERY GOOD GIFT.

##### INVOCATION.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, and be profitable unto this people, and unto all to whom these words shall come, in this and every land, in this and all the coming time, till Jesus come, for His sake. (Amen.)

##### TEXT.

If ye then being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father give good things to them that ask Him?

This is a question—an interrogation. How much more?

Children, have you fathers and mothers?

Children—"Yes."

General Overseer—If you asked an egg, would they give you a scorpion?

Children—"No."

General Overseer—If you asked a fish, would they give you a serpent?

Children—"No."

General Overseer—If you asked for bread, would they give you a stone?

Children—"No."

General Overseer—That is what Jesus said.

#### Even Bad Men Give Good Gifts to Their Children.

"If ye then being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more," how infinitely more than evil men and women will the Heavenly Father give good things to them that ask him?

Saloonkeepers I count very bad men. A man who sells "liquid fire and distilled damnation," in my opinion, is a very bad man; a man who, for the sake of money, sells that which makes people drunk and mad, drives them to commit crimes, keeps them from their wives and families, and steals their children's bread.

He is a very bad man who sells that damning liquor.

The man who licenses them is bad, too, and the country which allows such a traffic is bad. The city which puts money into its pocket out of the degradation of its citizens is a wicked city. It is a bad business all through.

But the worst men among these saloonkeepers are fond of their babies. They are fond of their little children; and often and often what a man or woman will not do because it is right, the little child with its words of love and caresses will get an evil father or mother to do.

I have known men to go right out of that business because their little children were converted, and went up to them and put their arms around them and said, "Papa, do not sell liquor any more. Papa, do not make people drunk any more. Papa, do not do that any more."

I have known a man to break right down, and look into his child's face and say, "I will stop right here, and close the saloon."

The most evil men love their children. Even these Pharisees who hated Christ, when they went back to their homes, and their little children met them, forgot all about their hatred of Christ, and just loved their children.

They did not give them stones when they asked for bread. They did not give them serpents when they asked for fishes.

They did not give them scorpions when they asked for eggs.

#### The Wickedness of Failure to Provide for Children.

He must be a terrible man who will do anything like that. There are wicked fathers who sometimes even kill their children. There are wicked fathers who forget what is due their children. Sometimes, if they do not give them a stone for bread, they drink all the money, and the children have no bread, have no eggs, have no fish. It is just about as bad to give them nothing at all as it is to give a scorpion or a stone.

That is just what it comes to in a great many cases.

Our Lord Jesus Christ puts this beautiful simile, and asks this beautiful question that we may answer it.

He was talking to the Pharisees at this time, and to His disciples. He asked:

If ye then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in Heaven give good things to them that ask Him?

#### God, Our Father, Gave His Greatest Gift in His Son.

I desire to present to you the great truth that Salvation is the Gift of God.

The greatest of all gifts which God has given to humanity has been the Gift of His own Son.

Who gave the Son? Was it not the Father?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—God the Father gave His own Son. No one else could have given Him.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Salvation was the gift of God.

Every good gift and every perfect boon is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom can be no variation, neither shadow that is cast by turning.

If we without wavering will ask Him in faith, doing those things which are right, He will give good gifts.

He has promised this. It is natural.

Surely if we love our children, and are willing to give them all the good things we can, it is reasonable and right to suppose that our Father in Heaven loves us. If we have a Father, if we do not come by chance, then our Father surely loves us—and we have a Father; He is the Father of our spirits, and He loves us.

Remember that great fundamental fact.

No matter how wicked the children may be, God is good to all.

He is good to the saloonkeepers and druggists; good to the poor harlots; good to the murderers; good to all.

This morning God is feeding the murderer in his cell.

He sends him bread.

He sends him water.

He sends him protection, even though he is a murderer.

Under Christian law in this city the murderer is protected. He gets a great many good things, although the law may eventually hang him by the neck until he is dead. God has put that law of pity and of love and of justice into Christian hearts.

So God is really good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works.

#### God is Perfectly Impartial.

Never let us think that God is partial.

You love your good children. You are glad to know how well they are getting on. The good children have left your home, and have loved you, and come back to you, and given you much joy every now and then with their visits. The good children are doing well. You hear about them having good

husbands and wives and happy children, and you are so glad to visit them; you think a great deal of them.

But if there is one wandering child, if one poor girl has left the fold, and gone away out into the mountains, cold and bare; if one poor boy has gone into sin and become the victim of his own depravity, and of vile associations, and perhaps is in a prison cell today, your thoughts will go a thousand times to the one who has gone astray. Your thoughts will follow the boy who has gone from home, to the girl who is you know not where.

You will seek to find out where that wanderer is. You will go wherever that wanderer may be, if you are true fathers and mothers, and you will plead with him to come home.

Our Father in Heaven has thoughts of love for all mankind. He loves those who are banished by their own transgressions from His presence.

He loves those who have passed out of this life, and cannot enter heaven; for they were not prepared for it.

For we must needs die, and are as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; neither doth God take away life, but deviseth means, that he that is banished be not an outcast from Him.

He seeks the lost.

He seeks the perishing.

He will ever seek until the last wandering sheep is brought home.

He will ever follow with the good gifts which His Spirit gives the wanderer, no matter where he goes.

#### Seeking a Lost Sheep.

Watch that shepherd. It is a bitterly cold day. He has missed one of his sheep. He comes back for refreshment and help. Then he calls around him his faithful dogs, just as one whom I saw in Scotland a little while ago. He talks to the dogs. He says to them in language which they perfectly well understand that there is a sheep missing, and that the sheep has to be brought back. Then he goes out and sends one collie away up this glen, and another collie away up that glen, another collie in front of him. When they find the sheep, which has slipped over the rocks, perhaps, and broken its leg, the dog which finds it barks and yelps, and makes the mountains ring with his joy. He brings the other dogs to the place where the wounded sheep is lying, perhaps dying. He brings the shepherd.

Then the shepherd lifts his lost sheep upon his shoulders and carries it home.

God does the same.

The greatest of all God's good gifts is the sending of the Great Shepherd of the sheep, who not only seeks and cares for the ninety and nine who are safely in the fold, but seeks that wandering sheep which has gone far away.

He is seeking the sinner today. That is why He came.

I often think of those lines which were once found under the head of a Roman Catholic ex-priest high in office. He had ceased to be a priest. He had fled from Rome because he feared for his life. He had the secrets of the papacy in his hands. He was a very quiet man who went in and out, not pretending to be a priest at all. No one knew his name. He loved the little children in the street, and they loved him.

Finally he became very sick. One morning the good woman who cared for his room found that he did not answer the knock, far on in the day. She went with her husband into the room, and there he lay with a very sweet smile on his face, but his spirit had gone.

They knew nothing of who he was, until they began to search his papers; but the very first paper that they found was a little hymn under his pillow. It was this:

I was wandering and weary,  
When the Saviour came unto me;  
For the paths of sin were dreary,  
And the world had ceased to woo me.  
And I thought I heard Him say,  
As He came along His way,  
"Wandering soul, Oh! do come near Me;  
My sheep should never fear Me;  
I am the Shepherd true."

At first I would not listen,  
I put off till the morrow;  
But life began to darken,  
And my heart was sick with sorrow;  
And still I heard Him say,  
As He came along my way:  
"Wandering soul, Oh! do come near Me;  
My sheep should never fear Me;  
I am the Shepherd true."

At last I stopped to listen,  
His Voice could ne'er deceive me;  
I saw His kind eye glisten  
So anxious to relieve me;  
And I was sure I heard Him say,  
As He came along the way:  
"Wandering soul, Oh! do come near Me;  
My sheep should never fear Me;  
I am the Shepherd true."

He took me on His shoulder,  
And tenderly He kissed me;  
He bade my love grow bolder,  
Told me how He had missed me;  
And I was sure I heard Him say,  
As He came along my way:  
"Wandering soul, Oh! do come near Me;  
My sheep should never fear Me;  
I am the Shepherd true."

I thought His love would weaken,  
As more and more He knew me;  
But it burneth like a beacon,  
And its light and heat go through me,  
And I ever hear Him say,  
As He comes along Life's way:  
"Wandering soul, Oh! do come near Me;  
My sheep they never fear Me;  
I am the Shepherd true."

#### The Good Shepherd.

The Greatest of all the Gifts which God has given to man is this great Good Shepherd, who still goes about doing good, saving the sinner, healing the sick, cleansing the leper, raising the dead, bringing comfort to the sorrowing and strength to the weak, light to those who are in darkness, and bringing them to God.

All who desire to trust that Good Shepherd, stand and tell Him so. (Apparently all arose.)

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. Take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be, in spirit, in soul, in body. Give me Thy Holy Spirit, that I may love Thee, and believe that Thou art my Father; that Thou wilt give me the good thing I need, the forgiveness, the healing, the strength, if I truly repent and fully believe. Help me so to repent. Help me to do right to all, and in Thy sight to trust in Jesus. Cleanse my spirit, my soul, my body, and keep guiding me until I arrive at home in that land where there is no sin, and no sickness, and no sorrow, and no winter, and no night, for Jesus' sake. Amen. (All repeat the prayer, clause by clause, after the General Overseer.)

After the Doxology had been sung, the service was closed by the General Overseer pronouncing the following

#### BENEDICTION.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

#### AFTERNOON SERVICE.

Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Afternoon, February 3, 1901.

The services were opened by singing Hymn Number 63:

"For God so loved!" Oh, wondrous theme!  
Oh, wondrous key to wondrous scheme!  
A Saviour sent to sinful men—  
Glory to God, the Father!

CHORUS—Glory to God, the Father!  
Glory to God, the Father!  
Glory, glory,  
Glory to God, the Father.

The General Overseer then said:

Let us read in the Inspired Word of God, in the Gospel according to St. Matthew and in the fifth chapter.

#### Scripture Reading and Exposition.

And seeing the multitudes, He went up into the mountain: and when He had sat down, His disciples came unto Him: and He opened His mouth and taught them, saying,

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

I would like to say here, just in passing, while I shall use the accepted translation, the Kingdom of Heaven, it is well to remember that in the original word the plural number is used.

It is not the Kingdom of Heaven, but the Kingdom of the Heavens.

#### There are Many Heavens.

Paul speaks of a third Heaven, and we read of the "Heaven of Heavens."

Of course, if there was a third Heaven, there was a second

and a first, and so on. We must understand by this expression, the Heavens, that there are different degrees of glory; that God in His Infinite Wisdom has arranged the glorious Kingdom even here on earth so that we get just that unto which by grace through faith and obedience we attain. The degree of progression in the Divine Life is not equal in all persons.

It is a very great blessing, therefore, in the Divine Life to be able to progress. The blessing is an ever-increasing one; ever upward. We are changed from glory unto glory.

There those who have attained by a steadfast, quiet, calm, obedient spirit, who have gone forth to do God's will continually; they have reaped the reward which always comes to those who aspire every day to reach higher in the Divine Life with an ever-deepening humility, and a purer faith. They get a brighter hope and a more exalted vision of God.

That which is the case here is the case in the world beyond.

In the Revelation of Jesus Christ, John sees thrones, dominions, angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim.

Therefore, remember, that while I shall read the word "Kingdom of Heaven," it ought to be and must be understood in your mind in the plural: the Kingdom of the Heavens.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are they that have been persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are ye when men shall reproach you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost its savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out and trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a lamp, and put it under the bushel, but on the stand; and it shineth unto all that are in the house. Even so let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.

Think not that I came to destroy the law or the prophets: I came not to destroy, but to fulfill.

#### Christ Has Fulfilled the Law.

I wish that Christians would remember that He did fulfil, and that the law is fulfilled. Excepting in its moral and spiritual and other requirements which are connected with purity, the whole of that old law of ceremonials and of social and political life has passed away.

We have nothing to do with it.

We have no more to do with the law of Moses concerning marriage, than if Moses had never been born. What have we to do with a law which practically and actually commands polygamy? Nothing at all.

It is set aside. There is no question about it.

All these relationships which cluster around a polygamous condition and are the curse of polygamous society, are swept away in Christianity.

Those mean, petty little tithes of mint and anise and cumin, keeping people under perpetual bondage for fear of a failure to fulfil one little requirement lest they should be under condemnation from God; those things were set aside. They have given place to greater and broader and larger things: to the Tithing of Love which we bring to Jesus, our "High Priest forever after the Order of Melchisedec."

The Law and the Prophets are fulfilled in Christ.

I am no minister of the Old Testament. I am a minister of the New Testament, and I never profess to be a minister of the Old Testament. I love its prophecies which tell me of the glory of Christ, and the glory of His coming Kingdom. There are none too many, and they are glorious. I love them. They are full of Divine worship.

But there are many things in which we should sin if we followed the example of Old Testament saints.

You cannot get me to curse my enemies with David, and pray that their wives shall be widows, and their children fatherless.

David may do his own cursing, but I will not help him in it. (Laughter. Amen.)

I do not see that I am under any obligation to curse like David. If I read certain Psalms today, and told you to obey them and curse your enemies, I should disobey Christ.

I would rather disobey David any day.

#### I Have No Considerable Respect for David.

A man who was blessed by God as David was, should have kept close to God.

God had blessed him in every way, and then when he got to the throne, the mean dog that he was, the damning lust in him made him seek for his neighbor's wife; his own valiant soldier's wife. He stole her and made her a harlot. Then he got that man back from the wars to father a bastard. When he could not get him to do it, he sent him to the front of the battle, where he would be murdered.

I hope he got to heaven, but I do not say that he ever deserved it. (Laughter.)

He was a mean man. On his deathbed he told his son to commit murder. He did not want to murder Joab while he was alive, but he wanted Joab killed as soon as the breath was out of his own body. He told Solomon to kill Shimei also.

Solomon improved upon that. He killed his own brother Adonijab, and murdered a number of people.

#### Solomon Was Not Much Account.

I do not care what you say; a man who was blessed as Solomon was, who got such wisdom and wonderful power, and then ended his life with 700 wives and 300 concubines, was a dirty dog. I do not care what you say about it.

You could not get me to praise Solomon. I am speaking as a Christian now. I will not believe that these men were good. They were not. I do not say that God did not use them. They were good in stripes. They were very good sometimes.

That is the curse of the thing. God had blessed them so, and made them such a blessing, and then when they obtained power they used it to serve the Devil, and to "make God's enemies blaspheme in every generation," as Nathan said they would do because of David's sin.

I will give them away. (Laughter.) I do not defend them. I will not defend any member or Elder of this Church who will go to the Devil. I have a sharp stick for that fellow. (Laughter.) I will help him back to God, of course, if he repents.

I have nothing but words of contempt for guilt like David's and Solomon's.

Why should I declare a standard of morality for you, and another standard for a king?

Let us get some good sound sense into us. God says this Record is inspired, and it is inspired. That does not mean, however, that it is for our imitation. It is for our warning, in a great many cases.

It is written in one of the Apostle Paul's letters to Timothy: "Every Scripture inspired of God is also profitable for Teaching, for Reproof, for Correction, for Instruction which is in Righteousness: that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every Good Work."

Have men forgotten that God sent Nathan the prophet to David to tell him the story of that one ewe lamb? He told the King that a man had a great flock and that his poor neighbor had only one ewe lamb. When a hungry traveler came, the owner of the big flock stole the one ewe lamb, killed it and served it to the traveler. Then David said, "As the Lord liveth, that man shall die."

"Thou art the man," came quick as a flash from Nathan.

Then David saw it.

I think David was right. He ought to have been hanged for it. He uttered the sentence that the rich robber should die. Why should he not die? If it was right that a subject of King David's should be put to death for taking a lamb, was it not right that the King himself should be put to death for killing a brave soldier and stealing his wife?

He should show the best example. He had the greatest blessing.

Sometimes people write, "Will you not please let up on David and Solomon?"

Never! (Laughter.) The facts are given by God, "for Reproof, for Correction and for Instruction in Righteousness."

#### I Am a Minister of the New Testament.

I am free. I will not cover over anything. There has been too much of filling up of holes with putty and varnish. That will not do. I have no putty and varnish in Zion.

I will speak the truth whether it cuts myself, or you, or another. Let us get the truth. Is that not what we are after? Voices "Yes."

General Overseer—I am a minister of the New Testament. I am glad of it. I believe in the inspiration of every letter of this Bible. It is an Inspired Record. A vast portion of it was written for my warning, not for my imitation; for my instruction and for my reproof, as well as for edification.

When David says a good thing, rejoice in it. I love David's Shepherd Psalm.

When he was all right with God, there was no man who could sing a sweeter song, and from the depths of his heart.

I like David's Penitential Psalms. I thank God that he did repent. It is a good thing he did. But that does not alter the fact that the sin was committed. That sin went down in his own family. He was a man of blood.

Solomon was followed by Rehoboam, who said, "My father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions."

What was the consequence? The Kingdom of Israel was rent in two parts, Judah and Israel, and has never been united since.

You cannot get good fruit from bad trees. It is contrary to human nature to expect anything but that the children of men like David and Solomon will set aside their good influence, and imitate most easily their bad deeds.

#### Let Us Stand for Purity.

Stand for Purity. That is what I am after. That is the cry which must ring through the world today—"Be clean!"

Stand for Purity, even if Solomon and David, and many more have to go over like so many nine-pins. Let them go. Let us all go, but remember God has given us a Standard in Christ of a Pure and Holy Life, and let us aim to attain unto it. (Amen.)

Let us get some common sense now.

I came not to destroy the law and the prophets; I came to fulfil.

I thank God that He did fulfil.

For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass away from the law, till all things be accomplished.

Thank God, it was accomplished. He cried on that cross: "*Tetelestai*" (*τετελεισται*). "It is accomplished!" It was finished.

Whoever therefore shall break one of these least Commandments, and shall teach men so, shall be called least in the Kingdom of Heaven.

You cannot break any one of the Ten Commandments without sin. Christ has reënacted them.

In vain we call old notions fudge,  
And bend our conscience to our dealing;  
The Ten Commandments will not budge,  
And stealing will continue stealing.

And lying will continue lying;  
And murder will continue murder;  
And adultery will continue adultery.

Nothing can alter it.

You must obey the Ten Commandments. No trick or sophistry can get around the Ten Commandments. They must be obeyed to the letter, and in the spirit. Do not make any mistake about that. There are more than ten commandments.

#### There is an Eleventh Commandment.

I always call your attention to it when I speak of the Ten. Jesus said, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them, for this is the Law and the Prophets."

Yes, that is the Law and the Prophets, but there is something more than the Law and the Prophets. There is the Gospel. That Gospel says:

A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; even as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

The Gospel says that you are to do to your fellowmen what you would never expect them to do for you; that you are not only to love your neighbor as yourself, but you are *to love your neighbor better than yourself*.

You are to do things for your neighbor by crucifying yourself; by giving up yourself; by relinquishing your time, and your money, and your power, and giving them to your neighbor, who cannot help himself, and who can never recompense you.

That is the Eleventh Commandment: to love your neighbor better than yourself.

The Law and the Prophets never got any higher than to love your neighbor as yourself. There are many of you who

have not gotten as high as that. (Laughter.) You do not get even as high as the Law and the Prophets. You do not love your neighbors as yourselves, some of you.

If you did, you would not stink them out with your dirty tobacco. You want to please yourselves.

"Can I not do what I like?" is your cry all the time.

No, you cannot do what you like, and serve God. You must say No to yourself. You must deny yourself, and "denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly and righteously and godly in this present world."

If you do not say No to self, you are of no account at all.

Let us obey the Eleven Commandments.

For I say unto you, that except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no wise enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Ye have heard that it was said to them of old time, Thou shalt not kill.

Now He is showing what the Ten Commandments mean. Killing does not simply mean murdering with a knife. Here is the Interpreter of the Law; the Lawgiver Himself:

And whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: but I say unto you, that every one who is angry with his brother shall be in danger of the judgment; and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council; and whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of the hell of fire.

That is also a Hebrew expression of condemnation; final judgment, as it were.

If therefore thou art offering thy gift at the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way, first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art with him in the way; lest haply the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou have paid the last farthing.

#### Christ Taught of a Place Where Man Would be Corrected.

I do not wish to teach a doctrine of purgatory, but I think that in swinging to the opposite extreme, we have failed to teach the truth of Christ. The truth of Christ is that if you will not do right, you will be taken and be put where you will have to do right, and you will not get out until God sees that you will do right. Even here on this earth that is true.

A man may say, "I will believe just as much of Zion teaching and of the Bible as I care to believe. I will do as much as I like."

You will miss the blessing if you do that.

You will be kept where you will not get the blessing.

You will have to pay the uttermost farthing for your folly.

You will find yourself in the hands of your great adversary, the Devil.

There is a hell of fire here. There is a hell of fire hereafter. I say it boldly.

Whatever any one else may say of them, there are many of God's children who by their disobedience are kept in a tormenting Fire of an Accusing Conscience. They are kept in the tormenting Fire of a Spirit of Evil. They are under condemnation, because they will not obey. Their hearts are hot and angry, and they do not like to be told that they must.

They say they will, and they will not, according to their likes and dislikes.

That is the way a man talks who goes to the Devil.

That is the way a man talks who has gone to the Devil.

If you have gone to God, you will say, "I will do what God tells me if it takes my life to do it." (Amen.)

Then you will be free.

If you will not obey, you will never be free until you have paid the utmost farthing. The Devil will have you. He has a right to you. You are on his ground, until you do right. You are on the Devil's ground, and I do not care whether you are a saint or a sinner, the fire will consume you.

#### The Terrible Effects of Tobacco, Satan's Consuming Fire.

It does not matter that a man is a Christian, if he takes tobacco, Satan's Consuming Fire, it will dry up his gastric juices. It will give him chronic dyspepsia.

It will create ulcerations of the stomach. Consequent upon the food being imperfectly digested, the bowels will be torn, and there will be ulcerations of the stomach and bowels.

I have seen a minister dying with ulceration of the bowels, and screaming to be heard blocks away. No opiates could dull his pain. He would smoke. The nicotine poison had entered into the sores which had been created owing to imper-

factly-digested food. There is no use talking, if you will smoke, if you will sin, you will get the torments of the damned.

If you will drink, you will get the torments of the Devil.

If you will eat pig, you will get "little pigs" all over you. The Latin word *scrofula* means little pigs. You deserve them, too. You will have to pay the utmost farthing for your transgression, and when you have paid it and got out, do not go back again. Do not be like the sow returning to her wallowing in the mire, and the dog to his vomit.

There are some people who are like hogs. No pig I ever knew of wanted to be clean. Do you ever hear of a pig wanting to be clean?

There was a stupid artist who once painted a picture of pigs. Oh, such beautiful, delightful little pigs, and old pigs!

They were all standing in nicely arranged rows, feeding out of the troughs. An old farmer came up to London, and stood before that picture and laughed: "Ha, ha, ha, ha! Where did that fellow come from who painted that pig picture?" asked the farmer. "Whoever saw a dozen pigs like that without half a dozen of them having their feet in the trough, and one lying down in it?" (Laughter.)

You can paint your nice stories about the pig, but the pig is dirty. Therefore do not be pigs. Do not go back to wallowing in the mire. Why should a man go back to his filthiness? If the good Lord has taken you out of filthiness, drunkenness, infidelity, and intemperance and impurity, keep out. God help you to keep out. (Amen.) Keep others out, too.

Ye have heard that it was said, Thou shalt not commit adultery; but I say unto you, that every one that looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Get that into your mind. You cannot read dirty books; you cannot look at filthy pictures, even if they be of ideal women; you cannot look at mortal woman with adulterous eyes without having the condemnation of God. You have broken the commandment. You have committed adultery in your heart.

#### Oh God, Give Us Pure Hearts.

That is what is needed. That is what I am to plead for today.

This word Purity is ringing through my mind.

Let us have pure hearts; pure thoughts.

Let us eat the thing which is clean and pure.

Let us read the thing which is sweet and pure.

Let us sing the song which has got no sting of impurity in it.

Let us enjoy communion with our friends without the dirty, filthy passions of hell being in the enjoyment.

Let there be Purity. If there is not, do not think that you are not an adulterer; because you are.

You are an adulterer if you think evil.

You are a murderer if you think hatred.

You are a thief if you covet.

You are an idolator if you worship anything and place it before God.

And if thy right eye causeth thee to stumble, pluck it out, and cast it from thee:—

That is to say, No matter what the thing is, no matter how precious it may be to you, tear that evil thing from your heart.

—for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not thy whole body be cast into hell.

That is into Gehenna, the place of the cleansing fire.

#### God's Law Concerning Divorce.

And if thy right hand causeth thee to stumble, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not thy whole body go into hell. It was said also, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: but I say unto you, That every one that putteth away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, maketh her an adulteress: and whosoever shall marry her when she is put away committeth adultery.

It does not matter what the laws of the State of Illinois or any other State say concerning Divorce, there is the Eternal Law.

If you put away a woman for any other cause than for fornication, then you make her an adulteress. If any one marries her, you make that man an adulterer. You are the cause.

Incompatibility of temperament is not a sufficient cause for divorce. If your wife shied a plate at your head, perhaps you deserved it. (Laughter.) Perhaps you got a great deal less than you deserved. Perhaps you created her bad temper.

Such things may be causes, in some cases, for legal separation. Separate maintenance is necessary, in some cases, for

the protection of a woman from the violent passion of an ungodly husband. Sometimes I have known the woman to be the offender.

Recently a poor little fellow went into court and said he was in fear of his wife all the time. She was big enough to make him fear, too.

While there may be causes for legal separation and for separate maintenance, as the courts may rightly decide, there is no cause for divorce, no matter what the laws of any State or country say, except that of fornication.

If you are married to a woman who obtained a divorce for any other cause, she is not your wife. You have no right to live with her.

If you have put away your wife for any other cause, you had no right whatever to put her away.

If she is married to another, she is living in adultery.

Both she and you must give up your adulterous associations, and return to each other, no matter what the cost may be.

That is plain talk, and I know that talk is right. It is needed today.

If there are any in Zion, which God forbid, who are living in such relationships, I command them not to approach the Lord's Table today; for they are eating and drinking condemnation to themselves.

This sin must be put away everywhere throughout all the world.

That Voice must ring which rings in your ears now, the Voice of the Spirit of God—because the Spirit is still speaking in the world by God's Messenger—in these words:

It was said also, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: but I say unto you, that every one that putteth away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, maketh her an adulteress: and whosoever shall marry her when she is put away committeth adultery.

There, you see, Jesus Christ came into sharp conflict with Moses. Moses' Law protected divorce.

Jesus Christ said in another place, "Moses said unto you, but I say," "a greater than Moses or Solomon is here. I tell you what is right."

It was said also, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: but I say unto you, that every one that putteth away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, maketh her an adulteress: and whosoever shall marry her when she is put away committeth adultery.

That is as plain as words can ever make it. If anybody does not understand that, it is because they will not.

Again, ye have heard that it was said to them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths: but I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by the heaven, for it is the Throne of God;

That means that you are not to swear on every occasion, by the heaven or by the earth, or this, or that, or the other thing. I do not think it refers to legal oaths, although if any one thinks otherwise, the law gives him the right to make affirmation.

Again, ye have heard that it was said to them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shall perform unto the Lord thine oaths: but I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by the heaven, for it is the Throne of God; nor by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, for thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your speech be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: and whatsoever is more than these is of the evil one.

#### The Value of Positive, Simple Speech.

Oh that God would help us to be positive and simple, and to say No and Yes, and have no middle ground—no hesitation.

Say No to the Devil every time. Say No to your own sinful heart. Say No to evil and Yes to God.

As you say Yes to God, His purity will come into you, and the impurity will be swept out. But you cannot say Yes to God until you have said No to the Devil.

Ye have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: but I say unto you, Resist not him that is evil: but whoever smiteth thee on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man would go to law with thee, and take away thy coat, let him have the cloke also.

That, of course, has its limitations, as all of you will see. It does not mean that you are to invite all the vagabonds of the country to come and steal.

And whosoever shall compel thee to go one mile, go with him twain. Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

That, of course, has to be understood in the way in which the Lord meant it. It certainly could not mean that everything that men ask of you you are to give. I can show you in a moment that it could not be so.



Suppose a man should ask you to give him your wife. Would this command of our Lord justify you in doing it?

Suppose that a man, a lustful devil, asked you to give him your daughter, would you be justified in doing it?

Suppose a man comes and asks to borrow a thing you are using yourself in the work of God, and can make a better use of than he can, does it mean that you are to let him have it? Of course it does not. It has its limitations.

There may be things which you are to give because a man asks you; but you might commit a great crime if you were to give him everything he asked for, without limitation.

This command is limited by reason, and by that which is right in the sight of God.

You are to give what is right to give. You are to lend what is right to lend.

Suppose a man comes to you and asks you to lend what is not yours, and to give what is not yours, because you happen to be the custodian and steward. You would be a thief if you did. You would be amenable to the laws of God and man.

This has its plain, common-sense limitations. It means giving as far as it is right to give; it means lending as far as it is right to lend.

Ye have heard that it was said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy: but I say unto you, Love your enemies, and pray for them that persecute you; that ye may be sons of your Father which is in heaven: for He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sendeth rain on the just and the unjust.

It does not follow that because you love your enemy you are to put him at your table and make him the bosom friend of your wife and daughter and children, unless he has repented. Nor are you compelled to do so even if he has repented. But to take an impenitent man to your home would be to introduce a snake, a serpent, a whole brood of them into your house. You have to understand the limitations and the wisdom of this.

#### Love Often Finds Highest Expression in Severity.

It might be a very good way to love your enemy to send him to prison. One of the very best things you can do for some men is to put them where they can do no more harm; where they will have a chance to sober up, get some good sound sense into them, get the devil of liquor out of their heads, and the devil of passion out of their beings.

Give them a chance. Give them an opportunity.

You would be loving some men in the very best way possible by seeing that they were properly punished.

You will love your own children by not sparing the rod. If you neglect proper punishment you make the child a curse. You do not cease to love your child because you punish it. You punish the child because you love the child.

Get some sense about this.

Ye have heard that it was said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy: but I say unto you, Love your enemies, and pray for them that persecute you; that ye may be sons of your Father which is in heaven: for He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sendeth rain on the just and the unjust. For if ye love them that love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the Gentiles the same? Ye therefore shall be perfect, as your Heavenly Father is perfect.

May God bless His Word.

Prayer was offered by Overseer Piper and the General Overseer. The announcements were made, and the tithes and offerings received.

#### PURITY.

##### INVOCATION.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, profitable unto this people, and unto all to whom these words shall come, oh Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer.

I desire to direct your minds, for a few minutes, to the eighth verse of the fifth chapter of Matthew:

##### TEXT.

Blessed are the Pure in heart: for they shall see God.

There are so many things which I would like to say concerning this subject, that it seems to me almost an impertinence to even announce the text, and then say so little; but better to say the little, perhaps, than nothing.

The exposition of the chapter, you notice, was all in the line of bringing out that thought of Divine Purity.

This is one of the most beautiful of the Beatitudes of our Lord.

#### The Blessing of Knowing God.

I know of no blessing which can possibly come to a man so great as that of knowing God. For us to know ourselves is a

very good thing. Do not let anybody think that because we are believers in Divine Healing, we are not students of anatomy; that we are opposed to the study of our own being. I very, very greatly deprecate that thought.

I have always had great help in this mission from my knowledge, pathologically, of humanity. I have always found that all knowledge, whatever its nature, can be harnessed to the chariot of Divine Progress. No knowledge is ever lost.

Nevertheless, in using the word knowledge, I am speaking of the knowledge of that which is good.

There is a great deal of knowledge which is not only evil, but is very hard to get rid of when once you have acquired it.

#### God Will Cause Those Who Obey Him to Forget Evil.

I have heard grown men with gray hairs on their heads say many a time, "Oh Doctor, if I could only forget! If I could only forget the infernal books I have read, the infernal pictures I have looked at, the infernal theaters I have attended, the infernal sights which I dare not name! If the great God who has forgiven me, would also give me forgetfulness, what a blessing it would be to me!"

I have said to them, "There will come a day when you will forget," and they thought it impossible.

I have had such men come to me afterwards and say, "It is true. It is only with an effort that I can now recall what the past was; for I am so glad to know that not only does God forgive, but God forgets."

God casts our sins into the Sea of Forgetfulness. What a wonderful thought that is, a Divine Forgetfulness!

He remembers no more these transgressions.

It is a wonderful thing! There can be no doubt whatever that until that Divine Forgetfulness comes, and the Holy Spirit has completely altered the whole structure of the being, and until the consequences of damning lusts and passions are removed, that the torments of the memory are the most horrible torments of all.

It was worse than the fires of Gehenna for that rich man to remember his selfish, gluttonous life on earth.

When Abraham said, "Son, remember," it was that awful undying worm of memory which was his chief torment in hell.

The torment of the damned in those disembodied spirits is that they cannot satisfy the damning lusts which ruined their bodies and stained their souls and spirits while they were upon earth. Deprived of all embodiment, but not deprived of the horrible hellish passions, their miseries are intensified by the fact that these passions can find no exercise in the flesh.

Hence it is that the evil spirits who have been condemned to hell, and are now cursing this earth, are willing to enter into any kind of a being that they may be embodied. They will enter a pig, human or otherwise, that they may get into that being and be embodied.

The great cry, therefore, of Divine Wisdom is this central truth, Purity.

In the teaching of Divine Wisdom the Word of God declares that

#### "The Wisdom That is From Above is First Pure."

All the other beautiful things that follow, "peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and of good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy," are only possible when you get Purity.

The first thing, therefore, is Purity. The constant striving of the wise, who are wise unto Salvation, is for Purity of spirit, soul and body; Purity in their surroundings, that they may be made and kept pure.

This cry for Purity comes out of the very depths of our necessity.

How many there are of us in all the world who cry for this Purity, not only for ourselves, but for others.

#### The Cry for Zion City, With Its Pure Surroundings.

How the cry has come up, "O, General Overseer, hasten Zion City as fast as you can; for my children are going to the Devil in these cities where there are in some districts half a dozen saloons to the block on the average; where there are these infernal druggist shops which sell all these abominable things."

If I were merely to enumerate the horrid wares sold in drug stores, it would fill us with shame. If I were to enumerate them, and the hellish purposes for which they are used, I would cover these people with shame, but I should be staining your

mind and memory. The druggists know to what I am referring. They know that their infernal stores are but the storehouses of filthinesses, and things which are the very damning and accursed trappings of hell. They know that I am not bringing any railing accusation.

The cry is coming up: "Oh, can you not help us to get to a place where we can educate our children beyond the reach of these things, where the surroundings will be pure?"

Oh how many thousands and tens of thousands are thanking God for that prospect. We all are thanking God that Zion will be a still greater reality (Amen) in Zion City and elsewhere.

But, beloved friends, we must get Purity in ourselves before we can seek for it in others, and help to create it in others.

It is impossible for us to be used of God in extending Purity, and yet be ourselves unclean. Therefore it is of the utmost necessity that we should understand this great Beatitude:

Blessed are the Pure in heart: for they shall see God.

The pure in heart shall see God in all things that God hath made; not in the things as the Devil has marred them.

We can see God in the pure, sweet, innocent little babes. No thought of lust or damning passion comes with that pure babe. Its very nakedness is purity.

But, oh, to think of that sweet little girl baby becoming the horrid thing which that being so often becomes, the very playing of devils and of foul panderers of hell. She is become the most horrid menace to humanity. Her beauty now is but the expression of devilish bestiality, until to touch her or come within her reach is a horror, a shame and a defilement.

What a difference there is between the baby as the Devil has marred her, and the baby as God gave her.

The nakedness of innocence begets nothing but compassion and love and purity of thought.

The nakedness of vice, the nakedness of shameful, damning, horrible pollution which would drag you down to hell, is not that the very highest embodiment of the Devil's power?

#### The Damning Curse of Venus-Worship.

In the days when heathenism was supreme, the highest thought of the filthy heathen mind found its expression in the beautiful form of Aphrodite or Venus.

With her there was no power to bless; there was only the power to curse. Associate of Mars, associate of Adonis, associate of every filthy god, she became the very Goddess of Lust.

In that City of Corinth where her worship was at its height, it was a shame to be called a Corinthian. The epithet, "Thou Corinthian girl," was a synonym for calling a woman bad and false.

Heathenism, therefore, embodied lust.

"Ah," you say, "but that does not apply to this country and this time."

If you say that, you show your crass ignorance. Today—and I charge it upon them, if they shoot me tonight for it—there are men who bow before that Phallic symbol of "the Point within the Circle," which is nothing else than the symbol of damning lust, the foulest form of Baal-worship. I charge it upon the Masons that they are not Christians. They are using the Name of Christ and the cross of Christ outwardly while they deny His Name to be used in their lodges at all.

Their cross is not the cross of Christ, but the cross of Baal.

There are a million of them in America. There are millions more who have the same mark of the beast upon their foreheads all over Europe and the other continents.

The world is full of impurity. It were a shameful task for me to prove that assertion. We know it, who know what the lands are.

A pure man, passing through Paris today, is offended and shocked, if he has a grain of modesty, by the unutterable filthiness of the press which flaunts on every side its filthy, disgusting pictures, the deepest depths of obscenity. He sees this not once or twice, but continually.

So it is throughout Europe in greater or less degree; not always so prominent as in Paris, where the degeneracy is so extreme, but everywhere; whether London, Paris, Berlin, St. Petersburg, Rome or Lisbon, it is the same thing.

Every great city in Europe is cursed by the Trinity of Impurity, Intemperance and Infidelity.

#### Christianity Owes All Its Power to the Purity of Christ.

He was sinless.

He was a Holy Being. Into His physical organism as well as into His psychical and spiritual being there entered nothing

of sin. The virginal purity of Mary was never contaminated by the foul lust of humanity. Hence it is that the Child who was born was that Holy Thing. It is His words that I am repeating today—His words that I wish to ring throughout the world:

Blessed are the Pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Beloved, if the Holy Spirit of Purity enters into and takes possession of your thoughts, your aspirations, all your desires, you will not lose the vitality, the virility, and the splendid humanity which God gives to the healthy.

You will lose that accursed passion which makes Love to be transformed into Lust; which "exchanges the truth of God for a lie, and worships and serves the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed for ever."

It is this exchanging of the Truth of God for a Lie which has always been the curse of humanity. Do not let there be any exchange in Zion. "Buy the Truth and sell it not."

The truth, the fundamental truth in Divine Teaching, is that the Wisdom which is from above is first Pure. That which is at the beginning pure, must remain so. Through all the other gifts, Purity must run.

#### Five Gates for Ingress of Purity or Impurity.

Remember, my brothers and sisters, that there are Five Gates by which purity or impurity may enter—Eye-gate, Ear-gate, Nose-gate, Feel-gate, Taste-gate.

There they are, these Five Gates of the physical senses.

As sure as there is a God in the heavens, unless you guard the Gates, no matter what your age or your experience in the Divine life may have been, unless you guard the Gates, you will find that the enemy will enter.

The Lust of the Eye, the Lust of the Flesh, and the damning Pride of Life will bring to you, my brothers and my sisters, these fleshly lusts and hellish passions. Although they spring from the dust, they curse the spirit with almost boundless misery.

I therefore say to you, Take care. None of us, even the holiest and best, can do other than be watchful.

What Jesus said among His last words is true today: "What I say unto you, I say unto all, Watch."

Watch! Watch!

Set a watch at each of these Gates, and see that there enters by the eye, the ear, the nose, the mouth, the bodily senses of touch, nothing which would defile, nothing that "worketh abomination," or "exchanges the truth of God for a lie."

Your being should be as the very gates of heaven, so that nothing unclean should enter. Therefore watch what you read, watch what you say, watch what you hear, watch what you taste, watch what you smell, watch what you touch.

If you are watchful, vigilant, you will get the blessing: for there will come within the Gate from which the evil powers are kept out, every blessed visitant from Heaven: every blessed power of the Holy Spirit.

Angels are on that ladder between us and heaven, and there will come pure and holy things, whereas before our visitants were unclean and detestable.

#### The Practical Application.

These words mean that bad books, bad pictures, bad words, bad associations, the touch of bad fingers, the touch of vile hands, be avoided.

The very communication by the touch of some people's fingers is an abomination. I can feel them afar off.

I can smell them.

I can see them.

I can hear them.

I can watch them.

I understand, as every one of you will, when the evil powers are around you in full force.

They will come to you, sometimes, not clad in hideous forms. There is the power of the Devil. As an angel of light, he bids you to observe the beauty of God in what he would call nature. He leads you away, by sensual thought and words and sense and touch, into the very depths of hell.

But if you have a pure spirit, then the controlling power in your every nerve and blood and life will be God's. You will not see the Devil as so many of you do see. You will not feel and know the power of the Devil as so many of you do feel, but you will see God.

You will see God in the darkest night. You will see Him when the darkness is so deep that it may almost be felt—suddenly He will appear. He will hear me when I call, and the

Valley of the Shadow of Death will be lit up with His Presence. I shall fear no evil, for the dark, hellish things will go away as the Divine Light shines down upon the path of Eternal Purity.

Oh, to tread that Path of Holy Living; to tread that Path of Holiness with God!

My brothers and my sisters, it is not enough that He shall come and save you; it is not enough that He shall come and heal you; but it will be all you need, if you will let Him lead you into the King's Highway of Holiness. May God take you there.

All who desire that Purity, stand and tell Him so. (Apparently all arose.)

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.**

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. Take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be, in spirit, in soul, in body. Give me deliverance from every evil power: impurity of every kind. Give me power to do right, and cleanse me through the blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world. By Thy Spirit Thou canst make the vilest clean. Thou cleansed the woman who crept in from the street; Thou cleansed the murderer and thief upon the cross: cleanse Thou me in every part of my being. Give me purity that I may see Thee, O God, for Jesus' sake. Amen. (All repeat the prayer, clause by clause, after the General Overseer.)

Did you mean it?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—Will you continue to seek Purity until you find?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—May God help you.

The services were closed by the General Overseer pronouncing the

**BENEDICTION.**

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

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# A TRIBUTE OF PRAISE TO GOD FOR ZION

And the General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

*Written by Elder C. F. Viking, After One Year's Absence From Zion Headquarters.*

**UNITY OF PRAYER AND BROTHERLY ALLOWANCE.**—It is just one year since we left beloved Zion Home, in Chicago. It is not our intention to record the events of the year.

Our desire is to inscribe a tribute of praise to God for Zion and the General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

Our send-off from Headquarters as Messengers of Zion to the Orient one year ago, January 4, 1900, was a royal one. Unworthy of all that was showered upon us, we set our faces to the lands of the Rising Sun and of the Dragon.

During the year that has just past, the General Overseer and the people in Zion have stood by us in the same spirit which filled their hearts at our departure.

We have an organization behind us which is united in every detail of the work for the one aim: the overthrow of the Anarchy of the Devil and the building up of the Kingdom of God.

The strong power of Unity of Prayer and the Brotherly Allowance in meeting our expenses tend to free us of every care and enable us to fight with faces toward the enemy, and an absolute assurance of a loyal people as a guard behind.

The words of the enemy to the contrary do not trouble us. We stand for God and Zion.

**ZION HAS CONFIDENCE IN HER OFFICERS.**—On the other hand, it has been to us a great comfort that we are trusted by the General Overseer and the Church.

The office of Eldership in Zion is not an easy one. There is no comparison between the ministry in Zion and the ministry of the apostasy. It does not begin to come near. Zion's ministry is of God, and not of the people. Theocracy, authority and love stamp every move of Zion. Praise the Lord!

Cry aloud and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

When the ministry is pure, the Church will be pure.

The apostasy has gone to the Devil because its ministry went first. The few exceptions are exceptions.

The Geshems in the valley who cry against the tithes and offerings in Zion are for the most part cheating God. There is no such spirit in Zion. Any one in Zion who keeps back his tithes is behind in spiritual devotion to God.

When we were baptized, we received power through the Holy Spirit for service—power to give.

Zion City will be a rejoicing in all the earth, and will create possibilities for building other cities for God, some of them, as we hope, in China.

Baptism in Zion is, besides many other things, a giving of one's self and all to God to be used for Him as He requires. If you have not lived up to that, do it now. No matter what the Tobiahs say, and if the Sanballats do threaten, let us still give to God all that is due Him.

**BLESSING THROUGH ZION'S TREATMENT OF THE APOSTASY.**—The lies of the apostate churches about Zion reflect upon their ministers. They are trying to hinder the work of Zion by lies. But every liar is a coward. One day the coward sends around the *Ram's Horn* with lies about Zion; another day the coward flees because of rumors of danger. He gets afraid of his own friends, his own self and his own shadow.

When all seeming danger is over, the apostasy takes part in the Vanity Fair. That is where the apostasy is today. Hence the gnashing of teeth at Zion.

It is not for the apostasy to dictate to Zion how to deal with it, but it is for the apostasy to take warning from the Voice which rings out from Zion.

To stand up against century-old bad customs and wrong principles in the apostasy is not a self-made calling. Thou-

sands who have been blessed through Zion testify that the very thing which opened their hearts to be willing to receive teaching and set things right was the Zion treatment of the apostasy.

**ZION IN SHANGHAI.**—It has been a privilege to us to be the first to bring the standard of Zion to China. There is not much to show as yet, but the little that there is is characteristic.

During the great excitement in Shanghai in July and August last year, Zion here rented and opened a small chapel for Chinese. We also had our first Baptism soon after the opening.

Today the walls are being decorated with "trophies captured from the enemy."

Never before in the history of missions have small shoes been hung up before the people as a protest against footbinding and as a testimony to the freedom Zion brings.

A sorcerer's signboard, captured not many days ago from a Chinese now ex-sorcerer, is a good beginning in the victories against the Pill-Fetish.

We believe that some important preparations for the future work of Zion in China have begun, but the time has not come to publicly speak on this subject. There is much more to do. If we did not have Zion and the possibilities for progress which Zion, under God, creates, we would leave China at once.

**THE MESSENGER OF THE COVENANT.**—We praise God that we are living at this time.

Every day from now on will be a day of great events. That God's Messenger has appeared is a proof that God has not forgotten His promise and that the Coming of Jesus is near at hand.

Long before we entered Zion, and from the very first of our coming in contact with the teachings of Dr. Dowie, he found a large room in our heart.

As soon as we saw the plain, underlying principles of his Bible teaching, we took his side. As we have seen the truth open to us, on and on we have pressed, until today we rejoice in our blessed relation with God, His Word and His servant.

So much falsehood is written against our beloved General Overseer that if he did not get strength from God, he would be utterly crushed. But when God wanted a man for a certain work, He was able to train one and fit him out with the necessary qualifications.

Our General Overseer, although he appears to be hard as flint, is the most sensitive man the writer has met.

Although he appears to be in a towering rage and a burning passion against God's enemies, yet he is the most merciful of men.

Although he appears to be full of thunder and lightning, yet he is the most loving of us all.

God needed the most sensitive, the most merciful and the most loving of men to prepare for the Second Coming of His Son.

It would be impossible for the Messenger of the Covenant to have faith to carry out the needed revolutions without these qualifications.

Our thoughts here expressed are not hasty. That the age in which we live will not be able to see with us in these observations does not hinder us from making them known.

We praise God for Zion.

We praise God for John Alexander Dowie, who so mightily and fearlessly proclaims Jesus the Christ as the God-given Saviour, Healer, Cleanser and Keeper of God's people now as well as in the beginning of the Christian Era.

We praise God for the Eternal Will of God made plain to us in the teachings of His Messenger.

God bless him, and keep him, and use him to the utmost capacity for the good of all.

CHRIST IS ALL AND IN ALL.

*Zion, Shanghai, China, January 4, 1901.*





ESCAPING FROM THE UPAS TREE OF BABEL TO THE CITY OF REFUGE.





## AS A MANSFIELD ATTORNEY SEES IT.

### A. A. Douglass, Zion's Attorney in Mansfield, Ohio, Not a Member of Zion, Gives His Impressions of Zion, the General Overseer and Mansfield Troubles.

ATTORNEY A. A. DOUGLASS, a resident of Mansfield, Ohio, who has ably represented Zion, legally, in that city, attended the great welcome meeting to the General Overseer, on Lord's Day, January 20, 1901.

Upon his return home, he gave an interview to the *Mansfield Shield*, in which he very forcibly expressed his opinion concerning Zion, the General Overseer, and the Mansfield outrages of last summer and autumn.

While the Editor cannot endorse everything which the attorney said, he feels that this statement, coming from a lawyer of experience and ability, thoroughly conversant with the premises, but not a member of the Church, will be interesting to the readers of LEAVES OF HEALING.

"Well, what about Dowie matters?" said a *Shield* man to Attorney A. A. Douglass.

"Oh, Dr. Dowie is all right," was the reply.

"You were up to Chicago last Sunday week?" queried the reporter.

"Yes, I was up, and I took my wife and babies along, too."

"I suppose you had a fine time?"

"You can wager a week's wages we did not have a bad time."

"Well, tell us what you saw and heard of Dowie, won't you?"

"Why, of course I will. I saw Dr. Dowie; I heard him preach in his Central Tabernacle in the morning to about 3500 people and at 3 o'clock I heard him preach to more than 10,000 people in what is known as the Coliseum Building. This was the most wonderful religious gathering I ever saw in my life. It was truly a wonderful sight.

"I sat in amazement as I looked upon that vast throng of humanity. There sat 10,000 people quietly listening to what any fair man could not help but admit was a most eloquent sermon, strange, peculiar and in many parts quite sublime; while on the outside of this immense structure nearly as many as had gained admission were struggling to get in.

"Think of it!

"Dr. Dowie on last Sabbath one week ago preached to nearly as many people, who actually heard him and wanted to hear him, as reside in the City of Mansfield. I could not help asking myself, 'Is this all a myth? Is he a righteous man? When he says that God will actually hear and answer prayer (for this is his theme), does he really believe it, or is he simply deceiving the hosts that gather around and believe in him?'

"There, upon the platform with him, sat Rev. William Hamner Piper, Rev. Speicher and at least 100 Elders, all men of high ability, most of them men of letters, college graduates; is he fooling all these people, are they all deceivers?

"After seeing what I did and hearing from many lips many things concerning him, I came to the conclusion there was much of good in Zion, more than I ever before believed. He is indeed a remarkable man. He is simply a wonder.

"When he started in Chicago he was laughed at by Chicago—now he laughs at Chicago. He accomplishes what he proposes. He said he would build a Tabernacle and preach to more people than any other minister in Chicago—this he said but a few years ago—this he has not only done, but instead of building one Tabernacle he has built seven. The Central Tabernacle is a much more imposing structure than our Congregational Church.

"He said he would go to Europe; people said he would not go. He went. When he went, they said he would not come back. He came back. When he started to come back, they said he would not be allowed to land. He landed. They said his lacemakers would never come. They came. They said they would not be allowed to land. They landed. What has he said he would do that he has not done?

"People here have no idea of the extent of Zion in Chicago. Their

home is larger than three Vonhof hotels. Their printing establishment is larger than any such place in our city. They have their own schools, senior and junior, also a college. They now hold meetings in 242 places in the city. They have their own bank, well equipped; besides they own 6500 acres of land, forty-two miles from Chicago, upon the lake front and upon which they will build 'The Coming City.' I notice some one says this City is being built slowly; this no doubt is true; they do not propose to build it in a day—it will take years, but it will be built."

"So you really think John Alexander Dowie is a great man?" said the reporter.

"Well, I say he is a wonder. He carries his brains in his head. He strikes hard. He is a great fighter. He hates vice and he dares to preach against it. He tells his followers they must pay their debts, they must not smoke, chew, or drink, nor belong to Secret Societies. In burning language he preaches against these habits. He bitterly denounces Christian ministers, who, as he says, have not the courage to denounce these customs."

"But how about his faith cures?" asked the scribe.

"Well, I never saw any, but have heard the testimony of many who claim they have. In fact, I was taught to believe that God would answer prayer. Of course, this may be a mistake, and, while I am going to stick to the old orthodox belief, yet when any of my babies are sick you will see me going after Drs. Stewart or McArthur or some other good doctor; but Dr. Dowie would tell me I would not do this if I had the proper faith.

"Oh, I tell you they have given me some very good advice. If I had taken the advice of my good friend, Overseer Piper, or Deacon Kessler, I would be a better man than I am and might rely a little more on prayer in case of distress than I do."

"But, now, really, do you think that these Elders are sincere in their work?"

"I know they are. I am well acquainted with Overseers Piper and Speicher. I have met Elders McClurkin, Moot, Basinger, McFarlane, Stevens, Williams, Dinius, Matthews, Bouck and Fockler; also my good friends, Deacons Kessler and Lee, and Evangelists Loblaw and Fisher. Nearly every one of these men has advised with me; I have heard their plain, simple story; I have faith in their sincerity; I only wish I was as good as many of these men."

"But how about Fockler?"

"Well, you know I have always said that if Elder Fockler said what some people say they heard he said, he should be punished; but I say he never made use of this language—it is simply an old-fashioned lie. He has too much sense to use such language.

"Oh, just wait; when his trial comes we will see who, under oath, says he heard these cruel words. I predict the coward who proclaims he heard Fockler slander our good working girls will skulk or be shown to be a revengeful sneak. I am dead on to a few people whom Rev. Piper turned down who were ambitious to be deacons, but on account of their wickedness were not accepted."

"Well, how do you account for the feeling against Dowieism all over the country?"

"That is easy of explanation.

"First, Dr. Dowie antagonizes the newspapers when he thinks they are wrong. This is always dangerous. We have no idea of the power of the press. A lie published is gulped down by the public and relished as a glass of beer by a red-hot Democrat on a red-hot day.

"Second, he antagonizes Secret Societies. This is also dangerous, as many people are very touchy in this line; for my part, I care little what any one says about any Secret Society to which I belong, as I am much inclined to think that, just as with churches, a little scoring does them good; but all people don't think so. Besides, there are a good many people who, when they become members of a Secret Society, 'swell up' and thank 'the stars' that they were not 'blackballed,' and with great gusto and many winks and nods give the world to understand that they do actually belong to the Masons, Odd Fellows, K. of P.'s or some other good organization, and if needs be would stand upon their heads or sacrifice a few right arms to protect the lodge of their choice, which don't need protection and will live and continue to live when its enemies are dead, provided it be a society of merit.

"Third, he antagonizes alleged Christian ministers who play to the galleries and who are too big cowards to tell their parishioners that each and

all of them who swear, drink, dance and gamble are hypocrites. This is very dangerous when we consider how many good Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians, etc., would have fits if given a real Dowie lecture on tight lacing and certain matrimonial irregularities, including a few incidental remarks upon sobriety, genteel gambling and certain other matters too tedious to mention.

"Fourth, because of the continued misrepresentation of his principles and teachings. People generally think that when a person joins this Church that they forget Christ and put their faith in Dr. Dowie. This is most foolish. Dr. Dowie claims nothing for himself as a man. All power, he says, comes from above.

"His enemies say he is a great money gatherer. I think that is true, yet I have not heard of many other ministers taking to the woods when money was offered them. He is a good business man. He says he mixes his religion with his business and declares it makes great seasoning. Because, however, he has been successful beyond ordinary expectation, both religiously and financially, people not exceedingly religious and with small ability to accumulate wealth find in his methods a very fertile field for criticism.

"I know some people say that an occasional follower of the Dowie faith goes crazy; this is awful. I never heard of any good Baptist or Congregationalist going crazy over religion, did you? Yet the enemies of Zion make much out of these few instances.

"But, then, we must remember that Dowieism is not opposed everywhere as in Mansfield. The why for this is plain. Just think of the abominable lies that have been told on them here. I know more about the Elder Fockler lies than any other man in this city. I have been in the fight from the start, and if God gives me health and strength will be in it to the finish. I mean, of course, the legal battle. I say Fockler has been lied about beyond measure.

"Zion has been lied about fearfully. Some people say that it has been published that its people here have been urged to sell and mortgage their property and send the proceeds to Zion. This is a notorious falsehood, and I defy any one to produce such a letter.

"It has been shown by the public prints that occasionally a husband and wife quarreled on account of one believing and the other disbelieving in Zion. Ain't this awful? Did you ever hear of a Presbyterian husband and a Baptist wife having a knock-down argument upon which was the better way to baptize? It actually happens sometimes, husband and wife differ upon the subject of religion, and it ain't all in Zion, either. But it's awful, just simply fearful, if a Zion wife differs from her Presbyterian husband.

"But the real reason for the enmity against Zion in Mansfield was the conduct of Mayor Brown and a part of his police force in the very beginning of these troubles. The first mob that was organized was a semi-official mob, and I can prove it. These ruffians of the mob in the beginning were given to understand that they could do what they did do, and I can prove this statement. Let those in authority make oath to the contrary if they dare. The time may come, in a court of justice, where certain officials may get a chance to deny this under oath, and I assure you I have the courage to ask the proper questions and back my assertions with proof."

"Do you think the trouble is ended in Mansfield?" asked the reporter.

"I certainly do. Because the people, the good citizens, will stand it no longer. Do you think that our decent people will longer allow a drunken mob of loafers to go into and search people's houses without authority of law?"

"Think of the idea of a few vil.ans going into respectable homes where there are lone women with three-months-old babies in their arms and frightening them nearly to death!

"Think of nearly two score of homes searched by drunken reprobates here in our city! Why, I should be afraid to allow some of these fellows to search my barn for vermin lest they might steal my harness.

"Think of a thing in human form leading a naked, bleeding, painted Elder through the streets of our beloved city, compelling him most sacrilegiously to get upon his knees before a howling mob and pray, and then with the fist of a baboon slap the bleeding Elder and say, 'Damn you, shut your eyes; you can't pray with one open.'

"Will we endure this longer? Oh, no, this unholy outrage has killed itself. It, however, is a lasting disgrace to the City of Mansfield, and one which should bring shame to every person who encouraged it, be he high or low, black or white."

"You really think Fockler will be tried?"

"Most certainly; I am ready on three days' notice."

"Will Piper and the others indicted be tried?"

"Most certainly; we are ready. Rev. Piper and Dr. Dowie are indicted for libeling Mayor Huntington Brown in LEAVES OF HEALING. Some mighty plain things were told, I admit.

"Many people thought this wrong, but it is a curious fact that the very people who find so much fault with the caricatures of our Mayor Brown in LEAVES OF HEALING, laugh till the slobber runs out of their mouths about

certain 'pictures' that appear in the *News* in which the Dowie attorney is seated astride a mule or jackass, with a few Dowie Elders following. When the mayor is libelled, this is awful—but when the attorney for the Dowieites is libelled, this is funny. Oh, it's so funny!

"But is this libel? We shall see what we shall see. It makes much difference, however, whose ox is 'hooked,' or words to that effect.

"In the meantime we will remain where we are and continue to act as the attorney for the Dowieites at Mansfield, Ohio, until John Alexander Dowie says he needs our services no longer; and no other power or influence could swerve us one iota from our determination; we ain't in the habit of asking any one whom we will defend, and this will not be an exception. We have enlisted during the war, we are here to stay, and we won't leave town, either. The only time we will is when we go to the cemetery, and then we will kick if we can. Good night."

## ZION'S BIBLE CLASS.

CONDUCTED BY DEACON DANIEL SLOAN.

### MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS LESSON, FEBRUARY 27th or 28th.

#### Who Get Answers to Prayer?

- He answers the prayer of the oppressed.*—Exodus 3:7-10.  
Who are ground down by business relations;  
Who are oppressed by social customs;  
Who suffer from civil legislation.
- He answers the prayer of the captives.*—Psalm 79:8-13.  
Imprisoned for obeying God;  
Because they have broken laws contrary to God's Word;  
Or, who are bound out of spite in the heart of enemies.
- He answers the prayers of the troubled.*—Psalm 81:1-7.  
The trouble may be a mental one;  
It may be caused by some other person;  
It may also be a spiritual conflict.
- He answers the prayer of the needy.*—Psalm 113:1-9.  
Giving to one friends for the heart;  
Perhaps bread for the table;  
Even clothing for the body.
- He answers the prayer of the afflicted.*—Psalm 116:1-14.  
Who because of folly suffer;  
Who because of mistakes suffer;  
Who because of failure suffer.
- He answers the prayer of the sick.*—2 Chronicles 32:24-26.  
Prostrated by some acute disease;  
Suffering some sore malady;  
Troubled by some chronic complaint.
- He answers the prayer of the ignorant.*—1 Kings 3:5-15.  
Who may be under great responsibilities;  
Who may be facing new duties;  
Who may be pressed by growing needs.
- He answers the prayer of His servants.*—Daniel 10:10-21.  
When He tries their hearts;  
When He tests their purpose;  
When some enemy seeks their overthrow.
- He answers the prayer of the righteous.*—Psalm 34:11-22.  
For they obey His voice;  
For they live to His glory;  
For they keep close to His side.
- He answers the prayer of the sinful.*—Luke 18:9-14.  
Who repent of their sins;  
Who forsake their evil ways;  
Who plead for mercy.  
*The Lord Our God is a Prayer-Answering God.*

### SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS LESSON, MARCH 3d.

#### What Kind of Prayer Avails?

- Necessitous prayer.*—Matthew 6:5-8.  
We will never cease to have needs.  
We are to pray without ceasing.  
God is the Supplier of every need.
- Example prayer.*—Luke 11:1-4.  
The child has a cry for daily needs.  
The heir has a hope for an inheritance.  
The worshiper has a song of daily deliverance.
- Specific prayer.*—Luke 11:9-13.  
Ask for a definite thing.  
Ask for the best thing first.  
Ask also for perishing comforts.
- Incessant prayer.*—1 Timothy 2:1-8.  
There is enough to pray for.  
All men are to be subjects of prayer.  
Mingle among them, observe their needs, and then pray.
- Emergency prayer.*—Ezra 8:21-23.  
When a crisis comes, call on God.  
When an emergency arises, pray.  
When all escape is cut off, cry to God.
- Importunate prayer.*—Luke 18:1-8.  
Cling to God until you get an answer.  
Carry the verdict away with you each time.  
Some say Pray, and leave results with God. No, get results.
- Intercessory prayer.*—Luke 11:5-8.  
Cry to God for the needs of others.  
You get things from God for yourself; how about others?  
Do you want to save others? Pray for them.  
*God's Holy People are a Praying People.*

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Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Stith	5	
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Baptized in California by Elder Taylor	9	
Baptized in China by Elder Viking	9	
Baptized in Michigan by Elder Kennedy	4	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder Bouck	2	
Baptized in Ohio by Overseer Mason	2	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder Voliva	28	
Baptized in Oregon by Elder Ernst	3	188 476
Total Baptized since March 14, 1897		9264

The following-named nine believers were baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle, Chicago, Wednesday evening, February 13, 1901, by Elder J. R. Armstrong:

Buxton, G. W. 448 Ogden Avenue, Chicago, Illinois  
 Hanky, August. Aztatlan, Wisconsin  
 Helling, Miss Anna. 380 Washington Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois  
 Innes, Andrew. Tipton, Iowa  
 Mohon, Miss Lora. 41 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois  
 Offner, Edward. 415 Cuyler Avenue, Chicago, Illinois  
 Westfall, L. D. 1037 West Twenty-second Street, Chicago, Illinois  
 Westfall, Mrs. Christina. 1037 West Twenty-second Street, Chicago, Illinois  
 Woods, Hershel. 4557 South Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

The following-named eight believers were baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle, Chicago, Wednesday evening, February 6, 1901, by Overseer George L. Mason:

Bottomley, George R. 1465 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois  
 Clark, William H. 38 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois  
 Jeusky, Theodore. 1807 Ogden Avenue, Chicago, Illinois  
 Landers, Deloy. Brownsburg, Indiana  
 Landers, Mrs. Roxie P. Brownsburg, Indiana  
 Liechti, Mrs. Rose. Sigourney, Iowa  
 Matheson, George. 1341 State Street, Chicago, Illinois  
 Ryan, Charles J. 400 State Street, Chicago, Illinois

The following-named three believers were baptized at San Francisco, California, Lord's Day, February 3, 1901, by Elder W. D. Taylor:

Ball, Miss Julia. 31 Lily Avenue, San Francisco, California  
 Crawford, Mrs. Eliza. 2435 Piedmont Avenue, Berkeley, California  
 Tompkins, Mrs. Lou G. 86 North Seventh Street, San Jose, California

The following-named two believers were baptized at Vancouver, B. C., Lord's Day, January 27, 1901, by Elder R. M. Simmons:

Barr, Mrs. Harriet E. Mission City, B. C.  
 Harrison, Joseph F. Warnock, B. C.

The following-named sixty-five believers were baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle, Chicago, Lord's Day, February 10, 1901, by the General Overseer:

Alsop, A. B.	Cullom Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Anderson, Mrs. Mary A.	Francisville, Indiana
Angell, Woodie	1343 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Austin, C. E.	Marcus, Iowa
Austin, Mrs. C. E.	Marcus, Iowa
Bainer, Frank	55 Kendall Street, Chicago, Illinois
Bishop, Mrs. Allie	4514 Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Cameron, Mrs. Mary	631 North Washtenaw Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Carr, Miss Lourie	1411 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Carr, Horace	617 West Sixty-fifth Street, Chicago, Illinois
Christensen, Master Henry Julius	9316 Escanaba Ave., South Chicago, Illinois
Clark, Roy	51 North Carpenter Street, Chicago, Illinois
Comfort, Mrs. Carolina	Adrian, Michigan
Craig, James	2025 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois
Craig, Mrs. Eliza Jane	2025 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois
Craig, Master John James	2025 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois
Davis, Mrs. Kathryn	Mt. Carroll, Illinois
Dike, Miss Abbie	Woodstock, Illinois
Gaskins, Miss Maria	1069 East Fifty-sixth Street, Chicago, Illinois
Gleaves, Mrs. Mary	1912 Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois
Green, Mrs. R.	1002 Trumbull Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Higgins, Thomas	Akron, Indiana
Hiller, Miss Stella	4412 La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois
Jelerson, Fred	252 East Twenty-first Street, Chicago, Illinois
Johnson, Frank R.	1719 Carroll Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Johnson, Mrs. Mary L.	1719 Carroll Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Johnson, P. B.	Woodstock, Illinois
Krohn, Henry	7251 Lexington Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Lancy, Mrs. Anna	1726 Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Lancier, Mrs. Sena	241 North May Street, Chicago, Illinois
Launbranch, Miss Mabel	104 Irwin Park Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois
Lindskog, Master Michael Nils	1643 Forty-sixth Street, Chicago, Illinois
Lorimer, Thomas G.	3917 Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
McCann, W. J.	205 Watt Avenue, Pullman, Illinois
Moore, John W.	4450 Calumet Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Munz, Mrs. Paulina	330 West Forty-seventh Street, Chicago, Illinois
Myers, Moyno	1459 Fulton Street, Chicago, Illinois
Myers, Miss Hazel	1459 Fulton Street, Chicago, Illinois
Norrell, Louisa	752 North California Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
On, Tong	331 Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois
Peterson, Mrs. Laura	1731 West Twenty-second Street, Chicago, Illinois
Pockock, Mrs. Mary	Big Prairie, Ohio
Reicherts, William	7833 Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Reynolds, Willis H.	6745 Marshfield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Roloff, Walter Edward	2012 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, Illinois
Salonke, Leo	3078 Lock Street, Chicago, Illinois
Schott, Albert	856 West Twenty-second Street, Chicago, Illinois
Schram, Master Edward	4756 Bishop Street, Chicago, Illinois
Schwass, Edward	72 Desplaines Avenue, Harlem, Illinois
Shafer, Conrad	Woodstock, Minnesota
Shafer, Mrs. Margaret	Woodstock, Minnesota
Simpson, Claude H.	Pana, Illinois
Smith, Miss Esther	68 Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois
Steavinson, Master J. Robert	1807 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Steavinson, Master Clarence	1807 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Steeck, Miss Dorcas	Winona, Minnesota
Stinefest, Eddie	5337 Bishop Street, Chicago, Illinois
Struck, Miss Caroline	1550 Fifty-seventh Street, Chicago, Illinois
Thomas, Master Lewis	2358 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Wilcox, Russell J.	491 North Fourth Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Williams, Miss Hattie	439 Swann Street, Chicago, Illinois
Wilson, Mrs. Anna	Laporte City, Iowa
Wilson, Mrs. Jennett	16 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois
Wilson, Miss Victoria	2311 Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Woodman, Percy	1506 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

The following-named seventeen believers were baptized at Cincinnati, Ohio, Lord's Day, February 10, 1901, by Elder W. G. Voliva:

Deman, Martin	137 Winkler Street, Cincinnati, Ohio
Howard, Miss Lyda Bell	431 Elizabeth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio
King, Grace S.	4220 Langland Street, Cincinnati, Ohio
Krueger, William	1217 Central Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio
Krueger, Mrs. Louise	1217 Central Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio
Kuhn, William	368 Western Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio
Martin, C. A.	2150 Gilbert Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio
Martin, Mrs. Jennie	2150 Gilbert Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio
Martin, Master Marshall	2150 Gilbert Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio
Parton, William	331 Crescent Avenue, Covington, Kentucky
Parton, Mrs. Mary Ellen	331 Crescent Avenue, Covington, Kentucky
Reeves, R. F.	Decatur, Ohio
Rodenberg, Mrs. Anna	616 York Street, Newport, Kentucky
Schoonover, Nicholas S.	2016 Gladstone Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio
Schoonover, Mrs. Agnes Blanch	2016 Gladstone Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio
Von Der Smith, Mrs. L.	70 West Second Street, Covington, Kentucky
Voliva, Mrs. Rebecca Francis	533 West Ridgeway Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio

**ZION IN MT. MORRIS.**

Rev. H. D. Brasfield, Elder in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, will conduct meetings in Mt. Morris, Illinois, Lord's Day, February 24, 1901. It is expected that Deacon Sloan will be in Mt. Morris on Monday and will give his Stereopticon Panorama of Zion in the evening. In the afternoon he will give a Bible Lesson. Mr. Burt Rice will sing on Monday. Deaconess Jennie Paddock will testify to her healing.

He sendeth His word



and healeth them.

# LEAVES OF HEALING

I am the Lord that healeth thee.

And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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"ARISE AND THRESH, O DAUGHTER OF ZION:"

"I WILL MAKE thine Horn Iron,  
 I will make thy Hoofs brass."

ONCE MORE we have been called to defend Zion against a severe attack; this time from the Illinois House of Representatives.

OUR READERS will remember that in our last issue we dealt with the alleged attacks of Zion women upon Druggists' shops.

In this issue we give the detailed proofs that no such attacks ever occurred.

The whole country rang with the false statements, originated by a conspiracy of Druggists and Reporters.

Immediately after our discourse of last Lord's Day week, reported in this issue on pages 557 to 560, the whole matter dropped out of public sight. No further reference has been made to it by the press. They have made no apologies for their villainy in having manufactured the whole thing.

WE ARRAIGNED the chief offender, Victor F. Lawson, Editor and Proprietor of the Chicago Record and Daily News, at the close of our discourse, and branded him as a Scoundrel, a Liar, and a Thief of the worst kind.

He has not attempted to seek a remedy from the courts of law for our characterization of him. He knows full well that he has hundreds of times justified these very severe appellations.

At the close of last week, however, on the evening of Saturday, February 16th, there appeared in one of his two papers, a copy of the Resolutions appointing a committee to investigate Zion City Bank, etc., which we have given in full on page 566.

TO THE SURPRISE of the whole city, on Monday last the House of Representatives at Springfield, Illinois, passed the Resolutions and appointed a Committee.

NOT A single newspaper in Chicago, even amongst our bitterest enemies, has justified the action of the House in their leading columns. On the contrary, leading articles have appeared in the Chicago Tribune, Chronicle, and Times-Herald, declaring in effect that the action of the House was grossly illegal, and that we were justified in defying the Committee.

THE SPLENDID rally of Zion to our support in sympathy and prayer, and in practical help has excited deep gratitude in our heart, and made a profound impression in the community.

THE FOLLOWING letter from the General Financial Manager of all Zion Institutions, who is also the Manager of Zion City Bank, will explain itself.

It was handed to us on Tuesday afternoon last, just as we were about to speak in Central Zion Tabernacle at 3 o'clock.



We read it, amidst hearty applause, to an audience of about one thousand people:

ZION CITY BANK, February 19, 1901.  
 REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE,  
 General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion,  
 Chicago, Illinois.

*Dear General Overseer:*—Since you made the announcement in Central Zion Tabernacle, Sunday, February 17th, that you would fight every attempt made by the Illinois Legislature to examine the books of Zion City Bank, we have received increased deposits, amounting to many thousands of dollars, and the following amounts for investments in our various Industries, viz:

Zion Lace Industries Stock.....	\$12,400
Zion Land and Investment Association Stock.....	8,300
Zion City Bank Stock .....	10,000

Total .....

.....\$30,700  
 Not one account has been withdrawn from the Bank, but many have been added.

Just previous to writing this letter, a gentleman, who is a member of the Second Baptist Church of this City, purchased ten shares of Zion Lace Industries Stock; making his total investments during the last ten days \$3,000. And he says: "I shall have thousands of dollars more to invest in Zion's Securities."

Zion was never stronger financially than she is today.  
 Faithfully and obediently yours in Christ,

CHAS. J. BARNARD,  
 General Financial Manager.

NOT ONE single depositor withdrew a dollar from the Bank, nor can we find a single dissatisfied investor.

The effect of the attack has been to consolidate Zion and strengthen her more and more.

THE EFFECT in the outside world has been very marked in winning for us sympathy in our defiance of the malicious action of the lower Branch of the Legislature. The fact that the investigation has been ordered without a single complaint ever having been made by our depositors or investors, and that, on the contrary, all our clients have taken every possible opportunity of increasing their deposits and investments, shows the animus of the attack.

It has been quite apparent that the blow was aimed at us not for the purpose of protecting "poor depositors," but for the purpose of endangering and destroying Zion.

SO FAR as we can see, this is a three-cornered attack, urged on by the representatives of the Press, the Druggists and the Jesuits.

There are many reasons which cause us to believe that these are the leaders in this new movement.

But the author of the resolutions is a young lawyer, who is a graduate of the Jesuit College of St. Ignatius in this city, and behind him, doubtless, are the wily machinations of the Black Pope, the General of the Jesuit Society. He aspires not only to rule the three-quarters of a million of Roman Catholics in Chicago; but, by terrors of various kinds, he aspires to rule Chicago altogether.

MR. CHARLES CHAMPE'S splendid Cartoon on page 564 well describes the situation, and will doubtless create much interest.

AS THE week comes to a close, it is evident that the Resolutions adopted by the House of Representatives have already become unworkable. They have been taken twice into the repair-shop. From the evening papers of Friday, the 22d, it is evident that they are to be repaired a third time next week.

No attempt to put them in force has been made.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL HAMLIN has, according to the Chicago *Chronicle*, stated publicly that he does not know of any law which could authorize this investigation. Several members of the Senate of the State of Illinois, who are reputed to be good lawyers, have expressed the same opinion.

Our defiance of this illegal and malicious procedure has, therefore, been justified by God, by our people, and even by our enemies. Like all of the other attacks on Zion, it is evident that this is doomed to utter failure

OUR READERS will see that these continuous attacks, with all the heavy work and responsibilities which have come upon us, impose very great labor. But God gives us joy and strength, and splendid health for the fight.

ZION'S ABLE and greatly-loved attorney, Samuel W. Packard, has been kept very busy in preparing for any move on the part of the enemy. We are now quite prepared to deal with any subpoena that the committee may issue at any time.

It is worthy of note that Hon. George R. Lyon, Representative in the State Legislature from Waukegan, Illinois, was one of those who strongly opposed the passage of these illegal resolutions.

Zion's attorney has addressed to Mr. Lyon the following letter, which sets forth the law in the case in an interesting manner, and with Attorney Packard's usual convincing clearness:

LAW OFFICES OF SAMUEL W. PACKARD.  
 Suite 1603 Ashland Block.

CHICAGO, February 21, 1901.

HON. GEORGE R. LYON,  
 Member of Illinois House of Representatives,  
 Waukegan, Illinois.

*Dear Sir:*—I am glad to notice the stand you have taken in reference to the dangerous and unwarranted precedent which the House is attempting to make in appointing an inquisitorial committee to pry into the private affairs of the Rev. John Alex. Dowie, who is running a private bank and other business enterprises.

In *Kilbourn v. Thompson*, 103 U. S. Reports, page 168, the highest court in the land held that Congress did not have jurisdiction to compel the giving of evidence in only those cases in which it exercises judicial functions, as for example where it inquires into the qualifications of its members and in impeachment proceedings, etc.; that it possesses no power of making inquiry into the private affairs of a citizen. And Congress was compelled to appropriate \$20,000 to pay the judgment for damages which the witness *Kilbourn* obtained for this foolish and fruitless effort by Congress to compel him to testify. See 32 Fed. Rep. p. 253, where Mr. Justice Field of the United States Supreme Court says, in speaking of that case:

"This case will stand for all time as a bulwark against the invasion of the right of the citizen to protection in his private affairs against the unlimited scrutiny of investigation by a Congressional Committee."

He also says in the same case, p. 250-1:

"There is no doubt that Congress may authorize a commission to obtain information upon any subject which in its judgment it may be important to possess. It may inquire into the extent of the productions of the country of every kind, natural and artificial, and seek information as to the habits, business and even amusements of the people. But in its inquiries it is controlled by the same guards against the invasion of private rights which limit the investigations of private parties into similar matters. In the pursuit of knowledge it cannot compel the production of the private books and papers of the citizen for its inspection, except in the progress of judicial proceedings, or in suits instituted for that purpose, and in both cases only upon averments that its rights are in some way dependent for enforcement upon the evidence those books and papers contain.

"Of all the rights of the citizen, few are of greater importance or more essential to his peace and happiness than the right of personal security, and that involves, not merely protection of his person from assault, but exemption of his private affairs, books and papers from the inspection and scrutiny of others. Without the enjoyment of this right, all other rights would lose half their value. . . .

"It is a forcible intrusion into, and compulsory exposure of, one's private affairs and papers, without judicial process, or in the course of judicial pro-

ceedings, which is contrary to the principles of a free government, and is abhorrent to the instincts of Englishmen and Americans."

I notice that Attorney General Hamlin and Senator Riley, both of whom are good lawyers, pronounce this inquisitorial investigation without legal authority.

I call your attention to the editorials in the Chicago *Chronicle* and *Tribune* of February 21st, and a very sensible letter from Hiram B. Prentice, published in the Chicago *Times-Herald* of the same date on the editorial page. I think Mr. Prentice fairly voices the sentiment of the intelligent business men of the State, when he says:

"If an investigation is necessary, let it be done in the legal way, through the courts. Every private banker, stock broker, grain dealer and merchant in Illinois is interested in the precedent which this procedure will establish."

I trust the sober second thought of the House will induce them to reconsider their action and thus prevent the establishing of a bad precedent, which may be hereafter used against some other citizen, who is less able to protect his constitutional rights than my client, the Rev. John Alex. Dowie.

Your very truly,

SAMUEL W. PACKARD.

ATTEMPTS have been made in the press to make it appear that we intend to resist the Committee by the help of Guards armed with slug-shot and shot-guns, all of which is utterly false. We have no such intentions. Zion Guards are entirely unarmed.

They simply exist for protection, especially in connection with the great crowds who gather at our services and on our gala occasions, such as that at the Coliseum, in Zion City, and elsewhere.

The Guards are often very useful in maintaining a clear passage for us through the crowds which sometimes gather on the outside of many of our Zion Tabernacles, when we are announced to preach.

But for their assistance we could scarcely get into the buildings, which are often filled to overflowing long before the time of beginning the service.

They are most peaceable and godly Christian men, but have been misrepresented for weeks past in the Chicago papers as if they were bloodthirsty hoodlums.

GOOD NEWS continues to come from Zion in all parts of the world.

We regret that the very lengthy reports of the services of the last two Lord's Days shut out from our columns a great deal of valuable and interesting matter which we have in type, ready to appear.

We intend, hereafter, to publish the reports of our Lord's Day discourses on the following Saturday.

WE ARE grateful that LEAVES OF HEALING continues to increase its subscription list.

On a recent occasion two thousand copies were sold at Zion Tabernacles in the city in a few hours, and the demand for the paper is constantly increasing.

DURING THE week since last Lord's Day we have had very large Gatherings in Central Zion Tabernacle at our Tuesday and Friday afternoon meetings, the latter being the Fifth Anniversary of the Organization of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

ZION is full of enthusiastic determination to Go Forward and to Go Upward "to Zion and unto the Lord our God."

BRETHREN PRAY FOR US.

## GOD'S WAY OF HEALING.

BY THE REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

### God's Way of Healing is a Person, not a Thing.

Jesus said, "*I am* the Way, and the Truth, and the Life," and He has ever been revealed to His people in all the ages by the Covenant Name, Jehovah-rophi, or "*I am* the Lord that Healeth thee." (John 14:6; Exodus 15:26.)

### The Lord Jesus Christ is Still the Healer.

He cannot change, for "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yea and forever"; and He is still with us, for He said, "Lo, *I am* with you alway, even unto the end of the world." (Hebrews 13:8; Matthew 28:20.) Because He is Unchangeable, and because He is present, in spirit, just as when in the flesh, He is the Healer of His people.

### Divine Healing Rests on Christ's Atonement.

It was prophesied of Him, "Surely He hath borne our griefs (Hebrew *sicknesses*), and carried our sorrows: . . . and with His stripes we are healed"; and it is expressly declared that this was fulfilled in His ministry of Healing, which still continues. (Isaiah 53:4, 5; Matthew 8:17.)

### Disease Can Never be God's Will.

It is the Devil's work, consequent upon Sin, and it is impossible for the work of the Devil ever to be the Will of God. Christ came to "destroy the works of the Devil," and when He was here on earth He healed "all manner of disease and all manner of sickness," and all these diseases are expressly declared to have been "oppressed of the Devil." (1 John 3:8; Matthew 4:23; Acts 10:38.)

### The Gifts of Healing are Permanent.

It is expressly declared that the "Gifts and the calling of God are without repentance," and the Gifts of Healing are amongst the Nine Gifts of the Spirit to the Church. (Romans 11:29; 1 Cor. 12:8-11.)

### There are Four Modes of Divine Healing.

The first is the direct prayer of faith; the second, intercessory prayer of two or more; the third, the anointing by the elders with the prayer of faith; and the fourth, the laying on of hands of those who believe, and whom God has prepared and called to that ministry. (Matthew 8:5-13; Matthew 18:19; James 5:14, 15; Mark 16:18.)

### Divine Healing is Opposed by Diabolical Counterfeits.

Amongst these are Christian Science (falsely so-called), Mind Healing, Spiritualism, Trance Evangelism, etc. (1 Timothy 6:20, 21; 1 Timothy 4:1, 2; Isaiah 51:22, 23.)

### Multitudes Have Been Healed Through Faith in Jesus.

The writer knows of thousands of cases and has personally laid hands on scores of thousands of persons. Full information can be obtained at the meetings held in Zion Tabernacle, 1621-1633 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, and in many pamphlets which give the experience, in their own words, of many who have been healed in this and other countries, published at Zion Publishing House, 1207 Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

### "Belief Cometh of Hearing, and Hearing by the Word of God."

You are heartily invited to attend and hear for yourself.



# ZION'S LITERATURE MISSION

BY DEACONESS SARAH E. HILL

FOR THE Word of God is living and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and quick to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart.—Hebrews 4:12.

### The General Overseer's Visit to Grimsby, England.

The following extracts are from a letter written by a gentleman in Grimsby. He says:

We had a grand meeting at Boardman Hall on Saturday night. It was crowded.

Strangers were admitted by ticket.

The only difficulty was to keep people out.

On the next day the Town Hall was nearly full in the morning, and full in the afternoon, and crowded at night.

We had a lively time and good order. The enemy was kept at bay. The Devil was nearly dumb all Sunday.

The General Overseer's address has been a blessing to many.

All were delighted to have the pleasure of seeing and hearing him.

The old Devil has been stirred up.

The members and parsons of many churches are saying some very wicked things.

The denunciation of sprinkling, single immersion, tobacco and pig is causing a great many to squeal.

The General Overseer worked hard. It is surprising how much he can do.

At the close of the evening service hundreds arose to their feet at the invitation to repeat the Prayer of Consecration.

On Monday evening he conducted a baptismal service in the Stanley Street Baptist Mission Church.

The address was very interesting and profitable.

It cut like a two-edged sword some of those present who have not obeyed the Lord's command.

Forty-four persons were baptized.

We give extracts from a letter concerning

### The Visit of the General Overseer to Londonderry, Ireland.

The writer says:

For days before the General Overseer arrived, the chief topic of conversation was Dr. Dowie and his teaching.

The General Overseer was to arrive by midday train from Ballymena.

Head Constable Gallagher had arranged to have an escort of police at the station to prevent anticipated disturbances; but the General Overseer stole a march on the Derry people. He arrived by the first train, about 10:20 A. M.

We walked down together to the hotel, where I had the privilege of nearly two hours' conversation with him. I was deeply impressed with his conversation, his clear business insight, and his own personality.

His first remark in the hotel was, "You are interested or in sympathy with us?"

I said, "Yes, I can go the whole way with you in Divine Healing. I can see that to be God's plan; but there are some things I cannot agree with."

He said, "For instance, what?"

I replied, "Regarding Triune Immersion and the final restoration of all."

He very patiently entered into an exposition of both points, giving me more teaching than I had ever before received on these topics.

But prejudice dies hard. Although I got many new thoughts, it was not until I looked up Liddell and Scott's Greek Lexicon that I saw Triune Immersion as being the Scriptural mode.

I see that clearly now.

I hope some time to have the privilege of being immersed into the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

At 3:30 P. M., we went to the Guildhall to attend the first meeting. There were between 300 and 400 present.

The General Overseer spoke very plainly.

Quite a number were disappointed because they could find no fault with what he said.

The evening meeting was packed to overflowing.

The General Overseer delivered a telling address on Good and Evil.

Some of the Magee students tried to raise a disturbance. This was quickly quelled and all was quiet.

The next afternoon a few of the ultra-denominationalists left the meeting when the General Overseer said, "If Jesus Christ should come to Derry today and proclaim Himself as the Christ, He would not get a pulpit from which to preach."

However, the meeting went well, and a good impression seemed to have been made.

In the evening the hall was packed to overflowing.

It was really the first meeting of the series.

The General Overseer delivered his address on Spirit, Soul and Body.

It opened up a new line of thought for most people; but they could take no exception to the teaching.

The English press had told so many lies, which were in turn copied into the Irish papers, and were believed by those who knew nothing about Zion teaching, that the people in Derry were bitterly disappointed because they could find no fault with the address.

At the close of the meeting the General Overseer asked all who wanted to be freed from sin and to serve God, to stand and pray.

Almost the entire audience arose.

Thank God, Winnie Thompson had her neck healed in answer to the General Overseer's prayer.

This is a marvel to many who were watching the case.

I tell you nothing but a firm reliance in God could have enabled Mr. and Mrs. Thompson to stand all the opposition and persecution which they endured over that child. But, praise God, they withstood it and trusted Him who never fails.

Winnie is now a living Witness for Jesus the Healer.

A correspondent in Pietermaritzburg, Natal, South Africa, writes:

We have again to thank Zion Literature Mission for the joy of bringing the Water of Life to the people through LEAVES OF HEALING.

We lend the books for a week. At the end of that time we call with a fresh one, where it is desired.

None of the books are wasted, and we know who desire to know God's truth.

We are thankful to see a beautiful harvest before us even now.

As we returned this evening from a very encouraging round of visits, we felt the need of many more laborers in the harvest.

Among those we visited were a number of intelligent colored people, who received Zion's Message gladly. It is a joy to us to meet those who love LEAVES OF HEALING and are anxious to receive a fresh copy.

They are also being read among the soldiers.

Mr. Cox came down this evening for some more.

Our dear John Taylor also writes to send LEAVES to some addresses. He says: "I am endeavoring to find a man in every regiment of the service who will distribute Zion Literature in his regiment."

All who love the truth must love Zion Literature. Pray for us, that God may call more laborers into the Field, for there is so much ground to go over.

The following notice is printed on a slip of gummed paper ready to be fastened on the Literature:

"This book will be lent for one week, and will then be called for, and, if desired, another will be left in its place."

**Zion Literature Sent Out From a Free Distribution Fund Provided by Zion's Guests and the Friends of Zion Report for the Week Ending January 19, 1901.**

12,309 Rolls to.....	Various States in the Union.
1,381 Rolls to.....	Germany.
1,121 Rolls to.....	Hotels of the World.
Number of Rolls for the week .....	14,811
Number of Rolls reported to January 19, 1901 .....	992,075

# CHEERING WORDS FROM ZION'S GUESTS

NOTES FROM ZION HOME

THE regular Praise and Testimony Meeting held in Zion Home, Saturday evening, January 26, 1901, was conducted by Overseer Speicher.

After the usual opening exercises, the States represented were enumerated and found to be sixteen in number, as follows:

California, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Texas and Wisconsin.

The following foreign countries were represented:

Canada, China, England, Germany, Ireland, Japan and Scotland.

The meeting was then thrown open for testimony.

DEACONESS ROBBINS, Zion Home, said: "I rejoice in the wonderful work that is being done in Zion Cottage Meetings. I thank God for the blessings these meetings have brought to the people in Pontiac, Illinois. Last evening I attended a Cottage Meeting in this city where the wife had been converted through having these meetings in the home.

"I rejoice for the prayers which are offered in the different departments in Zion. The Bank opens with prayer. The College opens with prayer. The Printing Works open with prayer, and the Publishing House, Deaconess Hill's department and other departments. The thought comes to me that Zion surely will stand because it is founded on prayer."

MISS LOUISE RODENBERG, Newport, Kentucky, said: "I thank God for His goodness to me and for bringing me into Zion. I thank Him for healing power. It was so difficult for me to walk, but since coming to Zion I can walk any distance. I have not been sick for two years. I thank God for this and for spiritual help."

MRS. ELIZABETH KRUSE, San Jose, Illinois, praised God for blessings received by herself and others.

MRS. A. R. KETTEL, New Britain, Connecticut, said: "I am thankful that God has kept me so many years. I first heard of Zion through LEAVES OF HEALING, sent to me by a dear sister. I had been very bitter against Zion, for which I ask all the people of Zion's forgiveness. I was a member of the Methodist Church for many years, but I had never been converted. I thank God tonight that I can say that I am converted. I can see the truth in Christ Jesus."

AUGUST ERHARDT, Zion Home, said: "I thank God that He has healed me of a sore toe, caused by an ingrowing toenail. At first when I requested prayer, there was no answer. There was a little thing I had to make right. After I had fully repented of that, my toe was no longer sore. It is all right now. God healed it. I thank God for spiritual blessing I have received in Zion. I never was so happy in my life as now."

MRS. ELLA HALBERT, Sturgis, Michigan, said: "I thank God that I am in Zion and for the privilege of being here for the past two weeks. I thank God that the joy of the Lord is my strength."

MRS. A. F. LEE, Zion Home, said: "I thank God for His keeping power. It is over two years since I have taken a drop of medicine. I have once been instantly healed of the grip and once instantly healed of another trouble. I thank God that neither my husband nor myself have been sick this winter, not even with a cold. We have been wonderfully blessed."

MRS. DAVIS J. SMITH, Raleigh, North Carolina, said: "You will be glad to know of the interest the dark-skinned people

are taking in LEAVES OF HEALING. They need this truth. They are very much in want. These people are praying constantly. I overheard one woman give her testimony. It was a wonderful testimony. I hope you will remember these dark-skinned people in your prayers. I thank God that I have been healed of nervous prostration."

A. G. HUGH, Dixon, Illinois, said: "I thank the Lord for Salvation. I have received much blessing since I have been in Zion. I have been healed of grip this last week. Before I came here I suffered with sick headaches, but I have had only one in several weeks."

MISS L. MAE SHOCKEY, 41 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I feel that God has given me strength, for which I am very thankful. This is the first testimony I have ever given in Zion, and I am glad to give it."

SAMUEL SCHWEITZER, Cavalier, North Dakota, said: "I am thankful to God that I have read LEAVES OF HEALING and for the person who first handed the paper to me. I belonged to the Methodist Church, but I saw that it was not the right teaching. I am glad that I have come to Zion."

GEORGE MARTINEAU, Zion Home, said: "I thank God for the many blessings I have received in Zion. I thank God for His keeping power. I have not been sick for a day since coming into Zion. I have had some colds, but God has always delivered me."

MRS. J. W. BARR, Logansport, Indiana, said: "When I first came to Zion Home, about the 16th of October, I was so sick that I thought I would die. I had hardening of the liver, and lung trouble. I was taken to the best doctors in Logansport, who said that I could not get well. I believe that if I had not come to Zion, I would have been in my grave. I thank God for His great goodness to me."

J. W. BARR, Logansport, Indiana, said: "I thank God for the many blessings I have received since coming into Zion and for the many precious meetings I have been able to attend while here. I thank God for His wonderful healing power, especially for my wife's wonderful healing. I desire to add a few words to what she has said. She was sick about two years and ten months. She was taken with inflammation of the liver. We have had three different doctors and she has taken a great deal of patent medicine."

MRS. MARY MUNGER, 1514 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I have much to thank God for. It is six years since I first heard of Zion. I was taken to the Little Wooden Hut, Zion Tabernacle No. 1, in a carriage. God wonderfully healed me."

MRS. MARY SLAWSON, Vincennes, Indiana, said: "I had something like a cancer on my face, for five or six years. Dr. Dowie prayed for me and it left my face. I have also been healed of many other things."

The meeting was then closed by the

#### BENEDICTION.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you, keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

# ZION IN THE ORIENT.

BY REV. G. L. MASON, B. A., B. D., OVERSEER OF THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CHINA.

## THE APOSTASY OF THE DENOMINATIONAL MISSIONS.

**A**POSTASY is a falling away from Christ in faith and life. A Church may believe mentally much precious truth, and still be apostate, having a form of godliness, but denying the power. A Church may even oppose some great evils, and still be apostate. The real nature of apostasy is shown in the warning, "Take heed, lest there be in any of you an evil *heart of unbelief* in departing from the Living God." (Hebrews 3:12.)

**SATAN DOES NOT FIGHT** the old denominations very strongly. The massacres in China have been more anti-European than Antichristian, occasioned by the greed of the nations.

The missionaries are fair representatives of the clergy of Europe and America. Denominational ministers are not persecuted. They forget that "the friendship of the world is enmity with God" (James 4:4). Apostasy escapes persecution.

The Lord said: "Blessed are ye when men shall reproach you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake." "The world cannot hate you; but Me it hateth, because I testify of it, that its works are evil." Where is "the sect everywhere spoken against"? The offense of the cross has ceased. Preachers cavil at the saying, "All that would live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." Here is a plain mark of apostasy, the absence of any distinctive Christian life or testimony that awakens the hatred of the ungodly world (John 16:1-3).

**WHAT IS READ** by the denominations is the same that the world reads. The Presbyterian, Congregational and Methodist book stores in the large cities sell many wholesome books. But their shelves also groan with trashy fiction.

The Baptist Publication Society announced "*all* the books of *all* the publishers." I found some wholly worthless books, a few thoroughly demoralizing novels, and very many fictions that are of the earth earthy, devoid of the wisdom which is first pure; books not even mentioning the Name of God or of Christ. The Apostasy feeds on chaff (Isaiah 55:2).

The publication societies, for money, spread ungodly literature among the people. And the preachers, being apostate, see no wrong in this, make no complaint, and are quite indifferent to it all (Luke 16:15; 2 Timothy 4:3, 4).

The denominational apostasy of feeding on worldly books and papers has affected the missionaries also (Luke 4:4).

**HIGHER CRITICISM**, so-called, is leading the denominations into lower and lower depths of apostasy. The Authority of God's Word is gone. No one feels quite sure what is God's Word. There is no more any Divine standard of truth. Hence every man thinks as he likes and does as he pleases.

Holy Living and Divine Healing are impossible to them, for they are forever doubting and questioning what Christ said.

Theatricals, smoking concerts, esoteric dances, drinking revels, progressive euchre, gambling and secret societies in the University of Chicago are the result of a big-head Bible-criticising apostasy, wise in its own conceit (Luke 10:21).

**THE TOBACCO DEVIL** is not disturbed by the denominations. The nicotine habit is more widespread and more seductive than the alcohol habit. It is equally polluting. Many Sunday School boys are smoking. The pastor only feebly opposes.

Why? Because religious druggists and grocers are everywhere selling tobacco. Religious farmers in the Connecticut Valley, in Ohio, in Wisconsin, and all over the Central South are cultivating tobacco. The preacher's mouth is padlocked, for the users of and dealers in tobacco help to pay his salary. The apostasy is a nasty nicotine apostasy, for which there is no possible excuse (2 Corinthians 6:17; 7:1).

**SMOKING JAPAN.**—Nearly all Japanese church members, men and women, are nicotine stinkers. In China, most of the native Christian men and some women are smokers. Even some of the missionaries smoke. The missionary, even if clean himself, cannot make a strong fight against tobacco when American tobacco dealers help pay his salary with polluted money.

**CASTE SPIRIT** prevails in fashionable churches. Some of the genteel members are lineal "descendants of Hem and Sham." They send missionaries to the children of Ham and Shem, because it is "good form" to do so. Mission work is proper.

The Southern churches have never repented of the sin of slave-holding. They still hate and disfranchise men because of their color. Even in the North, in many churches the color or race line is seen. God's plan of having all races and all classes in one Church is ignored. A few colored members may be received. If there are many, they are advised to form churches of their own. Mrs. Grundy gives money to build mission chapels for races which she and her set do not care to welcome into their own elegant church. "Of course, we cannot associate with Italians, and as for the French-Canadians," she says, "they have a peculiar odor about them, making it unpleasant to sit in the same pew with them."

Foreign missionaries win many converts who are poor. Some are so very poor that they simply cannot have changes of wadded clothing. Therefore a little unpleasant odor is unavoidable. Would such be welcome in the fashionable city church in America? Read 2 Timothy 3:1-5.

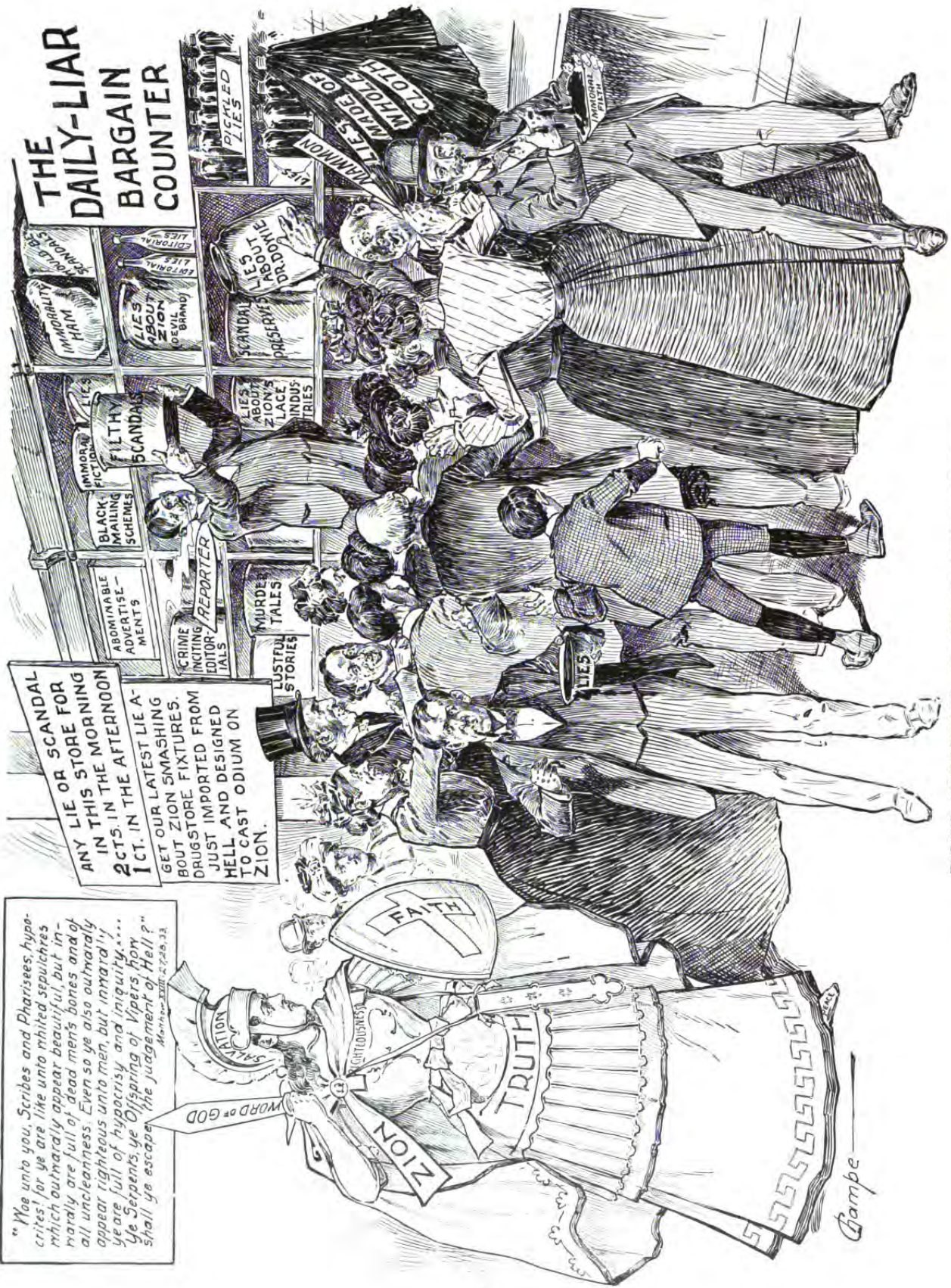
**THE MISSIONARY** partakes of the spirit of the Church which trains and sends him. A backsliding Church will make backsliders of its missionaries. The Church of Laodicea will produce lukewarm preachers, causing the Lord nausea so that He spews them out of His mouth. Study Revelation 3:14-22.

What sort of missionaries will grow in a Church that is run by a fickle majority or a lawless minority? The smart set requires hired music from an ungodly quartette. The Presbyterians must have a new "edifice" with higher steeple than the Baptist, and with a forty-thousand-dollar mortgage. Then comes an endless round of shows and oyster frolics to cajole money out of the sinners to pay the debts of the saints.

They call it a Church! It is a social and literary club. The pastor is the puppet of the best-paying pews. The rich are flattered (James 2:1-6). The poor are neglected. The prayer meetings are stiff and stupid. Priest and people cherish an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the Living God. The truly pious few mourn for a while in secret, but are chilled at last and frozen like the rest. Apostasy chills and kills.

The foreign missionary of an apostate organization is in great danger of spiritual asphyxia. Let him escape for his life. Babylon is fallen, "Come forth, my people, out of her."





"Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres which outwardly appear beautiful, but inwardly are full of dead men's bones and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but inwardly ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity. ... Ye Serpents, ye Offspring of Vipers, how shall ye escape the judgement of Hell?"  
 Mt. 23: 27, 28, 33.

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# A VOICE TO ZION AND GOD'S PEOPLE IN EVERY LAND.

O thou that tellest Good Tidings to Zion, Get thee up into the High Mountain Lift up thy Voice with strength: Lift it up, be not afraid: Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Isaiah, XL: 9.

## THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL DECLARED.

*Report of Meeting held in North Side Zion Tabernacle, Chicago, Lord's Day Morning, February 10, 1901. Sermon: "The Mission of Jesus."*

*Report of Meeting held in Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Afternoon, February 10, 1901. Prelude: "How to Smash Things Which Need Smashing." Sermon: "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism."*

REPORTED BY S. D. AND E. W. AND A. W. N.

EVERY seat in North Side Zion Tabernacle was filled, and as many as could find room stood throughout the service, when the General Overseer spoke in that place on the sunny morning of February 10, 1901.

Many strangers were present and heard the Message which God's Messenger delivered with intense interest and respectful attention.

It was the "Old, Old Story"—yet ever new in this day of so-called higher criticism, ethical culture and literary sermons—of Jesus' "Teaching, Preaching and Healing."

It was a Message with Authority; hence with power.

Its effect was seen in the faces of the hearers and heard in their voices when they repeated after the General Overseer the Prayer of Repentance, Confession and Consecration.

In the afternoon, Central Zion Tabernacle was filled literally "to the rafters," while many—how many cannot be estimated—were turned away because there was no room.

There were about 3500 who heard the words of the speaker.

The service was opened by the impressive and reverent Processional of Zion's White-robed Choir of 250 voices and the resident Ordained Officers of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion in the robes of their office.

As a Prelude to his discourse, the General Overseer demolished the absolutely unfounded lie of the press to the effect that women, members of Zion, had gone to certain drug stores in the city, insulted the proprietors and then smashed bottles and showcases, shouting

"Hurrah for Dowie." The papers had given the names of the druggists which they claimed had suffered loss and the location of their stores. They had also pretended that they had received information from a certain woman, giving the names of the guilty women.

They had also falsely reported a visit of a reporter, some alleged detectives and alleged druggists to Zion Home with the alleged purpose of searching for the women who had done the alleged "smashing."

The General Overseer quickly and easily proved that the entire concoction was a figment of the imaginations of drug-

gists and editors, closing his prelude with a scathing but richly deserved denunciation of Victor F. Lawson, the editor of the paper which hatched the lie, and a call for a showing of all those who would not buy or read his papers. Nearly the entire audience of about 3500 people quickly arose.

The General Overseer then spoke briefly, but convincingly, upon the subject, "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism," showing the unquestionable fact that when Jesus commanded Baptism, "into the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," He meant Baptism of those who had repented and believed, by Triune Immersion.

After the Recessional of the Zion Choir, he delivered the charge to sixty-five candidates for Baptism, and then, in the presence of 2000 people, baptized them, according to the Lord's command, by a Triune Immersion into the Name of the Triune God.

North Side Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Morning, February 10, 1901.

The services were opened by singing Hymn No. 355:

O day of rest and gladness,  
O day of joy and light;  
O balm of care and sadness,  
Most beautiful, most bright;  
On thee the high and lowly,  
Through ages joined in tune,  
Sing "Holy, holy, holy,"  
To the Great God Triune.

The General Overseer then led

the audience in repeating the thirty-fifth chapter of Isaiah.

He then read from the fourth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, beginning at the twelfth verse. Prayer



was then offered by Overseer Mason; also by the General Overseer.

#### Greetings to North Side People.

In making the announcements the General Overseer said, among other things:

I am very glad to be with you in this North Side Zion Tabernacle. I am glad to see those of you who are members of the Church and those who are friends to it. I am also glad to see the people who are not friendly, because when they get to know us better, they are very likely to be friendly.

If there are any who are unfriendly, we hope they will be the friends of those who are the friends of God, and are fighting for God's righteousness.

The great trouble all over the world, I have found everywhere in all my life, is that the people do not know, they do not understand each other.

For instance, in France they have the most ridiculous ideas regarding both America and England. These are promulgated by a wicked press.

The newspaper press of today is the curse of the world. It creates bitterness in every land. It gives the most atrocious misrepresentations. The consequence is that the people are stirred up against each other by press-lying all over the world.

The French press lies about Great Britain, and the German press lies about the French. The French press lies about the German press. They all lie about each other, and the Devil is highly pleased. I think the Devil runs the whole institution of the newspaper press, with very few exceptions, both in Europe and in America.

The Son of God was manifested that He might destroy the works of the Devil.

#### You Cannot Do the Works of God Until You Destroy the Works of the Devil.

This is a very ramshackle place. One of these days this ramshackle place will have to give way to a fine building, no matter who owns the property. If I owned the property, I would put a fine building here.

One could make more money out of a fine building. If you will build me a magnificent hall here, I will rent it at a fair price.

But this is a ramshackle place. I do not take much stock in it. I am glad to be here, but it is a miserable place for our work. See if you cannot get a better place, Elder McClurkin, by May 1st.

But remember that if the owner of this valuable land is ever to build a better building on this site, he must first take away the ramshackle building.

In the same way, if the Kingdom of God is to be established on this earth, the kingdom of darkness and error must fall and be swept away. God hasten that day. (Amen.)

The announcements were then made by Elder McClurkin.

### THE MINISTRY OF JESUS.

#### INVOCATION.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, profitable unto this people, and unto all to whom these words may come, in this and every land, in this and all the coming time, till Jesus come, for His sake.

In the fourth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, and the twenty-third verse, you will find the Scripture upon which I shall base the few words which I have to say:

#### TEXT.

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing all manner of disease and all manner of sickness among the people.

That very same Jesus is doing still the very same work.

He is the very same Saviour, the very same Healer, the very same Cleanser, the very same Friend and Helper of humanity.

He is with us all the days, even unto the consummation of the age.

#### Effectiveness of Christ's Words.

Our Lord Jesus Christ in the days of His flesh went about doing things.

His words were effective. They were not mere words which passed into the air, sweet sounds which come to the ears, and did not affect the heart.

The words which He spoke were Spirit and Life. They came with the power of the Spirit of God.

They did something.

They smashed things which needed to be smashed.

They came like the mighty Hammer of God.

They came like the sharp Sword which killed the evil thing.

They came to bless the contrite heart.

They came to heal the sickness and misery of humanity.

He is just the same today.

He still goes about doing good and casting out Devils.

Either those who say that Jesus Christ has changed lie, or else the Bible does.

The Bible says, "I am the Lord that healeth thee."

The Bible says, "I am the Lord, I change not."

The Bible says that Jesus Christ is "the same yesterday and today, yea and forever."

Those who teach that Christ is not the Healer of His people teach a lie, or else the Bible tells a lie.

Which is it?

If the Word of God lies, if the preaching that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yea and forever, is false, then let the Bible go altogether; for there is no reliance to be placed upon a single word in it. More important than the revelation is the consistency and reliability of the recorder. If God can change, and He can lie, then all must go.

#### We Preach No New Gospel.

Yet it is ever new to multitudes, because another gospel has been preached: the gospel which tells them that Christ used to be something which He is not now, and used to do something which He does not do now.

The mighty power of His Spirit regenerates the human heart, and changes a man from a godless heathen and a pagan brute and a miserable hypocrite and sham into a pure and holy man. That is the Gospel which lives.

Some of you tell us that it is replaced by science.

Science? How can that replace God? Science itself can only be accurate knowledge of something; but knowledge is not God.

God is more than knowledge, and therefore more than science.

Man does not want merely knowledge. Man wants God. Man wants his Father. Man wants to be in communion with God, no matter how great the sweep of his knowledge. Knowledge of nature, that is, material things, no matter how vast, can never take away the heart-longing for God; for a living God; for a Father in Heaven; for that Being from whom we came, and to whom, if we are pure in heart, we desire to go.

#### The Pure in Heart Shall See God.

Of course, if you are an unclean, dirty dog, you do not want to go to God. You do not want to appear before God. You do not want to stand before the Great White Throne, and in the searching Light of God.

If, however, by the Grace of God your spirits have been cleansed from sin; if by the Grace of God you have received the touch of the Healer; if you have learned to love and to serve and to rejoice in God, the best hour of life is the last hour of it; for then the pure in heart shall in their pureness see God. They who have seen by the eye of faith, shall see Him as He is.

This Good Tidings comes first in the way of Teaching, in the way of Preaching, and in the way of Healing.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, as this passage says, went about doing three things:

First, Teaching.

Second, Preaching.

Third, Healing.

That is the Divine Order. If you look at the ninth chapter of Matthew, thirty-fifth verse, you will find exactly the same words:

And Jesus went about all the cities and the villages, Teaching in their synagogues, and Preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and Healing all manner of disease and all manner of sickness.

Over and over again in the Gospel you will see that this Divine order is not accidental. It is a providential order.

#### The Most Important Thing is Teaching, Not Preaching.

Preaching is simply the proclamation of an ascertained truth, the declaration of a fact, as when a herald proclaims a great fact.

The Royal Heralds appeared the other day at the Mansion House in London, and at other points.

For more than sixty years Heralds proclaiming the accession of a New Monarch had not been seen in public in their

array of heraldry in the British capital. The Garter King at Arms stood upon the steps of the Mansion House, surrounded by the Heralds, and the silver trumpets blew, and the silver trumpets blew again, and the silver trumpets blew again, and then the Garter King at Arms proclaimed, "The Queen is dead; long live the King."

He was a Preacher.

That is the word in the original for Preaching; the simple proclamation of the herald.

He entered into no particulars. He did not tell the people about the Queen's illness. He did not attempt to explain the cause of the Queen's death. He did not attempt to tell who Edward VII was. He simply stood there and proclaimed a fact that the Queen was dead, and that the King lived. The people shouted. They accepted the fact.

Preaching is the simple proclamation of an ascertained fact. Properly speaking, that is all a preacher should do. When he preaches, he should simply declare facts. He should declare that God is good, and that the Devil is bad.

He should declare that God lives; that the Devil lives, but that the kingdom of the Devil is coming to an end.

He should proclaim the great Glad Tidings that Jesus Christ came to destroy the works of the Devil.

All he has to do with people in preaching is not to persuade, but to command. He is not to say, "Now I would like you to consider this question of Baptism, and go all around it, and think all into it, and take lots of time."

He has no right to say that. He has to say, "Repent and be baptized *every one of you!*"

Repentance first: for it is written, "Now He commandeth men that they should all everywhere repent."

The Preacher's business is to utter commands, and to show that these commands are such as he is qualified and empowered by the eternal proclamation of God's truth to utter. When he speaks, he must speak with authority.

He must simply deliver the Divine command. He has nothing to do with it, but to deliver it.

The command is Repent. The command is Do right. Restore, if you have stolen; confess, if you have lied; cleanse your hands, ye sinners; purify your hearts, ye double-minded.

Turn to your God and tell Him, "I have sinned against heaven and in Thy sight." Ask God for Jesus the Christ's sake to forgive your sins, and then, helped by His Spirit, go right and do right.

Be baptized, and enter into fellowship with God's people.

Take your place in the ranks, and go forward and obey orders.

That is the command. But there is something comes before that.

#### Men Have to Be Taught.

They have to be taught that it is a right thing to obey a command; that the command is good; that the command is pure, and that the command is holy and for their best interests.

Hence our Lord Jesus Christ began by teaching. He had to teach patiently, as all teachers have to.

There are some people who say that they intend to teach humanity great lessons of advanced truth and take them to lofty heights of knowledge and wisdom in science and philosophy.

What are they talking about? Men never climb the Pyramids at a vault. They have to take it step by step; for the Pyramid is but a gigantic stairway. They can go up but one step at a time. You who talk about doing tremendous things all in a minute, do not forget that humanity cannot be blessed that way. If you take humanity upward, it must be step by step. Those who are higher up must help those who are lower down.

When men climb the Pyramids the guides go ahead. The Arab guide is strong, lithe of limb and powerful of arm. They make a human chain. They help up the ones who start at the bottom. Then the one who has taken a step helps the one next below him. The one who has taken a higher step goes on, and the third one helps the fourth. So you will see a whole chain of people, some of whom have reached the top of the pyramid, while others are but taking their first step.

That is the way in which the True Church of God and all her teachers must lead humanity to God and to Heavenly Wisdom, Love and Power. While some in the Church of God have passed into heaven above, the highest possible point of the Pyramid of Glory, they are linked to us and we must be linked

to each other. Each of us must help up the last one who has to take the first step. The only right way to get to the top in all true Wisdom is by beginning at the bottom.

#### Begin at the Beginning.

Some people do not like that. They like to begin at the middle, or at the top.

That is just like some children who do not want the First Reader, and they do not want the Second Reader. They wail, "Ma, can I not have a Fourth Reader? Can I not have a big book?"

"Yes, you can have it, but you can have it when you have gone through the First, dear, and the Second, and the Third."

Some of those big, brainy men remind me of a house with a great many empty rooms to let. (Laughter.)

There is plenty of room in the upper story which is not occupied, except by vanity and wind. (Laughter.) These men amuse me. I used to be among them when I was a Congregationalist. We were all big heads. (Laughter.)

Friends, you learn after a time that you can have a big head, and a very small heart. It is not a big head that counts, but it is getting something into the head.

I was talking in London one day. A big, brainy, fellow wagged his head and frowned, and intimated his dissent until I grew weary. I said, "What is the use of your shaking your head? There is nothing in it." (Laughter.) He never shook his head any more. (Laughter.)

I was persuaded there was nothing in it. He was very savage, but at the end of the meeting he came up to me, put out his hand, and said, "I thank you, Doctor, for that reproof. I declare to you there was nothing in it. (Laughter.) It was downright folly upon my part, because I knew by the time you got through that you knew what you were talking about, and I did not."

#### The Necessity of Humility.

The great thing to remember in Teaching is, first of all, to take a humble station, and to be willing to begin at the bottom. As sure as you live, if you attempt to take the Third Reader before you have the First Reader, you will have to go back again, and have to undo a lot of false notions.

The very first thing, therefore, in the Divine Life is to say, "O, God, I will begin at the bottom."

For that reason, our Lord Jesus Christ taught men that they were all sinners; that they all needed to repent; that they all needed to come with deep humility, and that there was no royal road, whether it was David the King or the beggar at his gate. All had to start at the same point, and say, "I am a sinner. I come to Thee—

" . . . without one plea,  
But that Christ's blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee—

"O Father in Heaven, I come."

In our instruction, and in our education, the very first thing that a true teacher has to do is to teach the child that he does not understand. The little one has the notion that he does understand.

He has no idea how ignorant he is. He thinks he knows it all. That is just the mistake of all the sweet little children.

But you must not knock the child's head against the wall because he thinks he knows it all. The worst of it is that there are old men who think they know it all.

#### A Doctor Who Knew It All.

On board a certain steamer in one of my recent voyages, there was a man who had a mouth very much like a certain fish of Massachusetts Bay, which is three-fourths head and mouth, and the rest tail and body. That man talked and talked, and he shouted, so that all the people in the saloon could hear him give his opinions, upon almost every conceivable subject.

I was not surprised to find out upon inquiry that he was a doctor and, in his own opinion, a scientist.

I was not surprised, also, to find that he was a member of the Society of Psychic Research. I was pained, as were many others; we were all weary with his loud talking. One day I heard him suddenly shout, "I know all about it, I tell you; I know all about it."

I thought, "Yes, that is exactly what I expected."

When a man says he knows all about a thing, set him down as an ignoramus; as not only an ignoramus, but a superlatively

and disgustingly conceited ignoramus. Set him down as that kind of a fool of whom Solomon speaks when he says:

Though thou shouldst bray a fool in a mortar with a pestle among bruised corn,  
Yet will not his foolishness depart from him.

Set him down as that kind of a man. If any man says he knows all about anything, be sure he is ignorant.

There is no man living who knows all about any subject. I care not how profound his knowledge may be, it is only partial.

#### The Vast, Unexplored Ocean of Truth.

The wise man will admit that in connection with knowledge upon any subject, whether it be scientific as applied to material, or moral or spiritual things, he can have only a partial knowledge.

Knowledge is, as Sir Isaac Newton so ably expressed it, like the vast Ocean beside which he said that he was but a little child, picking up a pebble here and there, while the great Ocean of Truth lay unexplored before him.

Edison would say, "I am only upon the verge of a great Ocean of Truth. I have only found a little, but oh, what a mighty hidden power is throbbing in every cubic foot of the air in that wondrous power which we call, for want of a better name, Electricity!"

That strange force when harnessed is a good servant, and otherwise is a very severe master.

There are people who trifle with electricity. They say that they do not believe that a small wire will convey a deadly current. But after they have touched it, they never trifle any more, for there is a first-class funeral in a few days for the fool who "knew all about it." (Laughter.)

A man is a fool who thinks that he can know all about any subject. The man will make the largest gains in knowledge who has truest and deepest humility.

The first thing that the teacher has to do in anything is to teach humility.

When I sent my son and daughter to school, they were very young. I said, "Now dears, you do not know anything. Your teachers have to teach you everything. What they say, believe, and what they say, do. Do not dispute it, for I am sending you to teachers who can teach."

I never sent them out without that little morning prayer that God would grant to them that day to be obedient to their instructors, kind and considerate to their companions, and to pursue knowledge in the fear of God. I hope that they have benefited by that.

They have never given me the heartaches from which so many parents suffer who have proud, conceited and "know-all-about-it" children: for they have always recognized how little they knew. They are no longer little children. I have now a well-educated man and woman, who are still being educated, and whose education will never be "finished."

#### "As a Little Child."

My brothers and sisters, remember that this lesson of deep humility is the first thing. Come to God with the simplicity of a little child. He who would understand the Kingdom of Heaven must remember what Jesus said, when He took a little child, and put that child in the midst of His disciples, and said that if they would enter the Kingdom of Heaven, they must become as little children; showing how sweet a little, simple, unspoiled child is who is willing to be taught.

As a little child relies  
On a care beyond his own,  
Knows he's neither strong nor wise,  
Fears to stir a step alone,—  
Let me thus with Thee abide  
As my Father, Guard and Guide.

Let us be taught of God, and listen to what Jesus says.  
Let us find in God our Friend and our Saviour, and do what He tells us.

The man who knows most is most childlike.

#### Humility of the Mighty.

I have the acquaintance of a few men who stand high in the world's places, some of whom are celebrated. My acquaintances are principally among the poor and the humble, and the great masses of the people, but I know some who are in high station, and some who are near a crown.

I have found that in the greatest and noblest men and women there is a sense of deep humility and of the great

importance and responsibility of power. The greatest men and women I know, both in outward station and in intellectual power, are as humble as little children.

I know that the conceited fool is not worth anything.

You will be great if you become little. You will ascend the Pyramid of Knowledge and of Power and of Wisdom if you will begin at the first step. If you wish to begin at the middle or the top, you will simply waste your time, and be nothing but a fool.

Christ taught men to be wise by teaching them to be humble.

He taught the sinner to come to His feet, as the woman who wept and washed His feet with her tears and wiped them with the hairs of her head.

Oh, she had sinned much, and she had sorrowed much! She had loved much. The Darning Lust which had burned out her life was replaced by a Divine Love which enriched her life. She was forgiven, and the Pharisee who sat at that table was cursed; for he said, "This man, if He were a prophet, would have perceived who and what manner of woman this is which toucheth Him, that she is a sinner."

You remember how the Lord dealt with the unclean thoughts of the Pharisee. He said:

Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. . . . Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest Me no water for My feet: but she hath wetted My feet with her tears, and wiped them with her hair. Thou gavest Me no kiss: but she, since the time I came in, hath not ceased to kiss My feet. My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but she hath anointed My feet with ointment. Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little. And He said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven.

#### Hypocritical Attentions of Those Who Desire Favors.

I get many invitations now to public occasions. I am asked to let my name appear as a member of many things now. I am invited to many places now.

It was not so five years ago.

It was not so four years ago.

Hypocrites!

They do not care for me. They want me to help them grind their little axes, their social, political, or literary axes.

"Simon," said Jesus, in effect, "you invited Me here to help you grind your little ax. You old hypocrite! That woman is blessed: for she is penitent, and she loves Me, and she obeys Me. You are cursed until you repent!"

Repentance is the first essential of the Divine Life. The next is Trust, and the next is Obey.

The next is, "Come ye who repent, ye who trust for Salvation, and let the great God who made your body heal it."

If I desired to have that watch repaired, should it go wrong, where would I take it? To a butcher? To a baker? To a candlestick maker? (Laughter.) Where should I take it?

A Voice—"To the watchmaker."

#### The Story of a Watch.

General Overseer—I should take it to the maker, if I could find him. I know the maker of this watch. This watch was made for the firm of one who loved me, and is an exact copy of his father's watch. It was given to me as a token of love.

This man's sister was brought up to Chicago, dying. She opened her eyes in my own home. She said, "Where am I?"

"Oh," said, "you are in a good place."

"Who are you?" she said. "Are you Dr. Dowie?"

I said, "I am."

Her sisters were there by her bedside. She had been delirious. She had been out of her mind for weeks. She had taken the damning morphine and the cocaine doctors give to people when they know that they cannot do them any good. They make them mad with the accursed stuff, and sometimes send them into eternity. She had been under their evil power until that hour. She had heard about me before.

"Am I really in the Divine Healing Home?" she asked.

"Yes."

From that hour God began to heal her; and, after a time, her brother sent me this beautiful present.

That watch was made in the firm of which her father had been a member.

If that watch were to go seriously wrong, I would send it to that firm to put it right, because they made it.

I would send it on to the maker, and he would put it right. God, the Maker of our bodies, loves us and will put them



right, if we put them confidently, and without fear, in His hands alone.

#### The General Overseer's Healing When a Lad.

Oh God, You remember the time I was sick and dying. I had no strength. I looked at my Bible that night, and I read in the Book, "Like as a father pitieth his children, so Jehovah pitieth them that fear Him. For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust." And oh, You remember that night I brought this pain-racked earthly body to You, and You healed me.

God remembers.

I was only a lad then. I remember the night when I was dying and God healed me.

The knowledge that suddenly and miraculously, by the touch of God, his body is healed, brings a man closer to God. My poor stomach, which could digest nothing, was changed like that. (Snapping his fingers.)

I ate my oatmeal and read my Bible that very morning with intense delight.

The next day I ate everything in sight, except pig. And now I never eat pig. (Laughter.)

Eat what is good, and God will take care of you.

All who believe that Jesus is the same Christ, Saviour, Healer and Cleanser, and desire God to bless them, stand and tell Him so.

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. Take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be, in spirit, in soul, in body. Give me Thy Holy Spirit, that I may trust Thee; that I may do right to any whom I may have wronged, no matter what it costs. Give me power to serve Thee by Thy Holy Spirit. Cleanse me in spirit, in soul, in body, for Jesus' sake. (All repeat the prayer, clause by clause, after the General Overseer.)

Did you mean it?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Live it.

After the singing of the Doxology, the service was closed with the following

#### BENEDICTION.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

#### AFTERNOON SERVICE.

Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Afternoon, February 10, 1901.

Services were opened by the General Overseer pronouncing the invocation, after which Hymn No. 216 was sung:

Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.

The Apostles' Creed was then repeated by the congregation.

The General Overseer read the fifteenth Psalm and twenty-third chapter of Jeremiah.

Prayer was offered by Overseer Piper; also by the General Overseer.

The announcements were made by Overseer Speicher, after which the tithes and offering were received.

#### PRELUDE—"HOW TO SMASH THINGS WHICH NEED SMASHING."

The General Overseer said:

I have promised to say a few words this afternoon by way of prelude to my discourse.

I do so with some little regret. My opportunities in public are quite limited just now, however, owing to the immense amount of work which has to be done in my offices in connection with the more perfect organization and administration of Zion in its three great divisions—ecclesiastical, educational, and business—which each consist of many separate departments.

We have been making provision for the expansion in all departments of Zion which has taken place, is taking place and will take place.

I regret to have to take even a few minutes; but I know of no other occasion on which I can speak so as to be heard by thousands. I think, however, that if an ass or an ox had fallen into a pit, we would be justified, according to the Lord's own words, in pulling the ox or the ass out of the pit.

I am very desirous of pulling the press out of the pit into which it has fallen. (Laughter.) They dug it themselves.

I am to say a few words to you about how to smash things which need smashing. First of all, therefore, I desire to smash the Daily Newspaper Press of Chicago.

It needs smashing.

#### Smashing Power of God's Word.

The word *puts* in Hebrew means to dash in pieces. God said of Israel:

Thou art My battle-ax and weapon of war: and with thee will I break in pieces the nations; and with thee will I destroy kingdoms.

Therefore God's Israel is to be a Great Smasher.

Is not My Word like a fire? saith the Lord: and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

God's Word is a Great Smasher.

In the glorious Word of the Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ, in the second chapter and the twenty-seventh verse, the words are:

He will rule them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of the potter are broken to shivers.

It is a very proper thing, therefore, that everything that needs smashing should be smashed.

#### I Have Not an iota of Sympathy With Mrs. Nation.

I have no sympathy with the smashing of whisky bottles or medicine bottles or people's windows anywhere. It is worthy of a silly child, or a poor, weak, miserable lunatic (laughter), but entirely unworthy of a Christian man or woman. (Amen.)

We are living in a Nation which has a Constitution.

The Constitution of the Nation is magnificent, if it were not for the tobacco and the whisky, and the pig and the other things which the Nation tries to assimilate.

As a consequence of these things, its Constitution is very much damaged.

The Constitution of the Nation, too, is very much damaged, because in all the cities and in all the States multitudes of miserable, wretched ward-healers get into power and become—save the mark—aldermen or legislators.

They know much more about the varieties of whisky and the brands of tobacco than they do about legislation.

The people, in their folly, have elected such persons, and until the people are wiser they will get the kind of legislation which these legislators produce.

The Constitution of the United States is continually damaged and destroyed and injured by men being sent to State Legislatures and to the United States Congress who have no capacity for legislation.

It is a most idiotic thing to send a man to make a pair of boots who never made a pair of boots.

It would be an exceedingly stupid thing to send me to make soup, because I do not know how. (Laughter.)

It would be folly to ask me to make your puddings and your pies. All the potatoes would have hard hearts, and you would have to break the pie with an ax. (Laughter and applause.)

Stupid as that is, however, it is nothing like so stupid as to send a saloonkeeper and a ward bum to make laws in the Legislature of the State, or in the Congress of the Nation.

What can you expect of men who are not learned in the Law, and know nothing about the Gospel?

You can expect nothing from a pig but a grunt. (Laughter and applause.) You cannot make a silk purse out of a sow's ear.

You cannot get proper legislation at Springfield, or wise administration in Chicago, or good laws at Washington, while the men whom you send to those places with authority have no more capacity for law-making, in hundreds of cases, than a man who never made a pie has for pie-making.

I have no respect at all for this mode of electing aldermen or legislators.

#### I Have No Respect for the Opinion of the Majority.

The majority of the people are nearly always wrong. They have been in the past.

They were mighty in the wrong when they asked for the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

They were mightily in the wrong in all the stages of the history of this Nation and other nations.

It was the few men who upheld the right, who stood alone, and compelled, by and by, the majority to come as they thought, who gave the Nation what good it has.

It is not so long ago since the "Liberators" had their type scattered and their machinery smashed in Boston and in New York, because they dared to print the truth demanding the abolition of human slavery. Statues of great men are erected in many cities by the children of those who cursed and persecuted the hero whom all now delight to honor.

The people have to be led, and it is the minority who are the leaders of the Nation. The majority are usually wrong—usually behind, and have to be taught. In my judgment, majorities have no right to rule.

My judgment is that you get better rule when you do not elect your rulers.

If you want to find the best governed city in this United States, you will find it in Washington, in the District of Columbia, where no man or woman has a vote. Some of the most intelligent men and women in the United States live there, but none of them vote.

The city is ruled by a few commissioners selected by Congress. Its streets are kept in good order, and the taxes are properly spent.

I wish we had such commissioners in Chicago. (Applause. Amen.)

#### **The Best Judges in This Land Are Not Elected.**

The greatest and most magnificent arm of government in this country is the United States Supreme Court. It has, in my judgment, a far greater power for good than either the Legislative or the Executive branches. It is the Court of last resort, and has the power and authority to interpret the law. Enforcement can be demanded by the judicial at the hand of the executive power.

That Court is appointed, not elected. The best departments of government which you have in this country are the courts and the administrative offices in which somebody with sense selects a man who knows what he is talking about, and has the capacity to do the thing which he is put there to do.

May God give us some way of getting that done soon. (Amen.)

If it were so, there would be no difficulty in Kansas. There is a law there which is prohibitory of the liquor traffic. In fact, it is a part of the Constitution of that State.

#### **Mrs. Nation's Saloon-Smashing is Anarchy.**

Persons have said that Mrs. Nation had a perfect right to smash the saloons because they existed in defiance of the law.

Mrs. Nation would have a perfect right to smash saloons if she were the legally appointed officer of the law. But Mrs. Nation, when she makes herself an officer of the law, is an anarchist, and nothing else. (Applause.)

I say that plainly.

I have been an abstainer all my life. I hate liquor as I hate the Devil. If I were to give liquor a name—and I have given it several names—I would call it not only liquid fire and distilled damnation, but I would say that intoxicating liquor was the Devil in solution.

On the other hand, I must call your attention to the fact that unless we are to abdicate in favor of lynch law, unless we are to demand that the Executive, the Legislative and the Judicial arms of the Government shall all be subordinate to the first man or woman who chooses to assume false executive power, all things must be accomplished by a due process of law. Without that you have anarchy. The last persons in this country to show an anarchistic hand, should surely be the Christian and the Temperance people.

I stand for Law against the Lawless One wherever he shows his cruel brutal head in Church, or State, or Home or Business.

The Man of Sin has been clearly revealed in the Pope of Rome, and "the Sure Word of Prophecy" says that he is to be speedily followed by "the Lawless One."

There are many signs of his revelation—that Monster of Lawlessness "whom the Lord Jesus shall slay with the Breath of His Mouth, and bring to naught by the Manifestation of His Coming."

My conviction is that Lawlessness is more and more getting into the Lawmakers in Legislatures, and also into Municipal and National Rulers.

Life, Liberty and Happiness are all in great danger at the hands of Evil Men who occupy places of power in Church and State.

#### **Zion's Record of Respect for Law.**

When I fought my battle in Chicago for one whole long year, although I was illegally arrested a hundred times, I never disputed with the officer of the law. I shook his hand, told him to be seated. I spoke to him courteously and kindly. I went with him and gave my bail bonds. I obeyed the law. I fought out my cases, and smashed their infernal illegal Ordinance in all the upper courts. I won my case, but I never broke the law.

Zion has no sympathy with lawbreakers in any form. If we have to resist an illegal act, and say that we shall not obey it, we shall resist passively.

Zion has shown that example everywhere.

Did we not show it in Chicago?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—Have we not shown it in Mansfield?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—And have we not won everywhere?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—Of course we have.

We shall win because we will stand for God and Righteousness, and uphold the administration of Law and Justice.

No man or woman has the right to take the law into his or her own hands. The man or woman who does that, is at once a lawbreaker, and ought to be punished.

I will ask a question. Let every member of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion now present stand to his or her feet. (Members of Zion to the number of about 3000 arose.)

#### **Zion's Members Unanimously Refute the Charges of the Chicago Press.**

Members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, is there any one of all the thousands now standing who took part in any breaking of druggists' bottles, or in any way insulting the druggists, or injuring their goods?

Members—"No!"

General Overseer—Any one who did it, say Yes. (No response.)

I will ask another question: Is there any one of you who knows of a member of this Church who did such a thing? If there is, say Yes. Tell me about it. (No response.)

I ask again: Is there one of you who know of any one—for it has been alleged in all the papers that our people have done this—is there one of you who know of any member of this Church who did such a thing?

Members—"No."

General Overseer—Any one who does, say Yes. (No response.)

I will ask another question: Is there one member of this Church who knows of any other persons having done this thing?

Members—"No."

General Overseer—Any one who knows of such person or persons, say Yes. (No response.)

Thank you. Sit down.

The moment that this thing was published I said, "That is a lie from the beginning, unless there are some of my people who have suddenly become insane." (Laughter.)

I could not believe any member of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion would have done it, because if there is anything that Zion is renowned for, it is her level-headedness.

Zion people are not given to going about the streets and shouting "Hurrah for Dowie!" (Laughter and applause.)

I do not need your hurrahs. I should feel very much insulted if you shouted them in a foolish fashion in drug stores or anywhere else.

#### **Astounding Lie of the Record Copied by Other Papers.**

This thing began in the "Record" of daily lying, which I call the "Daily Lyre." It started there with a story that was perfectly astounding. It was a story to the effect that women who were members of Zion raided several drug stores in the city, shouting "Hurrah for Dowie," and smashing bottles and other property.

I started at once my investigations.

If there is any druggist here, you will have to take your medicine quietly. (Laughter.) I will not spare you. I will

not spare either the papers or the druggists for their wicked lying. I will smash something today which needs smashing.

I saw at once that this was just another attempt to array public opinion against us on the ground of our being a set of lawbreaking lunatics.

I waited several days for the result of my inquiries.

Then I telephoned to the Chief of Police these words: "I have investigated this matter to the bottom. I find that the druggists themselves admit in many cases that these things did not happen; that neither the names they give of persons who are alleged to have done this, nor that of the informer of whom they speak, can be found on our Church rolls.

"If any of Zion's people have been guilty, I hope they will be detected and punished. I will add ecclesiastical punishment to the legal. I will cause any who have broken anything in any drug store to restore to the owner the value of it, as well as apologize for any insults of which they have been guilty, and meanwhile, I will myself on behalf of Zion pay every cent of the damage done."

The druggists could not tell where the alleged "informer" lived. They said that her address was "General Delivery."

She lives at the General Delivery. (Laughter.)

She occupies a box in the postoffice.

They do not know her, although they have seen her.

They know her name, but they are not quite sure of it, and the fact is that they know nothing at all.

They swore out their warrants on the information of a bogus informer, Clara Hehn, who is not on our list and never was in our Church. We know nothing about her. The fact is that Hen never laid a single egg—they were all the eggs laid by the cockatrice in the "Daily Liar" office. "Mrs. Hehn" was Mr. Victor Lawson and his brood of vipers in the offices of the "Chicago Record" and "Daily News." The five women whose names she was alleged to have given, the General Recorder says, are not to be found on the Church roll.

Here is his letter to me:

**General Recorder E. S. Anderson Nails Some Chicago Press Lies.**

ZION, 1201 MICHIGAN AVENUE, CHICAGO, February 9, 1901.

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE,

General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

*Dear General Overseer:*—In accordance with your directions, I have thoroughly searched our Church rolls to ascertain whether or not any of the names for which the Chicago press states warrants have been issued, in connection with the alleged raids upon drug stores in Chicago, are, or ever have been, upon our rolls.

I find that neither the name of party given as informant, nor any of the names said to have been given by her to the police, are, or ever have been, upon our rolls as members, or in any way connected with the Christian Catholic Church in Zion; neither have I in my three years' connection with the Church ever met any such persons, or heard their names mentioned.

I desire also to state that I was absent from my office yesterday when the alleged officers called; and, therefore, could not have made the statements attributed to me in this morning papers.

Faithfully your Servant in Christ, E. S. ANDERSON,  
General Recorder of the Christian Catholic Church.

Before I took another step I told Overseer Speicher to get a cab, and to go to these druggists and tell them if any of my people had injured them or their stores, I would pay the whole damage to the uttermost farthing, and I would punish any member of the Church who was guilty. (Applause.)

What was the fact?

Overseer Speicher investigated and made a report.

I will let him read it.

The gentlemen who is about to speak is the Rev. John G. Speicher, an ex-M. D., once a sinner for about ten years as a physician; but now for seven years a faithful co-worker in Zion, whom you all know and love.

Dr. Speicher will read the result of his investigations.

**Overseer John G. Speicher Reveals the Utter Falsity of the Stories of the Press and of Certain Druggists.**

ZION HOME, CHICAGO, Friday, February 8, 1901.

REV. JOHN ALEXANDER DOWIE,

General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

*Dear General Overseer:*—I herewith submit a report of my visit to seven drug stores concerning the matter published in the daily papers.

According to your instructions, on yesterday I visited the following drug stores:

First, I went to Herman Schapiro, corner of Jefferson and Twelfth Streets. I inquired as to the occurrences of the day before as reported in the paper, and asked him what truth there was in the statement of the paper.

I was immediately and most emphatically told that nothing whatever had occurred there; that it was all false, and that they knew nothing whatever about the matter.

From there I went to Herman Lieberman's place, 515 South Halsted Street, and again began inquiring concerning the truthfulness of the statements concerning the occurrence, as given in the Chicago Record.

It was again most emphatically declared that no such thing had happened; that no women had been in their drug store to do damage; that no damage had been done, and that there had been no trouble whatever.

General Overseer—Give a groan for the press. (Groans. Applause and laughter.)

There is fair play (?), is it not? This is the majestic institution (?) which exists for the public information. (Groans.)

Our next call was to Leo L. Mrazek, corner of Ashland Avenue and Eighteenth Street.

At this place, Mr. Mrazek claimed that some women had been in the day before, in the afternoon, who had used canes and umbrellas in trying to destroy the bottles on his shelves.

There was a vacant place on two of his shelves, where perhaps a half dozen bottles had stood, the bottles having been removed in some way.

Mr. Mrazek could give no description of the women and knew absolutely nothing whatever about them.

No broken bottles were to be found and no damage of any kind could be shown.

Mr. Mrazek himself had not been injured, according to his own statement. They had not struck him nor tried to strike him, and he said that the statement in the paper was much exaggerated. (Groans.)

At B. Loewenthal's drug store, Twelfth and Robey Streets, Mr. Loewenthal was not in, but his partner said that he had been told that some women had been in, but he knew nothing about the matter personally. He said some bottles had been broken; otherwise no damage had been done. No description could be given of the women, except that they were well-dressed women, and they knew not whence they came or whither they went. (Groans. Laughter.)

I did not call until the following day at Charles C. Toucek's, Sixteenth and Center Avenue.

At no place was any claim made that the women were members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, or that they had any connection with Zion.

At only one place did they claim that they said anything about Dr. Dowie, and that was at Mr. Mrazek's, who said that one of the women said "Hurrah for Dowie."

This (Saturday) afternoon, you again sent me out to investigate the affairs as reported to have occurred on Milwaukee Avenue.

Accompanied by Mrs. Speicher, I called upon George Remus, proprietor of the drug store at the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Paulina Street.

At this place, Mr. Remus was quite bitter against Dr. Dowie and against Zion. All he knew about Zion was what the papers had said.

All he knew of the other affairs, of the breaking of the drug store furnishings, was what he had read in the papers and what others had told him.

Mr. Toucek, of Sixteenth and Center Avenue, is a personal friend of Mr. Remus, who was much surprised when I told him of my visit on yesterday to the drug stores on Twelfth Street.

He insisted that a number of women had come into his store yesterday and had endeavored to destroy his property; that he threatened to throw poison upon them if they did not go out, whereupon they left the store, after having smashed a few bottles.

I looked around in his store and tried to find the showcase which was broken, and when I asked him where it was he answered, after considerable hesitation, that it was one which he had standing on the outside. When I asked him to let me see it, he said that it was nowhere around, that it had been taken away. He seemed very much confused. (Groans.)

A young clerk standing near said, "Surely, the bottles were broken. You see that bottle has a stopper missing," pointing to a large gallon bottle standing on the floor under the counter, full of the red liquid which druggists have in their show windows. It was minus a stopper. I suggested that it would not be very hard to remove a stopper from a bottle like that. They had nothing to say.

Mr. Remus began a tirade against Dr. Dowie and about the crime of allowing little children to die without medicine. A young alleged physician who was sitting near by also chimed in with his pathetic appeal for suffering humanity in Zion.

When I suggested that a few die even with physicians to attend them, it somewhat upset him and his argument.

I gave them a few facts and a little understanding about the position of Zion, and went on.

I also asked Mr. Remus for a description of the women and how many there were. He said that there were about four or five, and that several had on "automobile cloaks" and one had a short coat. One was a short lady and the others were about medium height. He judged that their ages ranged from twenty-five to thirty-nine years.

He could give me no exact or definite description of any one.

He said that they were in a very short time, only four or five minutes. I suggested that one could get a pretty good view of people in four or five minutes.

"Well," he said, "I do not remember."

Iver L. Quailes, 1086 Milwaukee Avenue, was the next druggist visited. He had very little to say; in fact, he would rather not say anything. He said that a few bottles had been smashed there and then the women went out.

I asked him to show me some of the things they had broken, but he could not do so.

I asked him why he did not have the women arrested, and he said he did not want to give them any trouble. (Groans.)

He could give me absolutely no description of the women who came in. (Groans.)

I gave him your message, as I did in the other cases: that you desired to ascertain whether any of the women were members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, and that if they were proven to be so, you would pay the damages and expel the women from the Christian Catholic Church. They showed very little zeal toward finding the guilty parties.

Mr. Remus said that some one had sent him a list of names, supposedly the names of the parties who had been in the store. This, he said, had been sent to Mr. Quales' store. Mr. Quales could not find the list of names and knew nothing about it. No one could give any names.

The last man visited was J. L. Frank, 1144 Milwaukee Avenue, at which place the women were supposed to have first called.

He said that all he knew about it was that there was a woman or two in his store who had spoken to some one about the medicine, advising them not to take any medicine; that there had been no trouble whatever in his store, and that no damage had been done.

This afternoon, before I went to Milwaukee Avenue, a druggist on the corner of Eighteenth and Wabash, by the name of Louis E. Winship, called on me and said that he had received an anonymous letter, stating that Miss Carrie Davis, Miss Jane Hitchcock, Mrs. Marie Martin, Mrs. Annabel Willits, and a woman by the name of Summers, were to visit his place and smash up his outfit. He refused to let me see the letter and failed to find any persons in Zion Home bearing the names which he gave us.

We believe, dear General Overseer, with what we have been able to find in this investigation, that there is no truth whatever in the statements of any of the druggists, with the exception that possibly in one of the drug stores some woman may have made some remark about drugs and druggists.

In no case could they describe the weapons used, and in no case could any definite information be given. The fact that Mr. Toucek on the South Side and Mr. Remus on Milwaukee Avenue are familiar friends, would indicate the possibility of a plot.

The three drug stores on Milwaukee Avenue are close together, within less than two blocks of each other.

Most respectfully submitted, JOHN G. SPEICHER.

General Overseer—Is there anything in this long series of alleged drug store smashings by Zion women, which has so largely occupied the papers for many days, and has been telegraphed all over the world, but a Lie?

Audience—"No."

General Overseer—I will ask Deacon Lee, the Recorder of Zion Seventies, to read his report. We read that certain persons came to our offices and did certain things. Long accounts of the circumstance were given in the newspapers. I do not need to read them to you, but the story as given never happened.

#### Deacon Lee Refutes a Mass of Newspaper Lies.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, February 9, 1901.

REV. JOHN ALEXANDER DOWIE,

General Overseer Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

Dear General Overseer:—Inasmuch as this morning's Chicago *Record* gives a most disgustingly false report of a visit of one of their reporters, with three or four other "lewd fellows of the baser sort," to Zion Home yesterday, I herewith submit to you a brief report of the actual facts in the case.

It was between 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon that one of our office boys brought these young men to my office and presented a list of six names, with the request that I tell them whether or not they appeared on our records as members of the Church.

As Deacon Anderson, the General Recorder, was not in, I unhesitatingly and carefully compared the list with our records—which, by the way, are not kept, as they indicate, in a book, but by the best and most improved card system.

This was done in their presence. After I had assured them that none of the names appeared on the records, they asked if the name of Mrs. Clara or Cora Heimer was on record.

This woman's name they spelled for me and informed me that she was the person who had furnished them with the names of those I had been asked to look up.

I asked them to give me this woman's address, but was told they could give none save General Delivery, Chicago.

Of course, this name, like all the others, could not be found on our records.

I notice, however, that the Chicago *Record* states that it was Mrs. Clara Henne, of Burnside, who furnished the list of names; but even Mrs. Henne's name cannot be found on our records.

The Chicago *Record* states that the detective asked permission to look through our records for himself and was flatly refused the privilege, which is absolutely false, for none of the party made any such request.

The Chicago *Record* also states that the detective then asked permission to search the building, and was again most flatly refused, which is just as false as the other statement. Nothing of the kind was even suggested by them.

As they were about to leave, however, Mr. Carl Stern, who, contrary to the *Record's* statement, had not been present, met them at the door, and after learning their mission informed them that if it could be proven that any Zion people were guilty of such charges, the General Overseer would see that all damages were repaired in full and the persons properly dealt with.

These I affirm to be the true facts in the case, as will also the four office assistants who were present at that time, also Overseer George L. Mason.

Faithfully yours in Christ, A. F. LEE.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—In giving you my statement of the visit of our friends the druggists and newspaper reporters to our office Friday afternoon, I should have mentioned a little incident which may help to explain the cause for all the wailing and gnashing of teeth on the part of these poor fellows.

Recently, two of our faithful Seventies, in obedience to their instructions to carry the Gospel of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living into every house in Chicago, entered one of our city drug stores.

After giving the usual salutation, "Peace be to This House," they handed the druggist one of their little tracts.

He turned and looked at them in perfect amazement, and said, "Well! if you women haven't got *nerve*."

They replied that they had, just enough to carry the Gospel of Christ anywhere, or words to that effect, and walked out.

Sincerely yours in Christ, A. F. LEE.

Have we not smashed the whole thing?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—Did it not need smashing?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—We will not take any more trouble about it.

What did they do it for? In order to send throughout the world by telegram, and in their filthy sheets, their false statement that Zion is composed of lawless lunatics.

Will that stand?

Audience—"No."

General Overseer—I ask you now, every one of you, can you not help me to smash the Daily Liar a little more?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—Then you drop the *Record* now. (Amen.) Do not take another copy. (Loud applause.) Do not take the *Daily News*. Will you promise me that?

Audience—"Yes." (Applause.)

General Overseer—All who will promise me that they will take neither the *Record* nor the *Daily News*, stand. (The entire audience of over 3000 people, with but few exceptions, arose.)

Thank you. That is three or four thousand cents out of their pockets every day, besides thousands of subscribers throughout the country, who will join you in doing this when they read these words. (Laughter.)

#### Victor Lawson Denounced.

I brand Victor Lawson, the editor and proprietor of that paper, as a Scoundrel and a Liar, and the worst kind of a Thief (applause); for he "who steals my purse, steals trash," but he who filches from me or this Church its Good Name, is the worst kind of a thief. (Amen.)

I proclaim that the other papers in copying Victor Lawson's lies, are Thieves of the same kind. May God have mercy upon them.

Victor Lawson, I ask you to take your remedy, if you believe I have wronged you. The Courts are open, and I can easily be found in Chicago.

#### "ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM."

##### INVOCATION.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, and profitable unto this people, oh Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer. (Amen.)

##### TEXT.

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all.

My words must be very few.

#### Over Nine Thousand Persons Baptized in Less Than Four Years.

Within less than four years, thanks be to God, we have baptized in this Church 9200 persons.

There is but one Lord.

That one Lord Jesus Christ was a Triune Being. In Him there dwelt the Father; in Him there dwelt the Son; in Him there dwelt the Holy Spirit: for He was "the fulness of the Godhead, bodily," Father, Son and Holy Spirit in one Lord, a Triune Being.

The only Faith of the Church is a Triune Faith.

It is a Faith which brings Salvation, Healing and Holy Living.

Our Lord commanded that men should all everywhere repent, believe unto Salvation, be baptized and receive healing, and have power to live holy lives.

Therefore the Faith of the Church is a Faith in Jesus Christ, our one Lord, for Salvation, Healing, Holy Living, a Triune Faith.

The Baptism of our Lord is a Triune Baptism. The last words which He said on the mountain where He taught His disciples for nearly forty days after His resurrection were:

Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the consummation of the age.

If I had three vats standing before me, one containing black dye, another blue dye and another yellow dye, and I said

to some one, "Baptize this handkerchief into the black, and the blue and the yellow," how many times would they have to dip it?

Voices—"Three times."

General Overseer—Could they do it with one dipping?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—Neither can you baptize into the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit by one immersion.

Hence it is that the Church for 800 years had no other form of Baptism than by Triune Immersion.

I challenge the scholarship of the world to successfully deny that statement.

#### Opinion of High Scholars Concerning Triune Immersion.

The greatest Dictionary of Christian Antiquities which has ever been produced is that edited by Sir William Smith, D. C. L., LL. D., of London. In that dictionary the late Rev. Wharton B. Marriott, M. A., of Exeter College, Oxford, writes on Baptism. The Church to which he belongs believes in the sprinkling of babies.

Dr. Marriott, in writing the article upon Baptism in that great and learned work, says:

Triple Immersion, that is thrice dipping the head while standing in the water, was the all but universal rule of the Church in early times. Of this we find proof in Africa, in Palestine, in Egypt, at Antioch and Constantinople, in Cappadocia. For the Roman usage, Tertullian indirectly witnesses in the Second Century; St. Jerome in the Fourth; Leo the Great in the Fifth; and Pope Pelagius and St. Gregory the Great in the Sixth. Theodulf of Orleans witnesses for the general practice of his time, the close of the Eighth Century. Lastly, the Apostolical Canons, so-called, alike in the Greek, the Coptic and the Latin versions, give special injunctions as to this observance, saying that any bishop or presbyter should be deposed who violated this rule. . . . Eunomius (circ. 360) appears to have been the first to introduce simple immersion "unto the death of Christ."

Who was Eunomius?

Eunomius was a man who denied the Divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ, and denied the personality of the Holy Spirit. Eunomius was a bad man and a false shepherd. In order to show his contempt for the Holy Trinity of God, he baptized by one immersion.

Eunomius was expelled from the Church, and was held as a traitor to its word, and to its laws, and to its constitution. He was, undoubtedly, a bad man otherwise.

There is no question about the historic facts.

There is no question, either, that you cannot baptize into the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit by one dipping. You cannot get the spiritual idea of Baptism by one immersion.

Baptism is not only Death to Sin, but it is Life in God, it is Power for Service.

"Are ye ignorant," says the apostle, "that all ye who were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death?"

But it did not stop there. He said:

We were buried therefore with him through Baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with Him by the likeness of His death, we shall be also by the likeness of His resurrection.

These are the three things which Baptism brings: Death to sin, Life in God and Power for Service.

The requirements of God are that we shall preach one Lord who in Himself was a Triune Man, and was the embodiment of the Triune God, whose Faith is a Triune Faith; whose Baptism is a Triune Baptism, and which meets the necessities of our Triune natures, Spirit, Soul and Body.

Ye who are God's children, and have thus been baptized, stand. (A large company arose.)

All who desire to obey God in all things, now stand. (Many more persons arose.)

I command you who are now standing who have not obeyed in Baptism, to be baptized. Let the whole people arise and commit themselves to God.

#### PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

Father, bless this company, for Jesus' sake, and let them commit themselves unto Thee.

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. Take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be, in spirit, in soul, in body. Give me power to do right, no matter what it costs. Give me Thy Holy Spirit, that I may obey Thee now in Baptism, and in all things. Let Thy Spirit come upon those about to be baptized, for Jesus' sake.

The Recessional was then sung by the Choir, as, followed

by the robed Officers of the Church, they passed out of the Tabernacle.

The General Overseer then delivered the

#### CLOSING PRAYER.

Father, grant us Thy Peace through this night, and until the night shades flee away, and the light of the Eternal Day shall come. Follow with Thy Benediction this people.

#### BENEDICTION.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who will also do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

After a brief intermission, the General Overseer delivered a solemn and impressive charge to the sixty-five candidates who presented themselves for Baptism, while a very large audience listened intently to his word.

Then the Ordinance was administered by the General Overseer.

### "EXCEPT A MAN DIE—"

#### Powerful Sermon by the General Overseer, Beautifully Illustrating the Necessity of Death in Order to Attain the Highest Life.

In a brief but cogent discourse, on Lord's Day afternoon, February 17, 1901, the General Overseer made plain the wonderful teaching of Jesus concerning Death and Life.

The day was pleasant, the air crisp and bracing, and although no special announcement had been made, Central Zion Tabernacle was crowded. Only a few of the least desirable seats in the upper gallery were left vacant.

There were fully three thousand people present when, with the beautiful words, "Love Divine, all Love Excelling," Zion's White-robed Choir and the Officers in their robes slowly marched up the aisle and took their respective places.

Deeply moved by the powerful truths proclaimed by the man of God, in the sermon which followed, the audience listened with the closest attention.

Grasping easily the plainly-presented teaching, they arose, at the close, and, almost without exception, consecrated themselves to God and to the faithful sowing of the Good Seed, in His Name.

Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Afternoon, February 17, 1901.

The services were opened by singing Hymn Number 307:

In the heav'nly pastures fair,  
'Neath the tender Shepherd's care,  
Let us rest beside the living stream today;  
Calmly there in peace recline,  
Drinking in the truth Divine,  
As His loving call we now with joy obey.

CHORUS—Glorious stream of life eternal,  
Beauteous fields of living green,  
Though revealed within the Word  
Of our Shepherd and our Lord,  
By the pure in heart alone can they be seen.

The Apostles' Creed was then repeated by the congregation. The General Overseer then read from the twenty-third Psalm; also the fortieth chapter of Isaiah.

Overseer Speicher then offered the general prayer, the General Overseer presenting to God the petitions of the sick and sorrowing, which had reached him in hundreds, from all lands.

After the announcements had been made the General Overseer said:

#### A Few Words Concerning Obedience in Baptism.

We are determined more and more to get the Full Value of a Complete Obedience to God.



The blessing of God is in exact proportion to the obedience of faith, not only as individuals, but to our faith as a Church and people.

The power of Obedience to God is so great that I would not hesitate to say that if the Christian Catholic Church in Zion should reach the plane of a Perfect Obedience, it would sweep the world completely with the All-Conquering Everlasting Gospel within twenty-five years—yea, within ten—yea, within five!

There is that possibility.

God has foretold, by His prophet, that the time will come when a nation shall be born in a day.

Remember, however, nations are not fully educated in a day. Nations do not become Christian in full stature in a day.

There are a great many people who are not patient. They want that which is born, to be a man or a woman at once. You cannot get it that way. When you get a baby, you get the sweetest little thing in all the world, and the dirtiest little creature. (Laughter.) It does not know how to keep itself clean for an hour.

It is born, but it has to be educated. It has to find powers of expression. It has to find its little feet. It has to walk in the right way. It has to learn that fire burns, and that water will drown. It has to learn many things which it does not know. It has to find out what a great many people never do find out in all their lifetime. They are babies all their lives. They think that everything they can get is good to eat (laughter) or drink. The consequence is that they fill themselves up with every kind of muck.

#### Nations Will be Born in a Day.

How are they to be born?

They are to be born by Repentance, by Faith, by the Power of the Spirit of God. They are to be born into full Christian life, just as they obey God in a Real Baptism.

Every one who is born of God sees the Kingdom, but except you be born of water and of the Spirit, you will never enter into the Kingdom.

Moses saw the Promised Land, but he was disobedient and was kept on the Mount Pisgah side of the Jordan because of disobedience.

Joshua crossed and entered, and possessed the land.

Just as long as you keep from obeying God, just so long you will lose blessing.

You entered into a fuller life, you who have been baptized, when you obeyed God in Baptism. Is that not true?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—I desire Obedience; Obedience to God in Baptism.

We have baptized 9300 in three years and eleven months.

I know that there are more than 700 people in Chicago alone under conviction on this subject. Why should they not be baptized? Of course they should be baptized. They will miss blessing until they are.

I therefore announce that there will be

#### A Baptism at the Close of Every Lord's Day Afternoon or Evening Service in Central Zion Tabernacle.

There will also be a Baptism every Wednesday evening. These special Lord's Day Baptisms will be continued until the middle of March, and possibly longer.

I desire you to help bring in those who are keeping out a blessing by disobedience. I am determined that we shall obey God fully. I should like to see the number of those baptized 10,000 by March 14, 1901.

Overseer Speicher then made the announcements for Chicago, after which the tithes and offering were received.

#### DEATH NECESSARY TO LIFE.

##### INVOCATION.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, and profitable unto this people, and unto all to whom these words shall come, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

##### TEXT.

The voice of one saying, Cry. And one said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field: the grass withereth, the flower fadeth; because the breath of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the Word of our God shall stand forever.

"Change and decay in all around I see."

Or, as a great English poet wrote,

The Old Order changeth, yielding place to New,  
And God fulfils Himself in many ways,  
Lest one good custom should corrupt the world.

Generation after generation comes and passes away.

#### The Earth is One Vast Cemetery.

The Continents are built up amid the Oceans upon the bodies of the dead. Coral insects labor away down in the depths of the warm seas. In countless myriads they die and add their dead bodies to the dead bodies of their progenitors, until at last the coral reef comes up to the surface, where the last generation of the coral insect works its last work and dies.

Then there drifts to that coral reef, wood, plants and earth. Then a little island is formed. The palm-tree seed, sown by the birds, carried by the winds or washed thither by the waves, is planted.

In going through these seas, sometimes you see, high up in the sky, the fringed leaves waving, while the trunk is so slender that you do not see it in the distance. The beautiful green leaf of the cocoa-nut palm appears, as you come near it, growing up out of the white coral sand, the Continent of the Dead.

Except a grain of wheat fall into the earth and die, it abideth by itself alone; but if it die, it beareth much fruit.

There is a need for the planting of the seed which seems to die.

There is no form of Life so powerful as that which follows Death, as men call it.

Jesus made us understand this. When speaking of Himself, He said that He must needs die.

Except a man gives his very life, in doing his Divinely-appointed work, he will never be a great blessing to his race.

Unless the Son of God had given His Life for the world, we should have no life.

#### The Soliloquy of the Seeds.

You are looking forward to the Spring. You are looking forward to your little lawn. You have the grass seed, perhaps, all ready. You have thought out a lovely garden-plot. You have put away the little seeds which you intend to sow.

If you could get these seeds talking, as it were, if they were capable of it, they might, in their ignorance, say:

"How happy we are; we are so carefully guarded from all harm. We are enveloped in silver tissue paper and highly prized. The little children come and peep at us and say, 'Oh, I am so glad to see you there, you dear little rose seed, you dear little violet seed, you sweet little pansy seed, you beautiful lily seed. I am so glad to see you there.'"

"What pleasure we give the children, and how great is the care they take of us."

But, when the snow is gone, and you have well-prepared the soil, and all seems ready, perhaps your children say, "Mamma, isn't it time to plant the seeds? Cannot we do it today?"

"Wait a little longer, dear," you reply, "until the earth is warmer; until all the frost is out of it; until the sun shines more warmly. Then we will put the seeds in their little beds. Then we will plant the roses."

Then the day comes when you plant them. Your little ones are dancing around, saying, "We are going to plant the seeds today."

Then you or the gardener, whoever he or she may be, plants the seed.

All at once the seeds stop talking. They are planted. They are left alone. They hear no happy voices of children any more. They are in their graves.

Oh, what a chill comes over the seeds! If the seeds could talk, they would say, "Why put us here? We were so happy. The children buried us, laughing and dancing."

#### The Death of the Seeds, and Their New Life.

Then the seeds would be so lonely.

By and by they begin to feel something happening. They have wept so much, that they are beginning now to expand. They are breaking their hearts. They are crying out as they swell, down there in the earth under the influence of the rain,

and the water in the earth, and the sun: "It is getting so warm, and it is getting so terrible. What is this?"

They grow bigger. They are going to burst.

They cry, "Oh, I am going to die."

They die.

But the children are dancing around the flower beds. They say, "Mamma, when will it come up?"

"Oh, in a day or two, dear."

Presently, there is a little green shoot appears above the soil.

"Oh, mamma, it has come up, I saw it." And the little one is very happy.

Is the seed dead?

The little shoots which come up watch for the children, and if they could talk, would say: "Are we the same little seeds?"

The children will be laughing and playing around them, watching them grow, and watering them.

"Oh, how nice this is; it is better than when we were seeds," the roses, or the other lovely flowers say.

Then some day, somebody plucks the rose and takes it away. Ah, but the rose tree goes on to do its glorious work. Are there not within it thousands of new seeds which can be sown again?

Thousands of New Rose Bushes now bloom and blossom and bear flowers which never would have been had the little seeds we first saw not been buried in the earth, and died, as men call it.

#### Analogy of Man to the Seed.

Except a man die to sin, to self, to all that is evil, and lets the great God by His own infinitely wise processes expand him until his own old, old self is gone forever—except he die, he "abideth alone."

Look at the result of the death of the seed.

There are a hundred seeds where there was one. There are the many beautiful branches with their flowers continually growing throughout the season. They let some of the flowers grow. They do not pluck them. Then they take the seed from them, perhaps, a thousand fold.

Can we not learn this lesson: that the Word of God liveth and abideth forever, but the Word must be hid in good, honest hearts?

It must be planted.

It must grow.

It must die, if it is to live, and not until that Word becomes a new life can it ever fulfil its duty.

#### Story of the Mummy Wheat.

Only a mummy!

Only a dead Egyptian; 3000 years in the Pyramids. This is his skeleton. So frail is it, as they unrobe the mummy swathing, that when it is exposed to the atmosphere it crumbles into dust.

Three thousand years ago it was buried there.

Search in the mummy case. What strange things you find there!

"I say, I have some wheat," says Belzoni or one of his companions, and they look at it. There are the large grains of wheat which had been buried with the dead Egyptian 3000 years before.

"I wonder if it would grow?" says one.

"Yes," says another, "I believe it would."

"You take that mummy wheat," says Belzoni, "and plant it."

It was taken and planted. They watched to see whether a seed that had been buried in a pyramid, and in a mummy case with the dead, could grow after 3000 years.

It grew, and it grew, and it grew. They tell me that in this day there are vast waving fields of wheat all over Manitoba, and in many parts of Australia, which sprung from that handful of mummy wheat. It was carefully trained, carefully preserved, carefully resown, and none of it used until it came to be a great seed wheat.

Buried truths will lie for thousands of years, but if these truths are the Good Seed of the Word of God, then, when they are brought forth and sown again in the hearts of the people, they will bear an abundant harvest.

All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field: the grass withereth, the flower fadeth; because the breath of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the Word of our God shall stand forever.

What though the grass withereth, and the flower fadeth,

there is one thing which never withers. There is one thing which never fades. "The Word of our God shall stand forever." Thanks be to God for that! I am so glad that there is something which stands, and that it is the Word of God.

Jesus said:

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I have spoken unto you are spirit and are life.

#### God's Messenger Only Sows the Seed of Truth.

Sometimes, you will read in books, magazines and papers concerning this humble man who talks to you, "I wonder how Dr. Dowie does it. I wonder how he does it."

A great many people seem to imagine that I have some occult way of doing things. Oh, if they only knew what I have told them all the time, that I never did anything at all, but that I simply took the wheat, the golden grain which had been buried for hundreds of years in the mummy case of a dead Church. I took it. I said, "This seed is the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. This Word is true: 'I am the Lord that healeth thee.'"

I sowed the seed, and it grew, and it grew. Here (indicating the great audience) is some of the increase.

How did I do it?

I sowed the Good Seed.

I sowed beside all waters.

I sowed not only in the spring, but in the winter.

I sowed when the snow was on the ground.

I sowed sometimes when the thermometer was ninety-eight in the shade in Zion Tabernacle No. 2. I was melting away (laughter), but I sowed it, and I kept on sowing it.

Now, thanks be to God, you are sowing it. That is what the Lawsons and the Daily Liars do not understand. (Laughter.) They cannot understand how the Word of God is fulfilled.

I am so glad that those people who are but as the grass are never able to withstand for a moment the Word of God.

#### A Sure Stronghold is Our God.

The German hymn that has rolled down through centuries, comes to mind in this hour. I take Carlyle's translation:

A safe stronghold our God is still,  
A trusty shield and weapon;  
He'll help us clear from all the ill  
That hath us now o'er taken.  
The ancient Prince of Hell  
Hath risen with purpose fell;  
Strong mail of Craft and Power  
He weareth in this hour,  
On Earth is not his fellow.

With force of arms we nothing can,  
Full soon were we down-ridden;  
But for us fights the proper Man,  
Whom God Himself hath bidden.  
Ask ye, Who is this same?  
Christ Jesus is His Name,  
The Lord Zebaoth's Son,  
He and no other one  
Shall conquer in the battle.

And were this world all Devils o'er,  
And watching to devour us,  
We lay it not to heart so sore,  
Not they can overpower us.  
And let the Prince of Ill  
Look grim as e'er he will,  
He harms us not a whit:  
For why? His doom is writ,  
A word shall quickly slay him.

God's Word, for all their craft and force,  
One moment will not linger,  
But spite of hell, shall have its course,  
'Tis written by His finger.  
And though they take our life,  
Goods, honor, children, wife,  
Yet is their profit small;  
These things shall vanish all,  
The City of God remaineth.

Thanks be to God, the Word which God spoke shall be fulfilled, despite all the powers of hell in Chicago. Zion City shall be built, and God shall be glorified. (Applause. Amen.) This people shall do it. This is a Message from God.

My brothers and my sisters,

#### We are the Oldest Generation of the World.

Upon us have come all the ages, and all the generations of the past. The hosts of hell from beneath and the hosts of





heaven from above are looking at the Great Fight which must take place in this Twentieth Century.

Shall we be recreant to our God and fear the face of man?

Shall we be recreant to our God and fear the hate of Devils?

Shall we be recreant to our God and fear any power upon earth or in hell, or shall we be true to God, and go upward to Zion?

All who intend to go upward, Godward, in all their lives, stand up and tell Him so. (With a few exceptions, the entire audience arose.)

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. Take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be, in spirit, in soul, in body. Give me Thy Holy Spirit, that I may do right; that I may repent, restore and confess. Give me power to serve Thee. Help me to take the Good Seed of Thy Word and plant it in many desolate hearts, and water it with sympathetic tears, and shine upon it with sympathetic love. Then let Thy Seed grow in my heart, and may I know that although this body shall pass away, my spirit will live forever, and that that which Thou hast sown in me on earth will live in heaven. For His sake help me to believe this and rightly to do Thy will in Jesus' Name. Amen. (All repeat the prayer, clause by clause, after the General Overseer.)

When the audience had finished this solemn prayer, with an earnestness which betokened its sincerity, they stood, silently, with bowed heads and prayerful hearts, while the sweet voices of Zion's White-robed Choir sang the Recessional,

Saviour, again to Thy dear Name we raise,  
With one accord, our parting hymn of praise.

Following them, the Officers of the Church marched slowly down the aisle, the General Overseer leaving the platform last.

Then, as the voices of the singers ceased in the distance, the voice of the General Overseer was heard in the

BENEDICTION.

Jehovah bless thee, and keep thee:  
Jehovah make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:  
Jehovah lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee Peace.  
Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

After a brief intermission, the General Overseer reappeared on the platform, with Overseers Piper, Speicher and Mason and Deacons C. J. Barnard and H. Worthington Judd, without the robes of their offices.

The audience was still very large, fully 2000 remaining to the Conference.

## THE ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE DEFIED.

**The General Overseer Strongly Denies the Right of the Legislature to Investigate Zion City Bank. An Attempted Blow from the Hand of the Black Pope.**

Legislation against Zion has often been threatened in the Illinois Legislature; but even those who knew best the notorious character of that remarkable body scarce expected that the first attempt would be anything quite so idiotically absurd as the resolution for the investigation of the affairs of Zion City Bank proposed by young Representative Francis E. Donoghue, of the Fifteenth Senatorial District.

The General Overseer dealt with this crudely-constructed attack upon Zion Financial Institutions with characteristic energy and thoroughness, in a Conference of the members of the Church, held at the close of the afternoon service on Lord's Day afternoon, February 17, 1901.

The Conference brought out not only the fact that Zion City Bank had not a single discontented depositor, and Zion Institutions not a single dissatisfied investor, but the unprecedented pledge of financial support to their last dollar, from two thousand people.

The Conference was opened by singing Hymn Number 151. All then joined in repeating the ninety-first Psalm. After the congregation had sung "All Hail the Power of

Jesus' Name," the General Overseer offered the following prayer:

PRAYER BY THE GENERAL OVERSEER.

Our Father who art in the heavens, we ask Thee in Jesus' Name that the Spirit of Wisdom, and of understanding and of knowledge, and of the fear of the Lord may be given to us that we may be of quick understanding in the fear of God, not judging after the seeing of the eyes or the hearing of the ears.

Help us, O God, never to fight behind entrenchments, but to go forward at the first challenge of the enemy and to sweep out of the way those who would prevent the extension of Thy Kingdom. O God, help us therefore to do our work tonight in Jesus' Name, and for His sake, that the way to Zion City may be made plainer and plainer, and that the City may be gloriously built and Zion established for Jesus' sake. Amen. (Amen.)

General Overseer—What I say to you I desire to say generally.

I desire that every one of you here will most carefully consider what I say.

I suppose you do not read the *Daily News* now, do you?

Audience—"No."

General Overseer—Do you read the *Chicago Record*?

Audience—"No."

General Overseer—I heard of an Overseer who read the paper over another man's shoulder (laughter), but the Overseer told me that he only promised not to buy it. I think that was all I said about it.

You promised me that you would not spend a penny on these papers of Victor Lawson's, did you not?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Do you intend to keep that promise?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—I will have to spend some pennies on them at our Headquarters Offices just to enable us to see what the Devil is doing in these vile papers.

Last evening when I was at supper and looking at the evening papers, the first thing I saw was what I am going to ask Overseer Piper to read. I wish you to listen very closely. I will ask him to read every line, because there is a very useful old Latin maxim which reads *obsta principis*, which means "resist beginnings." I have always found, in this great warfare, that when there was a fire started, the first thing was to stamp it out, and to stamp it out quickly.

When there was a leak, I always found it a good thing to stop the leak quickly.

When there is a fight, have it quickly done and through.

I took up that fight last week, and smashed the lie concerning the alleged drug store smashers being members of this Church. There has been no more of that Lie which Victor Lawson's papers originated, not a whisper. Where are the drug store smashers? How very mysteriously did they all disappear after I proved that there were none of them in Zion, and, in fact, that they did not exist!

Beloved friends, I have not the slightest doubt that Victor Lawson was looking about all week for some way in which he might get back at Zion. I do not blame him. If I were the Devil, I should get back at Zion every time. I could not help it. If I were the Devil, I would be wicked.

If I were Victor Lawson, I should do the same thing. He could not help it. He is a wicked Hypocrite; a mean Scoundrel; a Liar; a Thief. He has been at that work so many years that he thinks he can succeed by going on with it. But Zion in the power of God will crush that generation of vipers who are now misleading and deceiving the masses of the people by suppressing the truth and manufacturing lies concerning Zion.

I desire to show this whole Nation and world that

**Lying Does Not Pay.**

God has answered my prayers, and has delivered Zion every time, has He not?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—He will deliver her this time?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—This is only something which is going to be done. If it is done, I will let all concerned know what Zion will do.

Please to read that article, Overseer Piper, just as it is printed in the *Daily News* of last night in this city. Overseer Piper then read the article:

### MAY PROBE ZION BANK.

RESOLUTION FOR INVESTIGATION WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

### DOWIE'S DEALS ARE LARGE.

F. E. DONOGHUE AUTHOR OF THE MEASURE—APPLIES TO ALL UNCHARTERED BANKING FIRMS.

John Alexander Dowie's Zion City Bank will be investigated by the State Legislature if a resolution prepared by Representative Francis E. Donoghue, of the Fifteenth Senatorial District, passes.

The measure calls for the appointment by Speaker Sherman of a committee of five members to probe the private banking business in general and "Dr." Dowie's savings institution in particular. It will be introduced in the House of Representatives next week.

The investments in the Zion City, near Waukegan, made by Dowie recently, together with the general air of mystery surrounding all the Zion financial interests, have led Representative Donoghue to think it would be well to lay bare the entire business, so it can be learned whether or not the depositors' funds are endangered. Other members have promised to support the measure, according to Mr. Donoghue, and it is known there has been a general feeling on the part of many members some such steps should be taken.

#### THE RESOLUTION IN FULL.

The resolution is as follows:

"WHEREAS, There exist in the City of Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois, institutions receiving savings deposits and transacting other banking business, without any official supervision for the protection of depositors, among such institutions being a bank known and described as the Zion City Bank, which is said to be owned, operated and controlled by John Alexander Dowie, alleged faith-healer; and

"WHEREAS, There have been deposited in said Zion City Bank large and numerous sums of money, to be held in trust or invested for the benefit and use of the said depositors; and

"WHEREAS, In such an institution as said Zion City Bank, where one man may be led by a religious enthusiasm or untrained business judgment to make reckless investments, or be misled into other mismanagement of depositors' funds, there is constant danger of disaster which would be attended by impairment of trust funds and consequent loss to thousands of poor people, the depositors, or their hard-earned savings; and

"WHEREAS, It is notorious that the said John Alexander Dowie, or his agents, have purchased hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of property at tremendously inflated values, as a site for a proposed city or religious community, and contemplate adding thereon improvements which in the aggregate will amount to an enormous sum; and as failure to realize profits on said real estate speculation, or any circumstance adversely affecting the success of that enterprise, would be likely to involve the Dowie interests in financial ruin; and

"WHEREAS, It is currently reported that the said banking institution has expended other large sums of money in questionable enterprises; and

"WHEREAS, The recent failure of a number of private banks has demonstrated the necessity of some regulations for the protection of innocent and trusting depositors; therefore be it

"Resolved, By the members of the House of Representatives hereof assembled, that a committee of five members be appointed by the Speaker for the purpose of investigating conditions surrounding the private savings bank business in general in the City of Chicago, and said Zion City Bank in particular, to learn what regulations, if any, exist for the protection of depositors; whether the funds of said Zion City Bank have been used for speculations of any character whatsoever; who, if any one, is associated with said John Alexander Dowie in the management or financial responsibility of said Bank; what collateral or other security is in existence as representing the assets of said Bank, if any; what margin of cash is kept on hand for use in the event of a 'run'; and to report back to this honorable body with recommendations as to needed legislation not later than April 1, 1901; and be it further

"Resolved, That the committee are hereby invested with full power and authority to send for persons, papers, and books, administer oaths and examine witnesses."

#### DONOGHUE EXPLAINS HIS BILL.

"Dowie has been making a lot of investments lately and some of them look pretty wild on their face," said Mr. Donoghue today in explaining his motives, "and a number of the members think something should be done toward protecting the depositors. There cannot be too many restrictions placed around the banking business respecting savings, and when a man brings religious pressure to bear upon communicants of his faith in order to induce them to deposit their funds in his Bank, it is time that the subject should be looked into.

"So far as I can learn everything connected with this so-called Zion is in Dowie's name, not as trustee for the Church, but personally. There is much in that connection which I am convinced would repay investigation. I made inquiry of the State Auditor, and he says there are absolutely no State regulations affecting such banks as Dowie's, so there is no way of finding out what is being done except by special investigation."

#### Zion City Bank Depositors Contented and Confident.

The General Overseer then continued:

I will make short work of it as far as we are concerned.

Let every one who has a dollar in Zion City Bank, or a dollar in any of Zion's Investments, stand. (Several hundred arose.)

Is there one, man or woman, amongst you who desires the Illinois Legislature to investigate Zion City Bank?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—If there is, say Yes.

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—I will ask another question of both you standing and you sitting. Has any one of you ever been unable to get from Zion City Bank any money you put there?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—Is there any one of you who knows of a single discontented depositor?

Audience—"No."

General Overseer—If there is, say Yes. I want that discontented depositor to go down tomorrow morning and get his money at once.

Is there one of you discontented?

Audience—"No."

General Overseer—Are you afraid?

Audience—"No."

General Overseer—We would be better off without any who are discontented; but I do not believe there is one who is. I thank you.

Do you think that Zion is afraid of investigation?

Audience—"No."

General Overseer—Do you think we ought to allow investigation?

Audience—"No."

General Overseer—Do you think it is right for us to show exactly what money you have in the Bank?

Audience—"No."

General Overseer—Is that the business of Mr. Donoghue or anybody else?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—I will further question: Is there one single person, whether a member of this Church or not, who has any charge to make against Zion Investments of any kind? If there is one, let him stand up. We will give him the floor. (There was absolutely no response to this offer.)

Now let me deal with this thing.

#### Who Is Mr. Francis E. Donoghue?

What does it mean? I wanted to know who this young man was. On Saturday night I found nobody who knew anything about him. Our own attorney, who knows all the attorneys of standing in the city, and has been in practice in the city for more than thirty years, knew nothing about him.

A noticeable fact about this, first of all, is that it was only the *Daily News* yesterday that had this information. Neither the *Post*, nor the *Journal*, nor the *American*, nor any of the morning papers, *Tribune*, *Times-Herald*, *Inter-Ocean* or *Chronicle*, knew anything about it. But the *Daily News* knows all about it.

What is it?

It is nothing that has happened, but something that may happen. If a certain resolution prepared by Representative Francis E. Donoghue passes in the House at Springfield, then the Illinois Legislature may examine Zion City Bank.

I shall not be at all troubled at what the Illinois Legislature may choose to do. If the Illinois Legislature chooses to undertake a quixotic attack upon Zion City Bank, it will have to take the consequences, just as some other people have had to take the consequences of their attacks upon Zion. Every attack has failed to injure Zion.

I am not afraid of the Illinois State Legislature.

I am not afraid of the Congress of the United States.

I am not afraid of any man or combination of men living.

I fear God, and I will keep His commands. (Amen. Applause.)

Has any depositor of Zion City Bank called for an investigation?

Voices—"No."

After talking over the phone last night with Attorney Packard, I set to work to find out what I could gather about this young man. I did not know whether he was young or old at the time, but the Sunday papers had something, I was told, and two of them were brought to me, the *Chronicle* and the *Tribune*. The *Tribune* has a portrait of this novice, in which it says that the author of this proposed resolution represents the



Fifteenth Senatorial District and is serving his first term in the Legislature.

Yes, I should think he was. (Laughter.) This looks like the action of an imprudent first term man. It looks like the work of a kindergarten child in the school of legislation.

He lives at 308 West Adams Street, and has resided in the district since his birth, twenty-nine years ago.

After graduating from St. Ignatius College, the Jesuit College of Chicago, he became associated with Jesse Holdom, and was admitted to the bar eight years ago when he was just twenty-one.

Then I looked at the face the *Tribune* pictured. I have been accustomed to look at faces. This face is one-fourth chin, one-fourth forehead, and two-fourths cheek. (Laughter and applause.)

I would be unworthy of the honor which you have done me all through, and of the confidence which thousands upon thousands of persons repose in me throughout the world, if I did not at once take this shameful thing, which he says he will ask the House of Representatives to pass, and strangle it in the very beginning.

#### Defiance to Rome.

This young man is a harmless kind of legislative tyro in himself, no doubt, but he has suffered himself to be made a tool of—whom? A tool of the Devil.

St. Ignatius College is attached to the Jesuit Church on Twelfth Street, I think, near Blue Island Avenue. What is the Jesuit Order?

Before I go further, let me say, I have been wondering when Rome would show her hand.

I have expected all through that one of the next big fights would be with that old Harlot of Babylon; the Mother of Harlots, Rome. If Rome wants a fight with Zion, she can have it whenever she likes. The Christian Catholic Church in Zion does not fear for a moment the Jesuitical Catholic Church in Rome. (Applause. Amen.)

If the time has come for me to lay bare what Rome is, I am ready. I have long been ready.

I am an old fighter in regard to Rome. I have wrestled with one at least of her greatest ecclesiastics.

In the conflict in Australia between myself and Archbishop Vaughn the result was declared immediately by the fact that his pamphlet, which I analyzed at the request of the entire Protestant community in Sydney, New South Wales, was withdrawn from circulation as soon as my pamphlet appeared. Friends and foes admitted that. His was entitled "Hidden Springs," and my reply, to which thousands listened in 1877, was entitled "Rome's Polluted Springs."

For years my life was in great danger from the Jesuit power. I dare say it is still.

This move is, in my judgment, a Jesuit move. Rome has become seriously alarmed. Rome, through the Jesuit Order, marks and watches the rising up of any power that will be likely to damage the papacy.

When Rome desires to reach a man who damages her, she employs that "Society of Jesus," as it is miscalled, which has been so infamous in all the ages since it was brought into existence by Ignatius de Loyola, whose so-called *Spiritual Exercises* require a Jesuit "to be like a corpse which has neither will nor understanding, or like a small crucifix which is turned about at the will of him that holds it, or like a staff in the hands of an old man who uses it as may best assist or please him." The General of the Jesuits, called by the Roman populace the Black Pope, controls absolutely every member of the Society, and, therefore, Francis E. Donoghue, novice of that Order in all probability, is simply *ac cadaver*, "as a corpse," in the hands of the clever and unscrupulous Jesuit Fathers of St. Ignatius College and Church in Chicago. The White Popes have either been the bitter foes of the Jesuit Order, or its creatures and slaves. Popes Urban III, Innocent XI, Alexander VIII and Clement XII opposed the Jesuits, and Clement XIV, in 1773, issued a Brief of Suppression and commanded them to disperse at once. But other Popes have been their tools, as Pius IX, the immediate predecessor of the present Pope Leo XIII: for they procured the declaration of the Infallibility of the former by the Vatican Council, and caused the election of the latter. Therefore the Jesuits are supreme at Rome and in America, and the Black Pope, their General, has apparently given his orders.

When Rome wants to destroy an antagonist, she employs the Black Pope.

The White Pope is Leo XIII. The Black Pope is the Jesuit General. I fear neither the White Pope, nor the Black Pope. (Applause.)

#### Rome Fears Zion.

Zion is like the Israelites of old who marched out of Egypt. They were trained in the desert. They marched upon Caanan, and the fear of them made the hearts of the heathen to be like water. The fear of Zion is such that you cannot talk to a priest or an apostate minister of any Church but the very words Zion and Dowie give them an epileptic fit, as it were. (Applause and laughter.)

This attack, properly understood, is a great compliment to Zion.

Do any of you believe that poor Mr. Francis E. Donoghue is lying awake at night weeping over the possibility of poor people losing their money in Zion City Bank? (Applause and laughter. Cries of "No.")

Has he anything there?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—Have any of his friends anything there? Have any of our depositors asked him to do this?

Who has asked him?

Voices—"The Jesuits."

General Overseer—The Black Pope, the Jesuit General.

If I am called upon to fight this fight, I shall probably tell you at great length what are the principles of Jesuitism which this young man imbibed at St. Ignatius College, and of which he is probably a novice.

There are six, or possibly seven, grades of Jesuits: Novices, Scholastics, Temporal Coadjutors, Spiritual Coadjutors, Professors of the Three Vows, and Professors of the Four Vows, and it is evident, too, that there is a seventh grade, known in Europe as "Jesuits of the Short Robe."

#### Rome Has a Covetous Eye Upon America.

Despairing of conquering Europe, from which they are being driven every day, the Jesuits are determined to conquer America. But God has raised up Zion. The true Catholic Church will conquer, and not a false Catholic Church. (Applause.)

Rome sees in Zion her greatest danger. She is sharp. She is bright. She knows when danger comes. She knows that it is not in the big, worn-out, effete organizations where the ministers are too busy riding goats at night and eating banquets to be of any danger to Rome, but that it is in an organization like this, where, from the General Overseer to the humblest man and woman, the members are devoted to God, to truth, to purity, are willing to coöperate, with their money, and with their time, and with their talent, and are willing to live and die and stand together for the Extension of the Kingdom of God. (Applause.)

All who are willing to do that, stand. (With a very few exceptions, the entire audience arose.)

I will not deal with Rome very much further today. I give Rome notice, however, that if this thing goes on, I will hunt it down. Then there will be more than the exposure of the poor little fledgling with one-fourth brain, one-fourth chin and two-fourths cheek.

I shall feel that the time has come when I must tighten my girdle and go out for the biggest fight of my life. That will be to smash the Roman Catholic Church in Chicago (applause), and to deal it a heavier blow throughout the world than it received in Luther's time.

That fight must come some day. I feel it must.

Ah, Rome feels that the people are slipping from her grasp in all parts of America. They are here in the fellowship of this Church in hundreds and in thousands, and they are coming.

#### Mr. Donoghue's Proposed Resolution Examined.

Let us look at this suggested resolution of this poor little lawyer.

God in Zion has entrusted to me for the past five years the oversight of her ecclesiastical, her educational and her business interests. Have they suffered?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—What is the verdict of our enemies?

This man says that Zion must be investigated because of current reports. What are they? He says that large and

numerous sums of money are put in that Bank and are in great danger because of the "one man who may be led by religious enthusiasm or untrained business judgment, to make reckless investments."

Now it is exceedingly impudent of a young lawyer twenty-nine years of age, who when I came to this city was only a boy of eighteen, to look in the face of a man of nearly fifty-four who has my experience and say to him that he is untrained in religion and in business.

Who is this who passes this verdict? A boy, young enough to be my son—a piece of downright impudence!

I was in business, and in the front of a large business, eight years before this young man was born. When he was admitted to the bar eight years ago, a mere boy of twenty-one, I had been God's minister for twenty-four years.

#### Witness of the General Overseer's Enemies to His Business Ability.

It is a piece of remarkable impudence upon the part of a youth of this kind to speak of me as an untrained business man, especially when even our adversaries among the newspapers even in Chicago say in the plainest of plain terms that whatever you may think of my religion, there is no question about my business ability.

The *Chronicle* said last week, in effect, that if I had not the harmlessness of a dove, there was nothing in the way of the wisdom of the serpent which could beat me in America. (Applause.)

Or shall we put it as did the *Economist*, the great real estate paper, which said that my investments had been of so remarkably a successful character that they had not only proved of immense value, but they had raised the entire value of land along the "North Shore" of Lake Michigan.

The *Financial Times* of London said: "The potential importance of Dr. Dowie's plan is plainly manifest."

The Nottingham papers said:

Dr. Dowie is admired in Nottingham. Nobody is very certain if he ever visited the place at all; certainly he never carried on there such a campaign as we lately witnessed at St. Martin's Town Hall.

But there is hardly a man of any importance in connection with the lace trade of Nottingham, no matter what may be the branch with which he is chiefly concerned, who has not lost some of his best hands.

Dr. Dowie or his agent at Beeston has known whom to choose, and will relieve Nottingham of none of its useless labor.

The *Evening Journal* of this city said: "If Dr. Dowie would float a few millions of stock, there are a good many shrewd investors who would take a little Zion preferred."

The *Tribune*, the very next morning after I had announced this purchase, said: "In any case, however, Dr. Dowie has probably made a safe and profitable investment from which he may later realize an immense unearned increment."

Not one paper in all this Continent or in Europe has criticised my business capacity, but praised it, and especially in connection with our purchase of ten square miles of land near Chicago as a site for Zion City.

Who, then, is this youth of twenty-nine years, this "corpse," or "crucifix," or "staff" of the Black Pope who has come to judgment? (Laughter.)

#### Donoghue a Cat's-paw of the Jesuits.

The contemptible cat's-paw of that Scoundrel, Thief and Liar, Victor Lawson, as well as the contemptible cat's-paw of the Black Pope, who would put a dagger in my heart tonight, if he could! He thinks, however, he can effect more by ruining Zion City Bank, and thus bringing to ruin all Zion's plans in religion, education, and business.

Can he do it?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—I do not believe he can. I thought I some day should have this fight, and I begin to smell it coming: for the atmosphere of the Press has been getting more and more sulphurous.

He says next that I have bought the land at tremendously inflated prices. If he can go in and buy the land at fifty per cent more than I paid for it anywhere as near Chicago as Zion City, he will be the cleverest real estate man in this city.

#### Regarding the Prices Paid for Zion City Land.

The fact is that we have bought that vast tract of land, ten square miles, at less than \$200 per acre on the average, with two miles and a half frontage on Lake Michigan, with not a single bad acre in the whole of it. It would be profitable for

cabbage-growing at that price. We could make money out of it in growing garden truck.

He lies. He knows that land so situated cannot begin to be bought now at the price we paid for it; and that the getting together of so vast an area of land in one compact block for a city site, cannot possibly be duplicated between Chicago and the Wisconsin border, along the shores of Lake Michigan. That fact alone makes the land of immensely greater value: for it requires skill, time, wisdom and money to effect so large a purchase.

Does he possess the power to do better?

Let him do something before he again embodies his impudent, ignorant and impotent criticisms of Zion's Land Investments.

What are the facts as to the actual value of my investment in behalf of Zion?

Did we not print within a short time after our purchase that Mr. Kilgallen, who had financed successfully the townsite of Chicago Heights, made, through my attorney, an offer of half a million dollars for our bargain?

In our Editorial Notes in LEAVES OF HEALING for February 10, 1900 (Volume VI, Number 16, pages 503-4), the following appears:

We are receiving from all sides evidences of the confidence that the best business men in Chicago have in Zion City. This is seen in all branches of the city's commerce; but especially among real estate men.

It is manifested in many curious ways, among which are a number of offers to ourselves personally to buy from us what we have purchased, and pay us a very large sum of money upon our bargain.

One of these is set forth in the following letter which we have just received from Zion's esteemed attorney, Mr. Samuel W. Packard:

#### \* LAW OFFICES OF SAMUEL W. PACKARD.

"Suite 1513 Ashland Block,

"N. E. Cor. Clark and Randolph Streets.

"CHICAGO, February 6, 1900.

\* REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE,

"1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

\* Dear Doctor:—Today Mr. M. H. Kilgallen, the General Manager of the Chicago Heights Land Association, was in my office on a business matter not connected with Zion City, and took occasion to say some very pleasant things about your undertaking which I thought you would be glad to hear.

\* He said if you wanted to sell out your option on this six-thousand-acre tract of land, he could find you a purchaser at a nice advance above what it has cost you.

\* He regarded the plan as a very nice one outside even of the question of having a loyal constituency ready to take the lots and become residents of the city.

\* He thought you secured the land at a very low figure, considering its character, location and compact form.

\* He has been frequently called into courts here as an expert on the value of outlying land, and is probably the best posted man today in Chicago as to the value of a body of land located as this is.

\* He considered it very advantageous, as well as unusual, that the option contracts enabled you to get the land as you wanted it without having to pay but a small portion of the purchase price down, and the balance to run without interest for so long a time.

\* I told him that you would not sell the land and there was no use to try to induce you to part with it, but that I would report to you what he had said, as I knew it would please you to find out how your purchase was regarded by outsiders capable of forming a correct judgment on the enterprise.

\* Yours very truly,

S. W. PACKARD.\*

When we received this letter, we immediately telephoned to Mr. Packard, requesting him to ask Mr. Kilgallen if he had any objection to permitting us to publish his opinion in LEAVES OF HEALING.

He at once replied to Mr. Packard, "Certainly not; he is quite at liberty. I meant just what I said, and I mean it all still."

We thank him for his kindness: for his opinion is of very great value, being entirely unsolicited and wholly disinterested. It was given at the very time he was desirous of purchasing our property, a circumstance which adds to its value.

The well-known fact that he is frequently called as a witness in the upper courts as to the value of lands in the immediate vicinity of Chicago suitable for town sites, and the further fact that he has been the successful promoter of the beautiful town known as Chicago Heights, south of Chicago, adds strength to his opinion.

The assertion that this gentleman is "probably the best posted man today in Chicago as to the value of a body of land situated as this is," would be very generally confirmed by all Chicago business men whose opinion is of value in such matters.

Conductor Rice knows this gentleman. What does he say at this time about my investments?

Conductor Rice—"I saw him last night. He says they are all right. He is interested. He talked more about Zion City than he did about Chicago Heights." (Laughter.)

General Overseer—I am not going to give the business secrets of Zion even to Zion itself. Zion trusts me, do you not?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—If you do not, I will ask God to take me to heaven.

**If Zion Did Not Trust Me, I Would Not Care to Live.**

I have nothing to live for, but the work of God. I would not care about living, if I did not have the favor of God and the confidence of my people. But I have that favor and that confidence.

This is an attempt to break my heart, and to destroy that confidence; but it will take more than a little Jesuit novice, a petty lawyer in his first term in the Legislature, to overthrow this mighty work of God in Zion. (Amen.)

He lies when he says, in this proposed resolution, that I purchased land at tremendously inflated values. Mr. Kilgallen is an expert upon land matters. He is often chosen as a referee, and appears in the courts as being able to give authoritative testimony as to the value of land. It is he who offered me half a million dollars for my bargain, which was an advance of thirty-three and one-third per cent upon my purchase.

If I chose to dishonor myself by selling the site of Zion City, I could get millions. But I would count it fraud. It would not be fraud legally.

Everything has been done in my name, and everything has been done by the sweat of my brain, and I would have a right, if I chose, to the profits. But I did it in the Name of God, and in the name of my people.

I stood here on the first day of last year, and said that this was God's land which I had purchased. If it is God's, it is not mine.

**Zion City Land Is God's Forever.**

If I were to take advantage of my own legal position today, I could sell out Zion and put \$5,000,000 gold in my pocket. But if I do so, write Ichabod upon my forehead, and Ichabod upon the Christian Catholic Church in Zion; for the glory will have departed, and the Devil will be in possession.

Hence, if any man in Chicago should come to me and say, "Dr. Dowie, there are ten millions for you, or ten millions for Zion, if you will part with your interests in that land on the North Shore," I would say, "No, sir."

In the first place, the land is worth more to Zion than ten millions, and in the second place, there is no money in America that could buy it. It is God's, and it is my belief that it will be God's forever. (Applause. Amen.)

I say this because I desire the fact to go far and wide throughout the world; that as long as there is breath in my body I will preserve every foot of that investment for God. I will not sell an inch of it. I thought of giving you leases for 1100 years, but Mr. Packard's investigation has proved the legality of a 4000-year lease. So I may give you a 4000-year lease. (Applause and laughter.)

It appears that there is a decision in one of the highest courts concerning a 4000-year lease, holding that it is good in law. Therefore, I will give you a lease, which will forever keep out the pig and the pills, the drugs and the tobacco, and the damning liquor, and will give us power to root out at once any violations of the lease, and immediately suppress any place which is used for gambling or immorality.

Zion City shall be clean. (Amen.)

That is what they hate. They see it is coming, and they are trying by every means to destroy it.

He says, in this proposed resolution, that a number of private banks have failed, and it is necessary therefore to examine Zion City Bank.

**Defiance to the Legislature at Springfield.**

I have made up my mind as to what I am now going to say: Mr. Donoghue, you say you will get Speaker Sherman to appoint a committee of five to come down here and call for me and call for my books, and investigate Zion's most private business.

There is a scene in Shakespeare's King Henry Fourth where the following brief dialogue occurs:

Glendower—"I can call spirits from the vasty deep."

Hotspur—"Why, so can I, or so can any man;

But will they come when you do call for them?"

Yes, Novice Donoghue, "But will they come?" There's the rub. (Laughter and applause.)

I commend that quotation to the Legislature at Springfield. (Applause and laughter.)

You can call for me. You can call for my books, but I will

not tell you anything about my business, nor tell how much money my people have to their credit. That is their business and mine, and we trust each other. (Amen.)

Moreover, it is none of your business, Messrs. Legislators. If you will pass a law which says that private banks shall disclose their business to public examiners, you will have to make it applicable not only to John Alex. Dowie and Zion City Bank, but to N. W. Harris & Co., to A. O. Slaughter & Co., to Farson, Leach & Co., Knight Donnelley & Co., Lyon, Gary & Co., Jamieson & Co., Farwell Granger & Co., all doing business, with many others, as Private Bankers in the City of Chicago; and you will also have to extend it to every one of the one hundred and thirty Private Banks in the State of Illinois. Perhaps you will also get it in New York to apply to J. Pierpont Morgan & Co., and Russell Sage.

I think you will find yourselves in a very considerable mess if you attempt to say that a man, whether he is a banker or a draper, whether he is a grocer or a steel manufacturer, if he has any private business, shall be compelled to open his books to the Illinois Legislature.

**There is Something Bigger Than the Illinois Legislature.**

Gentlemen of the Legislature, I think there are a few honest men among you. I think there are some sensible men among you. I think there are a number of business men among you. I think there are some good lawyers among you. I think these ought to prevent your going into such a foolish business.

If I do not come, the Legislature, it is said, can do something. What can they do?

They can arrest me for contempt.

Yes; I once told a Court in Chicago, during our year of persecution, 1895, when the Judge threatened to punish me for contempt, "That is simply impossible."

He said, "I can."

I said, "You cannot; this Court is beneath contempt." (Laughter.) And the Court went no further: for he well knew it to be true.

**The Result of a Fight With the Legislature Would be a Victory for Zion.**

They might arrest me for contempt, but there is such a thing as the Habeas Corpus Act. If they arrested me for contempt, I should at once call upon the highest court in this city, the Federal Court, to release me on a writ of habeas corpus. Then I should fight the matter out with the Illinois Legislature, and the results of the fight would be three things:

First, I should win.

Second, they would lose. (Laughter and applause.)

Third, Zion City would get an advertisement worth half a million dollars. (Applause and laughter.)

I hope the Illinois Legislature will not attempt the impossible.

Nothing can ever take away my common law rights or yours. I can trust you with a dollar if I please. You can trust me with a dollar if you please. If we think that it is in good hands, the Illinois Legislature has nothing at all to do with it. Is that not fair and square?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Zion is not afraid of investigation. It would be found, if there were an investigation tomorrow, that what we consider to be ample and enormously large collateral is to be found in Zion City Bank, against every advance; and that we have a sufficient sum in gold coin immediately available to meet our depositors' demands.

I ask the Manager, is that not true?

Deacon Barnard—"It is true."

General Overseer—Do you consider that the securities which you hold are, in the names and in the property they represent, immensely more than the advances you have made?

Deacon Barnard—"Yes, sir."

General Overseer—Is that your solemn statement?

Deacon Barnard—"Yes, sir."

General Overseer—Is it yours, Deacon Peckham, Cashier of the Bank?

Deacon Peckham—"Yes, sir."

General Overseer—Is it yours, so far as you know the affairs of the Bank, Deacon Judd?

Deacon Judd—"Yes, sir."

General Overseer—I am Proprietor of the Bank by the

unanimous voice of my people. All that Zion wants to know is that those who have the conduct of affairs are satisfied.

**It Would be a Very Unwise Thing to Let Every One Know Just How Zion is Managing Her Affairs.**

Any man of business knows that.

I have some deals in hand, in connection with Zion affairs, which would be seriously affected by information as to our intentions being given.

For instance, if I were planning to buy a forest of lumber, and the books and the correspondence disclosed where we were going to buy it, I would be handicapped in that deal, and Zion would have to pay more money for the lumber. I am buying lumber, I tell you plainly, and I am buying coal. (Laughter.)

I am buying for Zion General Stores, and I find business people everywhere eager to do business with Zion on every line.

There is nobody I know in Chicago who has Mr. Donoghue's opinion. I am of the opinion it is not his opinion. If it is his opinion, his opinion is, as the editor of the *Knickerbocker Magazine* once said, "worth a little less than nothing at all." (Laughter.)

A year ago a sustained attack was made upon Zion's Financial Institutions. What was the result? Within two weeks Zion's Financial Institutions showed about \$80,000 larger resources. Is that true? Do you remember it?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—I told it publicly. If you know of a single dissatisfied depositor, send him down tomorrow morning to Zion City Bank to get his money. Those, if any, who are dissatisfied, do not trust us, and we do not trust them. I know there will be none.

I will read to you a letter from a brother in Pennsylvania:

DEAR BROTHER:—Ever since the persecutions at Mansfield, Ohio, I have believed that you are a people of God. Hence I have full confidence in you. I send you \$1,700 for investment. (Applause.)

He is not a member of the Church.

A member of Dr. Lawrence's Second Baptist Church came down last week with \$2,000 and told Deacon Barnard there was more to follow. We want him to follow. (Applause.)

**An Unparalleled Pledge of Financial Support.**

Mr. Donoghue says that his great *fear* is lest a run should take place upon the Bank.

His great *hope* is that there will be. That is what he means. He would like to make a run; but we will make him run before we are through with him. (Applause and laughter.)

I am right in saying, from my knowledge of the seating capacity of the building, that there are close upon 2000 persons in this building at this moment.

I will ask you, my brothers and my sisters, if our enemies could cause a run upon the Bank, would you not come to my aid with the last dollar in your pockets?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—All who would do that, stand. (Without an instant's hesitation, with possibly an exception or two, the entire audience arose.)

If I had a run tomorrow, would you bring me every dollar you had?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—Every dollar you could borrow?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—One word more, and I will close. I will stand here for a minute or two and answer any proper question that any depositor or shareholder in Zion's Institutions likes to ask. If there is one of you who desires to ask a question, stand up and ask it now.

A Brother—"I would like to have some more stock. Can I have it tomorrow?" (Applause and laughter.)

General Overseer—Any one else? Yes, you can get more stock.

**The Day Will Come When Zion Stock Will be Unprocurable.**

Just now it is procurable, and we can do very well with hundreds of thousands of dollars of capital this year to rapidly extend Zion Industries, and make the improvements to the City. I thank God for this confidence.

I will now tell you a little story. Deacon — came up

from — a few days ago, and as nearly as I can recall his conversation, this happened

He said, after talking about other matters—you know he is a bright business man: "General Overseer, I have a proposition which may mean a hundred thousand dollars stock in Zion Lace Industries. Will you permit me to make it to you?"

I said, "I do not deal with these things in detail. I turn them over to Deacons Judd and Barnard."

He said, "There is a reason for my making it to you."

I told him to proceed.

**An Extraordinary Offer.**

He said: "A certain gentleman in — greatly admires your business capacity. He is not a member of Zion, but says that he will sell out his stocks—and they are good stocks—in a certain concern to the extent of a hundred thousand dollars. He will start with \$15,000 today, if you will vary the Agreement slightly."

I said, "Stop! I will never do it. I will never have one Agreement for the mass of my people, and another Agreement for some rich people. There is one Agreement for everybody. Is not the Agreement good enough?"

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—He said Yes, too. But the answer he made, laughingly, was this: "General Overseer, he does not object to the Agreement, except on one point. You claim the right to end that Agreement; to give one year's notice and pay any or all stockholders out. That gentleman has so much confidence in you that he wants you to give him a written or verbal Agreement that you will keep that money in Zion Lace Industries for twenty-one years."

I said, "I will not do it."

I will tell you why.

**Shareholders Not Members of Zion to be Early Paid Out of Zion Lace Industries.**

In Zion Lace Industries, we propose to give six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven and twelve per cent, each year of the first seven, respectively, and twelve per cent thereafter for fourteen years, subject to the right to pay off stockholders at any time upon giving one year's notice.

I may keep the money for seven years; I will not even guarantee that. But at the end of the seven years, I shall put my little ax upon my shoulder and walk into the garden and say to the gardener, "I see the stockholders fattening, growing rich upon twelve per cent. Tell me, Deacon Barnard—put a tab upon the neck of each one who is not a member of Zion."

He puts a tab upon the neck of each one who is not a member of Zion. I come in. I chop, chop. (Applause.)

Those who are not members of Zion will be given a year's notice and paid out. I do not intend to have twelve per cent of Zion's profits go to fellows who are spending it in beer, skittles and "champagne at night and real pain in the morning." I will give the high rate of interest and dividends to Zion's people, just as soon as I can.

Then I might even reduce some of Zion's people. I might say, "Tell me which of the shareholders are widows or orphans." Then I would pay out some of those who were not widows and orphans.

I said to Deacon —, "That man does not belong to Zion, and if he does get into Zion we will not fatten him forever with the profits of Zion Industries."

I desire that Zion—God's people—shall get the profits. There are great profits in Zion's Investments.

In Michigan Avenue, where Zion Home is, the land, within the memory of a living man, I am told, was sold for less than a hundred dollars a foot. Today it is valued at \$3,000 a foot. That price was paid for land across the street.

**I Want Zion's People to Have the Profits on Zion Investments.**

I want my people who have been with me from the beginning, and have borne the burden and heat of the day, to get this money. And I want all who come in now, and those who are on the way to Zion, to share in Zion's prosperity.

I want God's people to get it; for it means more happiness in their homes, furniture, food, books and clothing. It means nice little gardens. It means more money to God's cause, and more gratitude and love to the great God Himself. I want this. I will toil for it. I will fight for it, and I believe I shall

win, even although I have to fight the Illinois House of Representatives.

Pray for me, will you not?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Stand by me, will you not?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—It is just as well to kill this thing at the start, but I hate to have to take so much time to do it, and on this sacred Day.

Pray for me.

This work is tremendous. I have a thousand things to care for which you cannot see; but I shall win if you will pray and stand by me.

I believe what I say now to be true as it is in God's sight: I would rather my hand were cut off than that Zion should lose through my folly or my sin. I can only pray God to spare my life, that the investments which are already valuable shall be increased, and that the income shall be so great that Colleges and Schools and Temples shall be built, and that thousands and tens of thousands of men and women shall be trained as Zion Messengers to all parts of the World, before God shall call me.

Then I wish my body to be buried where I turned the first spadeful of earth for the Site of Zion City Temple, last July.

**I Wish My Dust to Lie in the Midst of the Temple in the Midst of My People.**

Your God is my God. Your happiness and aspirations and expectations are mine, and when I pass away, I want my clay to mingle with the clay which I consecrated on the 14th day of last July.

When I was in England, and there was once danger of my murder, I told my attendant, "If I should die and you can get my body, embalm it, take it out and bury it where I consecrated the Site of Zion Temple."

I am desirous of establishing this great City, because I believe it will be a Preparation for the Coming of the Lord. I believe we can establish Zion Cities in other lands. I believe we can extend the Kingdom of God and overthrow the powers of the Black Pope and the White Pope, and the Mah-hah-bone Pope (Amen), and all the other Popes over all the earth in due time.

On all sides God is blessing.

May God give Zion the Victory. (Amen.)

All who want that Victory for God, and will pray for me, stand. (Apparently all arose.)

#### CLOSING PRAYER.

Our God and Father, bless us each to the other, as General Overseer, and all associated in Zion. Give Zion Victory over all her enemies, and give us grace to be quiet and godly, and earnest and diligent, that we may bring no reproach upon the Name of Christ and upon Zion, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

#### Notice to Zion Travelers.

Friends of Zion going to Europe and other parts of the world are respectfully informed that an Agency has been established to secure rates, accommodations and protections for first, second and third class passengers to and from all parts of Europe, etc.

Arrangements have been made with the principal steamship and railroad lines to book passengers to and from all parts of the world, at the lowest possible rates.

For rates, maps and full information apply to DAVID F. ROBERTSON, Zion, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

#### Speedy Healing in Answer to Prayer.

WATERLOO, IOWA, January 24, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—Your letter of 23d in reply to telegram saying you had prayed for Mr. Smelcer, received.

A short time after the message was sent, Mr. Smelcer went to sleep and continued getting better rapidly. He is now up and around.

We are very grateful to you.

We also thank you very much for the Scripture given; it was just what I wanted.

Yours in Christ,

CLARENCE MILLER.

## ZION'S BIBLE CLASS.

BY DEACON DANIEL SLOAN.

### MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS LESSON, MARCH 6th or 7th.

#### What God's Word is Like Unto.

- It is like unto water.*—Ephesians 5:25-28.  
To refresh the spirit;  
To revive the soul;  
To animate the body.
- It is like unto fire.*—Jeremiah 23:29-32.  
To burn up the dross;  
To purify the affection;  
To warm the heart.
- It is like unto wheat.*—Jeremiah 23:23-28.  
To nourish the spiritual forces;  
For it is indispensable to life.  
It is sound from cover to kernel.
- It is like unto gold.*—Psalm 119:121-128.  
Which answers every need.  
The desire to possess it becomes a passion.  
The more one has of it, the more he wants.
- It is like unto honey.*—Psalm 119:97-104.  
Nothing is sweeter than God's Word?  
No soul that loves it can be sour.  
It gives life to one's spiritual insight.
- It is like unto a lamp.*—Psalm 119:105-112.  
The way is light when God's Word is followed.  
One needs light for the slippery paths of life.  
Those who walk in its light never stumble.
- It is like unto a sword.*—Ephesians 6:16-19.  
The Devil does not stand fight when the sword is wielded in power.  
Faith enables one to strike hard blows without fear.  
To go into life's battles without it, is to be defeated.  
*The Lord Our God is a Scripture-Comparing God.*

### SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS LESSON, MARCH 10th.

#### What to Do With God's Word.

- Receive it meekly.*—James 1:21-25.  
Come to it to be taught, not to confirm your notions.  
To all who hold on to some sin, it is a closed Book.  
Not to obey it is to lose all the good it would yield.
- Search it carefully.*—John 5:39-47.  
You will ever get a better knowledge of Christ through the Scripture.  
One cannot believe one part of the Bible and not another.  
Unless you see Christ, the All in All, you search it in vain.
- Love it constantly.*—1 Peter 2:1-5.  
The appetite should ever relish God's truth.  
To feed on the Living Word is to grow.  
Only those who have tasted of Christ will relish His Word.
- Approach it reverently.*—Psalm 119:161-168.  
Do not approach God's Word in a haphazard way.  
Prepare your heart, for this Book has been prepared for you.  
It will yield you a peace which knows no alarm.
- Obey it willingly.*—1 Peter 1:22-25.  
It never costs too much to obey God's truth.  
When it is obeyed, it creates one anew.  
To do it is to abide forever in security.
- Use it prayerfully.*—2 Timothy 2:14-17.  
Do not rush at people with the Bible.  
Bible talk is not always timely.  
Fit the truth to the man, but the man must be prepared for the truth.
- Explain it patiently.*—2 Timothy 2:22-26.  
Some will always see God's truth in the wrong sense.  
You cannot help people always by answering their questions.  
Unless they see the Devil has them, they will not want the way of escape.  
*God's Holy People are a Bible-Devoted People.*

### DAILY SCRIPTURE TEXTS FOR MARCH.

#### To Memorize and Meditate Upon, Morning, Noon and Night.

PARENTS: "Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."—Deuteronomy 6:7.

CHRISTIANS: "Thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."—Joshua 1:8.

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| 1. Friday—Luke 19:13; l. c.       | 17. Sunday—Psalm 90:8; f. c.            |
| 2. Saturday—Acts 2:18; f. c.      | 18. Monday—Psalm 51:6; l. c.            |
| 3. Sunday—Romans 8:2; w. v.       | 19. Tuesday—Psalm 27:1; l. c.           |
| 4. Monday—Matthew 26:41; f. c.    | 20. Wednesday—Psalm 116:1; f. c.        |
| 5. Tuesday—Ephesians 3:16; l. c.  | 21. Thursday—Hebrews 5:7; m. c.         |
| 6. Wednesday—Galatians 5:9; w. v. | 22. Friday—1 John 3:16; m. c.           |
| 7. Thursday—1 Peter 3:9; f. c.    | 23. Saturday—1 Corinthians 15:34; f. c. |
| 8. Friday—Hebrews 8:12; m. c.     | 24. Sunday—Hebrews 12:5; m. c.          |
| 9. Saturday—Isaiah 14:32; m. c.   | 25. Monday—2 Timothy 4:5; f. c.         |
| 10. Sunday—Psalm 46:10; l. c.     | 26. Tuesday—Hebrews 12:3; f. c.         |
| 11. Monday—Isaiah 54:17; f. c.    | 27. Wednesday—Romans 12:12; m. c.       |
| 12. Tuesday—Psalm 32:2; l. c.     | 28. Thursday—Acts 20:31; l. c.          |
| 13. Wednesday—Romans 8:2; w. v.   | 29. Friday—Psalm 116:2; l. c.           |
| 14. Thursday—Romans 13:11; l. c.  | 30. Saturday—Jeremiah 3:23; l. c.       |
| 15. Friday—Galatians 6:2; w. v.   | 31. Sunday—1 Corinthians 15:34; m. c.   |
| 16. Saturday—Hebrews 12:14; l. c. |   |

f. c. first clause. m. c. middle clause. l. c. last clause. w. v. whole verse.



# NOTES OF THANKSGIVING TO ZION'S GOD.

By DEACON O. L. SPRECHER, PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE GENERAL OVERSEER.

THE RANSOMED of the Lord shall return,  
And come with singing unto Zion;  
And everlasting joy shall be upon their heads:  
They shall obtain gladness and joy,  
And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.—Isaiah 35:10.

THOSE who were with the General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion throughout his missions in Europe, have much to reflect upon and untold blessings to rejoice over.

While it is true that conflict followed conflict, yet God gave victory after victory in every way.

We recall how marked was the prejudice depicted upon the faces of so many who attended the first public meeting in London, held in Holborn Town Hall, on Lord's Day morning, October 7th.

In contrast with this, there comes to our minds the love and sympathy which was manifest in the faces of so many hundreds who sat in St. Martin's Town Hall on the night of October 31st, when the last meeting of the first London Mission was held, and miracles of healing were testified to.

As we write these lines, there lies before us the letter of a very prominent business man of a certain city in England. This gentleman tells of how he had been prejudiced against the General Overseer, but after attending some of the meetings he found that God's Holy Spirit had taken hold of him and was making him see how much a work of grace was needed in his own heart.

He had been blessed through the teaching of the General Overseer. The prejudice went away, and he found himself thanking God for the ministry of the General Overseer.

He then went about inviting his friends to the meetings, and doing all he could to refute the lies of the daily papers and to get the prejudice swept from the minds of the people.

Much blessing has come to his home, and he rejoices over the privilege of hearing the General Overseer in London. This is but one of the many such cases.

We think of another, whose face comes to our mind, as we remember how humbly he wrote to the General Overseer asking forgiveness for the way in which he had spoken against him in his ministry in times past; because he had been misinformed and had allowed prejudice to spring up and remain in his heart. This gentleman had labored in evangelistic work in England for many years. Of course, he was freely forgiven, and the General Overseer had the pleasure of dipping him deep in Triune Immersion some days later.

It is impossible to even mention more cases in this connection; suffice it to say that the Holy Spirit worked in the hearts of the people and many were made to see that they had grieved God in misjudging His servant. They repented, and in many ways showed their sincere love for the Messenger and the truths which he was preaching. Many even obeyed him whom they had despised but a short time before.

In short, it may be said that the Holy Spirit was present in every meeting, convicting the people of their sins and leading them to Repentance and to fuller Consecration to God.

With deep emotion some wept their way to God and sought and found His peace and blessing.

We have before us a letter in which the statement is made that both the husband and the wife surrendered themselves to God immediately upon receiving a letter written to them by the General Overseer, assuring them that he had prayed for their

Salvation and Healing. Not only had peace come to their hearts, but relief from pain and sweet sleep had come to the sick one. They praised God for His goodness to them.

Applications for membership in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion were received from many, informing the General Overseer that they were converted in this or that particular meeting which he conducted, and that they desired to come at once into fellowship in the Church.

We think it well to record here a brief testimony of Salvation given by two who had been drawn into Spiritualism. They surrendered themselves to God in the last meeting in St. Martin's Town Hall. As one reflects upon that meeting, it seems impossible that any one should have gone away from it without consecrating themselves to God.

Here is the testimony given by two bright young people:

41 GRANVILLE SQUARE, KING'S CROSS ROAD,  
LONDON, W. C., 13th December, 1900.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—From early boyhood I was compelled to go to church and Sunday School, against my will most of the time. I must admit that I was sometimes disobedient and played truant in that matter.

A number of years ago I met the young woman who is now my wife, and I came into contact with the Spiritualistic teaching, as some of my wife's relatives believed in it.

I contrasted some of the Spiritualistic teaching and its effect in the lives of some who believed it with the teaching in certain orthodox churches, and the result of that teaching in certain persons' lives, and I thought there was more reality and power in the Spiritualistic side than the denominational Christianity as I saw it.

I have attended a great many meetings where the doctrines and not the phenomena of Spiritualism were taught.

It seemed to me that these Spiritualistic teachers spoke as mediums of the Spirit.

I thought that all ministers ought to be mediums for the Holy Spirit.

When I would see ministers read their sermons, it would set me dead against them. I could not believe in them.

As a Spiritualistic believer, I did not believe the Bible to be inspired.

Christ was not preached as a power today. The churches did not preach that He healed today, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

I believed that Christ did heal as a man, as a medium of God; but I did not believe in His Divinity.

In these Spiritualistic meetings I have heard Christ taught as a good man, but never heard Him acknowledged to be the "Son of God manifested in the flesh."

I understand that the Spiritualists believe the Bible to be a history, but no more; they do not believe in its inspiration.

I looked upon Jesus as a very good man, about the best man that ever lived. I believed that He was the Son of God in the same sense that we are all sons of God, but I did not accept the claim of His Divinity.

However, I believed that healing ought to be done today by a medium.

The churches seemed to me to teach the Divinity of Christ without any evidences of it.

However, the Spiritualistic teaching did not satisfy me and my wife.

They taught that we must bear our own sins and their consequences, with no escape from the consequences.

They told us to pray to God for help, but, as we now see it, they did not lead us to the Father, because they did not pray in the Name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; and as He has said that there is no other Way to the Father, they could not get help from God.

Some years ago my wife and I had joined the Countess of Huntington Connection, which is a sect between the Church of England and the Wesleyans.

I now know that I was not converted at that time, although I had a desire to live a better life. My wife also feels that she was not converted, although she had thought she was.

During the past summer we have been attending various Socialistic, Atheistic, Christian Evidence, Christadelphians and Humanitarian Deism meetings.

We have been seeking for the truth for a long time. We were not decided as to whether the Spiritualistic teaching was of God or the Devil,

and we could not find any one who could prove to us whether it was right or wrong.

We heard of your meetings in St. Martin's Town Hall. We read about the riots of the medical students.

My father had attended some of the meetings, and he came home and reported that he believed that some people had been healed in answer to prayer.

I do not know that he just asked us to go and hear you, but on the day that the C. I. V.'s had their parade, my wife and I were drifting around for amusement.

We passed St. Martin's Town Hall in the evening, and out of curiosity we went in and looked at some of the literature on the table downstairs.

We bought some copies of LEAVES OF HEALING, and found some things therein regarding the eating of swine's flesh which interested us. I will remark here that there was no more bacon for our home.

We went up into the Hall to hear you speak, and sat reading LEAVES OF HEALING while waiting for you to come.

I went into the meeting in a criticising mood.

We listened to your address, and liked what you said so much that we determined to go again on Wednesday evening. Wednesday evening was the last meeting which you were to conduct.

As we sat in St. Martin's Town Hall that Wednesday evening, listening to what you said and hearing the remarkable testimonies which were given as answers to prayers offered by you in the Name of Jesus Christ, we were made to see the truth.

We turned to each other several times and said, "That is the truth. That is what we have been looking for. We have got it at last."

We repented of our sins and consecrated ourselves to God. We felt that we ought to join Zion at once, but we did not know where to find any Zion meetings. We felt lost without them.

We have joined the Christian Catholic Church, and we have peace in our hearts.

I find that the Holy Spirit is working in my spirit to such an extent that I am able to give the Devil a few hard knocks.

We know that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that He was manifested in the flesh.

We know in whom we have believed.

We know that the Bible is the Inspired Word of God.

I have had no indigestion since I ceased to take in pig.

ROBERT J. B. BUSHNELL.

We cannot attempt to give any further details concerning the conversions which took place.

The Message of Repentance toward God and man, as it has ever been preached by the General Overseer, has always brought about the same results: namely, that sinners have yielded themselves to God in every service he has conducted, and those who were already Christians have had a deeper work of grace wrought in their hearts.

Throughout the entire mission in Great Britain and Europe, it was a common thing to see the largest portion of the audiences rise to their feet, at the call of the General Overseer, and repeat the Prayer of Consecration.

This Prayer of Consecration has ever been the means of leading thousands of those who have repeated it into richer blessings in spirit, soul and body than they had ever experienced before.

Many were led to see the wickedness of belonging to Secret Societies which, in reality, denied their Lord.

We remember especially how one who had been prominently connected with a Masonic Lodge in London came out boldly and renounced it, was baptized, and later on was received into fellowship in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

We remember how tears of penitence filled the eyes of the people again and again, and how many sought counsel from the General Overseer, asking him to direct them how to make confession and restitution to those whom they had wronged, and to pray with them that God would forgive them and grant them His blessings.

It was just such teaching and preaching as the General Overseer gave that was needed to show the people their real condition in the sight of God. It led many to true conversions and to Holy Living.

One of the grand results of the ministry of the General

Overseer in Great Britain and Europe was the large number of persons who were ready to obey God in Baptism, after listening to his careful and thorough teaching on the subject.

Four baptismal services were held in London during his missions there. Three hundred and seventeen persons were baptized in these services, and a number were still waiting the opportunity when he left that city, January 2, 1901. A number of these have since been baptized by the Evangelist-in-Charge, Rev. H. E. Cantel.

Baptismal services were also held in Belfast, Ireland; in Grimsby, England, and Zurich, Switzerland, at which places eleven, fourteen and seventy-two, respectively, were baptized. There would have been many more candidates in each city had it been possible to have taken more time for teaching on the subject and to arrange more suitable hours for the services.

A large number were ready for Baptism in Edinburgh, Scotland, but no satisfactory arrangements for the service could be made there.

We thank God for the wonderful blessings which many received in their Baptism.

Again and again we saw the faces light up with joy and heard the words which came from those who had just been baptized, as they came up out of the water, saying, "Praise God!" "Bless the Lord!" "I believe I have received what I asked for!" "I believe I am healed," etc. And so it proved to be. They had received the blessings, according to their faith, in spirit, soul and body.

We have applications for membership from many who state on their applications that they received great blessing in Baptism, and a number remark on their applications that they were healed of certain diseases in the act of Baptism.

Satan was cognizant of the obedience of so many to God in Baptism, and he took much delight in creating much bitter persecution toward some who had been baptized. Some were made the subject of most unkind and unchristianlike acts on the part of professed Christian leaders of certain religious organizations, and some even lost their positions on account of their obedience to God in this matter of Baptism.

God has been overruling all this, and we have heard no expression of regret from those who obeyed.

God has ever made Baptism in Zion a power. Throughout the mission in Europe He continued to manifest His pleasure in those who obeyed His command, and poured out His Spirit in large measure upon them.

No sooner had the General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion announced in America his intention of visiting Great Britain than the religious press there began to attack him and to criticise him in a most unfair way, and endeavored to make it appear that he was a false teacher of the very worst kind.

As soon as he arrived in London, the secular press came out with wholesale lies regarding him and his mission in that country. These things caused quite a stir in the religious and secular world, and soon agitated the medical profession into a lively attitude of opposition, which was, of course, quite to be expected.

It is impossible to put into a few words the story of how day after day and night after night the General Overseer was compelled to face a hostile crowd, who sought opportunity to vent its feelings toward him.

Not content with constantly interrupting the meetings, on two occasions they created riots inside the hall, by refusing to leave the hall when the meeting had closed, by rushing toward the platform, and threatening the life of the General Overseer and the destruction of property.

When resisted by the officers of the law, who attempted to take them from the building, these medical students injured

some of the officers by kicking, beating, and even throwing some of them down the stairs.

The General Overseer then found it necessary to grant admittance into the hall only by tickets which were given to those who would give evidence that they desired to listen to the teaching and not disturb the meetings.

Then these medical ruffians gathered their forces into great crowds which met the General Overseer every day and night, for a time, at the door of St. Martin's Town Hall, and attempted to prevent his entrance and to do him bodily injury.

In the face of all this in London, and various forms of bitter opposition in the other cities which he visited, particularly in Edinburgh, Scotland; Belfast, Ballymena and Londonderry, Ireland, and Manchester and Leeds, England, the General Overseer stayed at his post of duty and delivered the Message which God had given him to each city and land.

Thank God, this Message was received with gladness on the part of many hundreds, and was listened to with careful attention by thousands.

The command to Repentance was obeyed.

The command to be baptized was obeyed.

The General Overseer faithfully taught and preached the Everlasting Covenant of God, and commanded the people to look to God for healing, through the power of the Holy Spirit, telling them that it was God's will to grant them that blessing, for Jesus' sake, if their hearts were right in His sight and if they would obey and trust Him fully. Some did trust God, and a gracious answer was given to the prayers of the General Overseer in their behalf, and they were healed by God.

We have before us a bunch of foreign letters giving testimonies of what God has done for the writers, through the ministry and prayers of the General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

One of the first persons to be healed through his ministry and prayers when he came to America over twelve years ago was a poor old woman who had a disease in her feet. It was also a glad fact that one of the first to be healed through his prayers in his first mission in London was a comparatively old woman who was troubled with a disability in her feet. We give herewith a little testimony which she sent to the General Overseer while he was in London:

46 BURGoyNE ROAD,  
STOCKWELL, LONDON, October 18, 1900. }

I do not know how to address you.  
I am not learned. I must use the words of one dear woman who called you "Dear man of God."  
I have been so blessed.  
My feet are now well.  
I did believe before, but I never saw the way or never heard the way so plainly.  
I can walk from Brixton Station to Kensington Gate.  
Before coming to hear you, I lost my position on account of my feet.  
I do thank God for giving me the time and health to come and hear the Good Shepherd's Voice in you, Dr. Dowie.  
I want to spread abroad what I know.  
I can say from my heart I do wish to abstain from all appearance of evil.  
I intended to tell out last night that my feet were well.  
I am old and have known the Lord, as I thought, but I found my knowledge was not worth having.  
How I wanted to go into that water last week!  
I was baptized forty years ago, but I did not see anything or know it. I was moral.  
But now I see Jesus.  
He seems to speak to me from the water. He says Come, and come I must.  
Yours humbly,  
SARAH GAYWOOD.

We recall the bright, happy face of the writer of the above, as we often spoke to her during the course of the meetings and noted her hearty thanksgivings to God for His having led her to hear the General Overseer, and having granted to her such rich blessings in her spirit, soul and body.

She obeyed God in Baptism and presented her application for fellowship in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

A certain little income which had been coming to her regularly for some time past was taken away from her by a certain party because she attended the meetings of Dr. Dowie, was baptized and joined the Church; but she trusted God, believing that He would supply her every need. He did answer immediately by giving her, from another source, exactly the same sum of money as that which had been taken away from her. It was given to her in such a way that she gained some by receiving it from the latter source.

It is not possible to give details concerning many of the healings which God wrought through the General Overseer's ministry in London, but we shall mention a few more, to the glory of God.

No one who attended the last night of the October mission in London will easily forget that meeting.

The General Overseer replied that night to the wicked articles which had been printed in the *British Weekly*. His words were well chosen and had the effect of convincing many hundreds that the whole attitude of the *British Weekly* concerning him and his mission was most unfair and malignant.

It was not only the words which he himself said which had their effect, but God had in a very special way witnessed His approval of the General Overseer and his mission in London. On this night witnesses were there to testify concerning what God had done for them through his ministry.

We here give place to a letter which was placed in the hands of the General Overseer on October 30th, in St. Martin's Town Hall:

52 NEWINGTON GREEN,  
ISLINGTON, NORTH LONDON, October 30, 1900. }

DR. DOWIE.

Dear Sir:—Many thanks to God our Father for His Healing Grace through you, delivering me from rupture, after twenty-two years wearing a truss.

I praise God I have no further use for the truss, being perfectly healed.

On October 18th I came, believing God would undertake, and the next morning I left the truss at home and went to my work (I am a gardener).

I have been working ever since, realizing and testifying to the fulness of God's Salvation through Christ Jesus, to the glory of the Father, through the Son, in the power of the Spirit, according to His Divine Will.

I am a Salvationist, and I told it out on Sunday last to the surprise of all the people.

May God continue to bless you to the Salvation and Healing of the masses, through Christ our Lord, is the prayer of your humble servant.

WILLIAM PITT.

The above letter was read by the General Overseer to the audience assembled in St. Martin's Town Hall, Wednesday night, October 31st, and the writer of the letter was then called upon to testify personally before the audience to what God had wrought in him.

He came forward to the platform and gave a very clear and emphatic statement concerning his healing. It was thrilling to see how the audience rejoiced and thanked God for His work. His wife confirmed his statements, and the blessing of God seemed to pass over the whole audience.

But this was not all. On this evening another very remarkable Miracle of Healing was witnessed to before God and the people.

Mrs. Lucy Hurrin, of 13 Alma Street, New North Road, Islington, London, came forward to the platform and testified that she had been healed instantaneously, at the moment of prayer, when the General Overseer prayed for her on Friday, October 19th, the very next day after Mr. Pitt had been prayed for. We will further remark that these dates, October 18th and 19th, were the days on which the medical students created the riot in St. Martin's Town Hall.

Mrs. Hurrin had been sick about eleven years, suffering with Bright's disease of the kidneys. She had sought the help of

physicians, had taken their drugs and medicines, "was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse."

Before coming to Dr. Dowie's meeting to listen to his teaching and be prayed for, it was evident that she was in the last stages of the disease and that she was rapidly sinking into the grave.

God heard the prayer of the General Overseer, and she was healed at the time above stated.

Her intelligent appearance, her careful statement of her sickness, her clear testimony to her healing, and her every action were such as to impress the audience with the genuineness of the story.

The hearts of hundreds present were lifted to God in praise and thanksgiving.

The wonderful testimony of Miss Essie Thompson, of Ballyhalbert, Kirkcubbin, County Down, Ireland, was also read in this meeting. It was not convenient for her to be present in person and witness to her healing, but the story had been written by a friend of hers and sent to the General Overseer.

Sick for years, confined to her bed for months, having passed through an operation on her foot, very low at the time of prayer, was her condition when God in His mercy regarded the prayers which the General Overseer offered in London in her behalf, and she and others prayed at their home in Ballyhalbert.

God raised her up instantly.

This young lady was able to attend the meetings held in Belfast a few weeks later, and testified publicly to her healing before the great audience filling the large Ulster Hall in that city.

As these wonderful testimonies were brought forward on this night of October 31st, in London, prejudice melted away and love filled the hearts of hundreds in that hall. They thanked God for the testimonies given and praised Him for sending His servant, Dr. Dowie, to London.

God wrought a mighty work in the hearts of the people in that audience that night.

The writer has attended many grand testimony meetings in Central Zion Tabernacle, Chicago, and has heard testimonies from hundreds of those whom God has blessed and healed, but no testimonies ever heard here have ever seemed more beautiful than those which have been mentioned as being given in this meeting in London, October 31, 1900.

For weeks the enemy had howled, and the storm of prejudice, bitter hatred, calumny, and even threatened and attempted personal violence had raged.

It would have been easier sometimes to have wept than to have smiled, had we looked only at the human side.

The servant of God was pouring out his life for the sin-stricken, disease-smitten and dying humanity, who needed to know God's Message of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living, but was being made the subject of continual scorn, ridicule and anathemas of every kind.

Throughout it all he had stood for God and the truth, never once retreating or shirking his duty.

Now he stood justified in the sight of God, and the people were compelled to praise God.

It was like a beautiful sunshine and calm after a storm. The Sun of Righteousness had arisen with healing in His wings, and He had gone forth and given His blessing to the sinful, sick and dying, vindicating the ministry of the General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

It will be noticed by the testimony of Mr. and Mrs. Bushnell, given on pages 572 and 573 of this article, that their conversion was a direct result of this meeting. We have heard much of the deep impression and lasting blessing which came to many through this wonderful service. All those persons

whose testimonies were given in this meeting were baptized by the General Overseer and are now members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

Their steps in these matters have been followed by many other members of their families and some of their friends. Indeed, it is not possible to tell how much the Kingdom of God has been extended through these testimonies and through the ministry of the General Overseer in Europe.

We hear almost every day of some new development of the work in the various cities which the General Overseer visited. Letters keep coming, reporting more healings which took place through his ministry and are now proved to be well established.

It is proposed to publish some of the cases of healing in detail, with photographs of the persons healed, when a sufficient time has elapsed to give the healings a thorough test.

As we close these Notes, we realize that we have only touched the story of the General Overseer's ministry in Europe, even as we saw it. We are sure that no man or woman can ever write the story fully.

Only God knows all that it meant.

He alone sees fully what was wrought, and we must leave Him to reveal in the future, in His own time and way, that which human and fallible beings cannot tell.

#### Little Girl Instantly Healed of Jaundice.

DYER, INDIANA, January 15, 1901.

DEAR OVERSEER SPEICHER:—My dear little daughter Ruth was taken very sick with jaundice the last part of November, 1900.

We sent a request for prayer and she received a blessing, in that she was able to walk around and eat.

But her color was very green and her bowels in a bad condition.

Eight days after I took her to Zion Home, as she was still sick.

Evangelist Fisher laid hands upon her and prayed, and she was healed immediately.

We give God all the glory, and ask Zion to pray that God may permit her to work for Him in helping extend His Kingdom and hasten the coming of Jesus our King.

Yours in Jesus,

(MRS.) KATHERINA STOMMEL.

I desire to confirm the above testimony.

A. W. STOMMEL.

#### Brought Out of Roman Apostasy, Healed and Prospered in Tithing.

HOMEWOOD, ILLINOIS, January 8, 1901.

REV. W. HAMNER PIPER.

Dear Overseer:—The Bible is a new Book to me; for I never read two chapters in it before I came to Zion.

I was a Roman Catholic.

Thanks be to God that now I am a Christian Catholic.

God wonderfully healed me.

I was a complete wreck.

By the laying on of hands and the prayer of faith, by an Elder, I received great blessing.

Now I am obeying God in tithing and never miss the money at all. I am prospering.

Your Brother in Christ,

JOSEPH TOMSHECK.

#### God Answered Before Call Was Made.

214 EAST TWENTY-SEVENTH STREET,  
TACOMA, WASHINGTON, January 13, 1901.

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—I wrote you a few days ago to pray for me, as I had the grip.

I thank and praise God for healing me even before the letter was out of the house.

I awakened in the night and every particle of pain was gone.

I went out in the rain the two following afternoons selling LEAVES OF HEALING, and God kept me, and does still, praise His blessed Name.

May God bless Zion everywhere.

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) A. W. SPRAGUE

#### God Gives Safe Deliverance.

FOREST CITY, IOWA, January 16, 1901.

REV. W. H. PIPER.

Dear Overseer:—I have felt for some time I should write to testify to being safely delivered in childbirth, without the aid of a physician.

We have a nice baby boy, born October 12th.

I thank and praise God for His goodness to me.

I also thank you for prayers in my behalf.

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) JULIA A. THOMPSON.

**OBEYING GOD IN BAPTISM.**

**"Baptizing Them Into the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost."**

**Nine Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Baptisms by Triune Immersion Since March 14, 1897.**

Nine Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Believers have joyfully followed their Lord in the Ordinance of Believers' Baptism by Triune Immersion since the first Baptism in Central Zion Tabernacle on March 14, 1897:

Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle from March 14, 1897, to December 14, 1900, by the General Overseer.....	4339	
Baptized by Elders, Evangelists and Deacons.....	1769	
Total Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle.....		6108
Baptized in places outside of Chicago by the General Overseer.....	383	
Baptized in places outside of Chicago by Elders, Evangelists and Deacons.....	2311	
Total Baptized outside of Chicago.....		2694
Total Baptized in three years and nine months.....		8802

Baptized since December 14, 1900:		
Baptized in England by the General Overseer.....	89	
Baptized in Massachusetts by the General Overseer.....	32	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by the General Overseer.....	65	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Overseer Piper.....	116	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder McClurkin.....	35	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Deacon Kessler.....	9	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Fockler.....	39	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Stith.....	5	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Overseer Speicher.....	12	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Overseer Mason.....	8	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Armstrong.....	9	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Deacon Peckham.....	7	305
Baptized in Australia by Overseer Wilhide.....	17	
Baptized in British Columbia by Elder Simmons.....	10	
Baptized in California by Elder Taylor.....	9	
Baptized in China by Elder Viking.....	9	
Baptized in England by Evangelist Cantel.....	18	
Baptized in Michigan by Elder Kennedy.....	4	
Baptized in New Zealand by Deacon Johnson.....	2	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder Bouck.....	2	
Baptized in Ohio by Overseer Mason.....	3	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder Voliva.....	28	
Baptized in Oregon by Elder Ernst.....	3	
Baptized in Pennsylvania by Elder Hammond.....	10	
Baptized in Washington by Elder Ernst.....	3	
Baptized in Wisconsin by Evangelist Loblaw.....	4	243 548
Total Baptized since March 14, 1897.....		9350

The following-named seven believers were baptized at Central Zion Tabernacle, Chicago, Lord's Day, February 17, 1901, by Deacon W. H. Peckham:

Blake, James.....	2806	Arnour Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
DeGroot, Mrs. Drika.....		Orange City, Iowa
Jensen, Master Jens Marius.....	6622	Vincennes Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Jensen, Master Niels Frederick.....	6622	Vincennes Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Jensen, Master Clarence.....	6622	Vincennes Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Lepouce, E. A.....	1245	Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Needles, John P.....	42	East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois

The following-named ten believers were baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle, Chicago, Wednesday evening, February 20, 1901, by Elder C. B. Fockler:

Bell, Mrs. V. A.....		Crete, Nebraska
Carr, Samuel.....	594	Lincoln Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Gimblett, James.....		Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Jensen, Mrs. Christina.....	6626	Champlain Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Merrick, Eugene.....	358	Thirty-third Street, Chicago, Illinois
Oesterbye, Mrs. Dorothea.....	16	East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois
Plum, W.....		Scranton, Green County, Iowa
Plum, Mrs. Maggie.....		Scranton, Green County, Iowa
Stevens, Harold V.....	1083	West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois
Stevens, Charles H.....	1083	West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois

The following-named four believers were baptized at Waupaca, Wisconsin, Thursday, February 14, 1901, by Evangelist Mark H. Loblaw:

Heinrich, Miss Ida.....		Waupaca, Wisconsin
Merry, Miss Grace.....		Waupaca, Wisconsin
Peterson, Miss Elizabeth.....		Waupaca, Wisconsin
Sterling, Miss Bessie.....		Waupaca, Wisconsin

The following-named three believers were baptized at Seattle, Washington, Lord's Day, February 10, 1901, by Elder August Ernst:

Barth, Arthur W.....	435	First Avenue North, Seattle, Washington
Hamilton, Mrs. Hilma.....	113	Nineteenth Avenue South, Seattle, Washington
Johnson, Miss Jennie.....	2220	Seventh Avenue, Seattle, Washington

The following believer was baptized in Sydney, N. S. W., on Saturday, October 13, 1900, by Deacon Charles Moss:  
Gibbs, Richard..... People's Palace, Pitt Street, Sydney, N. S. W.

The following-named two believers were baptized in the Te Aro Baths, Wellington, New Zealand, on Saturday, November 10, 1900, by Deacon Henry Roberts:

Clapham, James Wilfred.....	Ashurst, New Zealand
Clapham, Mrs. Mary.....	Ashurst, New Zealand

The following-named four believers were baptized near Molong, N. S. W., on Wednesday, November 28, 1900, by Deacon Robert Stitt:  
Boylan, Mrs. Menia Z..... Molong, N. S. W.  
Boylan, Patrick Gernon..... Molong, N. S. W.  
Butcher, Miss Julia C. S..... Molong, N. S. W.  
Culpitt, Mrs. Elizabeth..... Molong, N. S. W.

The following believer was baptized in Sydney, N. S. W., on Monday, December 3, 1900, by Deacon Samuel G. Farrar:  
Medlin, Mary Ann..... Marlborough Street, Leichardt, Sydney, N. S. W.

The following-named two believers were baptized in Sydney, N. S. W., on Wednesday, December 12, 1900, by Deacon Charles Moss:  
Kelly, William Gordon..... Sydney, N. S. W.  
McGowan, Margaret..... Grasmere, Pott's Point, Sydney, N. S. W.

The following-named four believers were baptized in Port Phillip Bay, Melbourne, N. S. W., on Thursday, December 13, 1900, by Overseer J. Thomas Wilhide:  
Marsh, Mrs. Clara..... 139 Clarendon Street, South Melbourne, N. S. W.  
McDonald, Thomas..... Monbulk, Victoria, N. S. W.  
Smith, Mrs. Louisa..... 30 Derby Street, Kew, Victoria, N. S. W.  
Zollinger, Jacob Rudolph..... Fern Tree Guiley, Victoria, N. S. W.

The following-named two believers were baptized in Port Phillip Bay, Melbourne, N. S. W., on Wednesday, December 19, 1900, by Overseer J. Thomas Wilhide:  
Coxon, Mrs. Mary M..... Invergordon, Victoria, N. S. W.  
Williams, Mrs. Ellen..... Invergordon, Victoria, N. S. W.

The following-named two believers were baptized at Auckland, New Zealand, on Monday, December 30, 1900, by Deacon William Johnson:  
Nicholls, Tekuiti..... Waikato, Auckland, N. Z.  
Le Mesurier, Walter Frederick..... Poru-o-taro, King Country, N. Z.

The following-named fifteen believers were baptized at the All-Night With God, in Zion Tabernacle, at Richmond, Victoria, N. S. W., on Monday, December 31, 1900, by Overseer J. Thomas Wilhide:  
Allen, Mrs. Mary..... Hampton Street, North Brighton, N. S. W.  
Anstee, Walter James..... Bent Street, North Brighton, N. S. W.  
Barber, Mrs. Agnes..... 51 Yamble Street, Clifton Hill, Victoria, N. S. W.  
Bell, John William..... Bell Park, Coburg, Victoria, N. S. W.  
Bell, Mrs. Elizabeth..... Gaffney's Road, Coburg, Victoria, N. S. W.  
Brown, Mrs. Martha Matilda..... High Street, Malvern, Victoria, N. S. W.  
Ferris, Richard..... Montrose, Victoria, N. S. W.  
Hodgson, Charles J. E..... Barter Road, East Kew, N. S. W.  
Leach, Fanny Amelia..... 138 Clarendon Street, South Melbourne, N. S. W.  
Magin, Mrs. Elizabeth..... 3 Smith Street, Fitzroy, N. S. W.  
Smith, Mrs. Kate..... Surrey Hills, Victoria, N. S. W.  
Sutherland, Alexander..... Surrey Hills, Victoria, N. S. W.  
Sutherland, Mrs. Isabella..... Campbellfield, Victoria, N. S. W.  
Zollinger, Annie E..... 2 Little Lennox Street, Richmond, Victoria, N. S. W.  
Zollinger, Emilie..... 2 Little Lennox Street, Richmond, Victoria, N. S. W.

The following-named eighteen believers were baptized in the Mansion House Mission Chapel, Camberwell, London, England, Tuesday evening, January 29, 1901, by Evangelist H. E. Cantel:

Boaden, C.....	100	Holsworthy Square, W. C., London, England
Bushnell, R. J. B.....	41	Granville Square, King's Cross Road, London, England
Bushnell, Mrs. A. F.....	41	Granville Square, King's Cross Road, London, England
Clark, J. Elizabeth.....	118	Grange Road, Bermondsey, London, England
Cuthbert, W.....	28	Murphy Buildings, Boro Road, London, England
Dennithorne, Mrs. E.....	4	Spa Mansions, Bermondsey, London, England
Fairman, M. Jane.....	6	Alscot Road, Bermondsey, London, England
Freetag, Dora.....	44	Clipson Street, W., London, England
Hayes, Francis.....	120	Faringdon Road, London, England
Hayes, Mrs. E.....	120	Faringdon Road, London, England
Horwood, Thos.....	14	Cambridge Terrace, Aylesbury, Bucks, London, England
Humphreys, Mrs. C. H.....	33	Queen's Road, Walworth, London, England
Reissmann, G. W.....	13	Denison, York Road, London, England
Stote, Vivian.....		Bourbon Street, Aylesbury, Bucks, London, England
Whitcher, Mrs. M. A.....	163	Downham Road, Islington, London, England
Whitcher, E. Anne.....	163	Downham Road, Islington, London, England
Whitcher, Katie.....	163	Downham Road, Islington, London, England
Williams, Marcus.....	236	Albion Road, South Newington, London, England

The following-named believer was baptized at Cleveland, Ohio, Lord's Day, February 17, 1901, by Elder R. N. Bouck:  
Schieb, Henry H..... 213 Poplar Street, Akron, Ohio.

The following-named ten believers were baptized at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Wednesday, February 13, 1901, by Elder G. Hammond:  
Crow, Miss Elva..... 1427 Somerset Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Fowler, Miss Virginia..... 331 North Fortieth Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
George, William Sidney..... 334 Darien Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Hendrickson, Howard..... 627 York Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Kutz, Samuel Wolf..... 1427 Somerset Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Naegle, Mrs. Eliza..... 5543 Greene Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Osborn, George Oliver..... 547 East Haine Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Osborn, Anna Maria..... 547 East Haine Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Stehman, Horace B..... 1339 Thompson Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Wilkins, Miss Helen..... 627 York Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



He sendeth His word



and healeth them.

# LEAVES OF HEALING

I am the Lord that healeth thee.

And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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## GOD'S WITNESSES TO DIVINE HEALING.

QUICKLY HEALED OF A TERRIBLE ATTACK OF BLOOD-POISONING AND OTHER AILMENTS.

**I WILL CLEANSE THEIR BLOOD THAT I HAVE NOT CLEANSSED.**

This man's blood was poisoned. The life-current in his arm was full of pollution. His arm swelled to a great size. It seemed almost to rot. It died. It was cold, lifeless, powerless.

The bones in it were decaying.

Humanly speaking, amputation was inevitable, if the man's life were to be saved.

But God's power has no limitations.

God's Love is Infinite.

He was the Creator of that arm.

It was not His will that it should be amputated.

God did not pollute the blood; for there is no pollution in Him.

God did not cause that arm to die; for he that hath the power of death is the Devil.

God made man perfect and clean in body and in blood.

The Devil defiled and maimed him.

But God could not cleanse this man's blood when there was sin in his spirit.

God's cleansing begins at the center and works outward.

Man's spirit is at the center of his triune nature: spirit, soul and body.

This man had sinned. In answer to prayer, God showed him his sin.

By His Holy Spirit, He led him to confess his sin.

When he had repented and humbly asked forgiveness, God forgave him. Through reading God's Word and hearing it

taught by God's Messenger, he was given faith to believe that God would not only cleanse his spirit, but, according to His promise, would cleanse his blood, his soul, his life; and heal his body.

He also believed that God's Messenger, the General Overseer, was a minister of God with Divine Authority.

He believed that Jesus meant what He said to His disciples:

He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works shall he do; because I go unto the Father.

He believed that Jesus meant it when he said:

These signs shall follow them that believe: in My Name they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

He believed that the General Overseer had been given Gifts of Healing by the Holy Spirit.

Hence he asked the General Overseer to lay hands upon his arm, praying God to heal.

Every condition had been met, and God kept His promise. The poisoned blood was cleansed.



JOHN MURDOCH.

The dead arm was revived. The decayed bone was restored. Soon the right arm was as good as the left, which had never been poisoned.

This Witness has also found in God an unfailing Physician at other times. He tells his wonderful Story simply and truthfully, with a heart overflowing with praise to God.

The sun, the engraver and the printing press also tell the Story in pictures.

The pictures give indisputable evidence.

Take the Story and the Pictures, Little White Dove, and carry them to tens of thousands in every part of the earth.

Men and women are everywhere suffering the tortures of hell because the Devil has defiled their blood.

Tell them that God has promised to cleanse their blood.

Tell them that He is cleansing the blood of thousands, as He cleansed the blood of this Witness.

Tell them that He is waiting and longing, with a heart full of Divine Love and Sympathy, to cleanse their blood.

They have but to fulfil His conditions of Repentance, Confession, Restoration, Faith and Obedience.

A. W. N.

#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF JOHN MURDOCH.

137 HOMER STREET,  
CHICAGO, ILL., Dec. 18, 1900.  
REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

*Dear General Overseer:*—In December, 1891, I first heard you preach the beautiful doctrine of Divine Healing through faith in Jesus Christ.

During the summer of 1892 it was my privilege to hear you a great many times.

I soon learned that it was every Christian's privilege not only to be saved from sin, but to be healed of all diseases.

I immediately sought forgiveness for many sins by a real Repentance toward God and man.

In the fall of 1892 I sought God for healing of a chronic sore throat of sixteen years' standing. I had suffered from it with special severity for three days and nights.

The third night it kept me awake all night.

I was wondering how I could get word to Dr. Dowie, who then lived at Evanston, when it came to me, "Dr. Dowie cannot heal you. 'I am the Lord that healeth thee.'"

I also thought of the passage: "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father."

I told my wife that I believed God would heal me if we would ask Him in faith.

We knelt in prayer, and before we arose from our knees my throat was

healed. Blessed be God it has never troubled me since. I was also healed of being scalded in the eyes with hot water and steam, at a pressure high enough to knock me down.

I knelt and prayed and God answered in a moment, or I believe I would have been blind. I was also healed of two broken ribs, kidney trouble and bleeding piles.

On May 1, 1897, I went to be an engineer in Zion Home.

In the latter part of December, while repairing one of the engines, I cut the thumb of my right hand upon one of the brasses.

The next morning one of the urinals in the toilet room was out of order. I took it out, and whether I got poisoned in that wound I do not know, but in the morning my hand began to swell. It was very painful.

I went up to the dining room and had the General Overseer pray for me, but there was no answer.

At the All-Night Meeting, he prayed for me again, but there was no answer.

On that afternoon God showed me that I had sinned, and that it must be confessed or there would be no healing.

I immediately sent for our General Overseer, and he and Mrs. Dowie came over.

I told them what was in the way, and he prayed for me. I got relief at once.

Two days after, I stood in the hall talking to a friend, and caught cold in my hand. It swelled worse than ever. Our General Overseer came over on Wednesday evening as he went to church. My hand and arm were

so badly swollen that I thought they would burst.

He prayed and laid hands on me, and it opened in three different places.

The first thing I knew the matter had soaked through the bandages and run down to the floor.

The smell was very offensive.

How often Satan would tempt me and say, "You will never be able to use that hand."

I knew he lied from the beginning.

I never for one moment doubted that God would make that arm all right, if I would only obey.

Christ was once more Conqueror.

Overseer Speicher prayed for me several times; but the arm was still dead and cold as a piece of wax.

When the General Overseer prayed and laid hands on that arm, there was a warm feeling went down to the tips of my fingers.

The next morning I could move one of my fingers.

The arm continued to grow stronger until it became whole as the other.

I can say truly that a Miracle of Healing has been wrought.

That man who lay dying of blood-poisoning has been brought back to life and God has once more fulfilled His promise by the prophet Joel: "I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed; for the Lord dwelleth in Zion." That arm which was paralyzed and dead, and the bone decayed for six long weeks, has grown strong as ever.

On the 5th of December, 1900, I was bitten by a large dog weighing over a hundred pounds.

He made seven wounds in all, three of them quite severe, on my hand,



JOHN MURDOCH WHEN HIS ARM WAS POISONED.



JOHN MURDOCH AFTER GOD HEALED HIM.

my arm and my leg. They began to swell and were quite painful. I sent a request to Overseer Piper to pray for me at 11 o'clock.

At that time I knelt in our office and prayed.

I arose from my knees with the calm confidence that Christ was again Conqueror.

I went about my work as if nothing had happened, and the swelling was nearly all gone in the morning. In four days it was well.

I was told how dangerous it was, but was willing to trust God at any cost.

I enclose a photograph of myself taken by my son when I was sick, also one as I am now.

I thank you, dear General Overseer, and all officers and members of Zion for their kindness to me.

Above all do I thank God for our beloved General Overseer and Mrs. Dowie, and for their kindness to me, although I was stubborn and disobedient.

May the Triune God forever bless them.

With a deep sense of gratitude to God, I pray that these feebly written lines may bring blessing to thousands who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

I remain

Your Brother in Christ,

JOHN MURDOCH.

#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF MRS. AMELIA MURDOCH, CONFIRMING HER HUSBAND'S TESTIMONY.

CHICAGO, DECEMBER 18, 1900.

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

*Dear General Overseer:*—With pleasure and heartfelt thanks to God first, then to our dear General Overseer and to Mrs. Dowie, I write these lines.

In answer to their prayers my husband was healed when dying from blood-poisoning in every part of his body.

He was also healed of many other troubles, which you will see by his testimony, which I can truthfully say is every word of it true.

I also wish to say that during the time he was the worst it seemed as if he could not get enough to eat. I had to get up four and five times during the night to get him something to eat, as well as that many times during the day.

I thank and praise our Heavenly Father for His loving kindness and keeping power through it all; for we never doubted God's promises for a moment.

I thank God for the teaching of the Full Gospel and for the many blessings received since being in Zion.

May God bless our dear General Overseer and Mrs. Dowie, and all Zion everywhere.

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) AMELIA MURDOCH.

#### HEALED OF GRIP IN ANSWER TO PRAYER.

321 FRONT STREET,  
MISHAWAKA, INDIANA, February 7, 1901.

REV. J. G. SPEICHER.

*Dear Overseer:*—I am now sound and well, and I did not take an ounce of medicine.

I kept putting off sending a prayer request when I was first taken sick, and did not begin to improve until I did send one.

I was very sick at the time I sent it, with high fever and aching all over. The next day, thank the Lord, I was up and able to do my work. By Tuesday I did not feel as if I had been sick at all.

I am thankful that I belong to the Christian Catholic Church in Zion; for I know I belong to a clean Church.

I have been healed several times of simple aches and pains, and I felt as if I ought to tell it, for I feel so grateful for it all.

Your Sister in Christ,

AGNES DEPEW.

#### Saved, Forgiven and Healed.

BERKSHIRE, OHIO, February 15, 1901.

REV. JOHN G. SPEICHER.

*Dear Overseer:*—I write you by request of Oliver Dunham, thanking you for your prayer for him.

He says he is healed of bronchial and stomach troubles; but, better than all, his sins are all forgiven and taken away. He feels like praising God all the time.

He was attacked by grip severely afterwards, but looked to God and came over to our home. We taught him and prayed for him, and he was instantly blessed and healed.

He also sends an application for membership.

(MRS.) H. F. SMITH.

## DO YOU KNOW GOD'S WAY OF HEALING?

BY THE REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

Let it be supposed that the following words are a conversation between the reader [A] and the writer [B].

A. What does this question mean? Do you really suppose that God has some one special way of healing in these days of which men may know and avail themselves?

B. That is exactly my meaning, and I wish very much that you should know God's Way of Healing, as I have done for many years.

A. What is the way, in your opinion?

B. You should rather ask, WHO is God's Way? for the Way is a Person, not a thing. I will answer your question in His own words, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; no one cometh unto the Father, but by Me." These words were spoken by our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, who is both our Saviour and our Healer. (John 14:6.)

A. But I always thought that these words only referred to Him as the Way of Salvation. How can you be sure that they refer to Him as the Way of Healing also?

B. Because He cannot change. He is "the same yesterday and today, yea and forever." (Hebrews 13:8.) He said that He came to this earth not only to save us but to heal us (Luke 4:18), and He did this when in the flesh on earth. Being unchanged, He must be able and willing and desirous to heal now.

A. But is there not this difference, namely, that He is not with us now?

B. No; for He said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world"; and so He is with us now, Spirit, just as much as when He was here in the flesh.

A. But did He not work these miracles of healing when on earth merely to prove that He was the Son of God?

B. No; there was still a greater purpose than that. He healed the sick who trusted in Him in order to show us that He came to die not only for our sins, but for our sicknesses, and to deliver us from both.

A. Then, if that is so, the atonement which He made on the Cross must have been for our sicknesses as well as our sins. Can you prove that is the fact from the Scriptures?

B. Yes, I can, and the passages are very numerous. I need quote two only. In Isaiah 53:4, 5, it is written of Him, "Surely He hath borne our griefs (Hebrew sicknesses), and carried our sorrows; . . . and with His stripes we are healed." Then in the Gospel according to Matthew, this passage is quoted and directly applied to the work of bodily healing, in chapter 8, 17th verse. "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our diseases."

A. But do you not think that sickness is often God's will, and sent for our good, and therefore God may not wish us to be healed?

B. No, that cannot possibly be; for diseases of every kind are the Devil's work, and his work cannot be God's will, since Christ came for the very purpose of destroying "the works of the Devil." (1 John 3:8.)

A. Do you mean to say that all disease is the work of Satan?

B. Yes, for if there had been no sin (which came through Satan) there never would have been any disease, and Jesus never in one single instance told any person that sickness was God's will, but the very contrary.

A. Can you prove from Scripture that all forms of sickness and infirmity are the Devil's work?

B. Yes, that can be done very easily. You will see in Matthew 4:23 and 9:35 that when Jesus was here in the flesh, He healed "all manner of disease and all manner of sickness among the people," then if you will refer to Acts 10:38 you will see that the Apostle Peter declared that Jesus "went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the Devil." Notice that all whom He healed, not some, were suffering from Satan's evil power.

A. But does disease never come from God?

B. No, it cannot come from God, for He is pure, and disease is unclean; and it cannot come out of Heaven, for there is no disease there.

A. That is very different from the teachings which I have received all my life from ministers and in the churches. Do you really think that you are right, and that they are all wrong in this matter?

B. It is not a question as between myself and them. The only question is, What does God's Word say? God has said in all the ages to His Church, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." (Exodus 15:26), and therefore it would be wicked to say that He is the defiler of His people. All true Christians must believe the Bible, and it is impossible to believe that good and evil, sickness and health, sin and holiness could have a common origin in God. If the Bible really taught that, it would be impossible to believe our Lord Jesus Christ when He says, "A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit." (Matthew 12:35.)

A. But even if I agree with all you say, is it not true that the Gifts of Healing were removed from the Church, and are not in it now?

B. No, the "Gifts of Healing" were never withdrawn, and can never be withdrawn, from the true Church of God; for it is written, "The gifts and the calling of God are without repentance." (Romans 11:29.) There are nine gifts of God to the Church (enumerated in 1 Corinthians, 12:28), and these are in the Holy Spirit. The gifts of God are not the Holy Spirit in the Church, all the gifts must be there also. If they are not exercised, that does not prove that they do not exist, but that the faith to exercise them is lacking in God's servants. The gifts are all perfectly preserved; for the Holy Spirit, not the Church, keeps them safely.

A. What should a Christian then do when overtaken with sickness?

B. A Christian should obey God's command, and at once turn to Him for forgiveness of the sin which may have caused the sickness, and for immediate healing. Healing is obtained from God in one of four ways, namely: First, by the direct prayer of faith, without any aid from the officers of the Church, praying as the Centurion did in Matthew 8:5 to 12; second, by two faithful disciples praying in perfect agreement, in accordance with the Lord's promise in Matthew 18:19, this being the anointing of the elders and the prayer of faith, according to the instructions in James 5:14 and 15; and fourth, by the laying on of the hands of them who believe, and whom God calls to that ministry, as the Lord commands in Mark 16:18, and in other places.

A. But are people healed in this way in these days?

B. Yes, in thousands of cases. I have myself laid hands upon many hundreds of thousands of persons, and I have seen the Lord's Power manifested in the healing of great numbers, many of whom are living witnesses in many countries, who have testified publicly before thousands, and who are prepared to testify at any time. This ministry is being exercised by devoted Christians in many parts of America, Europe, Australasia and elsewhere.

A. Is it not the same as Christian Science, Mind Healing, etc.?

B. No; Christian Healing is diametrically opposed to these diabolical counterfeits, which are utterly anti-Christian. These impostures are only seductive forms of Spiritualism. Trance Evangelism is also a more recent form of this delusion, and it deceives many.

A. But how shall I obtain the necessary faith to receive healing, which faith I am at present conscious I do not possess?

B. It is written, "Belief cometh of hearing, and hearing by the Word of Christ." (Romans 10:17.) Our Missionaries go here and there, and press upon us the Word of God on this matter, and I very heartily invite you to attend the meetings which are announced for Zion Tabernacle. All are welcome and there are no charges of any kind made, for all God's gifts are free gifts. Salvation is the first of these, without which you cannot be healed through faith in Jesus. All the costs of this work are covered by the free-will offerings of the people who attend these meetings, and others whom the Lord leads to help; but the poorest who have nothing to give are as heartily welcome as the richest.

A. Do you see the sick and lay hands upon them in this Mission?

B. Yes; after we feel satisfied that they are fully resting in the Lord alone for the healing, we set privately, so far as time permits, those who attend; but under no circumstances do we claim the power to heal any; for "power belongeth unto God."

A. How can you any writings upon this subject which can be purchased?

B. Yes; these can be obtained at the office of Zion Publishing House, 1207 Michigan Avenue, or at Zion Tabernacle, 1621-1633 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill. But the best book on Divine Healing is the Bible itself, studied prayerfully and earnestly.

We extend to you a hearty invitation to attend the meetings, which are free to all. Our prayer is that you may be led to find in Jesus Christ our Lord and God, your present Saviour from sin, your Healer in sickness, your Cleanser from all evil, your Keeper in the way to Heaven, your Friend, and your All for Time and Eternity. We pray that these words may help many who read, and that our little conversation may bear fruit in leading many readers to look to Jesus only.

"The Healing of Christ's seamless dress

Is by all beds of pain;

We touch Him in life's thing and press,

And we are whole again."





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EDITORIAL NOTES.

"THANKS BE TO GOD, WHICH GIVETH US THE VICTORY THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST."

GOD HAS GIVEN a Glorious Victory once more to Zion, in the face of all the lands.

IN OUR LAST ISSUE, pages 565 to 571, a full report is given of our Defiance of the Black Pope and his Brigade, who had attacked Zion by introducing a resolution of six "Where-Asses" into the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois, demanding an "Investigation of Zion City Bank," and, eventually, of Zion in every Department.

TO THE ASTONISHMENT of the whole country the House of Representatives passed the illegal and malicious resolution on the following day, Monday, February 18th, and appointed a committee, consisting of a young Roman Catholic lawyer, who had graduated from St. Ignatius (Jesuit) College, a druggist, another lawyer, and two "well-known" politicians.

THIS COMMITTEE, and a few of their foolish colleagues in the House of Representatives, gave interviews to the press, announcing their determination to "crush Dowie" and to "smash Zion," and generally to bring our work to a disastrous conclusion.

Some of them were heard to express in loud drunken mouthings, on the railway cars, their pious desires to "hang Dowie," and one said, "I would like to nail him up."

BUT ERE THE WORDS were well out of their mouths, they found that they could not get their "Where-Asses," and their committee, to move in any way, and again and again during that week they took the wretched "resolution" into the repair shop.

At last they announced that everything was ready for the "Investigation," for which no one called except those who had no interest whatever in Zion's Financial Institutions.

THE SPLENDID rallying of all our people around Zion's Banner, and the fact that all our enemies combined could not discover one single dissatisfied depositor or investor, and that within a very few days more than forty thousand dollars were added to Zion's resources, and not one single account removed or deposit called for, was an Answer before all the Nation that deeply impressed the public, and even the foolish legislators.

However, up to Saturday of last week, the 23d, they still continued to talk of the investigation, although they acknowledged that their wretched resolution would require to be again taken into the repair shop.

BEFORE THAT could be effected, however, we were enabled last Lord's Day to deliver the Final Blow to the Black Pope and his Brigade, which sent the committee, as shown in Mr. Champe's cartoon on page 586, back to Springfield in full

retreat, so that it might be taken into "the repair shop" for the fourth time.

WHEN THE COMMITTEE arrived in Springfield, on Monday, February 25th, with their fellow legislators, they had read the reports of our previous day's discourse in Central Zion Tabernacle, at which some of them had been present, and each found lying upon his table a copy of LEAVES OF HEALING of February 23d.

The reading of these things took all the "whoop" of the week before out of them, and gave them very serious reasons for thought: for by this time they found that the whole country was laughing at them.

They also found that there was not a single one of our enemies in the Chicago press who would dare to approve the resolution in their editorial columns, and that nearly all of them had denounced it, editorially, as being unworkable and illegal.

This was ungraciously done; but they were compelled to do it.

THE REPORT of our Conference with the Friends of Zion last Lord's Day afternoon, in Central Zion Tabernacle, at which we read the very able Legal Opinion addressed to us by Zion's Legal Counsellor, Attorney Packard, will be found in full on pages 590 to 596.

ALL THE ATTEMPTS of the committee in the House of Representatives to make the resolution workable, during the early part of this present week, utterly failed.

And although the committee met, we are told by the Chicago *American* of February 25th, in its evening edition, very appropriately "at the State Industrial Home for the Blind at Twenty-first Street and the Burlington tracks," in Springfield, they were unable with the assistance of all the oculists there to get enough sight to see their way even one step.

They also obstinately remained deaf to all reason, and although all the "Where-Asses" had been wounded beyond remedy, they still continued to utter great swelling words of bombastic determination to "meet tomorrow and arrange for immediate action," and that they "would lose no time in showing the head of the Zion institution the *power* they have."

AT LAST, however, the farce was put an end to and the "Where-Asses" were put to death, amidst their loud brayings of protest, by the Opinion of Attorney-General Hamlin, consisting of several thousand words, which contained the following sentences:

The preamble and resolution presented for my consideration show an attempt to inquire merely into the operations and business of a single institution. It is an inquiry into the private affairs and management of Zion City Bank. It would not be competent for the General Assembly to legislate simply concerning Zion City Bank.

All the evils complained of (*the evils are imaginary and the allegations false*, Mr. Attorney General) in the preamble and resolution are cognizable in the courts of the State.

I am of opinion that the preamble and resolution do not contain such matters as would support or justify a committee appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives under that resolution in compelling the attendance of witnesses, or compelling them, against their will, to give evidence before such committee, nor could the House of Representatives punish witnesses refusing to testify before such committee for a contempt of that body in such refusal.

THUS DIED, very young and unlamented, the ugly and monstrous litter of Six "Where-Asses," born in the House of Representatives on Monday, February 18, 1901, after a brief but painful life of ten days.

They were really the conception of a Jesuit in Chicago, urged on to his work by Victor Lawson's morning and evening Daily Liars, the name we now give to the *Record* and the *Daily News*.

But to the disgrace of the State of Illinois they were born into existence by the maternal folly of the House of Representatives.

They have brought that branch of the present State Legislature into general contempt, to the great injury of the whole body politic.

WHEN THE PEOPLE see that the Speaker and the House of Representatives are so careless, or so ignorant, or so malevolent, as to pass and amend again and again a series of "Where-Asses," that, as Attorney-General Hamlin says, have no authority in law, that action is a most shameful thing, and utterly destroys all respect for the brutal band of lawbreakers who have been entrusted with the functions of lawmakers.

The sooner such a body ceases to exist, the better will it be for the State to whom its presence in the capitol at Springfield is a dishonor.

Its immediate dissolution alone can save it from further disgrace.

ABANDONED by the vile press which inspired their monstrous paternity, the "Where-Asses" will remain on the Records of the present Illinois House of Representatives as a proof of their incompetence to deal honestly with Zion.

And should any further action of an antagonistic and illegal nature against us be taken in that House, we here and now give notice that we shall fight and oppose, and, by the Grace of God, destroy such action, even as we have, by the Grace of God, already done.

IT IS TIME for words of Mockery and Laughter, and Derision and Overwhelming Contempt, all of which God Himself approves in such a case: for it is written in His Word:

He that sitteth in the Heavens shall Laugh;  
The Lord shall have them in Derision.  
Then shall He speak unto them in His Wrath,  
And Vex them in His sore Displeasure:  
Yet have I set my King  
Upon my Holy Hill of Zion.

IT IS AS VAIN today as it was nineteen centuries ago for the "heathen to rage" and the "people to image a vain thing," or for "the kings of the earth to set themselves" and the "rulers to take counsel together against the Lord and against His Anointed."

GOD HAS sent forth His Eternal Decree, which no man can annul

Christ is God's eternal Son.

He is the King of Zion.

He has "asked of God," the Eternal Father, for Universal Dominion.

God has given Him "the Nations for an Inheritance."

God has given Him "the Uttermost Parts of the Earth for His Possession."

And God has said:

Thou shalt break them with a Rod of Iron;

Thou shalt DASH THEM IN PIECES like a potter's vessel.



THE HOUSE of Representatives has evidently never considered that God has established Zion, and that He will maintain it, and give it, as He has done continuously, Victory in every Conflict with the Powers of Evil, whether they are to be found in the apostate churches, or in the wicked rulers of the State.

SENATOR RILEY is reported by the *Chicago Chronicle* of February 21st, to have said:

I think Dr. Dowie has the advantage. In my judgment he is protected in the conduct of a private business by the Bill of Rights. . . . *To reach Dowie you must get at the source of his power over credulous people.*

This witness is true, all except the impertinent reference to Zion's many thousands as "credulous."

But does he know whereof he speaks when he speaks of the "Source" of our power?

He speaks of God.

All our Springs are in Him.

Yes, Senator Riley, when you can dethrone God, you can destroy Zion: for Zion's Power is that which flows continually from Him.

But Zion will live and conquer: for "God is in the midst of her."

ZION STANDS by hills surrounded;  
Zion kept by power Divine;  
All her foes shall be confounded,  
Though the world in arms combine.  
Happy Zion:  
What a favored lot is thine.

THESE MANY CONFLICTS with "wickedness in high places" involve much toil, but they bring much blessing.

They prove the operation of Supernatural and Divine Power in Zion: for only God could give such a series of splendid victories.

They prove that God has called into existence a People whom neither the apostate churches, the Sadducean and Pharisaic press, nor the vile powers which have usurped authority in the State, can terrify.

Zion has a people who love and trust God, and will follow their leader loyally in every battle for the right, at no matter what sacrifice.

LET THE Word of God be remembered:

For behold, the Day cometh,  
It burneth as a Furnace;  
And all the proud, and all that work wickedness,  
Shall be stubble;  
And the Day that cometh  
Shall burn them up,  
Saith the Lord of Hosts.

THAT DAY shall "leave them neither Root nor Branch."

Let the wicked tremble.

Let the proud be humbled; for that Day has come.

That Day is still in its early morning, and the Sun has not risen far above the Eastern horizon.

Yet the Day has come.

And as it continues to brighten, still more glorious manifestations of God's power will appear, and the Promise of God to His children will be still more fully fulfilled:

But unto you that fear My Name  
Shall the Sun of Righteousness arise  
With healing in His wings;  
And ye shall go forth,

And gambol as calves of the stall,  
And ye shall Tread Down the Wicked;  
For they shall be Ashes under the Soles of your Feet  
In the day that I shall do this,  
Saith the Lord of Hosts.

WHEN WE CLOSED our services last Lord's Day, and had finished, also, late in the evening, a series of private Conferences with some of our responsible officers, we felt the need of rest and of a quiet place in which we could hold an important conference with our Ecclesiastical Cabinet.

Our readers will remember that the work of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion is conducted in three great departments—Ecclesiastical, Educational, and Commercial.

ACCORDINGLY we took the midnight train from Chicago, accompanied by Overseers Speicher and Piper, and proceeded to "Ben MacDhui," our quiet retreat on the shores of White Lake, Michigan, arriving there at 10:30 A. M. on Monday, February 25th.

For two days and a part of two nights we considered, and decided upon, important lines of action for future work in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

Amongst these matters we decided upon the *Ordination of more than a Hundred New Officers*: Elders, Evangelists, Deacons, and Deaconesses.

We also decided upon many important changes in the stations of officers in the coming spring and early summer, in connection with Zion's work in all the Continents of the World.

THE TWO OVERSEERS returned to Chicago by the early train on Wednesday morning, February 27th, to carry out these decisions, and to attend to their important duties in Zion.

Deacon O. L. Sprecher, our private stenographer and secretary, joined us late on Tuesday night, February 26th, and has been attending with us to our large correspondence.

He is now receiving our dictation of these Notes, in our private office, on the morning of Friday, March 1st.

"BEN MACDHUI" never looked so charming, so beautiful, and yet so solemnly pure in all its surroundings, as it does at this moment.

A lovely mantle of purest white snow covers field and forest and garden and lake.

Not a "spot or wrinkle" appears in the covering, and as day by day the golden beams of the sun, and night after night the white silvery beams of the moon, have shone from the unclouded sky, upon the dazzling snow for miles and miles around, the purity of the scene has preached to us the most inspiring of sermons, since it is God's own emblem of purity in His gracious words:

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord:  
Though your sins be as scarlet,  
They shall be as *white as snow*;  
Though they be red like crimson,  
They shall be as wool.

OH THAT a sin-cursed, sorrow-burdened and disease-smitten Humanity might turn to Him, who "tasted death for every man," and whose blood was shed to make the foulest sinner's heart "whiter than snow!"

AMIDST THE PERFECT quiet of this lovely resting place, as we have looked upon all nature sleeping beneath the thick

covering of pure white snow, we have often thought of that winter of the years 1893-1894, in which God made Zion first to appear in her beauty to our eyes.

It was after the dark scenes in Chicago which closed the World's Fair: scenes of desolation, of fire and blood.

The winter of 1893-1894 will never be forgotten by us. On the city's margin, close to Jackson Park, near the gate of the "White City," as they called the World's Fair, our first little Zion Tabernacle stood buried deep in the snow.

All the world passed on its way, oppressed by the burdens of that awful time, and not thinking at all of our existence or of Zion Tabernacle No. 1, except as with a sneer of contempt an occasional passenger on the Illinois Central Railway, which ran behind it, would refer to the "Little Wooden Hut," as the Tabernacle was contemptuously called.

BUT GOD had established Zion there.

And we there saw Zion appear in her glory, the glorious Kingdom of our God, the Zion of All the Ages.

And with that vision there soon came wondrous scenes of blessing, which made that "Little Wooden Hut," near the snow-covered shores of Lake Michigan, a very Bethesda (a House of Mercy and of Healing) for multitudes who flocked there from all parts of the city, and soon from all parts of the land.

Soon the little solitary Tabernacle of Zion amidst the Wilderness of Snow was thronged with multitudes within and without, sitting on improvised benches on the snow piles outside of the windows and listening to the Word of God—crowds which came early every day, and remained until midnight as often as permitted, seeking Salvation and Healing and Holiness through Faith in Jesus; and in thousands finding what they sought.

AND NOW, seven years from that time, Zion stands forth before all the earth, a Mighty Power.

Her Banner is planted on every Continent and on many of the Islands of the Sea, and the Message of God's Eternal Covenant has gone forth from her to millions upon millions, in many tongues, by the Little White Dove, LEAVES OF HEALING, another Zion Literature.

And it is still going, and will go, until Zion's mission is fulfilled.

ON THE RAILWAY CAR,  
RETURNING FROM "BEN MACDHUI," }  
FRIDAY EVENING, March 1st.

Ere we close these Editorial Notes, it seems to be our duty to call the attention of friends of Zion far and near to another Outbreak upon the part of Victor Lawson's morning and evening Daily Liars, the Chicago *Record* and Chicago *Daily News*.

IN THE *Daily News* of February 26th there appears the following:

#### SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST DOWIE.

LETTERS RECEIVED BY CHAIRMAN KETTERING OF A STARTLING CHARACTER.

Special to the Chicago Daily News.

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, February 26.—Letters from two persons who represent they have intimate knowledge of transactions in John Alexander Dowie's Zion City Bank were received today by Chairman A. J. Kettering, of the Dowie Investigating Committee, together with a number of other letters intended to aid the committee in its researches.

Chairman Kettering declines to make the communications public, as he intends to use them to aid the committee in securing evidence.

Both letters give names and addresses of persons said to have knowledge of the transactions, and when the committee begins its work it will have the persons whose names are given subpoenaed to give testimony.

If all the assertions made in the letters can be proved, revelations of a startling nature will result. The writer of one goes into the details of a set of entries by which \$5,000 deposited to the credit of one depositor was transferred to Dowie's personal account as a "punishment" for an "ungodly" act committed by the depositor. It then declares that when the depositor left the Church and demanded the return of the money, under threat of prosecution, it was returned; and that the same day Dowie mortgaged his printing establishment and with the proceeds and other funds made up an alleged deposit of \$50,000, upon the subject of which he is said to have delivered a sermon intended to show what confidence moneyed men had in his Bank.

The communication also states that \$200,000 representing deposits in the Bank is now in the name of Dowie's son.

The letter goes into circumstantial details, and the writer offers to produce further evidence for the committee to substantiate his charges.

WE RECEIVED this copy of the Chicago Daily Liar at "Ben MacDhui," on Wednesday, February 27th, and on the same day we dispatched the following telegram as our reply:

"BEN MACDHUI,"  
MONTAGUE, MICHIGAN, February 27, 1901. }

CHARLES J. BARNARD.

Financial Manager of Zion's Financial Institutions,  
1300 Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

Referring to *Daily News*' special from Springfield, published last night, I desire you to go on the platform at Central Zion Tabernacle this evening and to declare in my name that the letter alleged to have been received by Representative Kettering contains charges that are absolutely false in every particular.

No such incident ever happened as that concerning alleged deposit of five thousand dollars.

My printing establishment never has been mortgaged, and the alleged deposit of fifty thousand dollars made up from the proceeds of such mortgage, et cetera, is a shameful fabrication.

Last of all, the declaration that two hundred thousand dollars deposits are now in the name of my son is a disgraceful lie.

In short, the whole of these alleged letters are criminal libels, and that I challenge Mr. Kettering to give the names of the writers and publish the letters, in which event I will have the authors behind the prison bars as quickly as they can be arrested; and failing his production of these letters, I brand him as equally responsible and guilty with their authors, and I will not fail to say this publicly myself next Lord's Day.

You can send copies of this telegram to the newspapers, and say that I have reached a point where the further publication of criminal libels of this kind may require to be stopped by criminal proceedings against not only the authors of such falsehoods, but their publishers.

Communicate this, also, to Attorney Packard before you go on the platform tonight.

JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

IT WILL BE SEEN that these vile falsehoods must have been published for some evil purpose.

That purpose has speedily come to light, as will be seen by the following extracts from the Chicago Daily Liar (*Record*) of February 28th:

#### NEW ATTACK ON DOWIE.

#### GRAND JURY INQUIRY PLANNED.

OPINION BY ATTORNEY-GENERAL HAMLIN UPSETS PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATION—COMMITTEE TO CALL UPON MR. DENEEN.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Record from a Staff Correspondent.

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, February 27.—"Dr." John Alexander Dowie is to be attacked upon the flank, for the Dowie Investigating Committee from the lower House of the General Assembly is planning to take him before the Grand Jury of Cook County.

Chairman Kettering of the committee, and Frank Donoghue, the father of the Dowie investigating resolution, were appointed a subcommittee by the full committee this evening to call upon State's Attorney Charles S. Deneen, of Cook County, and place before him certain letters. These letters, it is claimed, contain information relating to "Dr." Dowie's financial and land enterprises, which the committee regards as competent evidence to be shown to the Grand Jury.

WE HAVE NO FEAR as to the result of this appeal to the Grand Jury, should State's Attorney Deneen be foolish enough to permit it to be made upon the testimony of a mass of anonymous falsehoods.

Not one of the charges thus made has the slightest foundation in truth.

They are villainous fabrications from beginning to end, and we defy any one to appear before the Grand Jury and support these charges.

We know that can never be done; for the incidents alleged never happened; and the anonymous scoundrels who make these charges will never run the risk of a sentence to the Penitentiary by perjuring themselves before the Grand Jury.

It will only afford Zion another opportunity of demonstrating the deep malignity and unprecedented mendacity of her foes, and at the same time enable us to stand forth as absolutely free from all guilt in the matter.

BUT EVEN this vile attempt seems to have failed: for the evening edition of the *Chicago American* of March 1st has the following:

#### DENEEN DODGES CASE OF DOWIE

Representatives Kettering and Donoghue of the legislative committee appointed to investigate Zion Bank held a conference with State's Attorney Deneen this morning regarding the proposed indictment of John Alex. Dowie, the head of the Bank. At the close of the conference Mr. Deneen announced that the matter would not be brought before the present Grand Jury.

The two members of the committee are said to have presented a great deal of hearsay evidence to the State's Attorney relative to the affairs of Dowie's Bank, but the prosecutor will demand positive evidence before he will take up the case.

Until the committee has obtained evidence of irregularities Mr. Deneen says the matter will not come before the Grand Jury.

The two members of the committee called upon the State's Attorney, it is said, in order to find out what evidence will be necessary before an indictment can be secured. The conference lasted for half an hour.

BUT WHAT is to be said, it may well be asked, of a press and of members of the House of Representatives who have sunken so low as to publish such utterly unfounded calumnies?

It can only be said that these are manifested signs of the latter days. Of such men the Apostle Peter wrote:

These, as creatures without reason, born mere animals to be taken and destroyed, railing in matters whereof they are ignorant, shall in their destroying surely be destroyed, suffering wrong as the hire of wrongdoing; men that count it pleasure to revel in the day time . . . that cannot cease from sin; enticing unsteadfast souls; having a heart exercised in covetousness; children of cursing, forsaking the right way, they went astray, having followed the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the hire of wrongdoing. . . . These are springs without water, and mists driven by a storm; for whom the Blackness of Darkness hath been reserved.

THIS AWFUL description is given of those whom the Apostle says were the enemies of God and of His Church in apostolic days.

It is also a description of those who were to appear in the "last of the days" of this dispensation, for he says:

In the last days Mockers shall come with Mockery, walking after their own Lusts.

These vile men are yielding themselves to murderous hatred, and to the insanity produced by ungovernable passions, which make them Public Scandals, both in the Press and in the Legislature.

THE APOSTLE JUDE, also, in his Catholic Epistle, well describes these men in the following words:

These rail at whatsoever things they know not: and what they understand naturally, like the creatures without reason, in these things are they destroyed. . . . These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their lusts (and their mouth speaketh great swelling words), showing respect of persons for the sake of advantage.

And he also adds:

In the Last Time there shall be Mockers, walking after their own Ungodly Lusts.

THE LAST TIMES are truly upon us; for these Mocking Incarnate Demons are now occupying places of power in the Unbridled and Licentious Press, and in an Ignorant and Lawless Legislature.

Such men are disgracing the country which they foully misrepresent.

They are filling up the Measure of their Iniquities to the brim, and they drink the Cup of their Shame with a leering, drunken brutality which reminds one of the Fabled Satyrs, creatures half goat and half man, who in the ancient mythology are represented as foremost in the disgusting orgies of the worship of Bacchus, or in the Phallic Mysteries of the worship of Baal.

COST WHAT IT WILL, we lift up our Voice and denounce, in the Name of the Eternal Tri-une God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, this Horrible Conspiracy of Lying.

It is a Conspiracy of Associated Press Liars throughout the United States of America, and indeed throughout the world.

It is a Conspiracy in which the Papacy and Secretism, the Apostate Denominations and Drug Sorcery, with Alcohol, Nicotine and Swine Sellers, and Evil Men and Women of every kind, can, for the moment, forget their differences, and, like Herod, Pilate and the Pharisees, unite to destroy God's servant and God's work.

But it is a Conspiracy which will utterly fail: for God lives, and there are millions of people who will rally to the Standard of Zion, which will float one day over all the Earth.

We shall never lower Zion's Banner.

And, God helping us, we shall never allow it to suffer loss: for it is the Standard of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

BUT LET there be no mistake as to what these words mean.

We are loyal to the Constitution and Laws which govern the United States of America, believing that, properly interpreted, that Constitution and those Laws give us, and every man, the right to worship God according to conscience, and to do His will, and our daily business, without hindrance, so long as we do not rebel against Rightful Authority, or interfere with our fellow-citizen's Liberty, or Property, or wilfully endanger his Life.

WE HAVE no quarrel with that which is Lawful and Right. But it is our absolute duty to remind our readers, and the

people everywhere, of the wise words in Section 20, Article 2 of the Constitution of Illinois, which declares that "A frequent recurrence to the Fundamental Principles of Civil Government is absolutely necessary to preserve the blessings of Liberty."

IN ALL THAT we have done and are doing, we are simply recurring to those Fundamental Principles which are founded upon the Laws of God.

In no other way can the Blessings of Liberty be preserved.

Should we, by our weakness and unwillingness to suffer, or to risk even life itself, fail to discharge our duty, we should be unworthy of our high calling as the Messenger of God's Covenant, and of the General Overseership of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion throughout the World.

We will rather part with Liberty, Property, and even Life itself, than fail to do our duty at this crisis.

BRETHREN, PRAY FOR US.

#### Notice to Zion Travelers.

Friends of Zion going to Europe and other parts of the world are respectfully informed that an Agency has been established to secure rates, accommodations and protections for first, second and third class passengers to and from all parts of Europe, etc.

Arrangements have been made with the principal steamship and railroad lines to book passengers to and from all parts of the world, at the lowest possible rates.

For rates, maps and full information apply to DAVID F. ROBERTSON, Zion, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

#### Has God Blessed You in Tithing?

Have you realized a fulfilment of God's promise to those who "bring the Whole Tithe into the Storehouse"? If so, let others know how true the promise is. Write your testimony and send it to Rev. William Hamner Piper, Overseer-at-Large of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Let your testimonies be brief and straight to the point.

#### Notice to Officers and Members of the Christian Catholic Church.

Send all newspaper clippings concerning the General Overseer, the Elders, or any department of the work in connection with the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, to Mr. Carl F. Stern, Room 309, Zion Home, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Send as soon as possible after publication, and carefully mark *name and date of the paper clipped from* on each article. If this is not done, the clippings are absolutely useless.

#### Zion College Needs Three Pianos.

The Musical Department of Zion College is growing rapidly and its needs are increasing. Three pianos are very much needed. Who will give one or all of them to be used for God? Send to Rev. William Hamner Piper, Vice-President, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

IF THOU wilt diligently hearken to the Voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His eyes, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases upon thee, which I have put upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee.

## GOD'S WAY OF HEALING.

BY THE REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE

#### God's Way of Healing is a Person, not a Thing.

Jesus said, "*I am* the Way, and the Truth, and the Life," and He has ever been revealed to His people in all the ages by the Covenant Name, Jehovah-rophi, or "*I am* the Lord that Healeth thee." (John 14:6; Exodus 15:26.)

#### The Lord Jesus Christ is Still the Healer.

He cannot change, for "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yea and forever"; and He is still with us, for He said, "Lo, *I am* with you always, even unto the end of the world." (Hebrews 13:8; Matthew 28:20.) Because He is Unchangeable, and because He is present, in spirit, just as when in the flesh, He is the Healer of His people.

#### Divine Healing Rests on Christ's Atonement.

It was prophesied of Him, "Surely He hath borne our griefs (Hebrew *sicknesses*), and carried our sorrows: . . . and with His stripes we are healed"; and it is expressly declared that this was fulfilled in His ministry of Healing, which still continues. (Isaiah 53:4, 5; Matthew 8:17.)

#### Disease Can Never be God's Will.

It is the Devil's work, consequent upon Sin, and it is impossible for the work of the Devil ever to be the Will of God. Christ came to "destroy the works of the Devil," and when He was here on earth He healed "all manner of disease and all manner of sickness," and all these diseases are expressly declared to have been "oppressed of the Devil." (1 John 3:8; Matthew 4:23; Acts 10:38.)

#### The Gifts of Healing are Permanent.

It is expressly declared that the "Gifts and the calling of God are without repentance," and the Gifts of Healing are amongst the Nine Gifts of the Spirit to the Church. (Romans 11:29; 1 Cor. 12:8-11.)

#### There are Four Modes of Divine Healing.

The first is the direct prayer of faith; the second, intercessory prayer of two or more; the third, the anointing by the elders with the prayer of faith; and the fourth, the laying on of hands of those who believe, and whom God has prepared and called to that ministry. (Matthew 8:5-13; Matthew 18:19; James 5:14, 15; Mark 16:18.)

#### Divine Healing is Opposed by Diabolical Counterfeits.

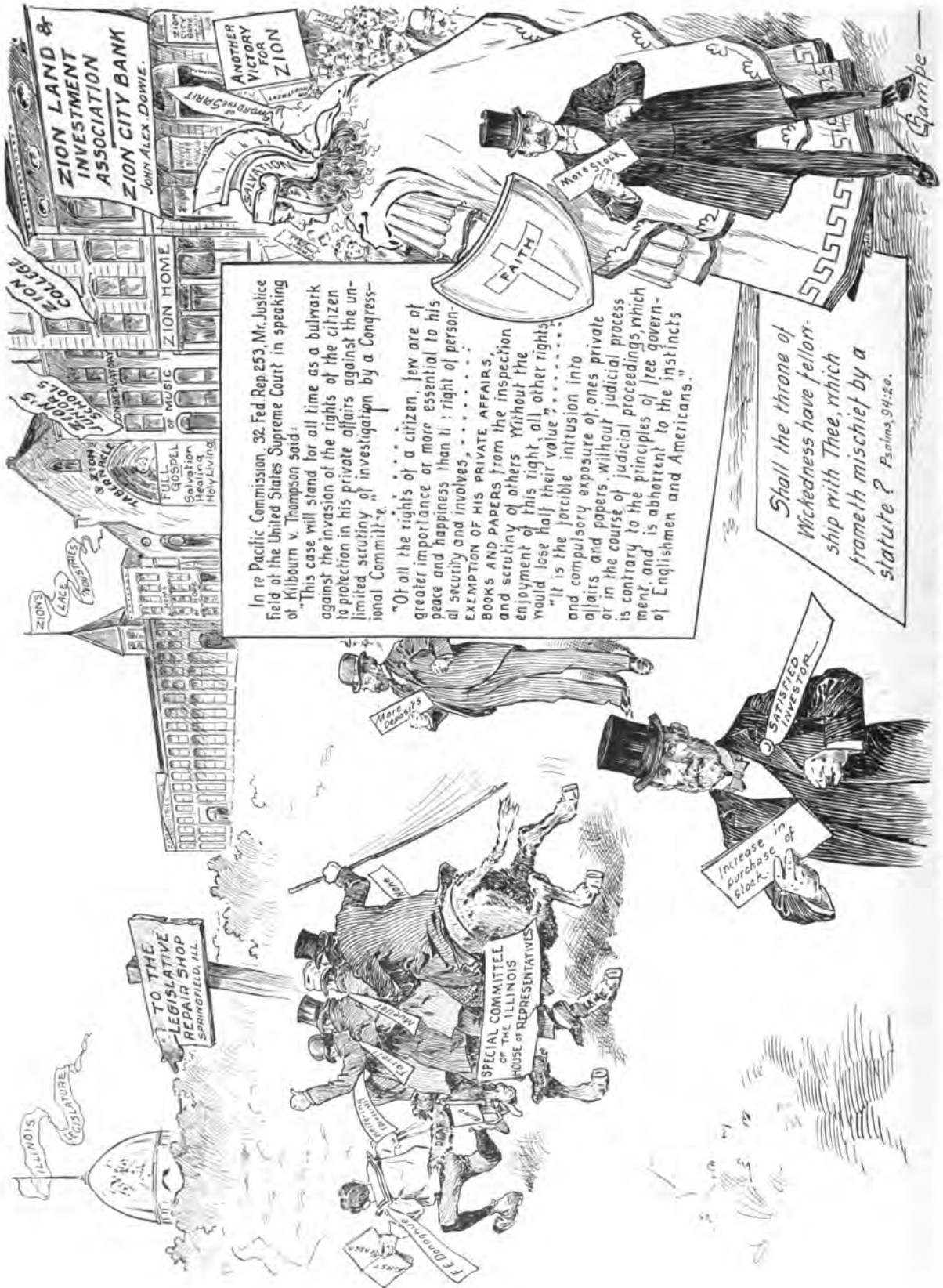
Amongst these are Christian Science (falsely so-called), Mind Healing, Spiritualism, Trance Evangelism, etc. (1 Timothy 6:20, 21; 1 Timothy 4:1, 2; Isaiah 51:22, 23.)

#### Multitudes Have Been Healed Through Faith in Jesus.

The writer knows of thousands of cases and has personally laid hands on scores of thousands of persons. Full information can be obtained at the meetings held in Zion Tabernacle, 1621-1633 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, and in many pamphlets which give the experience, in their own words, of many who have been healed in this and other countries, published at Zion Publishing House, 1207 Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

#### "Belief Cometh of Hearing, and Hearing by the Word of God."

You are heartily invited to attend and hear for yourself.



In re Pacific Commission, 32 Fed Rep 253 Mr. Justice field of the United States Supreme Court in speaking of Kilbourn v. Thompson said:

"This case will stand for all time as a bulwark against the invasion of the rights of the citizen to protection in his private affairs against the unlimited scrutiny of investigation by a Congressional Committee.

"Of all the rights of a citizen, few are of greater importance or more essential to his peace and happiness than his right of personal security and involves . . . . .

EXEMPTION OF HIS PRIVATE AFFAIRS, BOOKS AND PAPERS from the inspection and scrutiny of others Without the enjoyment of this right, all other rights would lose half their value . . . . .

"It is the forcible intrusion into and compulsory exposure of ones private affairs and papers, without judicial process or in the course of judicial proceedings, which is contrary to the principles of free government, and is abhorrent to the instincts of Englishmen and Americans."

Shall the throne of Wickedness have fellowship with Thee, which frameth mischief by a statute? Psalms, 94:20.

THE BLACK POPE'S BRIGADE IN FULL RETREAT.



# A VOICE TO ZION AND GOD'S PEOPLE IN EVERY LAND.

O thou that tellest Good Tidings to Zion, Get thee up into the high Mountains lift up thy Voice with strength: lift it up, be not afraid; Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

Isaiah, XL: 9.

## THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL DECLARED.

*Report of Meeting held in Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Afternoon, February 24, 1901. Sermon: "God Not Man's Adversary." Conference Concerning Legal Right of Committee of Illinois House of Representatives to Investigate Zion Institutions.*

REPORTED BY S. D. AND E. W. AND A. W. N.

ONE THING is being most clearly demonstrated on almost every occasion on which the General Overseer speaks in Central Zion Tabernacle; that is, that Zion in Chicago has by far outgrown even that splendid auditorium.

Although there are fixed seats for 3100 persons within that amphitheatre, there is scarce an occasion of importance when there are not hundreds, and at times thousands, turned away for lack of desirable seats. There are very often many standing in the aisles and vestibules, or even outside the Tabernacle.

Central Zion Tabernacle seats more people than any other church edifice in the City of Chicago, and is second only to the Auditorium among the halls built for public speaking.

Yet Zion more than fills it, even in cold, stormy, disagreeable weather.

Her own people in Chicago, if all brought together at any one time, would more than fill it.

An audience which occupied every available inch of space in the Tabernacle, with, probably, many thousands turned away, assembled in Central Zion Tabernacle on Lord's Day afternoon, February 24, 1901.

Friends, foes, and the merely curious mingled as they quickly, quietly and respectfully assembled, long before 3 o'clock, the hour announced for service.

So great was the crush that a number of Chicago police was sent to the Tabernacle. The people, however, were orderly, and gave the officers no trouble.

All bowed in reverent, solemn silence as Zion's White-robed Choir entered, marching slowly up the broad center aisle, across

the platform and into the Choir gallery, singing the joyous words of the Song of Victory and Praise:

Ten thousand times ten thousand  
In sparkling raiment bright,  
The armies of the ransomed saints  
Throng up the steeps of light:  
'Tis finished! all is finished,  
Their fight with death and sin:  
Fling open wide the golden gates,  
And let the victors in.

What rush of alleluias  
Fills all the earth and sky!

What ringing of a thousand harps  
Bespeaks the triumph nigh!  
Oh, day for which creation  
And all its tribes were made;  
Oh, joy for all its former woes,  
A thousand-fold repaid!

Oh, then what raptur'd greetings  
On Canaan's happy shore;  
What knitting severed friendships up,  
Where partings are no more!  
Then eyes with joy shall sparkle  
That brimm'd with tears of late;  
Orphans no longer fatherless,  
Nor widows desolate.

Bring near Thy great salvation,  
Thou Lamb for sinners slain;  
Fill up the roll of Thine elect,  
Then take Thy power, and reign:  
Appear, Desire of nations,  
Thine exiles long for home:  
Show in the heav'n's Thy promised sign:  
Thou Prince and Saviour, come!

The scene was impressive, inspiring, sustained.

It prepared the hearts of all present for the wondrous words of the ancient Scriptural Invocation of Divine Blessing, pronounced by the General Overseer when the robed Officers had slowly marched to their places:

God be merciful unto us, and bless us,  
And cause His face to shine upon us;  
That Thy Way may be known upon earth,  
Thy saving health among all nations;  
For the sake of Jesus. Amen.

Full of beauty, full of eloquence; best of all, full of the Power of the Spirit, was the Message which God's Messenger spoke to his great audience.

God not the adversary in man's adversity was his theme, and sharply he showed the truth about God—that truth which has been so long denied and is now so widely denied; the truth of God's Divine Love and Pity manifesting themselves in the redemption of man, spirit, soul and body, and His guiding and keeping His children.



When, at the close of his brief sermon, the man of God appealed to those who would accept the gifts which Jesus came to give, there were many among all the thousands who arose, who were for the first time seeking God.

Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Afternoon, February 21, 1901.

The meeting was opened by singing Hymn Number 151:

Come, ye that love the Lord,  
And let your joys be known,  
Join in a song with sweet accord:  
And thus surround the throne.

CHORUS—We're marching to Zion,  
Beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
We're marching upward to Zion,  
That beautiful City of God.

Then all united in repeating the Apostles' Creed.

The General Overseer then read from the sixty-third chapter of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah and in the Gospel according to St. Matthew, ninth chapter, beginning at the twenty-seventh verse.

Overseer Piper then offered the general supplication, followed by the General Overseer, who offered the petitions for the sick and sorrowing.

The local announcements were delivered by Overseer Speicher.

The General Overseer then gave a special announcement, commenting in the following words:

I desire to add to these announcements that, at the close of this service, there will be a gathering of the friends of Zion to hear a few words from my lips, and a very important document which I hold in my hand.

I will speak concerning the illegal and malicious procedure of the Illinois House of Representatives, the lower house of the State Legislature.

It will be a gathering of the friends of Zion, but if there are any foes of Zion who will behave properly and desire to be present, we will not send them away.

There will be no other speaker today from this platform except myself.

No person will be permitted to take any part whatever in the meeting, unless I shall call upon an Overseer or Elder or other officer of this Church to do so.

I say this because some foolish remarks have been made in the press regarding what has been alleged to have been said by certain members of the House of Representatives as to their speaking here today.

#### The Press Has Printed Lying Reports of Interviews Which Never Were Given.

I wish to say further, in this connection, that I do not believe many of the things which are said in the press concerning the legislators or members of this committee.

I have been quoted all the last week as having said a great many things to the press.

I have never seen a single reporter.

I have never spoken a word to any one representing the press.

I have never authorized any one to speak a word in my name, so that all you have been reading in the papers as to what I have been alleged to have been saying is simply a mass of falsehood. I never said a word of it.

It was all born in sin and conceived in iniquity and rolled out of the newspaper offices, which are the profligate mothers of innumerable lies and crimes.

How sad it is that the great mass of the people can never rely upon this mendacious press, a Legal Censorship of which is essential. May God give it soon. (Amen.)

This unbridled, and malignant, and vile press must be controlled.

Thieves are arrested and imprisoned for stealing, but those who steal another man's good name and defile the whole land with their falsehood, should certainly be beaten with many stripes.

Now they only laugh, and swear, and puff their stinking smoke in your faces, and "make a mock at sin," when their

falsehoods are exposed; sometimes only after a woman's heart is broken, children's names disgraced, or a terrible crime committed.

Unwhipped of Justice, and insensible to Pity or the common feelings of Humanity, they go onward in their career of Crime, glorying in their shame, and recounting with glee, like so many literary ghouls, the number of "graves" which they have robbed, and how they have wrung the hearts of the living with agony, as they have sported with the corpses of the dead.

Unwhipped of Justice, these "ogres" of literature take delight in defiling with their lies the reputations of those whose characters are too pure for them to touch, but whom they cause the public to believe, for a time, are as vile as these devouring demons represent them.

Unwhipped of Justice, they have brought down the gray hairs of honest and patriotic statesmen to premature graves, in order to make way for the advancement of time-serving and corrupt scoundrels to municipal, State and national offices.

And these facts keep the best men, in many cases, out of public life: for few are willing to run the risk of a contest with the filthy, slimy Dragon of the Associated Press Liars of America and Europe—yea, of the World: for they are a Cosmopolitan Syndicate of Robbers, Thugs and Thieves who "all hang together" as will one day be seen when Christ reigns as Universal King, and they get their legal deserts.

May God grant that the time shall come when that vile press shall be brought under subjection. (Amen. Applause.)

You will find in LEAVES OF HEALING, for Saturday, February 23d, full and accurate reports of what I said last Lord's Day, and God willing, next Saturday, you will find accurate reports of what I say now, with such additions, etc., as I may be led to make when I revise the reports.

#### The Zion Banner.

LEAVES OF HEALING has a very large circulation, sometimes reaching a hundred thousand copies a week in the English edition alone. By and by, when God gives us THE ZION BANNER, our semi-secular paper, we will make it very interesting for the newspapers of Chicago. (Applause.)

There will be one paper at least that will tell the truth, and not fear man or Devil, or the Great Dragon of the Associated Press Sin-dicate, or all the little vipers of the press. (Applause.)

#### The Day Has Come for Plain Speaking.

Plain speaking will come. The day has come to take this vampire of the press by the throat, metaphorically, and say, "You shall lie no more without paying the Penalty."

As I look upon the many standing and the many whom I know have gone away unable to get seats, and I see this going on Sabbath after Sabbath, I feel we have outgrown this Tabernacle. Pray that God will give me wisdom to secure another "tent," a little larger, until we can build Zion Temple in Zion City. I wish to build that to hold 25,000 people.

I desire to thank you for the unbounded confidence and kindness which you and multitudes have shown during this past week, and for the fact that every one of these papers, vile as they are in their reportorial columns, has been compelled to admit in its leading columns that we are in the right, and the Legislature is in the wrong. (Applause. Amen.)

The tithes and offering were then received.

#### GOD NOT MAN'S ADVERSARY

The General Overseer then delivered the following discourse:

#### INVOCATION.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, be profitable unto this people, and to all to whom these words may come, in this and every land, in this and all the coming time, till Jesus come.

In the sixty-third chapter of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah and at the ninth verse, these words were written:

#### TEXT.

In all their affliction He was afflicted.

I think I will call your attention to the reading in the margin, which is a better translation:

In all their adversity, He was no adversary. And the angel of His

presence saved them: in His love and in His pity He redeemed them; and He bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

**God is Never Man's Adversary,**

God is never the afflictor of humanity.

In the insensate folly of humanity, and in the bold and diabolically wicked spirit of disobedience, lies man's misery.

Sin is the transgression of law, but law must needs be defined.

If you say that because some man has a little brief authority, the accident of the primaries and the offspring of the political sandbaggers, he wields Divine Authority, I tell you, nay!

The only Authority which is Divine is the Authority which comes from God.

Men may make laws, but "shall the seat of wickedness have fellowship with God, which frameth mischief by statute?"

Know you not that there never was any iniquity wrought upon this green earth which was not done in the name of law?

Know you not that the Christ Himself was crucified by law? The scribes and Pharisees said, "We have a law, and by that law He ought to die."

Know you not that murder, such murder, too, as would have annihilated the race of God's own people, was again and again enacted by law, as when Pharaoh gave orders that every male child of Israel should be slain at the birth? That was a law. It was a law which was gloriously broken by Moses' mother, by Miriam his sister, and by the daughter of Pharaoh.

Know you not that

**All the Great Iniquities of the Ages Have Been Wrought by Law?**

Read the story through the ages.

It is a law that sends the just and holy Daniel into the den of lions.

It is a law that sends Shadrack, Meshack and Abed-nego into the fiery furnace, because they would not worship the golden image which the king has set up.

It is a law that drags the apostles to the very judgment seat where the Lord Himself has just been unlawfully, and yet by a law, condemned.

Look down through the ages of martyrs.

The first Christian martyr called the Council of the Seventy by its right name, a council of murderers, although it was a legislative body which had been in existence for fifteen centuries.

It was by a law that Stephen's body was stoned, and his brains crushed until there was no life in him.

The Apostle Paul, at that time the Rabbi Saul, was the administrator of that law.

It was a law which sent the martyrs to the murderous fires kindled by the horrible monster, Nero.

It has been law, so-called, in every age, that has wrought every iniquity.

The Jesuitical Order was established by Ignatius de Loyola and approved for a time by the papacy, because the leaders in Rome hoped it would counteract the Reformation.

That horrible and diabolical Order used the secret Tribunal Inquisition, which they had established through the Dominicans, and subjected innocent and godly people to the most fiendish and horrible tortures.

Through that Inquisition they murdered tens and hundreds of thousands in Europe, Asia and America. They made the streets of Paris and of France run red with Huguénot blood, in the awful massacre of St. Bartholomew. They drove out, by the Edict of Nantes, the best in France. They destroyed religious liberty, confiscated property, and put multitudes to death, all in the name of law; yes, and also in the Name of Christ.

Thanks be to God, we are standing here today to maintain

**The Integrity and the Eternity of God's Law Against All Merely Human and Diabolical Laws.**

Let us understand the issue.

In every age the adversary has striven to trick the people by endeavoring to make the very Christ of God Himself, the very apostles of Christ; and the holiest and best men who ever lived, appear as lawbreakers and traitors.

It is an old trick.

In America—alas! especially in Chicago—the history of the nations is not very well known; because Rome has been ruling in the school system of Chicago.

False history is taught in the public schools. Lies are taught instead of history. You have histories which are the mockery of every educated man.

History is, as much as possible, even in its false form, kept out of schools. Yet history remains in the Word of God. (Amen.)

It tells us that in every age the Law of the Spirit of Life is in conflict with the Law of Sin and Death. Thank God, it is in conflict with that law today. (Amen.)

**In the Affliction of Man, God Himself Has Always Been Afflicted.**

Oh how He was afflicted when He saw the misery of four centuries of slavery in Egypt, where His people had not only become slaves, but the iron of that slavery had entered their souls, and they had become degraded by means of it, all, of course, by law.

Brothers! sisters! slavery in which one man enslaves another man's body is bad, but the slavery which is the enslavement of the spirit, the conscience and the essential liberties of humanity, is worse.

The Devil has always been striving to erect tribunals of law, and he has succeeded. Hence the liberties of humanity have always been won by the overthrow of false tribunals.

In all their adversity, He was no adversary.

When men turn away from God and allow themselves to be tricked by their great adversary the Devil, they sometimes fight beneath his banner, yea, often thinking that it is the Banner of Law, when it is only the Flag of Rebellion.

God's Sorrow for Humanity is continuous through all the ages.

**The Angel of His Presence Saved Them.**

Thanks be to God, there has never been a time when He has left His people without a saving power. That power is always somewhere. It may be, and usually it is, much in the minority. The saving power has been left with God's people.

The poor black man was lashed and oppressed. His offspring were treated as if they were brutes. Yea, the very offspring of the slave-holding master which, by illicit intercourse, had come through his own black women slaves, were put upon the block, beneath the American flag, and sold as chattels, within living memory, by law.

It took a terrible war to dethrone that awful lie that God had meant the black man to be forever the slave and chattel of the white. There are many now in America who are not sure that the African negro is a man, or who would apply to him the Truth that Christ our Saviour "tasted death for every man."

Liberty can only be preserved by constant conflict with diabolical powers, sometimes established in seats of power, who assume that to be Law which is not Law, but Anarchy.

It was my privilege to fight this battle in this city in 1895, the results of which are a matter of record. After an entire year of conflict, the infernal Ordinance and all the infernal procedure of the city government was declared to have been illegal, null and void, and our right to teach, and pray for, God's sick children, in the Name of Jesus only, was fully established.

And now, as we shall hear later, Zion has to fight out the question of lawless action by a legislative body. But if God is to give Zion the great glory of being the protector of true law against Jesuitical foes, may He make us strong for the task. (Amen. Applause.)

**The Afflictions With Which God's People Suffer Are Innumerable.**

They suffer from their own sin, or that of their parents, or others.

They suffer from consequent sickness.

They suffer from consequent poverty.

• They suffer from consequent oppression of every kind.

God, the great God our Father, always sends some Angel, some Messenger from His own Presence, to save His people.

In the fulness of time, He sent His Son, and, through Him, "in His love, and in His pity He redeemed them."

What wonderful words they are! Love and pity!

Pity standing alone, we reject.

When a man tells me that he pities me, I say, "Keep your pity to yourself. I do not want it. I do not need to be pitied. Do not pity me. I am doing my God and Master's work, and I do not feel the need of any pity at all."

If you come to me, however, and you say, "I love you," and

link the Divine Love with the Divine Pity, then it becomes the sweetest kind of sympathy.

The union of Love and Pity is the creation of the glorious Divine and Human Sympathy, which makes the Christ so strong in ruling over humanity, for He sympathizes. He feels with us and for us.

He suffered with us, and He suffers still.

In every pang that rends the heart,  
The Man of Sorrows has a part;  
Though now exalted up on high,  
He bends on earth a brother's eye;  
He sympathizes with our grief,  
And to the sufferer sends relief.

No longer the Man of Sorrows, ruling triumphant in the highest heaven,

**Christ Remains Forever the Man of Sympathies.**

He feels with us. He is with us all the time as we "fill up the measure of His suffering" in these poor members of His Body.

He sympathizes with us; He knows what strong temptations mean, for He has felt the same.

Strong Son of God, immortal love,  
Whom we who have not seen Thy face,  
By faith, and faith alone, embrace.

But for Thy sympathy and Thy love, all the light would have gone out of life. Thou art with us and Thy love never fails. Thy pity never fails, for Thou art the Sympathetic Friend of Humanity forever! (Amen.)

I am so glad that in His love and in His pity Christ is the Redeemer. He is the Redeemer not only of the spirit, but of the soul and of the body; our Redeemer from ignorance; our Redeemer from impotence; our Redeemer from the accursed arrogance which sin brings.

He is our Redeemer from sin and disease and death and all the powers of hell.

He is the same Saviour, the same Healer, the same Cleanser, the same Keeper. Blessed be His Name forever!

He is "the same yesterday and today, yea and forever." (Amen.)

So our hearts rejoice today as we say, "In His love and in His pity He redeemed us."

He does more.

He bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

Thou great Burden-Bearer of Humanity! Thou eternal Father, what burdens Thou hast had to bear with this sin-cursed race!

Thou dost bear still with humanity.

He bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

He bears and He carries us still.

How wide an Ocean is His Love.

It is like that ocean which today bears up the mightiest vessel and the tiniest boat!

There is no effort in God to bear upon the bosom of His Infinite Love all the miserable shortcomings of His people.

Today we proclaim Jesus as the Bearer of all your Burdens.

Is He your Saviour?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—We proclaim Jesus is the Healer. Is He your Healer?

Voices—"Yes."

**Over Three Thousand Witnesses to Divine Healing.**

General Overseer—This is the day when every month we have a testimony to that glorious truth. Let every one in this assembly who has been healed through faith in Jesus, stand. (Over 3000 persons arose.)

Did God heal you?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Did I heal you?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—Were you healed through faith in Jesus?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Does He keep you?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Thanks be to God for the thousands present whom He healed. So long as Zion can maintain this testimony, she will never be the slave of liquid fire and distilled damnation, or the accursed poison of the druggist, the speculations of the physician, or the victim of the knife of the surgeon. Thanks be to God.

I am glad for this testimony.

It always comes from the thousands of Zion, every time it is called for.

Ere I close this brief address, let me implore those who have never yet found in God their Father, in Christ their Saviour, and in the Holy Spirit their Comforter, to realize how broad is that Salvation, how deep, how high, how eternal, how satisfactory.

I am glad today that this Gospel is winning its ever-widening way, and that in Chicago tens of thousands have been won to God within the five years of Zion's history as an organized body, and multitudes have been healed. The poor wandering women have been sought and won. Zion Homes for Erring Women are full to overflowing with those whom we have brought into them from the street. We have restored them in scores to their friends. We are taking their babies and helping them to raise them for God. And Zion's Preventive Work for Women goes forward, and will, presently, attain very large proportions.

**Zion's Glorious Work for God.**

I thank God for Zion's work from hour to hour and day to day all around this earth in winning the wandering and the erring to God.

I thank God for Zion's work in calling sinners to a Saviour, and the sick to a Healer, and the wandering to their Father's home.

I thank God for Zion's work in teaching men that God loves and pities them, and is never their Adversary, or the Creator of their misery.

Never forget the beautiful words of my text—"In all their Adversity, He was no Adversary."

I thank God for Zion's teaching that Satan and Sin, Disease and Death and Hell are links of the same chain of Evil, and that Jesus, Salvation, Healing, Life and Heaven are links of another, a golden chain of Good.

We stand with God, who in Christ has sent that embodiment of Love and Pity which brings Salvation and Healing and Life and Heaven.

All who desire what Jesus came to bring, stand up and tell Him so. (With a few exceptions the entire audience arose.)

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. Take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be, in spirit, in soul, in body. Give me power to do right, no matter what it costs. Give me power to confess wrong to those whom I have wronged. Give me power to restore and do right to all my fellowmen and in Thy sight. Father, I have sinned. For Jesus' sake, the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world, take away my sin and my sickness and make me Thine by Thy Holy Spirit; to love Thee, to serve Thee, to dwell with Thee on earth and by and by in heaven, for Jesus' sake. Amen. (All repeat the prayer, clause by clause, after the General Overseer.)

Did you mean it?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Live it.

## LAW FOR ILLINOIS LEGISLATORS.

**The General Overseer Reads a Very Able Document by Attorney Samuel W. Packard, Showing Why the Illinois House of Representatives Cannot Investigate Zion City Bank, and How Zion Can Prevent It.**

**A SHARP THRUST with the Sword of the Spirit!**

A few keen thrusts with the rapier of truth!

Some quick strokes with the flashing sabre of the law!

A volley from the musketry of public opinion!

Thus ended the "tilt" with Zion for which the Illinois House of Representatives professed to be so eager.

In fact, even these blows were scarcely needed.

The foolish attack had already fallen by its own weight.

Zion was everywhere acknowledged to be the victor.

It was but another in the unbroken succession of victories.

God has always given Zion victory over all foes, no matter how powerful.

When Representative Francis E. Donoghue introduced his clumsy resolution for the investigation of Zion City Bank, the press and the legislators were full of bravado and bluster.

In less than a week the attack had practically collapsed.

Press and legislators were attempting a graceful retreat.

On Lord's Day afternoon, February 24, 1901, what is believed to be the final "tilt" occurred. The first blows struck for God and Zion in this fight were reported fully in our last issue, which is having a very large sale.

At a Conference held immediately after the afternoon service, the General Overseer devoted a few moments to the attack, then read a letter from Zion's Legal Counsellor, Attorney Samuel W. Packard.

In this letter the attorney set forth, in an interesting, clear and convincing manner, the decisions of the highest courts of the country showing the absolute illegality of the proposed investigation.

He also showed how Zion could protect herself against such an invasion of her rights, and what damages might be recovered from, and what punishment inflicted upon, those who attempted to force such an investigation.

Concerning this document, one of the Chicago papers, although hostile to Zion, said: "Bit by bit and step by step the document tore the action of the Legislature to pieces. Decisions of State and National Supreme Courts were called to the aid of Zion in proof of its unassailable position."

The General Overseer called upon Overseer Speicher to ask a blessing upon the meeting.

#### INVOCATION BY OVERSEER SPEICHER.

Our Heavenly Father, we come to Thee at this time and ask Thee that Thou wilt continue Thy blessing upon us. Bless, we pray Thee, all the words that the General Overseer shall speak to this people. May the Holy Spirit rest upon us and lead us. May we receive from Thee the necessary grace that we may continue to be Thine, and stand steadfastly to the truth which Thou hast delivered unto us. We ask it for Jesus' sake. Amen.

The General Overseer then continued:

I always like to put a passage of the Word of God in the front of all that I say. I have been reflecting a good deal during the last few days upon the Word in the ninety-fourth Psalm and the twentieth verse:

#### TEXT.

Shall the Seat of Iniquity have fellowship with Thee, which frameth mischief by a Law?

The Old Version is "the throne," but the margin reads, "the seat." Hence the passage applies to any and all forms of government.

#### The Seat of Iniquity.

That is the seat of in-equity, the inequitable seat, no matter who occupies it, whether he be Legislator or Governor. Whatever his place in authority may be, I declare that the man who is inequitable and unjust has no fellowship with God, and that those who frame mischief by a law are the greatest enemies of mankind.

When, last Lord's Day afternoon, I stood before you in a meeting like this, I dealt with the threat of a poor, weak, first-session Representative; a mere Jesuit boy in his first political reader. I smiled when I saw that threat, as I looked down the list of all the "whereasses." (Laughter.)

Some people may call them "whereases"; but I call them "where-*asses*." I think I found five "whereasses" (laughter), and when I saw these "whereasses" (laughter) I said, "Such a resolution as that would be a disgrace to a debating society. No intelligent and honest president would allow it to be put."

I never could have believed that Speaker Sherman would have ever put such a motion to the House.

He may say now that he has nothing to do with it, but it is too late. The duty of the Speaker is to protect the dignity of the Legislature and the State he represents, and to refuse to put such a motion.

Mr. Sherman may have another idea, but Mr. Sherman is not beyond criticism, and that is my idea. (Applause and laughter.)

Yes, and as the week rolled on it has become the idea of all the people except the representative "whereasses." (Laughter.)

There is not a lawyer of any repute who can be found to uphold this resolution. Attorney General Hamlin, of Illinois, says he does not know of any law which gives them the power to pass it or enforce it.

The State Senators of the Legislature agree with the Attorney General; and, *mirabile dictu!* every one of the Chicago morning papers agree that Dowie is right! (Applause.)

No matter what the reportorial columns may say, no matter what these young lions who "lack and suffer hunger" write, the editors have enough sense, if only horse sense, left to see that the "whereasses'" attack upon John Alexander Dowie and Zion was an attack upon the essential liberties of this people, and that tomorrow the same power might be used in attacking somebody else.

I am sorry that it has been my lot in this city and land so often to correct the authorities.

I have always marveled not merely that the municipal rulers and the legislators did not know the Gospel; but I have been supremely amazed to find that they, in many instances, knew neither Law nor Gospel. (Laughter and applause.)

The essential liberties of the Constitution of the United States, as well as the Constitution of the State of Illinois, was attacked in these "whereasses." (Laughter.)

#### The "Whereasses" Will Not Go.

The fact of the matter is that this miserable committee pretends that its "whereasses" have not yet been able to emerge from Springfield. The "whereasses" have been taken back into the repairing shop no less than three times (laughter), and they tell us they are going to be taken back a fourth time. Then they hope that the donkey will finally go. (Applause and laughter.) But, blind and deaf and lame and lagged at on every side, I do not think the donkey will appear. (Laughter.)

However, in order to give it its final quietus, we are here today without any fear of the subpenas of the august (!) Legislature; without any fear of what they may say, do, think or threaten. A man who does that which is right in God's sight, and is honest and obeys the law, need fear no man, whether he be Legislator, Governor or President. (Amen. Applause.)

I do not need to announce my policy. My policy has been before you all the week, and beyond a question it has triumphed.

There is not a lawyer or litterateur of any capacity whatever but will say that it has triumphed. Therefore, what is the use of slaying the slain? I do not propose to do it, but I do propose to remove some false impressions which have been made by that generation of vipers, the press, because

#### This Resolution Was Born of a Jesuit Father and a Daily Liar Mother.

I would be the last man in this land to stir up the *odium theologicum*.

I have not sought this fight; it has been forced upon me. But standing, as I do, as the representative of Zion, I am not sorry that the fight has come, because it will prove once more to Zion in America, in Europe, in Asia, in Africa, in Australia, that God has given to Zion that wisdom which enables Zion always to conquer. (Amen.)

It will show that the hand which holds the helm of this ship is kept in strength by God. (Amen.)

I shall ask before I proceed further that every one who is an investor or a depositor in Zion investments or Zion City Bank, will please stand. (Several hundreds arose.)

#### Zion's Financial Institutions Have No Dissatisfied Depositors or Investors.

Is there one of you who is dissatisfied with your investment?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—Is there one of you who has any fear about your deposit?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—If there is, say Yes. I want that one to go down to Zion City Bank tomorrow morning and draw out your deposit. I will be glad to get rid of you. But such a depositor does not exist, so far as we can ascertain.

My brothers and sisters, not only have you during this week of persecution stood by myself and the Financial Institutions of Zion, but more than \$40,000 in deposits and investments has



come into Zion during the week, thank God. (Amen.) There is more to follow. (Applause.)

**An Offer of a Loan of a Million Dollars.**

Let me say, addressing the investors and depositors, that in the midst of this fight I was offered by an agent of an Eastern capitalist a loan of a million dollars.

Deacon Judd, have you not the letter making that offer?  
Deacon Judd—"Yes, sir."

General Overseer—That has come in the midst of this persecution, thank God. (Applause. Amen.) I have not accepted it. I do not wish to accept it. I desire members of this Church and friends of Zion to keep on finding the money for Zion's Investments that they, and not outsiders, may obtain the profits.

I thank you now. I thank the distant depositors and investors, as well as those in Chicago, that not one dollar has been taken out of Zion City Bank by any depositor, and that not one account has been removed.

Many new accounts have been added, many new deposits have been received, and Zion today has larger resources by more than \$40,000 than she had last week. Thank God. (Amen.)

Now perhaps the little Jesuit boy in the First Reader will notice that there is not much danger of a "run." (Laughter.)

Does any one believe for a moment one of these "where-esses" which says that it is necessary, in the interests of depositors, to investigate Zion City Bank?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—Does any depositor call for it?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—The Jesuit, the druggist, the doctor, the mere miserable politician who makes traffic of politics, have called for investigation, but not one in Zion.

No petition came before that House for investigation.

**The Investigation Came, I Believe, at the Bidding of the Jesuit General.**

In a Jesuit College and Order, the manufacturer of this resolution was trained. He is, doubtless, a novice in the so-called "Society of Jesus."

It came at the bidding of the Black Pope in Europe, because Rome has begun to be seriously alarmed about Zion, since we have baptized, in Europe and America, about 3000 Roman Catholics in less than four years. (Amen. Applause.) Thanks be to God for that.

Let me say, however, that I do not doubt that there are many responsible and able men in the House of Representatives who were tricked and did not realize what they were doing when they sent these "whereasses" through with a shout. Now they would be very glad if they could take them back.

I notice that the committee are in a quandry as to their legal powers. They are going to get a lawyer to tell them what they are, or if they have any.

Would it not have been better to have gotten the lawyer before they began? (Laughter.)

**I Desire to Show You What the Law on This Matter is.**

For that purpose I have especially called you together.

I do not believe that we shall hear any more of the "whereasses," except their distant braying as they are being put to death at Springfield. (Laughter and applause.)

Should it not be so, however, one thing is perfectly certain: the policy laid down will not be departed from one iota, if I have to spend a year in prison.

I shall maintain my right, and your rights, to manage our own affairs as we please, as long as we do not transgress the law.

I shall maintain our right under the law to keep private the affairs of Zion and the affairs of every depositor and investor.

I wish now that the legislators who act first and think afterwards would do a little thinking now for their own sakes, as they do not know the law, and have been telling us so all week. I have the law. I intend to give them today a present of the Law and the Gospel. (Laughter and applause.)

This which I hold in my hand is

**One of the Ablest Documents Ever Produced by a Lawyer.**

I need not tell you that it is produced by our able and much-beloved Attorney, Samuel W. Packard. God bless him. (Amen. Applause.)

I will read it, and then I place in the hands of Overseer Piper six copies of it which the morning papers can have, if they want it.

But I am afraid that the last thing that they want is to tell the truth. (Laughter.) However, I challenge them to publish this legal statement. They have been hungering and thirsting for interviews all this last week, now I give them an interview.

You will now please to follow with very close attention this able letter.

**Able Document by Attorney Samuel W. Packard, Setting Forth the Law Regarding the Rights of the General Overseer Against the Inquisitorial Committee.**

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CHICAGO, February 23, 1901.

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE,

General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion,  
1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

*Dear Doctor:*—In order that you may clearly understand your rights, privileges and remedies in reference to this threatened inquisitorial investigation by a Legislative Committee of the Illinois House of Representatives into your private business affairs, in connection with Zion City Bank and the other Zion Financial Institutions, I wish to say:

Such committee is without power to compel you to produce your private books or disclose your private business affairs, or to punish you for contempt for failure to do so. There are, in my opinion, four, and possibly five, grounds or reasons for substantiating this position. I will mention only three of them.

*First.* The authority of our State government is divided into three departments, Legislative, Executive and Judicial, and Article 3 of the Constitution expressly provides that:

"No person or collection of persons, being one of these departments, shall exercise any power properly belonging to either of the others, except as hereinafter expressly directed or permitted."

Article 6, Section 1, also provides as follows:

"The judicial powers, except as in this article is otherwise provided, shall be vested in one Supreme Court, Circuit courts, County courts, justices of the peace, police magistrates, and such courts as may be created by law in and for city and incorporated towns."

The Legislature of Illinois has no judicial power to compel the giving of testimony or the punishing of a contumacious witness, except in impeachment proceedings or in an investigation having for its object the removal from office of a Judge for cause shown, or the determination of who are entitled to membership in either House, or who should be expelled. The Constitution also expressly provides in what other cases this arbitrary power to punish for contempt may be exercised by the Legislature. As no review or appeal is allowed from a judgment finding a party guilty of contempt by the Legislature, or either branch thereof, in a matter within its jurisdiction, this power is one of the most despotic of any power known to our laws.

Whenever a Court, inferior to the Supreme Court, finds a party guilty of contempt, either constructive or direct contempt in the presence of the Court, an appeal can be taken from such judgment, so as to obtain the opinion thereon of the Court of last resort. In *Stewart v. People*, 3 Scammon Rep., 395, Mr. Justice Breeze of the Supreme Court of Illinois, said:

"Perilous, indeed, would be the condition of the citizen, if he had not the privilege in such a case to have it (the judgment in a contempt proceeding) reviewed by another tribunal, and defective would be our jurisprudence if it afforded no means of relief."

Section 9, Article 3 of the Illinois Constitution provides as follows:

"Each House may punish by imprisonment any person not a member who shall be guilty of disrespect to the House by disorderly or contemptuous behavior in its presence."

Now I have never been in its presence (laughter), and I do not think I will be. (Laughter.)

Under the well-settled maxim of interpretation, that the mention of one thing is the exclusion of another, the power of either House of the Legislature to punish for constructive contempt, outside of those cases where it exercises judicial functions, is necessarily denied by this express provision.

The power to punish a contumacious witness for refusal to appear or testify involves the exercise of judicial powers or functions. It necessarily involves the exercise of judicial power in determining whether or not the witness is compelled to appear, and whether the inquiry is within the scope of the power conferred in taking evidence. In *Bouvier's Standard Law Dictionary*, Volume 2, page 47, under title of "Judicial Power," it is said:

"Wherever a power is given to examine, hear, and punish, it is a judicial power, and they in whom it is reposed act as judges."

This has been so held over and over again by the courts.

In case of *Ziebold*, 23 Fed. Rep., page 791, Judge Foster of the Eighth U. S. Circuit released upon habeas corpus a witness who refused to testify in obedience to a statute of Kansas, which authorized county attorneys to summon witnesses before them, and commit them to jail for contempt, if they refused to obey.

The Court held that the witness was deprived of his liberty under this statutory proceeding without "due process of law," which is guaranteed to every citizen, under the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution; because the power to compel the attendance of witnesses by subpoena and attachment to punish them for disobedience, necessarily involved the exercise of judicial powers which, under the Constitution of the State of Kansas, could only be vested in the courts.

There are numerous other decisions to the same effect, where fruitless

efforts have been made by inquisitorial bodies in pursuance of legislative acts or proceedings to compel the giving of evidence.

In the case of *Interstate Commerce Commission v. Brimson*, 154 U. S. Reports, 447, Mr. Justice Harlan in delivering the opinion of the Supreme Court of the United States, said:

"The inquiry whether a witness before the Commission is bound to answer a particular question propounded to him, or to produce books, papers, etc., in his possession and called for by that body, is one that cannot be committed to a subordinate administrative or executive tribunal for final determination. Such a body could not, under our system of government, and consistently with due process of law, be invested with authority to compel obedience to its orders by a judgment of fine or imprisonment. Except in the particular instances enumerated in the Constitution, and considered in *Anderson v. Dunn*, 19 U. S., Wheat., 204 (5:242), and in *Kilbourn v. Thompson*, 103 U. S., 168-190 (26:377-386), of the exercise by either House of Congress of its right to punish disorderly behavior upon the part of its members, and to compel the attendance of witnesses, and the production of papers in election and impeachment cases, and in cases that may involve the existence of those bodies, the power to impose fine or imprisonment in order to compel the performance of a legal duty imposed by the United States can only be exerted, under the law of the land, by a competent judicial tribunal having jurisdiction in the premises."

Another notable case on this subject which perhaps I had better also cite is that of *Kilbourn v. Thompson*, reported in 103 U. S. Rep., page 168, where the Supreme Court of the United States held that even the Congress of the United States, or either branch thereof, had not the power or jurisdiction to compel the giving of evidence by an unwilling witness except in impeachment proceedings, or in proceedings involving the determination of the question of who should be members of the body, or proceedings of like character where judicial powers were given to such body; and that neither House had power to enter upon an investigation into the private affairs of individuals who hold no office under the government. In this case, the witness Kilbourn, who was released on habeas corpus proceedings subsequently, recovered a judgment of \$20,000 for damages for false imprisonment, which was paid, together with the costs of the proceeding, by Congress.

Did the people send Mr. Donoghue and the other "whereasses" to Springfield for the purpose of being compelled to pay \$20,000 to me for foolish procedure? Is that what they sent them to the Legislature for?

Voices—"No."

In that case, the United States Supreme Court held that the right of Congress to punish a party for contempt could derive no support from the precedents and practices of the two houses of the English Parliament, nor from the adjudged cases in which the English courts have upheld these practices, because the English Parliament was originally a high court of judicature, and after its separation into two houses each was considered to have retained the functions of a court.

The United States Supreme Court further held that:

"No person can be punished for contumacy as a witness before either House, unless his testimony is required in a matter into which that House has jurisdiction to inquire."

That: "neither of these bodies possesses the general power of making inquiry into the private affairs of the citizen."

That: "all the powers intrusted to government, whether State or national, are divided into three grand departments, the Executive, the Legislative and the Judicial. The powers confided to one of these departments by the Constitution cannot be exercised by another."

That: "the committee had no lawful authority to require Kilbourn to testify as a witness, beyond what he voluntarily chose to tell, and the orders and resolutions of the House and the warrant of the Speaker under which Kilbourn was imprisoned for refusal to testify before such committee were void for want of jurisdiction in that body, and his imprisonment for such refusal was without any lawful authority."

And further that: "the House of Representatives is not the final judge of its own power and privileges in cases in which the rights and liberties of the subject are concerned, but the legality of its action may be examined and determined by the Court."

In *re Pacific Railway Commission*, 32 Fed. Rep., 253, Mr. Justice Field of the United States Supreme Court, in speaking of this case, said:

"This case will stand for all time as a bulwark against the invasion of the rights of the citizen to protection in his private affairs against the unlimited scrutiny of investigation by a congressional committee."

In the same case Mr. Justice Field held that it was beyond the power of Congress to compel an unwilling witness to testify as to his private affairs or to produce his books or papers for investigation, even though Congress had expressly authorized the investigation for the purpose of obtaining information for legislative purposes, saying:

"There is no doubt that Congress may authorize a commission to obtain information upon any subject which, in its judgment, it may be important to possess. It may inquire into the extent of the productions of the country of every kind, natural and artificial, and seek information as to the habits, business, and even amusements of the people. But in its inquiries it is controlled by the same guards against the invasion of private rights which limit the investigations of private parties into similar matters. In the pursuit of knowledge it cannot compel the production of the private books and papers of the citizen for its inspection, except in the progress of judicial proceedings, or in suits instituted for that purpose, and in both cases only upon averments that its rights are in some way dependent for enforcement upon the evidence those books and papers contain."

"Of all the rights of the citizen, few are of greater importance or more essential to his peace and happiness than the right of personal security, and that involves not merely protection of his person from assault, but exemption of his private affairs, books and papers from the inspection and scrutiny of others. Without the enjoyment of this right, all other rights would lose half their value."

That is what I have always contended for; and it was to maintain that "right" that I announced my opposition to the

"whereasses" before the House of Representatives at Springfield adopted them. And now that the House has illegally and maliciously passed them I have declared that I will never obey them.

"It is the forcible intrusion into, and compulsory exposure of, one's private affairs and papers, without judicial process, or in the course of judicial proceedings, which is contrary to the principles of free government, and is abhorrent to the instincts of Englishmen and Americans."

Now, Mr. Whereasses, put that in your Legislative corn-cob pipe (laughter) and see if you can smoke it.

**The Question as to Which Is the Bigger, the Legislature or I, is Settled Now.**

The *Chicago Daily News* drew me with an exceedingly large brain, a very much elongated head, and put me up alongside the Illinois State Legislature, which had no brains, except a pepper-caster (laughter and applause) and a corn-cob pipe, and asked the question, Which is the bigger? Perhaps they will give us another cartoon tomorrow morning answering their own question.

In the case of *Interstate Commerce Commission v. Brimson*, before mentioned, the Supreme Court of the United States referred to this decision of Mr. Justice Field with approval, saying:

"Neither branch of the legislative department, still less any merely administrative body, established by Congress, possesses, or can be invested with, a general power of making inquiry into the private affairs of the citizen. *Kilbourn v. Thompson*, 103 U. S., 168-190 (26:377-386). We said in *Boyd v. United States*, 116 U. S., 616-630 (29:746-751)—and it cannot be too often repeated—that the principles that embody the essence of constitutional liberty and security forbid all invasions on the part of the government and its employes of the sanctity of a man's home, and the privacies of his life. As said by Mr. Justice Field in *re Pacific R. Commission*, 32 Fed. Rep., 241-250, of all the rights of a citizen, few are of greater importance or more essential to his peace and happiness than the right of personal security, and that involves not merely protection of his person from assault, but exemption of his private affairs, books, and papers from the inspection and scrutiny of others. Without the enjoyment of this right, all others would lose half their value."

In *Brown on Jurisdiction*, the learned author very carefully and correctly summarizes the powers of legislative bodies in Section 121, pages 331 and 332, where he says:

"It has been held that legislative bodies could punish for contempt, and it was expressly so ruled by the Supreme Court of the United States more than sixty years ago. But this decision has been substantially overruled by that same high Court in the case of *Kilbourn v. Thompson*, 103 U. S., 168. In that case Justice Miller, in delivering the opinion of the Court, shows that the original authority vested in the English Parliament to punish contempts rested on the fact that it was a court of general jurisdiction. Congress, and legislative bodies generally, possess but limited judicial powers, and can only punish for contempt when necessary to preserve order, and while exercising judicial power. The commitment of one to prison for a contempt requires a judicial body capable of rendering a judgment. To render judgment contemplates a trial. A trial can only be conducted by a Court, and only had before a Court. Under the Constitution of the United States the judicial power is vested in the Supreme Court, and in such inferior courts as Congress may from time to time ordain and establish. The power to punish for contempt is therefore a judicial power that can only be exercised by a Court. The jurisdiction of a Court is always open to inquiry to determine the judgment affecting the individual rights of the plaintiff. Congress and other similar bodies are not courts of law to decide private rights, but lawmaking bodies, and have no power to hear, try and determine a cause. Congress has no right to impose a judgment for contempt, except in cases where it acts as a Court, by authority granted by the Constitution of the United States, as in the trial of a case of impeachment, and in proceedings where it has jurisdiction to so act. It is by the Constitution made the judge of the election and qualification of its own members, and may fix their punishment for disobeying its rules. It also has inherent power to preserve order in its own body and punish the violators of its rules, such power being essential to its protection."

*Second.* Another reason why this inquisitorial committee would be without power to carry on this investigation against you is because the resolution limits the inquiry to matters appertaining alone to John Alex. Dowie's affairs. The last clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution would protect you from such a special invidious discrimination. That provision reads as follows:

"Nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

The United States Supreme Court has held many times that this provision was violated by the State, no matter by "whatever instruments or in whatever modes that action was taken."

Judge Taft in the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, in 96 Fed. Rep., on page 122, in speaking of the agencies of the State in reference to whose conduct this Fourteenth Amendment guaranteed protection, said:

"The principle was applied in *ex parte Virginia* to a judge of a County Court who had excluded jurors from a jury in a State Court on account of race, color, and previous condition of servitude. It was followed and restated in *Neal v. Delaware*, 103 U. S., 370-397, where the particular act under investigation was the act of the officers charged by the law with the selection of jurors. This was held to be State action, and in so far as the officers excluded from the jury men on account of their race, it was held to be a violation of the Fourteenth Amendment. The same principle is laid down in the *Civil Rights Cases*, 109 U. S., 3-17; 3 Sup. Ct., 18. In *Yick Wo v. Hopkins*, 118 U. S., 356; 6 Sup. Ct., 1064, the ordinance of a municipal corporation with reference to regulating the carrying on of public laundries which conferred arbitrary power upon the municipal authorities to give or withhold consent to

the carrying on of such business, was held to be State action violative of the guaranty of protection in the Fourteenth Amendment. In this last mentioned case the Supreme Court of the United States nullified and pronounced illegal the action of the Supervisors of the County of San Francisco in discriminating against Chinamen under an ordinance regulating laundries.

The Court held that although the ordinance on the face of it did not necessarily discriminate against a particular person, or class of persons, yet, as in the execution and administration of it, the officers, who were charged with that duty, did so discriminate, that such discrimination was a violation of the Fourteenth Amendment, and entitled the person so discriminated against to relief in the federal courts.

It, therefore, follows from this case that, if the House of Representatives should again side-track their resolution and run it into the repair shop for another overhauling, and should repair it so that it would include on its face the right to examine all private bankers in Illinois, and the committee should then, in the execution of the authority so conferred, single you out for investigation, the whole proceeding would be illegal, and you would be entitled to protection through the federal courts against such unauthorized invasion of your rights.

In the case last referred to, the United States Supreme Court through Mr. Justice Matthews, said:

"Though the law itself be fair on its face and impartial in appearance, yet, if it is applied and administered by public authority with an evil eye and an unequal hand, so as practically to make unjust and illegal discriminations between persons in similar circumstances, material to their rights, the denial of equal justice is still within the prohibition of the Constitution."

*Third.* Although the act of February 25, 1874, of the Illinois Legislature which provides that "Any person may be compelled by subpoena to appear and give testimony as a witness and produce papers and documents before either House or a committee thereof or a joint committee of both houses" is not expressly limited to the taking of evidence in those matters only in which the Legislature has jurisdiction, yet a proper legal construction of such act must so limit it.

It is well settled that an act will be so construed as not to be unconstitutional, if the courts can put such a construction upon it. If this act is construed so as to confine the power of the Legislature to take evidence only in those matters where it has jurisdiction and can exercise judicial functions, then the act is legal. If it goes beyond that, it is unconstitutional and illegal.

To illustrate, if the Honorable House of Representatives should in their wisdom see fit to appoint an inquisitorial committee to take evidence to enable John Smith to recover in his bill for a divorce against Mary Smith, and should attempt to punish Mary Smith for refusing to testify before such an inquisitorial committee as to whether John Smith had grounds for divorce or not, every sensible person would admit that the House was assuming judicial functions beyond its jurisdiction, and that the whole proceeding was illegal and void.

It follows that there must be some limitation upon this inquisitorial power of the Legislature, even if we should admit that a legislative body had the right to compel the giving of evidence for the purpose of obtaining facts or data as the foundation for legislation.

But apart from this, and independent of the protection afforded by the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, I insist that the House of Representatives could not proceed under this resolution, for another reason, namely: because on the face of it it is apparent that the resolution was not introduced or passed for the bona fide purpose of obtaining information to enable the Legislature to frame a legislative act, but, on the contrary, was introduced and passed for the illegal, sinister and unconstitutional purpose of injuring Rev. John Alexander Dowie.

A special telegram to the Chicago *American*, dated Springfield, February 19th, and published in the paper of February 20th, says: "The ultimate purpose of this investigation is to put Dowie out of business."

**They Will Never Put Me Out of Business as Long as God Lives.**

We shall always do His business. (Amen. Applause.)

There is no doubt, from the phraseology of the resolution, that this is the true *animus* of the proceeding. Among other reprehensible statements obviously designed to injure you is the statement that you are an "alleged Divine Healer."

There was the impudence of that young Jesuit. One of the first "whereasses" said that I was "an alleged Divine Healer."

**God the Only Divine Healer.**

I shall ask this audience of about 3000 persons one question: Have you ever heard me say that I was a Divine Healer?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—Have you heard me deny it?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Whom have I said was the Divine Healer?

Voices—"God."

General Overseer—Have I ever claimed to heal; to heal at any time?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—Did I ever ask you for any money for praying for you?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—Did I ever ask you to believe that I had healed you?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—This allegation that I claim to be a Divine Healer, is it false or is it true?

Voices—"False."

General Overseer—Take that, Mr. Donoghue, and ye also in the House of Representatives, into your cob pipe.

It is false. Your first allegation was a lie.

—although you have distinctly, repeatedly and publicly disavowed any claim to be a Divine Healer, and, on the contrary, have always stated that in every case of healing through your prayers it was not *you* but *God* who was the Healer.

The fact that the other 120 private bankers in Illinois were omitted from the resolution furnishes still further corroborative proof that the inquisitorial committee was appointed simply for the purpose of carrying out the illegal, unrighteous and prejudiced judgment and sentence of the House rendered against you on the "whereasses" of the resolution to final execution. Such being the purpose and object of the resolution, it falls of its own weight.

It is unrighteous, illegal and unconstitutional on its own face, and does not need the aid of direct admissions or proof *dehors* the record, to show that the House, in its prejudiced zeal to injure you, has overleaped its power.

Now, what are the remedies which the law affords you against this illegal proceeding?

The "whereasses" will perhaps be more affected by what I can do than by what I can say. I do not desire to take revenge, but I may teach somebody a lesson some day in this very matter by giving them into the hands of the Law which they constantly dishonor.

I do not desire to tax the overburdened taxpayers with heavy damages, but I will now show you what Mr. Packard declares are my remedies. Perhaps that will affect this committee, and those who have given them spurious "authority."

**Remedies to Which Zion is Entitled Against the Inquisitorial Committee and the House.**

It is a maxim of law that there is no wrong without a remedy, yet many people are wronged who never obtain legal redress. The reason usually is that they have not availed themselves of the weapons for their defense which it is the business of those learned in the law to find out and apply.

Yes, Mr. Packard; and I will add also another thing: The people are too poor and have to earn their bread by the sweat of their brow, and they cannot defend themselves. Thanks be to God, however,

**Zion Will Defend Every One of Its Members.**

We will have a law department big enough to do it some day. (Amen. Applause.) We have now. There is no man wronged in Zion anywhere whom I do not help to the utmost extent of my power, and usually very effectually.

Zion has a long hand. God lengthen its hand, and strengthen it. (Amen.) You take care; when you touch a Zion man, you touch me, and I will be down upon you, you "whereass." (Laughter.)

In the short time that has been afforded me to investigate the matter since this crusade began, I have come to the conclusion that you have at least six methods of legal redress.

It may be, upon further investigation, that I shall be able to discover more. However, I think those which I have already discovered will be sufficient to give you a happy issue out of all your troubles—

Brother Packard, when did I say this was a trouble? I have not felt it. I have felt that while I did not like it and would not have sought for it, I have had lots of fun out of it. I will have more fun out of it. (Laughter.) It is a "good fight," so far as Zion is concerned, and, since God calls me to fight, I cannot consider it a "trouble."

Zion will get lots of good out of it. I did not say troubles, Attorney Packard.

—in this regard and also vindicate the majesty, benignancy and supremacy of the law, under whose protecting shield it is the glory and pride of our constitutional form of government that the rich and the poor, the high and the low, may all alike find protection and immunity from illegal attacks.

1. If you should be arrested under this proceeding, you will be entitled to the immediate restoration of your liberty through habeas corpus proceedings carried on in the State Court or before one of the State judges.

2. You would also be entitled to relief by habeas corpus proceedings in the Circuit Court of the United States. You would be entitled to relief in the Federal Court because the proceeding would be in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, in that you would be deprived of your liberty "without due process of law," and also because you would be denied the "equal protection of the laws."

3. You would also probably be entitled, through proceedings in the State Court, to the extraordinary and unusual remedy afforded by the Writ of Prohibition.

That writ is so seldom used that most lawyers have forgotten that the Common Law provides for the issuing of any such writ.

"When an order or citation in contempt is made without any jurisdictional basis, or a lower court attempts to enforce a void order or judgment, by proceedings in contempt, the writ will be granted to restrain the proceedings or prevent the execution of the judgment in contempt, if one has been entered." (See 16 Enc. of Pl. & Pr., p. 1112.)

4. You would also have a right of action against the officer who arrested you, for false arrest and imprisonment.

In such a proceeding you would be entitled to recover large damages,

in order to rebuke the assumption of such unwarranted and unconstitutional power on the part of the officer and the Lower House of the Legislature. Mr. Kilbourn recovered a verdict for \$60,000 damages for the fruitless efforts made by Congress to compel him to testify. The verdict was cut down, however, to \$20,000, which was paid by Congress for the little experiment in which it indulged in assuming the functions of a court when it simply possessed the powers of a legislature.

Do you hear that? You "whereasses." After arresting a man and trying him and compelling him to give evidence, \$20,000 was paid by Congress for the little experiment in which it indulged in assuming the functions of a Court of Law, when it simply possessed the power of a Legislature.

5. You would also be entitled, in my opinion, to an injunction in the Federal Court to restrain the inquisitorial committee and its executive officer from depriving you of your privileges and immunities secured by the Fourteenth Amendment to the U. S. Constitution, under Section 1979 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, which reads as follows:

"Every person who under color of any statute, ordinance, regulation, custom or usage of any State or Territory subjects or causes to be subjected any citizen of the United States or other person within the jurisdiction thereof to the deprivation of any rights, privileges or immunities secured by the constitution and laws, shall be liable to the party injured in an action at law, suit in equity or other proper proceeding for redress."

Although it is a well-settled principle that courts of equity will not usually afford redress by enjoining a criminal proceeding, yet an exception exists where property rights are involved. In this case I should set up in a petition for an injunction, if one were filed, that the good-will of your Bank was a property right, and that the proceeding threatened to injure or destroy that property right. The depositors and customers who have done business with your Bank would be apt to abandon it and do their banking business elsewhere—

#### Zion Would Not Desert Zion City Bank on Account of Persecution.

No, no, you do not know Zion.

Would you be apt to abandon the Bank because of this persecution?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—I should think not. But Attorney Packard is giving the legal view of it.

—if they found that their private transactions with you were to be the subject of public investigation and exposure, when they would have immunity from such exposure if they did business with other banks or bankers. That would necessarily have a tendency to destroy the good-will of your business, and so become a deprivation of a property right. That would entitle you, in my opinion, to equitable relief, by injunction, under the section of the United States Statute which I have before referred to.

I think that point is a good one. Would you like the committee at Springfield to know just how many pennies you have in Zion City Bank?

Voices—"No."

#### The Legislature Has No Right to Inquire Into Your Private Business.

General Overseer—If you had borrowed money from the Bank, would you like the committee to know just what security you gave?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—The fact is, it is a downright piece of willful, wicked and abominable illegal procedure.

Similar relief was afforded in the case of *Schandler v. Welch*, 42 Fed. Rep., 561, by Judge Phillips, of the Eighth Circuit. The Court in that case enjoined the State officials of Kansas from prosecuting the petitioner criminally for alleged violation of the State law of Kansas, on the ground that such State law was unconstitutional, and hence the petitioner was deprived of his property rights "without due process of law."

The Court said: "The declared object and purpose of the respondents (that is, the State officers of Kansas) is to obstruct and prevent the right of complainant and his agents to pursue a lawful avocation and business in commerce between the states. In short, in intent and in effect, to destroy complainant's business and expel his property, imported into the State for mercantile purposes, from the State. Certainly such a condition of affairs calls into activity the equity powers of the Court to protect the property rights of the complainant secured to him by the Constitution of the United States."

6. If this legislative inquisition should proceed under the powers given to it by the last resolution, passed on Wednesday, February 20th, and result in the arrest or molestation of any one of your employes who is a citizen of the United States, then I believe all the members of such committee, as well as the doorkeeper who served the warrant, and perhaps the Speaker and all the members of the House who voted for the resolution, would be liable to indictment in the Federal Court for conspiracy "to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate a citizen in the free exercise and enjoyment of the rights and privileges secured to him by the Constitution of the United States."

Would it not be a terrible turning of the tables if I brought the entire Illinois House of Representatives, from the Speaker to the doorkeeper, into Court and indicted them for "Conspiracy"? (Laughter.)

It would be a conspiracy to deprive a citizen of his rights under the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which gives him immunity from arrest "without due process of law." As the proceeding would be illegal and unconstitutional, it would be "without due process of

law," or, indeed, any process of law whatever, and therefore every one aiding or abetting such illegal act could be held criminally liable, in my opinion, under Section 5508 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, which reads as follows:

"If two or more persons conspire to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate any citizen in the free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege secured to him by the Constitution or laws of the United States, or because of his having so exercised the same, . . . they shall be fined not more than \$5,000—

Just think of every one of them having to pay \$5,000.

—and imprisoned not more than ten years; and shall, moreover, be thereafter ineligible to any office or place of profit, honor or trust created by the Constitution or laws of the United States."

That would be the hardest thing of all. They would never be able any more to eat out of the government crib! (Laughter and applause.)

That the Federal Courts do not hesitate to enforce and give effect to the privileges and immunities afforded by the Federal Constitution, even against high State dignitaries, is apparent from many cases where criminal proceedings in the Federal Courts have been successfully prosecuted, and the decisions sustained by the highest Court in the land, namely, the Supreme Court of the United States (see in the matter of J. J. Coles, Judge of the County Court of Pittsylvania County, Virginia, 100 U. S. Rep., page 339; *United States vs. Waddell*, 112 U. S., 76; *Motes v. United States*, 178 U. S., 458).

In conclusion, I will say that my health is very good at the present time, and that I know of no reason why you should not avail yourself of this timely opportunity to show your loyal obedience to the requirements of Section 20, Article 2 of the Constitution of Illinois, which declares that: "A frequent recurrence to the fundamental principles of civil government is absolutely necessary to preserve the blessings of liberty."

Mr. Packard is, of all men in this country most able to call attention to those principles.

We are determined to call attention to "the fundamental principles of civil government," for the blessings of both private and public "rights," and the blessings of civil and religious liberty are imperiled.

I remain, with great respect,

Yours very truly,

SAMUEL W. PACKARD,

May God bless him. (Amen. Applause.)

#### Zion Will Not Resist Wrong by Force.

A statement has been made that I am prepared to resort to force. Did I ever do that?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—Have I ever taught that? I have always yielded to the law, even when the procedure was illegal. I have sought my remedy, or else put up with the injury after I had won the victory, and I have always won in all cases of public persecution of Zion and her interests of every kind.

The lies of the newspaper press that I have Zion Guards with shotguns and slungshots are just as wicked as the very demons who wrote them, with the distinct purpose of creating public disgust and contempt of Zion. Is there any truth in them?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—Zion Guards, stand, please. (The Zion Guards, about 300 in number, arose in every part of the building.) Are there any of you who ever carried a weapon of any kind?

Guards—"No."

General Overseer—Do you intend to carry weapons?

Guards—"No."

General Overseer—Have I ever asked you to be a body to do anything forcibly.

Guards—"No."

General Overseer—Do you exist for protection and defense?

Guards—"Yes."

General Overseer—Not for aggression?

Guards—"No."

General Overseer—Are you simply to preserve property and keep these meetings orderly and quiet?

Guards—"Yes."

General Overseer—And to protect my life against the frequent and open threats which are made against it?

Guards—"Yes."

General Overseer—I charge you never to carry a weapon, except the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. That is the kind of weapon which all the Devils fear and fly before.

I thank you for this, and ask now that all who have confidence in my administration of Zion will please to stand. (Thousands arose, nearly all in the vast auditorium.)

I ask you, Are you prepared to stand by me, God helping you?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—I have no personal hatred against any of my enemies. May God bless them and save them and bring them to heaven.

#### BENEDICTION.

Jehovah bless thee, and keep thee:  
Jehovah make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:  
Jehovah lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee Peace.  
Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

#### WONDERFULLY HEALED AFTER TWO YEARS' SUFFERING.

The letter quoted below tells clearly and convincingly of the powerlessness of physicians and drugs to heal, and of the power and love of God, who is ever willing to heal those who obey His commands and trust Him alone.

The writer tells how her body, weakened and tortured by several diseases, was quickly and perfectly restored to health in answer to prayer:

ALMA, WISCONSIN, February 3, 1901.

BELoved GENERAL OVERSEER:—It is about four years ago since God graciously revealed His saving and healing power to me.

At the Consecration of Central Zion Tabernacle I first heard of God's Way of Healing.

I had been suffering for nearly two years with constipation, indigestion and other troubles.

In February, 1897, mamma was feeling very badly and went to Chicago to Zion Home.

She took me with her, but I stayed with relatives.

The teaching was mostly new to her, but just what she wanted.

She was baptized and fully persuaded that you were a man of God.

She tried to persuade me to stay at Zion Home, but I was very stubborn and would not, because all that I had ever heard about you was in mockery.

But when a physician in Chicago told me I had a floating kidney and would have to be operated upon, I decided to go and see you.

I witnessed a Baptism of about 140 that day, and the beautiful, solemn scene impressed me very much.

I went into the Healing Room, and when you laid your hands on me and prayed, I felt such a strange feeling pass all through my body.

I then and there gave my heart to God.

I felt that God had healed me.

I went to Central Zion Tabernacle after that, and the more I heard you teach, the more I learned to love you and to feel that you were a Messenger of God.

At the beginning of my sickness I had been treated by a physician of our town, but as he could not help me, and I was growing thinner and paler every day, mamma took me to Winona, to a better physician.

I grew so bad that I was obliged to stop school.

For a long time I could eat scarcely anything but bananas, a very soft boiled egg, and milk.

I suffered with pains in my side nearly all of the time, and used treatments regularly.

I very often felt so miserable that I wished I could die.

After you had laid your hands on me, I was still very ignorant, and having become accustomed to the treatments and thinking I could not get along without them, still kept on using them.

God taught me differently.

I laid all remedies aside and put full confidence in Him.

Words cannot express my gratitude to God for delivering me from a life of misery and sickness.

I thank you also for the beautiful teaching you have brought us.

I am thankful that God has led me to Him in my youth, because I am happier in His service than I was in the few pleasures of the world.

I now attend the High School regularly, and have not been obliged to miss one day because of sickness since God has healed me.

I delight in doing Zion Seventy work.

It is my earnest desire that Zion may go forward very quickly, so that all nations may know of the wonderful mercy and goodness of God, and that Jesus may come quickly.

Praying the Father to spare you many years to us, I am

You loving Sister in Christ,

IRENE M. ZELLER.

## ZION'S BIBLE CLASS.

BY DEACON DANIEL SLOAN.

### MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS LESSON, MARCH 13th or 14th.

#### The Rebukes of God.

- He rebukes self-righteousness.*—Luke 18:9-14.  
Which looks with disdain on the poor.  
Which comes in austerity to Church services.  
Which prays in self-admiration.
- He condemns money-hoarding.*—Mark 10:17-27.  
Which causes one to always be full of business plans.  
Which leads one to worship success.  
God cannot get into the heart which is trusting something else.
- He silences self-presumption.*—John 8:1-11.  
To be fit to judge those guilty of common sins, you must be free from those failings yourself.  
People usually unsparingly condemn what they are guilty of themselves.  
Christ came specifically to save, not continually to condemn.
- He exposes sectarian prejudice.*—Luke 5:33-39.  
Some want others to ever act as they do religiously.  
Salvation that is ever new is the only kind that keeps.  
New light is ever coming to the enlightened man.
- He unmasks hypocrisy.*—Matthew 23:13-33.  
Some pay money they owe, but have no mercy to show.  
Some have supposed good reputations, but have low morals.  
Some are solid with men, but have no standing with God.
- He frowns on Church practices.*—Matthew 21:12-16.  
There is much rascally business done in Church affairs.  
God never thinks well of socials, fairs and suppers for Church support.  
Hired choirs seldom give the voluntary praise pleasing to God.
- He shames history worshipers.*—John 8:33-47.  
Being a member of a Church will never keep a man from hell.  
Saving grace enjoyed by a father cannot save his posterity.  
One must worship only God to find the liberty there is in Christ.  
*The Lord Our God is a Sin-Rebuking God.*

### SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS LESSON, MARCH 17th.

#### The Weary Complaint of Some.

- Saying much against the mission of others.*—Numbers 12:1-11.  
Some are very ready to criticize God's ministers.  
Some know just how a preacher ought to talk, and what he ought to say.  
Some are more wise than the wisdom God gives His leaders.
- Saying that God ought to give them better things.*—Numbers 11:4-9.  
It is fleshly desires that make saints weep.  
Some do not seek first the hidden manna.  
What God gives means life; what we often want causes death.
- Saying there is no way out of trouble.*—Exodus 14:10-18.  
Some think they cannot find God and cannot get away from the Devil.  
When we trust and do not fret, God can help us.  
God cannot deliver those full of fear.
- Saying that God has made the load too heavy.*—Numbers 11:10-15.  
Some cry in trouble instead of pray.  
When God's people obey they never come to want.  
Sin ever puts heavy loads on heavy hearts.
- Saying obstacles are too great to get where God plans us to go.*—Deuteronomy 1:22-32.  
God selects the place for His City.  
God always chooses good places for His people.  
When we look other than to God, faith fails.
- Saying life is only a weary grind of worry.*—Job 7:1-17.  
God did not say Man is born unto trouble, as sparks fly upward.  
God does not cause sleepless nights.  
God does not want any one to die or even long for death.
- Saying the discipline of God is harsh and severe.*—Hebrews 12:4-16.  
God is love, He cannot be harmful.  
God does not teach with a rod in His hand.  
Do not rebel and you will find His yoke easy.
- Saying the cost of discipleship is too exacting.*—Matthew 19:16-22.  
To give all to God is to get all from God.  
The wages of sin is death, for it costs a person the life.  
The earth is God's, to follow Him is to inherit it.  
*God's Holy People are Not a Murmuring People.*

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**ZION'S LITERATURE MISSION**  
By DEACONESS SARAH E. HILL

WOE UNTO you! for ye took away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.—Luke 11 : 52.

THE following letter to the General Overseer is from a gentleman in London, well known there in literary circles.

He writes:

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

*Reverend Sir:*—May I beg very respectfully to introduce myself to you by this letter?

Having heard a great deal about you and your teaching during your sojourn on the Continent and throughout England, especially in London, I became interested and tried to find out all I possibly could about Divine Healing.

Needless to say, I had much difficulty; for I found that the press generally, pandering to the public taste, condemned you on all hands, misrepresenting you and your teaching in the grossest and most contemptible manner.

Without giving their readers a truthful impression of your principles and creed, they condemned them because they were new, or uncommon or unconventional.

For my own part, I must admit that I was somewhat in doubt with such false reports circulated; but feeling certain that there must be something in it, I investigated and inquired for myself.

At last I came upon a copy of LEAVES OF HEALING in a public library, and of course I read it eagerly.

I was greatly surprised at what I learned, and could find nothing in what was written that could support the theory of the newspapers that "it was a fraud."

To me, what I read seemed great truths.

Not knowing where to obtain a copy of your paper in England, I told many of my friends what I had learned, and tried my best to convince them that it was worthy of consideration; but they would accept nothing without authority (LEAVES OF HEALING).

Therefore I am writing you for authoritative information and to ascertain where LEAVES OF HEALING can be obtained in England.

AND IN that day shall ye say, Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon His Name, declare His doings among the peoples, make mention that His Name is exalted.—Isaiah 12 : 4.

John Price, of Erdington, England, writes:

OSBORNE HOUSE, RESERVOIR ROAD,  
ERDINGTON, NEAR BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND.

DEACON O. L. SPRECHER.

*My Dear Brother in Jesus:*—I regret to know that the General Overseer and yourself are leaving our land.

After our meeting last evening, one of our members informed me that his wife and he had been reading LEAVES OF HEALING and that they had to begin to pay their tithes at once.

We were delighted to read your letter, with its glad tidings regarding the mother being saved and the dear little girl being healed.

It is just like our Father.

We have had some most blessed answers to the prayer of faith lately, more amongst the children.

In one family the little baby was given up to die and the father was very ill. The distracted mother sent a request for prayer to our meeting.

That very night God had mercy on them.

The father had a change for the better, and they are both nearly well.

The dear mother's face is quite bright again.

Another little baby was fading away—its eyes being sunken in its head.

The father and mother brought it to the meeting and they both humbled themselves before God in prayer and confession.

The little one was anointed. It went to sleep in the meeting and has been improving, and is now quite well.

The Devil has kept us going lately.

The dear little boy about whom my oldest son wrote, asking you to pray, had a marvelous deliverance.

He was near unto death, but is now quite recovered, praise God.

These things need telling out more, that His Name may be exalted.

These blessed deliverances are all brought about through LEAVES OF HEALING, more or less.

It was a happy day, years ago, when dear Brother Stevenson introduced LEAVES OF HEALING to our family.

I thank God that ever He opened my eyes to see a Full Salvation for spirit, soul and body, and that we do not now believe the old lie that God is the defiler. We believe that the Devil is the author of all sickness and disease.

Our constant prayer is that our dear General Overseer may be spared many years to denounce and expose the tricks of the Devil.

IF YE BE willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land.—Isaiah 1 : 19.

We give a letter from Natal, South Africa, addressed to Overseer Piper:

REV. WILLIAM H. PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—Herewith I send you my application for membership, as I cannot remain outside of Zion any longer.

Zion teaching has been in my heart for three years.

But I have been disobedient to the Voice from Zion.

Now I see that I have lost three precious years and the Devil has gained three.

How foolish it is to be disobedient

God has called me through LEAVES OF HEALING to delay no longer.

We are only four here in Durban who have accepted Zion teaching to any extent.

We need your prayers that God will do wonderful things through LEAVES OF HEALING and through our simple testimony in this dark city full of apostate churches.

IS ANY among you sick? let him call for the Elders of the Church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the Name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save him that is sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, it shall be forgiven him.—James 5 : 14, 15.

The following letter was written to the General Overseer from England:

2 COWPER VILLAS,

CHURCH ROAD, YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—We came to believe in Divine Healing through reading LEAVES OF HEALING, sent us by my dear Brother Baum, of Cincinnati, who was converted and baptized by Overseer Piper.

We were and are thankful to God to know and live the truth.

We do thank Him for sending LEAVES to our home.

We forward them to surrounding neighbors. Some have been converted. Many are interested.

We have sent in our applications for membership in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

We hold a small meeting on Wednesday evening and study the Bible Lesson in the LEAVES.

Although there are only four of us, we are praying and happily looking forward to the time when we shall have an Elder over us and be a strong Zion Gathering for God in Birmingham.

We pray God will ever bless your mighty work in delivering the true Gospel to the world.

**Zion Literature Sent Out From a Free Distribution Fund Provided by Zion Guests and the Friends of Zion. Report for the Week Ending February 2, 1901.**

7768	Rolls to.....	Various States of the Union.
7222	Rolls to.....	Ireland.
6670	Rolls to.....	England.
615	Rolls to.....	Switzerland and Denmark.
382	Rolls to.....	Various Foreign Countries.
	Number of Rolls for the week.....	22,957
	Number of Rolls reported to February 2, 1901.....	939,845



## CHICAGO.

### Presentation of Banners and Standards to Zion Guard by the General Overseer.

ON Monday evening, February 18, 1901, a grand rally of Zion Guard was held at the South Side Zion Tabernacle.

The General Overseer was present and made the occasion a memorable one by the presentation of the beautiful silken Zion Banner and the silken flags of the United States and Great Britain which served as his Banner and Standards all through the European mission.

The Guard was drawn up in two battalions facing inward, when the General Overseer entered. Zion Band, of over thirty pieces, made its first appearance at this time, and, with the escorts of honor, escorted the General Overseer to the platform.

The meeting was opened by the reading of the twentieth Psalm, which the General Overseer has designated especially as the Psalm for Zion Guard.

The General Overseer then spoke briefly to the Guard, reminding them that their only weapon was the Word of God, then passing on to a very interesting talk on the significance of the Banner and Standards.

Speaking of the Banner, he said:

"First, the color at the bottom is the color of the Great White Throne itself; the pure white which is the blending of all colors.

"As it takes every color to make white, so it takes every grace to make a man or a woman pure.

"The Gold, of which the streets of heaven are laid, is the emblem of pricelessness. It always has been the Standard of pricelessness, the beautiful emblem of heaven.

"The Blue, the emblem of the clear, unclouded sky, represents the boundless glory of God.

"The Sword and Crown represent the Sword of the Spirit and the Crown which God gives. Our motto is not 'No Cross, no Crown,' but 'No Sword, no Crown.'

"The Sword of the Spirit is the Word of God. There is nothing that cuts like the Sword of the Spirit, if you have the right hold on it. If you have hold of the wrong end, however, you will get hurt.

"That Book has been dearer to me than anything man could ever give me, and is dearer still. It is not merely the Sword, but the Word of God. We are speaking of the Bible as Christ spoke of it."

The presentation was then made, the Guards promising to Go Forward under the Banner to fight the good fight of faith; to defend the principles which it represented; to use only the Sword of the Spirit, and to maintain the purity of Zion.

The General Overseer then presented the American and British Standards with a few appropriate words, after which he spoke briefly concerning some of the plans for the future of the organization.

He was then escorted to his carriage.

Zion Guard now consists of about three hundred members, divided into seven companies and Zion Band. One of these companies is formed of men who reside at Zion City.

These three hundred men are being carefully and system-

atically drilled in order to bring them to the point of highest efficiency in their important but peaceful duty of protecting lives and property and preserving law and order in Zion in Chicago and at Zion City.

### Fifth Anniversary of the Organization of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

Friday, February 22, 1901, was the Fifth Anniversary of the Organization of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

According to his previously announced plan, the General Overseer did not hold the special services and Conferences, with an ingathering of members and friends of Zion from all the world, which have heretofore been held on the Anniversary of Organization.

Instead, each Branch and Gathering held special services on that day, and a special meeting was held at Central Zion Tabernacle at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The General Overseer conducted the service, touching upon the salient points in the history of the five years since organization.

He showed how wonderfully God had wrought through Zion in those few short years; to how many tens and hundreds of thousands the Message of the Everlasting Gospel of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living had been carried; how many had been saved, healed, cleansed, blessed and made prosperous through that work.

He, and all the audience of over a thousand members and friends of Zion with him, thanked and praised God for His glorious work.

But Zion is too fully occupied with Going Forward and going Upward to give more than an occasional glance at the path already trod.

She marks the milestones in her journey, then passes on.

She is surrounded by many bitter foes as well as many who love her better than all the world beside. She is in a continuous warfare for God against these diabolical foes, hence she cannot afford to devote much time to reminiscence.

The completion of the first half-decade of her existence was fittingly observed, but she presses on and up.

### Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Rev. Edward Williams, Elder-in-Charge.

God's mighty hand is carrying forward His work in Zion in Benton Harbor.

As in apostolic times, He gives His servants all boldness to preach the Word, while He places the stamp of His Authority upon their ministry by stretching forth His hand to heal.

Two families, one of six children and another of three, were recently healed, immediately, in answer to Elder Williams' prayer. The little ones were able to be out on the following day.

Mrs. Williams, the Elder's good wife, was recently attacked very severely by the grip. Her bronchial tubes were rapidly filling up, and she could scarcely breathe. In answer to her husband's prayer she was perfectly healed in the twinkling of an eye.

A colored woman, member of the Methodist Church, was instantly healed after three years' sickness, in answer to Elder Williams' prayers.

Zion's work in the near vicinity is also being greatly blessed.

In the jail at St. Joseph, which has about thirty inmates, Elder Williams conducts services on each Lord's Day afternoon. Members of the Church in Benton Harbor send in LEAVES OF HEALING, and the prisoners are taking a great deal of interest. They have pasted up Zion pictures in all their cells.

The Elder recently held a series of meetings at Millburg, Michigan. The interest was intense, the hall being crowded so that no more could get in.

The meetings were attended by two ministers of the so-called Christian Church. They became so angry and stirred up such opposition that threats were made to burn down the hall if the meetings were continued. The owner became fearful and refused Elder Williams farther use of the hall.

One man who had used tobacco sixty years, gave it up and handed the Elder his tobacco box.

We give below a few testimonies to God's healing power from the members of the Church in Benton Harbor:

BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN, February 2, 1901.

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

*Dear General Overseer:*—About six weeks ago a scaffold upon which I was working broke.

I fell, striking with my side at about the third rib, on the edge of a board.

This caused a fracture, tore the lower ribs loose in front and broke one or two near the spine.

I think I was also hurt internally, but how badly I do not know; because I was instantly healed of that.

As soon as I got up I prayed, and as soon as I could talk I asked two brothers who were working for me to pray for me. In a short time I was relieved so that I could walk and I rode in a buggy about four miles.

I followed the instructions in James 5.

I rested well that night and was able to walk nearly a mile to the meeting the next day.

God answered prayer at once and took all the soreness out. All I had to do was to keep my body quiet, so that the bones could grow together again. In one week I was able to help shingle the roof.

I praise the Lord for the teaching we get from Zion through you, our General Overseer.

I often think that if I had gone to a doctor great suffering would have followed. Praise the Lord, we have learned a better Way.

I pray that God will bless you and all Zion everywhere.

Your Brother in Christ, AUGUST PETERS.

BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN, February 21, 1901.

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

*Dear General Overseer:*—We have been taking everything to God in prayer, sickness included, for about eighteen years. However, in a great many cases we called in the doctor, until about five years ago.

Through the reading of LEAVES OF HEALING, which came into our hands through some friend, we awakened out of sleep. From that time the Lord has been our Healer.

We have in several cases received most wonderful healing.

About two months ago I ran a nail into my foot.

The foot swelled to twice its normal size.

As soon as we turned to the Lord for our help, the swelling went down, praise His Holy Name.

In less than two hours after Elder Williams prayed for me, I went about my business as usual.

I was taken with grip last Monday, and was very sick for two days. Then I received, all in a moment, a manifestation of God's power, which healed me.

I am not writing this to prove Divine Healing to be true, for that is true even though there be no one healed.

May God bless His work in Zion.

Your Brother in Christ, C. DRUPSTEIN.

BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN, January 30, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I praise God for the grace He has given me to free me from the bondage of sin wherewith the Devil had bound me.

I had used tobacco for about twenty-five years and drank a great deal of liquor when I could get it.

LEAVES OF HEALING was handed to me last winter.

I read with great interest, saying to my dear wife that if that was all true, this was the work of God.

Drink would let me think no farther.

I had taken the Keeley treatment some years before, but it was no success. I drank worse after the treatment than before.

When we moved to Benton Harbor I went to Zion Tabernacle. Elder Williams told me that I must repent and trust God as my Healer and my Cleanser.

I threw away my tobacco and began to pray that God might deliver me from my habits.

He has done so and I praise His Holy Name for His wonderful blessings and Keeping power.

I desire to thank dear Overseer Piper and our dear Elder Williams for their earnest prayers for me in time of need.

May God bless our dear General Overseer and all the officers and Elders of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, and all those who worship God in spirit and in truth.

Your Humble Brother in Christ, WILLIAM D. BAUSHKE.

BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN, February 2, 1901.

I feel it my duty, also a great privilege, to praise God for the many blessings He has showered down upon me.

He healed me last summer of a severe cough and great soreness through my lungs and shoulders; also of lame back and several other minor disorders.

Elder Williams prayed for me and God answered his prayers.

I praise God for our dear Elder.

Your Sister in Christ, (MRS.) CHARLES MORRILL.

Detroit, Michigan.

Rev. E. B. Kennedy, Elder-in-Charge. Evangelist Sarah L. Kennedy, Assisting.

Elder Kennedy and his excellent wife, Evangelist Kennedy, have been working for God in Zion in Detroit for over three months. God has blessed their earnest, consecrated labors and is almost daily adding to them such as are being saved.

In a recent report of Zion's work in Detroit, Elder Kennedy says:

We asked God for ten applications for membership for the month.

On the last Lord's Day in the month I had but three of the ten applications.

On Monday morning, in beginning to make out my report, I filled out the blank for ten applications. Yesterday we had but eight. But at the meeting last night God gave us the remaining two.

The tenth application was that of an old soldier. He was brought to the Tabernacle in this way:

We needed a janitor badly. After giving the "drones" an opportunity to volunteer their services, no one offering to do the work, I asked the people to pray for a janitor.

On Tuesday a stranger was on hand, saying he had heard we were in need of a janitor.

He erroneously thought himself saved, but God took the scales from his eyes and he gave himself to God. I felt the leadings of God in this matter had been so clear that I had no hesitancy in taking his application and forwarding it with this month's report.

The conversion of this man is the third for the week.

A man and wife came to Zion Tabernacle on Lord's Day for the first time.

LEAVES OF HEALING had prepared him to receive what God had for him. On Tuesday he sacrificed a day's wages and came to Zion Tabernacle with the determination to give himself to God. He got what he came for.

God is working.

Our meeting together in Zion Tabernacle and Zion Cottage Meetings has been with increasing blessing and power.

A number of others are finding their way into the truth of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living.

Zion Seventies are meeting with more opposition now as they go forth with LEAVES OF HEALING.

Litchfield, Michigan.

Rev. Martin Hayden, Elder-in-Charge.

Deacon Charles O. Hatch, formerly of Hammond, Indiana, now residing at Homer, Michigan, sends us the following remarkable testimony to the instantaneous healing of a broken bone in his eight-year-old son's forearm. The healing took place in answer to the prayer and laying on of hands of Elder Martin Hayden, of the Litchfield, Michigan, Branch, Overseer Piper praying at the same time.

The following is Deacon Hatch's testimony:

It is with heartfelt gratitude that I write to tell you of the blessing which came in answer to prayer.

On the 10th of last October our little eight-year-old son Frankie fell

from a fence while at school and broke his arm between the wrist and elbow. He was brought home by a lady and her son who lived near the school.

The lady said to my wife, "I am afraid the little boy's arm is broken, you ought to get a doctor at once to see to it."

My wife said, "No, we will not have a doctor."

At that time I was seventy miles from home.

My wife obeyed the command to "call for the Elders of the Church."

She telegraphed you, telegraphed Elder Hayden, of Litchfield, to come, and wrote to me.

A later letter to my wife's father stated that Elder Hayden had come the next morning and prayed with him, letting the arm down in its natural position, and that the pain immediately left and that the boy was somewhere out in the yard.

Her parents said that if he was all right and out, he never had his arm broken.

But there is no denying that it had been broken, for there is unmistakable evidence of a bone having been fractured.

He has perfect use of all muscles and joints, and has never had a particle of pain in it since the Elder prayed.

I think nothing ever happened in or near Homer before to arouse the "They says" as it did to have a person trust God for the healing of a broken bone.

The first we heard was that mortification had set in, and then it was gangrene; and only a week or two ago they said we had been to Ann Arbor and had the arm taken off at the shoulder. Yet during the time of all this talk, not one, besides my own parents, came to find out for himself whether it was all true or false.

Thanks be to God, it was all false. We are very thankful to God for our General Overseer and those who are called with him who come teaching the full Gospel.

We are praying daily for them and for the Onward Movement of Zion.

#### Mount Sterling, Ohio.

One of the many Gatherings of the Friends of Zion in Ohio is at Mount Sterling, under the conductorship of Mr. W. A. Dodds.

God is blessing all these Gatherings, making them very important nuclei of Zion which will, in time, develop into Branches. They are also distributing points for Zion Literature, which bears the Message of the Everlasting Gospel, the All-Conquering Message of the ages.

Mr. William Highmiller, Messenger of the Gathering at Mount Sterling, sends us the following report:

Zion meetings are held each Lord's Day afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. W. A. Dodds, our Conductor.

Many have been the blessings in answer to prayers for healing and keeping of spirit, soul and body.

Mrs. Paulina Dodds testified at a recent meeting to the healing of a severe sore throat and the grip in answer to prayer, giving God all thanks and glory.

Mr. J. C. Dodds gave God all praise and honor for answering his prayers for keeping him from getting sick.

Ella Dennison testified to the healing of a severe cold in answer to prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. William Highmiller testified to the healing of tonsilitis.

Our little daughter Esther, four years old, was taken with high fever and complained of her throat. We examined her throat and it was a mass of yellow blisters, the Devil's marks. We took it to the Lord in earnest prayer.

While we were calling her name in prayer, she said, "Papa, I's not sick. The Devil is gone. Jesus made me well."

And so it was; for there was no more sore throat. She was well the next morning.

We cannot give thanks to God enough for raising up such a man as the General Overseer, who gives us the Full Gospel.

We thank God for His answers to our prayers in behalf of all our family. He cares for us and heals us of our diseases.

He provides us with employment.

We give God all glory and praise; for His promises never fail.

#### Mansfield, Ohio.

Rev. Cyrus B. Fockler, Elder-in-Charge.

Zion in Mansfield, given Victory by the power of God over all the wrath, fury and power of a bitterly malicious and murderous enemy, goes forward rejoicing in the Lord.

Every Lord's Day an officer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion conducts meetings at the home of one of the members.

God's Spirit is present to bless, and, in spite of opposition, contumely and ridicule, those who are beginning to see the light as it shines forth from Zion are, one by one, leaving behind the old life and beginning, by Repentance, Confession, Restoration, Faith and Obedience, the New Life in Zion.

We quote an extract from a letter from a talented man who recently sent in his application for fellowship from that place:

I deem it my duty, as well as a great privilege and pleasure, to hand to you my application for membership in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

I have carefully read the teachings as recorded in LEAVES OF HEALING, and find them, according to the Word of God, absolutely true.

I have been greatly benefited and blessed by the inspiring words of the General Overseer.

I feel the lack of teaching, but, God helping me, I shall learn more each day by careful study and a listening ear.

Pray for our spirit, soul and body, that we may live many years to be a help to Zion's Onward Movement and a blessing to our family.

May God bless Zion City. May she be a clean and pure City, inhabited by a pure and holy people who shall grow in power and strength till Jesus come.

May God bless Zion everywhere.

#### Bradford, Pennsylvania.

Mr. B. S. Love, Conductor of the Gathering of the Friends of Zion in Bradford, sends us the following brief but comprehensive report of the work which God has been doing in Bradford during the year just past:

Zion is going forward in Bradford, praise the Lord.

Our first year's work shows good results, so far as we can count.

We started with four members and now have fourteen; started with one meeting each week, now have six.

Zion Junior Seventies are doing good work.

Many others are looking toward Zion.

The pastors of some of the churches are saying, "Keep away from those Zion people. Do not read the papers; they are teaching devilish things."

Praise the Lord, we are selling thirty copies of LEAVES OF HEALING each week and will soon increase that number.

God is blessing us wonderfully.

Pray for us.

#### Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Gideon Hammond, Elder-in-Charge. Deacon C. F. Kelchner, Assisting.

We have received the following wonderful testimony of almost immediate healing of a disease which the physicians failed to cure.

The testimony is from Philadelphia, written under date of January 24, 1901.

It was written by Miss Clara Thatford, who was healed of severe pressure of the nerves and weak eyes, in answer to her own prayers after she had read LEAVES OF HEALING and, asking God's help, had put aside all human so-called remedies:

DEAR ELDER HAMMOND:—In February, 1895, I was taken with severe pains in my shoulder, neck and head. In a short time it gradually extended to my back and right arm; afterward to my left arm.

I was treated for about two years, going to three doctors in that time— one a specialist.

They called it pressure of the nerves.

I finally gave up going to doctors, at no time having had much faith in them.

Not having had the teaching, I did not know that it was always God's Will to heal.

One Monday morning in December, 1898, the Little White Dove brought its sweet Message of Gospel truth to me, through Miss Vina Peck's testimony.

After reading it I went at once to my room and, kneeling down, promised my Father that as He had now shown me His Way of Healing, I would never again take medicine, but trust Him, no matter what the result.

The only thing that had been any help in my sickness had been the wearing of a jacket lined with raw cotton. I was impressed at once to leave this off. I left it off, putting nothing on in the place of it.

Sunday was a raw, cold day. When I arose the Devil said, "Now, is this not a very imprudent thing to do? It is not good sense."

I looked up to my Father and said, as I took up my Bible, "Father, show me."



I opened to these words: "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for Me?" (Jeremiah 32:27.) My heart answered No.

I went out trusting.

I at once began to get better. I did not have a single cold all that winter—a most unusual thing.

A few weeks later I left off my glasses, which I had worn for about ten years.

It is now more than two years since I had them on. My eyes are better than when I wore the glasses.

I have since had a number of healings, for which I praise God.

I went back to my usual work in September, 1899, and have lost only about four hours from work since on account of sickness.

Shortly after I began to trust God as my physician, mother did the same.

Mother is in her sixty-fifth year, does all her own work, but is feeling much better than she has been for years.

We praise God for the General Overseer and for Zion.

#### Waupaca, Wisconsin.

Rev. Mark H. Loblaw, Evangelist-in-Charge.

God has been greatly blessing the consecrated labors of the members of the Branch of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion in Waupaca, led by their energetic Evangelist, Rev. Mark H. Loblaw.

The work in this beautiful little Wisconsin city, and in several smaller towns in the vicinity, which are often visited by Evangelist Loblaw, is very encouraging, having in it the promise of a strong Zion Branch and community.

The Evangelist sends us the following report, showing how God is increasing the work and stretching forth His hand to save, to heal and to cleanse:

Zion in Waupaca is going forward.

We had a good time Lord's Day, February 17. God was most manifestly with us all day, especially in the afternoon when we spoke on Matthew 28:19.

A number followed the Lord in Baptism and the Master blessed them in so doing.

Despite the fact that it was stormy the people came in large numbers. We had many strangers present. They manifested a deep interest in everything that was said and done and remained throughout the entire service, Baptism included. It was truly an impressive service all through and many so expressed themselves.

Our people here in Waupaca are in a much better spiritual condition than ever before. A true Christian spirit is shown among the entire membership.

We expect much blessing as we continue faithful to God.

I find a willingness on the part of our people here to promptly obey their leader.

A loyalty to Zion at Headquarters is among our people.

Since our coming the membership has increased at least one-third of former membership, and the attendance has also increased, for which we praise God.

Our Father in Heaven has been very kind to us in many ways.

We have had some rather wonderful healings here, and one of recent date I wish to say a word about.

A young man came to the Scoville House a few weeks ago suffering from cancer of the stomach. He had spent nearly eight hundred dollars on doctors, to no effect.

He had been examined by X-ray and told that there was a cancer at the pit of his stomach.

He had suffered much and was no better.

We invited him to our meetings. He came and was much interested.

He came the second time when I spoke on "The Great Physician."

He listened and obeyed the call to Repentance and Full Consecration to God, spirit, soul and body.

He came to me after the service and asked me to pray for him. I did so.

He has had no trouble since and can eat anything good without distress, a thing he could not do for months.

He declares he is healed and desires to come into fellowship with us.

I mention this to the praise of God only.

#### Falls City, Nebraska.

Rev. Charles A. Hoy, Elder-in-Charge. Evangelist Sue R. Hoy, Assisting.

At a testimony meeting conducted by Elder Hoy, at Falls City recently, some excellent testimonies to God's great goodness and His Love, Power and Willingness to heal were given.

These testimonies were afterwards put in writing by the Witnesses and forwarded to us.

We give them below:

FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA, January 23, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I have many things to thank God for in the way He has healed and kept myself and children for almost five years. Before knowing God as the Healer, I used much medicine every year, and had miserable health.

I am thankful that I heard God's Word preached in fulness and power in July, 1896, in Zion Tabernacle No. 2, Chicago.

My freedom from drug-slavery dates from then.

Myself and children have had healing of various ailments. I have received healing of neuralgia of nerves of right lung, for which I was treated while living in the East and West for five or six years.

I have also had healing of chronic constipation, which had caused hemorrhoids, for which I had undergone an operation in a Salt Lake City hospital in April, 1894.

The operation brought no permanent improvement, but God has done what the knife could not do.

After learning from God's Word and Dr. Dowie's preaching that He was the Healer, I threw away my medical muck.

I have no desire for medicine.

God quickly delivers from the little as well as more serious afflictions.

I have proved that God is also interested in our temporal welfare.

God kept my home in Park City, Utah, from destruction by fire by changing the direction of the wind.

When our stock gets sick we do not give medicine, but God heals it.

Saturday, January 19th, I was suddenly and severely attacked with the grip.

Elder Hoy prayed for me and I was healed and enabled to attend the three Lord's Day services.

I give God all the glory, and pray Him to bless and protect our dear General Overseer and all Zion everywhere.

Your Sister in Christ, RUTH WEAVER-DENNIS.

FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA, January 20, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I was quite sick during June and July. I took medicine, but got no better, having white swelling. I could not walk without crutches.

The doctor offered to operate on me and to cure me for \$25.

I had been reading LEAVES OF HEALING and had lost all faith in doctors.

I sent for Elder C. A. Hoy to come and pray for me.

He taught me to trust God and prayed.

I got immediate relief, that Saturday afternoon, and went to work on the following Monday.

I have not had a sick day since.

To God be all the glory.

Respectfully,

EDWARD RHODES.

FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA, January 21, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—Last fall I was healed of bloody flux through the united prayers of myself and wife.

We give God the glory.

Our little son Norman, five years old, had bowel trouble.

We prayed, but he did not get well.

We took him to the Divine Healing Meeting, had Elder Hoy pray for him, and he got well right away. He has remained well ever since.

Our baby, Alvia Walton, was threatened with croup several weeks ago, and was instantly relieved when Elder Hoy prayed for him.

He was a year old January 13, 1901, and is a true Zion baby, being a child of prayer.

He has never seen medicine or a doctor. We give God the glory.

Respectfully,

S. L. YOUNG.

FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA, January 25, 1901.

DEAR ELDER HOY:—I wish to praise God by sending in my testimony. God wonderfully and mercifully keeps my baby and myself.

If I think there has been danger or exposure to cold, or if we have the slightest symptoms of cold, I take it to my Heavenly Father and forget it, and it goes.

Baby was born without a doctor and is a splendidly strong and healthy child. I have prayed several times when his bowels had not moved for six or seven days, and God graciously answered.

Baby was not even mopey under the delay.

I can testify that it pays to take God in everything, and brings sweet reward with peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

God has always blessed me in tithing.

Faithfully yours in Jesus,

(MRS.) LAURA SAYLOR.

FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA, January 21, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I have recently had two answers to prayer for myself and little son Frank.

We were both taken with a severe attack of the grip, but I praise the Lord for hearing my prayer and healing both of us immediately.

I thank God for bringing me out of darkness into the noontide light of the Full Gospel, and for sending us such a dear Messenger, in the General Overseer, to show us the way.

Since I recently obeyed God in Baptism I have had greater blessing in spirit, soul and body than ever before.

I truly thank God for dear Elder Hoy. He is such a blessing to us.

Your Sister in Christ,

MARY M. MCCUMBER.



# CHEERING WORDS FROM ZION'S GUESTS

NOTES FROM ZION HOME

THE regular Praise and Testimony Meeting held in Zion Home, Saturday evening, February 2, 1901, was conducted by Elder Excell.

After the usual opening exercises, the States represented were enumerated and found to be fourteen in number, as follows:

Arizona, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Michigan, Missouri, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Virginia and Wisconsin.

The following foreign countries were represented:

Canada, China, England, Germany, Japan and Scotland.

The meeting was then thrown open for testimony.

Mrs. J. H. SAYRS, Zion Home, said: "I praise God for healing me of the grip last Monday week. I was very sick. I could not stand up. I was sick for about twelve hours, and I was able to stand up in the Name of the Lord."

F. R. BURR, Scottsburg, Virginia, said: "I thank the Lord for His keeping and healing power. About three weeks ago, while I was in Wisconsin, I received word by telegram to come at once as my little girl was sick; in fact, she was dying. I did not go home, but trusted God that she would be all right. In a short time I received another telegram saying that she was better. I then went to the depot and telegraphed home, 'I am praying and trusting God for victory.' At the same time I sent a telegram to Overseer Piper. God heard our prayers.

"I thank God for the testimony I have been able to give of God's power and willingness to heal those who come to Him. My people did not know anything about Divine Healing. I thus had a chance to tell them of God's blessed promises. Also as these messages were sent back and forth, the telegraph operators at both ends got to hear this testimony."

Miss MYRTIE PATTON, Greensburg, Indiana, said: "I praise God tonight for healing me and delivering me from a severe attack of grip. I did not feel very well last Tuesday morning. I had a little headache. In the afternoon I went to Central Zion Tabernacle. Eider Stevens prayed for me and the headache all left and I felt better. I went home and slept well. About 3 o'clock the next morning I was taken with a severe pain in my side, so that I could not move. I asked the Lord to heal me and take away the pain. In a very short time I was relieved and able to move and change my position. Deaconess Clemons came in and prayed for me, and I went to sleep. The pain had all gone. I was weak next morning from the effects of the suffering, but on Thursday morning I was entirely well."

W. B. DRAKE, Beaver, South Dakota, said: "I thank God tonight for salvation and a measure of healing. I have been wonderfully blessed during the past week."

W. P. SWEET, Champaign, Illinois, said: "It has been several months since I have been permitted to be at one of these testimony meetings. I have been traveling a great deal since I was here last. I have been doing Zion Seventy work wherever I have happened to be. A good deal of opposition has come to me, but the Lord has kept me firm. I have been permitted to see some people brought into the light.

"I thank God that I am in Zion again. He has blessed me since I have come here, in spirit, soul and body.

"I had the control of some land in Champaign County. I

had rented it to others. When I went out and saw hogs on the farm, I could not bear it. I spoke to my tenants about my objection to their raising hogs on the farm. The only thing that seemed to concern them was what they would do with the milk. They finally agreed to feed the sour milk to the poultry. I had sent them a tract on the hog and asked God to bless it to them. I had the satisfaction of knowing that no more hogs would be raised on the place after that. The Lord has prospered me in business since I have been in Zion."

Mrs. MATTIE HOFFMAN, Zion Home, said: "I am glad that Jesus loves me. It was through His love that I came here. I thank Him for the blessings I have received in spirit, soul and body, and for the healing of my child. Last Saturday he was taken very sick. Several prayers were offered, but he did not get much better. I stayed at home from work. I felt as if God must heal him at once, and I prayed very earnestly. He went to sleep and when he awoke asked for something to eat. I thank God for Zion. Zion has done so much for us."

DEACONESS H. E. ROBBINS, Zion Home, said: "I had neuralgia in my head and face. The pain was so severe at times that it seemed I could not stand it. Since I was in the meeting this morning, I have had only one spell, and it seems to be all gone, for which I praise God."

ALFRED J. GRISWOLD, Lancaster, Wisconsin, said: "I can say about the same as my brother in regard to the hog business. I had rented a farm before I knew anything about Zion. I rented it on a contract for three years. After I got the teaching from LEAVES OF HEALING, I resolved to have all swine removed from my land, but under the circumstances I could not get the man to give them up. I finally decided to sell the land. I made up my mind that I should never have anything more to do with swine.

"I bought another place and the people were wondering whether I would go to raising hogs. They thought I could not get along without them. They did not know what I would do with the milk. I bought a number of cows and a few sheep. I used the milk to feed the sheep. I did not lose anything, but, on the contrary, I did better than I ever did when I raised hogs. The cows brought in a great deal more than before, and other things prospered proportionately.

"I thank God for the many blessings He has given me. My wife sent me word from South Dakota, saying that one of our children was delivered from a high fever in answer to prayer. I have another child in Lancaster with my mother, who was delivered."

DELOY SAUNDERS, North Salem, Indiana, said: "I was taken sick the first of December and have been sick until a few days ago with stomach trouble. I lost considerable in flesh. Although I did not give my case into the hands of a doctor, yet I did not quit taking medicine until about a week or more ago. Finally, a lady brought LEAVES OF HEALING for me to read, and I quit taking medicine entirely.

"Then a Methodist minister came to see me. He destroyed my faith. I grew worse for a while. I continued reading LEAVES OF HEALING. Then I went over to the church where they were holding revival meetings. They were having a testimony meeting. I asked them at the close of the meeting to unite with me in prayer. The preacher prayed that if it was

God's Will to keep me sick forty years, I should be so. I did not believe that it was the Lord's Will to keep me sick forty years. I never went to that church any more.

"I came here yesterday and have been trusting God. Day before yesterday I thought I was doing well to walk 200 feet. Evangelist Fisher prayed for me and laid hands upon me, and I walked over to 1628 Michigan Avenue, carrying a grip which weighed about twenty pounds. Before today I did not eat very much. I eat all I want now. I have walked back here tonight. I thank God for this blessed deliverance.

"I am glad that we have a God whom we can depend upon for bodily healing as well as for spiritual healing."

H. C. MULLER, 1604 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I am very thankful to the Lord because He has brought me to a place where the Full Gospel is preached. I thank God for the great spiritual blessing received since coming here. I thank God for answering prayer. Coming to Chicago on the train, I was taken very sick. I was so sick I could hardly pray. I did pray, and God answered me."

W. J. MORRIS, Neepawa, Manitoba, said: "I have been healed of several diseases through the prayers of Zion and the General Overseer. I was healed of a broken knee, and of bronchitis of eight years' standing. I intend to trust God for everything."

SAMUEL SCHWEITZER, Linkville, Michigan, said: "I am thankful to God that He has kept me the last year and a half without medicine. I have been delivered from a severe cold. My mother tried to induce me to take medicine, but I said, 'If my Lord cannot heal me without medicine, He cannot heal me if I take it.' I have improved considerably. I used to have to wear a bandage, which I have put away."

W. C. CLOUGH, 1243 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois (formerly of Stanningley, Leeds, England), said: "I give thanks unto the Lord for His goodness toward me. I thank God for delivering me from that accursed disease, the grip."

"It is now six years since I first heard of the Lord as the Saviour and Healer. I thank God for the blessing I have received and for healing. I thank God that I have been delivered from the hog for some time. I will have nothing more to do with it. I thank the Lord that I am in Zion."

WILLIAM FREDERICK, Wellington, Illinois, said: "I am glad that I am in Zion tonight. LEAVES OF HEALING brought me here. I have been a reader of LEAVES OF HEALING for over three years. It has been a great blessing to me.

"My wife had been sick for two years, and no doctor could do anything for her. She is now able to do the housework. The last doctor she had was a specialist, by whom she was treated for six months. She then came to Chicago to hear the General Overseer. She stayed in the Home nearly two weeks. God wonderfully blessed her and gave her healing.

"We have not used medicine for over three years. I do not keep hogs any more."

EZEKIEL WARBRITTON, Lafayette, Indiana, said: "I am thankful to be here in Zion. I was healed three years ago and have been delivered from the tobacco habit. I have been greatly blessed in paying tithes. I am glad the promise is fulfilled, and that I have a right to ask things of God and expect that which I ask for."

MISS BESSIE J. FULLER, Zion Home, said: "I am thankful to God for the blessings I have received since coming into Zion, not so much in my body as in my spirit. I accepted Christ as my Healer before I came into Zion. Since coming here I have received great help spiritually. I praise God for it. I tried many different organizations, but never found any rest or peace until I came here. It seemed that I had found my home."

JOHN WARBRITTON, Lafayette, Indiana, said: "I praise

God for healing this past week. My father prayed for me and all pain left."

The meeting was then closed by the benediction.

THE regular Praise and Testimony Meeting held in Zion Home, Saturday evening, February 9, 1901, was conducted by Overseer Speicher.

After the usual opening exercises, the States represented were enumerated and found to be eleven in number, as follows:

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

The following foreign countries were represented:

Canada, China, England, Ireland and Scotland.

The meeting was then thrown open for testimony.

RUSSELL W. HARGRAVE, Madison, Wisconsin, said: "I praise God for what He has done for me in the past year. He has greatly blessed me. A year ago I was troubled considerably with rheumatism. I am glad to say that it seems to be entirely gone. I thank God for the victory."

MRS. A. S. STEELE (founder and manager of Steele Home for Needy Children), Chattanooga, Tennessee, said: "I have no wonderful healing to relate, but I thank God for the wonderful blessing of keeping me. I have not been sick in bed for twenty-nine years. God knew He had given me a task which was difficult, and would require much strength, and He has fulfilled His promise to the letter. I have the joy to thank God for many blessings in many ways."

MRS. ELIZABETH KRUSE, San Jose, Illinois, said: "I thank God for many blessings. I thank God for the teaching in Zion. I cannot understand every word, but I thank Him for the words I can understand; they have been a great blessing to me."

MRS. ISABELLA S. CORKEY, Londonderry, Ireland, said: "I praise the Lord for the good health I have this winter since I came to America. When I lived in Ireland, I used to dread the cold weather, but now I can go out in all kinds of weather and feel none the worse for it."

A. G. HUGH, Dixon, Illinois, said: "I praise the Lord for salvation and for the privilege of being in Zion. I have been healed of indigestion and also delivered from sick headaches. I not only thank God for healing, but for the great spiritual blessing I have received."

DELOY SANDERS, North Salem, Indiana, said: "I came here last Friday evening, almost a corpse walking with a cane, what little I could walk. I was suffering with indigestion or some trouble of the stomach; it may have been cancer. I have been sick most of the time for two years, and steadily for the last two months. I could hardly sit up. Now I can do all I wish, and this is in just a week's time. I am gaining very rapidly. I have been wonderfully blessed and strengthened. A week ago I could scarcely walk with the help of a man. Now I am so strong that I have been able to carry a sick man across the street to the Tabernacle. I believe I have had a dozen prayers answered this week almost instantly. I am very thankful to God for His goodness to me."

Mrs. Deloy Sanders then corroborated the testimony of her husband.

ALFRED J. GRISWOLD, Lancaster, Wisconsin, said: "I thank God for His healing power. Three years ago last October, I had been taking medicine for eight months. I was not able to walk about. A brother in Wisconsin told me of this teaching and gave me LEAVES OF HEALING to read. I had not been able to read for eight months. He told me to go home and read my Bible, which I had not been in the habit of doing for some years. I did as he told me. For a short time the Devil tried to get the best of me. When I read, I became blind and went into convulsions. I prayed God to deliver me, and from that day to this I have not been troubled in that way.

I did not get a complete victory over all my diseases for some time. As I have learned more and more of the teaching, God has delivered me."

MRS. KATHERINE STOMMEL, Dyer, Indiana, said: "I thank God for healing me of rheumatism and neuralgia, and many other things."

MRS. C. E. AUSTIN, Marcus, Iowa, said: "I have been sick for two years and have taken very much medicine. I began to feel discouraged, as it was not doing me any good. A friend of mine brought me LEAVES OF HEALING, which I read. I took my troubles to God, and have been greatly blessed."

C. E. AUSTIN, Marcus, Iowa, said: "I thank God for the blessing I have received from the Lord. I am not a member of Zion and did not get it through this teaching, but I am glad to say it was from the same source. Some years ago I was a user of tobacco. I tried to stop using it in my own strength, but I did not get the victory until I asked God to help me."

MRS. T. D. BAUER, Marcus, Iowa, said: "I praise God for what He has done for me. It is nearly five years since I was instantly healed. Before that time I did not know what it was to have a well day. Since then I do not know what it is to have a sick day. I did my own housework for two years and also distributed LEAVES OF HEALING."

MRS. MAGGIE COSGROVE, Zion Home, said: "I praise the Lord for what He has done for me. Two years ago I came here a total wreck; nothing, you might say, but a living skeleton. During the last six weeks I have been doing the work of two girls and taking care of the baby. During that time I was taken with a severe attack of the grip. In answer to prayer, I fell asleep and when I awoke every particle of pain had gone."

INNES V. BRENT, Zion Home, said: "I smoked cigarettes a good many years, which reduced my weight to ninety-four pounds as near as I can remember. I was nearly a helpless invalid, with mind and body greatly impaired. Last February LEAVES OF HEALING was placed in my hands. Elder Fockler, who had charge of the Branch in Mansfield, Ohio, invited me to attend the meetings, but I rebelled and went on in sin. I traveled all over the country from place to place with a theatrical company as a singer. I had gone the length of the rope and the Devil had me on my back. Through the persistent work and prayers of Elder Fockler and my mother, I at last went to Zion Tabernacle. I asked Elder Fockler to pray for me, and at 9 o'clock one Sunday evening he prayed and I prayed at the same time. I had a terrible fight, but came out victorious. From that time to this I have not had the least desire for tobacco in any form. Now I weigh 116 pounds."

"I give God all the honor and glory. I praise Him for His blessing to me and for sending to us the General Overseer to teach us this blessed Gospel."

"Our whole family has come to Zion."

G. S. HONG, Zion Home, said: "I thank God tonight that since I have come into Zion I have received many blessings in spirit, soul and body. I thank God and the General Overseer for the teaching I have received. In China they say that God is only for the foreign people, not for the Chinese. I am glad that God is for the whole world. I am glad that I can be of help to my countrymen."

The meeting was then closed by the benediction.

THE regular Praise and Testimony Meeting held in Zion Home, Saturday evening, February 16, 1901, was conducted by Overseer Mason.

After the usual opening exercises, the States represented were enumerated and found to be seven in number, as follows: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. The following foreign countries were represented: Austria, Canada, China, England, Japan and Norway.

The meeting was then thrown open for testimony.

MISS EMILIE STRENGE, Zion Home, said: "I went to the Tabernacle services yesterday afternoon and heard Elder Stevens speak on Repentance, Confession and Restoration."

"I have been owing money to a certain person for six years, and had put off paying it from day to day. I have a sister in Germany who wants to come to America to be with me. I have been saving my money for her fare, as she earns too little there to save any. I felt I could not spare the money now to pay the debt. Elder Stevens having spoken about fully trusting God, a small voice said to me, 'Trust God and pay your debt first.' I then concluded that I would make it right, even if nothing should be left for carfare. Just before I went to pay this debt, a very kind lady sent me some money which I was to accept as a gift from God. I knew then that it was from God. I was glad to have the assurance that He was taking care of me if I would trust and not be afraid."

"While I have been in Zion, I have been many times instantly delivered from headache. I have been healed of ingrowing toenails. They were so bad at one time that I could not wear shoes for a whole month. God has also healed me of female weakness and indigestion. I am praising God for whom all blessings flow."

T. H. KETTEL, Tipton, Iowa, said: "When I first received LEAVES OF HEALING, a year ago last summer, I was having very poor health and had catarrh very badly, with sores in the back of my throat. I had used twelve or fifteen different remedies and then began using an atomizer. I used the atomizer constantly for eleven years, on an average of four to ten times a day. I received two copies of LEAVES OF HEALING, and on reading over the message, 'Do You Know God's Way of Healing?' I was set to thinking and searching the Scriptures. I was not able to do any work and came to Zion Home for teaching. I soon saw that the teaching was 'No medicine.' I threw away my medicine and trusted God. These sores which had not been healed for ten or twelve years disappeared in about four days. When I was being treated, I had them burned with iodine and electricity once or twice a year."

"I have also been delivered from the tobacco habit."

RUTH SPEICHER, Zion Home, said: "A few weeks ago I had the grip. Papa prayed for me and I was only sick two or three days. I thank the Lord."

MRS. CAROLINE JOHNS, Dyer, Indiana, said: "I thank God for healing me five years ago. Four weeks ago I was healed of diphtheria, through the prayers of Overseer Speicher, Evangelist Fisher and others. I have also been healed of stomach trouble and liver trouble. I thank God and also the Elders for their prayers in my behalf."

MISS KATHERINE JOHNS, Dyer, Indiana, said: "I thank God for healing me also of diphtheria and for the help God gives us in times of trouble. I thank God that I am in Zion."

DEACONESS MARY B. SPEICHER, Zion Home, said: "I have had very good times since I have been here. I thought the grip could not take hold of me. A few days ago I was exposed to the cold and worked too hard. I took very sick for one day, but God instantly healed me when I got right with Him."

MRS. M. E. REFSNIDER, Oelwein, Iowa, said: "I praise God for His wonderful keeping power. He has kept me now for nearly four years. I also was taken with the grip some time ago, but, thank God, it only lasted about two hours."

W. B. DRAKE, Beaver, South Dakota, said: "I stand up for Jesus. I thank God He has blessed me with Salvation. I was paralyzed for ten weeks and sick for four months. I have been very helpless. I was affected as far up as my waist. I thank the Lord that He has healed me, rebuked the devourer and turned the disease away. I expect soon to write my testi-

mony and give it more in detail. I have been walking for two or three days."

MRS. W. B. DRAKE, Beaver, South Dakota, said: "I thank God with the greatest joy in my heart for the way He has blessed my husband. In the first place, he was not a saved man when he came to Zion Home. God saved him and now He has healed him of this terrible affliction. The disease was creeping higher and higher. When we decided to come here, it seemed that the Devil was determined that we should not come. I was taken sick and other things came up, but I was determined to come, and now we have this great joy."

ANDREW C. JENSEN, 6632 Vincennes Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I have a great many things to be thankful for; not only for myself, but for our family. My father used to be a great smoker. He tried to give it up in his own strength. It was not until he left it with God that He got the victory. He has no desire for it any more. Just a short time ago we had sickness in our home. My brother became afflicted with swelling in his face. We sent for Elder Stokes and in two or three days the swelling disappeared. A younger brother was also sick, but God delivered him. I was sick four years ago so that I had to give up my position. God healed me. I have been greatly blessed in paying tithes."

MISS MARY OLSON, Zion Home, said: "I am so glad that Jesus Christ is my Saviour and my Healer. I praise God for the wonderful healing I have received in Zion. I was very sick for eleven years. I used to ask God to heal me, but I did not get healed until I came to Zion, and then I was healed. I had lung trouble, rheumatism, and I used to be very nervous. I do praise God for Zion. I praise Him for His wonderful keeping power. I praise God for the privilege of being in Zion Home."

R. J. WILCOX, Phoenix, Arizona, said: "It will be three years next July since the Little White Dove first came to my notice. It found me a confirmed cripple of nearly forty-five years. It found me badly confused, despondent and discouraged. It brought hope to my heart. It has been a source of great blessing to me in the years that have passed. Many and many times God has wonderfully blessed my spirit while reading LEAVES OF HEALING. I am here to learn more of this wonderful Way of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living."

W. L. CUTLER, 1604 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I thank God for what He has done for me since I have been in Zion. I thank God for the teaching I have received, I used to use tobacco, but I have been delivered. God has

taken the desire for it away, in answer, I believe, to the prayer of consecration at Zion Tabernacle services. I thank God for the teaching in Zion. I could not be without it."

ANDREW INNES, Tipton, Iowa, said: "I thank God tonight for spiritual blessing. God knew that I needed it. I have been studying LEAVES OF HEALING. I only read it a short time, when I could not chew tobacco any more."

MRS. LYDIA SHERLAND, 1628 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I thank God for His healing and keeping power. Three years and nine months ago I came to Zion Home a wreck, given up by doctors. I had twelve different diseases. Through the teaching in Zion and the faithful prayers of the General Overseer, with the laying-on of hands, I was restored. I was here in the Home one week and went home to my family. I have been kept by the power of God ever since. I had lung trouble, sore eyes, constipation, liver trouble and bad hemorrhages. I also suffered from eczema and nervous prostration and had very severe pains through my lung. This is the condition I was in when I came here. For seven years I was treated continually."

MASTER JOHN WARBRITTON, 1604 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I praise the Lord for healing me. Some boys hit me with a piece of ice as I was walking up the street. I asked God to heal the bruise, and He did."

DEACONESS H. E. ROBBINS, Zion Home, said: "I will never forget Zion Home and the wonderful testimonies I have heard in this room. This is the most wonderful work in the world."

F. A. FOURNIER, 1425 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I thank God for what He has done for me in the past and what He is doing for me every day. He has healed me many times. I had a pain in my right arm for two or three months. I could not raise it up at all. I had been praying about it for some time and I did not see why I did not get a healing. At times the pain was so intense that I could hardly stand it. Then I decided to leave it with God and forget all about my arm. Then I was delivered."

The meeting was then closed with the

#### BENEDICTION.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

## THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN OPENED.

### An Abundance of Work at an Increased Profit.

MOUNT STERLING, OHIO, January 7, 1901.

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—I have been blessed spiritually and financially since obeying God's command to bring our tithes into the Storehouse.

Since I have openly denounced the sinful secret order of L. O. O. F. as being the first step to my sinful lying to my wife, and have given up my insurance of \$2,500 and come into Zion, I have been able to give more each month of the past year as I have kept account and send in my tithes to the Storehouse.

God has given me abundance of work, and at increased profit.

Yours in Christ, WILLIAM HIGHMILLER.

### Never So Prosperous as When Tithes are Paid.

51 NORTH CARPENTER STREET, }  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, January 6, 1901. }

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—I write to tell you of all the many blessings we have received since we began to pay our tithes.

The Lord has abundantly blessed us. My wages have doubled and we have been blessed spiritually.

We never had so much in all our lives as we have since we paid our tithes.

Your Brother in Christ,

DAN JOHNSTON

### Great Joy in Payment of Back Tithes.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, January 28, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—Please find enclosed check for one thousand dollars, which is my back tithes.

I wish to say that it is with great joy that I send this into the Storehouse of our God.

As a family we have very much to thank God for since we entered into Zion. We rejoice in the teaching of our General Overseer and others in Zion. Our prayer is that God may use the laborers of Zion more and more for His glory and for the Salvation and Healing of His people.

May God bless our dear General Overseer.

Your Brother in Christ,

### Spiritual and Financial Blessing.

MONCLOVA, OHIO, January 21, 1901.

REV. W. H. PIPER.

Dear Overseer:—I am glad to testify that God is a Covenant-keeping God in regard to tithes. I never paid tithes until I came into Zion.

Since I began God has blessed me spiritually and financially.

I thank God my Father for the teaching we receive by reading LEAVES OF HEALING.

I am faithfully yours

In Jesus' Name,

(MRS.) HARRIET LOSE.



REV. F. A. GRAVES, SUPERINTENDENT.

NOAH was a righteous man, and perfect in his generations: Noah walked with God.—Genesis 6:9.

**T**HIS is the man who was most prominent in the second thousand years of the world's history. His life, like Adam's, spanned nearly the thousand years; for he died at the age of 950.

He was nearly 600 years old when he received a great commission from God, which was to prepare an Ark for the saving of himself and family and all living creatures; of unclean animals two of every kind, and of clean animals seven pairs of every kind.

This second thousand years divides itself very nicely into the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh chapters of Genesis:

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| 6. Warning of the Flood; | 9. The Bow of Promise;  |
| 7. The Flood;            | 10. Genealogies;        |
| 8. After the Flood;      | 11. The Tower of Babel. |

Noah prepared an Ark. This was the first of three Arks mentioned in the Bible. The second one was Moses' Ark, and the third, the Ark of the Covenant.

The second Ark was built for Moses, the third Ark was built by Moses.

Noah lived in his Ark one year. Besides all animals of every kind, food was necessary for them. Hence the space allowed for provisions must have been very great.

As the year drew to its close, Noah sent out a raven; this was never taken in again. But soon he sent out a dove, which soon returned and was let in.

After seven days it was sent forth again, and it returned with an olive leaf: an emblem of the restoration of peace between God and the earth.

From this circumstance the olive branch has been the emblem of peace among all civilized nations.

All readers of LEAVES OF HEALING will remember that on the front page is this beautiful emblem, and underneath the significant word PATIENCE.

The Christian Catholic Church in Zion holds out this Olive Branch of Peace, with the words of Jesus:

Peace I leave with you; My Peace I give unto you.

In Mark 9:50, He said:

Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace one with another.

The Prophet Isaiah wrote:

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee.

But peace will only come to the obedient life.

See how many times in the Bible God is spoken of as the "God of Peace."

Isaiah also wrote:

There is no peace, saith the Lord, unto the wicked.

And Noah built an Altar unto the Lord.—Genesis 8:20.

This is the first Altar of which we have a record.

We see that Noah builded the first Ark and the first Altar; the Ark for safety, the Altar for sacrifice.

Look up the various altars in the Bible built by men.

I do set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a Covenant between Me and the earth.—Genesis 9:13.

This is the beautiful rainbow which we see so often after a rain. It is God's Covenant that He will never permit the earth to be drowned again.

God has made many Covenants with His people.

He made one with Abraham, that his descendants should be "as the dust of the earth."

God gave the children of Israel a Covenant of healing in Exodus 15:26, saying:

If thou wilt diligently hearken to the Voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His eyes, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will (permit to be) put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have (permitted to be) put upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee.

God never breaks any of His Covenants. The Covenant of Healing is just as much in force today as when it was first made.

Jesus perpetuated this Covenant when He came upon earth, for "He went about healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people."

Now we come to the close of the second thousand years, and the incident with which it closes is the building of the Tower of Babel. They built it to make a great name, and that they might not be scattered abroad. But God was displeased with them and confounded their language, and thus they were stopped in their work and became scattered. This is how we have so many languages today. All this is a result of sin.

The first verse of chapter eleven is as follows:

And the whole earth was of one language and of one speech.

This was before the confusion of tongues.

How much trouble and annoyance sin has made and is making in the world!

As it now is, we cannot take the Gospel to the Chinese without first learning their language. This is true in Japan and other countries: we must learn their language or they must learn ours.

In Zion College we have many nationalities represented, all working together to enable them to carry the Full Gospel to all lands, obeying the command:

Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to the whole creation.





BY DEACON H. WORTHINGTON JUDD.

THE LORD hath brought forth our righteousness: come, and let us declare in Zion the work of the Lord our God.

**G**OD'S TRUE ZION can always bear testimony to the goodness and blessings of God.

And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am Jehovah your God, and there is none else: and My people shall never be ashamed.

OUR GENERAL OVERSEER can say with the Apostle Paul:

But the Lord stood by me, and strengthened me (margin reads, gave me power); that through me the Message might be fully proclaimed, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

GOD HAS GIVEN another great victory to Zion. Even a State Legislature has been compelled to concede that it is not quite as big as Zion's God.

Prominent worldly merchants and other thinking people are asking the question, "Who is this power behind the throne in this Zion?"

It can never be understood until revealed to them by God Himself.

FOR THUS saith Jehovah unto me, Like as when the lion growleth and the young lion over his prey, if a multitude of shepherds be called forth against him, he will not be dismayed at their voice, nor abase himself for the noise of them: so shall the Lord of Hosts come down to fight upon Mount Zion. . . . He will protect and deliver it, He will pass over and preserve it. Turn ye unto Him, from whom ye have deeply revolted, O children of Israel.

IT IS EVIDENT that the great Christian example Zion is to show forth to all the world will never be fully accomplished until Zion City has been fully established and populated. This Zion City (near Chicago) will only be a forerunner of other Zion Cities to be located near the other large cities, if the Lord tarry.

ZION CITY GENERAL STORES is the newest mercantile establishment in line for recognition at Zion City. A choice new stock of general merchandise has just been placed in the temporary new store building on Sheridan Road. Brother A. C. Held, who has been for a number of years engaged in the same business at Spring Green, Wisconsin, will be the first manager.

ZION CITY has the purest of spring water, the purest of well water, the purest of artesian water, and some day, we trust, will have the purest of lake water piped into every home. Our first artesian well is now completed at a depth of 1500 feet. It has a flow of 400 gallons of water per minute. The latter we quote to correct an error which appeared in THE COMING CITY, stating that the flow was to be 700 gallons per minute. The latter figure could have been obtained had we permitted larger tubing to be used.

THE FIRST ZION LACE FACTORY is now completed; the power also is in place and steam heating finished. Now comes the setting up of the lace machinery, which requires much skill in handling and is quite a tedious and complicated job, which necessarily must be done by experts.

The Experts and workers for the lace factory are getting pretty well settled in their new homes, most of them with families having temporarily located at Waukegan until homes can be erected for them at Zion City. The rest will occupy the new Zion Lace Operatives' Home.

WE HAVE JUST obtained the title to another choice tract of land located on Sheridan Road, consisting of sixty acres. This gives us possession of an aggregate of about 1650 acres of the land secured. It is the General Overseer's desire that at least 700 acres more land be obtained before the City can be thrown open for settlement.

HUNDREDS OF TONS of ice have been harvested for next summer's use and stored in the new ice houses which have just been erected in rear of the new Zion City General Store building.

WE AGAIN WARN the friends not to come on who are not in a position to support themselves or their families without employment. We shall have no employment for some weeks yet. Notice will be given when we are ready for workmen.

EVERY MEMBER OF ZION should make an extra effort to secure additional investments with us now, and not wait until the land is thrown open for settlement.

IF YOU WANT a full blessing from God, let all your investments come into Zion. Why traffic with those who have not the slightest interest in the advancement of Christ's Kingdom, or the uplifting of their fellowmen, but spend their money upon wine suppers, balls, theaters and kindred evil amusements and ritous living?

WE MUST NOT fail to make mention of the afternoon and evening meetings which are being held every Lord's Day in the pleasant upper room in the Lace Operatives' Home, under the leadership of Elder Fockler. More than a hundred usually attend these meetings, and God is blessing them abundantly.

OR GIVE thanks unto the Lord; for He is good:  
For His mercy endureth forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,

Whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the adversary.—Psalm

107:1, 2.

**OBEYING GOD IN BAPTISM.**

**"Baptizing Them into the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost."**

**Nine Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety Baptisms by Triune Immersion Since March 14, 1897.**

Nine Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety Believers have joyfully followed their Lord in the Ordinance of Believers' Baptism by Triune Immersion since the first Baptism in Central Zion Tabernacle on March 14, 1897:

Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle from March 14, 1897, to December 14, 1900, by the General Overseer.....	4339	
Baptized by Elders, Evangelists and Deacons.....	1769	6108
Total Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle.....		
Baptized in places outside of Chicago by the General Overseer.....	383	
Baptized in places outside of Chicago by Elders, Evangelists and Deacons.....	2311	
Total Baptized outside of Chicago.....	2694	
Total Baptized in three years and nine months.....	8802	

Baptized since December 14, 1900:		
Baptized in England by the General Overseer.....	89	
Baptized in Massachusetts by the General Overseer.....	32	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by the General Overseer.....	65	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Overseer Piper.....	116	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder McClurkin.....	35	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Deacon Kessler.....	9	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Fockler.....	39	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Stith.....	5	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Overseer Speicher.....	12	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Overseer Mason.....	8	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Armstrong.....	9	
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The following-named twenty-one believers were baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day, February 24, 1901, by Elder J. G. Excell:

Alexander, Mrs. Annie.....	5491 Ridgewood Court, Chicago, Illinois
Belding, Master Roy.....	1632 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Brown, Mrs. Elizabeth M.....	3229 North Illinois Street, Indianapolis, Indiana
Burt, Albert.....	2311 Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Christenson, Miss Emma Matilda.....	9316 Escanaba Avenue, South Chicago, Illinois
Dewitt, James F.....	2597 One Hundred and Tenth Place, Chicago, Illinois
Finke, Mrs. Willina.....	771 East Forty-Second Street, Chicago, Illinois
Hong, Mrs. A. S.....	Elgin, Iowa
Hoyt, Edward N.....	329 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Hoyt, Mrs. E. N.....	329 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Jenkins, Daisy.....	1459 Fulton Street, Chicago, Illinois
Lewis, Mrs. Cora.....	3011 Armour Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Mathers, Mrs. Minnie.....	Bowling Green, Ohio
Pries, Miss Lizzie.....	823 Foster Street, Chicago, Illinois
Richards, Harry.....	Wilsons Mill, Pennsylvania
Sammler, Miss Mary.....	618 North Avers Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Sammler, Master Alfred.....	618 North Avers Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Sammler, Master Walter.....	618 North Avers Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Sammler, Master Lawrence.....	618 North Avers Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Stevenson, Mrs. Isabella.....	433 California Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Stewart, Miss Opal.....	4553 Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

The following-named five believers were baptized at Hoisington, Kansas, Wednesday, February 20, 1901, by Elder D. A. Reed:

Campbell, Miss Ethel.....	Hoisington, Kansas
Scott, W. B.....	Great Bend, Kansas
Shaffer, F. P.....	Great Bend, Kansas
Wilkinson, Eva Victoria.....	Capron, Oklahoma
Wilkinson, Zenobia Alberta.....	Capron, Oklahoma

The following-named twelve believers were baptized at Central Zion Tabernacle, Wednesday evening, February 27, 1901, by Elder E. Williams.

Bayliss, B. W.....	143 Blue Island Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Hamacek, Adolph.....	1168 South Turner Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Hartsfield, Frank.....	4518 Arnold Street, Chicago, Illinois
Koldenburg, Miss Anna.....	435 Root Street, Chicago, Illinois
Lewis, Miss Mattie.....	1616 Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Noeine, Miss Agnes.....	441 Larchmont Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Offner, Master Harvey.....	415 Cuyler Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Ramsay, Mrs. Caroline.....	2034 Harrison Street, Chicago, Illinois
Salveson, Mrs. Susan.....	216 Augusta Street, Chicago, Illinois
Salveson, Master Albert.....	216 Augusta Street, Chicago, Illinois
Slifka, Master James.....	1292 St. Louis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Weinmann, George F.....	Richton, Illinois

The following-named two believers were baptized at Kalamazoo, Michigan, Monday, February 18, 1901, by Deacon W. B. Kindle:

Wilkes, Charles S.....	615 Portage Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan
Wilkes, Mrs. Bertha I.....	615 Portage Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan

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## GOD'S WITNESSES TO DIVINE HEALING.

### RAILROAD CONDUCTOR HEALED WHEN DYING, AFTER EIGHT YEARS' SUFFERING.

**BY FAITH IN HIS NAME HATH HIS NAME MADE THIS MAN STRONG.**

For years this man has braved the perils of railroad life. Injury or death lurked for him in the roaring wheels.

Dangers he met between the crashing couplers. He risked his life on the swaying cars as they rumbled through the darkness or swung around dizzy curves.

Collisions, derailments, washouts, open switches, defective bridges and all the scores of casualties of the rails and trains menaced him.

The burning heat of summer and the chilling blasts of winter beat upon him.

Fearlessly and well he performed his duty, with thousands of dollars' worth of property and many precious lives entrusted to his care.

But disease wound its slimy coils about him.

He began to suffer from capillary bronchitis.

He called in the aid of the so-called "best physicians."

But they could not help him. He took patent medicine.

He only grew worse.

God in His Word has shown His Way of Healing.

Yet from Genesis to Revelation there is not one word in favor of doctors and drugs.

On the contrary, the Word

says, "Ye are forgers of lies, ye are all physicians of no value." It says, "In vain dost thou use many medicines."

It says that Asa was diseased, "yet in his disease he sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians. And Asa slept with his fathers." It says, "I will be a Swift Witness against the Sorcerers" (physicians and pharmacists).

It says, "She had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse."

Thus this man found God's Word true: they were all physicians of no value. For eight years he suffered. He had frequently to give up his work. The slightest exposure would almost result in death. Finally he was dying. There seemed to be no hope in man. Then he turned to God. He had read some copies of LEAVES OF HEALING.

He went into Zion Tabernacle at Cleveland, Ohio.

There he heard the wonderful Message of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living through faith in Jesus proclaimed by Zion's faithful Elder.

He learned that God had said, "I am the Lord that healeth thee."

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the Devil's work. He was told, from God's Word: "Jesus of Nazareth, how that God anointed Him with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the Devil."

He found that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yea and forever."

He learned that He said, "lo I am with you alway."

He heard that His great loving heart was still o'erflowing with tenderest compassion with sufferers.

He heard that His touch had still its ancient power.

He believed that His Spirit would come upon him with healing power, through the laying on of hands of God's ministers, according to the Word:

Is any among you sick? let him call for the Elders of the Church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the Name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save him that is sick, and the Lord shall raise him up.

Elder Bouck prayed over him, in the Name of the Lord Jesus, in the Power of the Holy Spirit, and in accordance with the Will of God the Heavenly Father."

Immediately the healing began in his tortured, dying body.

It was very soon complete.

"Made every whit whole," by God's power, he has resumed his work as a railroad conductor.

He tells his wonderful Story in simple, straightforward truthfulness.

He gives the names and addresses of the physicians who treated him and failed to help him.

His testimony is fully substantiated by Elder Bouck.

It stands undisputed.

It is indisputable.

God's Word and the undeniable facts prove Him to be the only Healer.

O weary sufferer, as you read these lines will you not fulfil His conditions of Repentance, Faith and Obedience?

Will you not put aside every human means and trust Him only and fully?

His Love is mighty.

His Power is Omnipotent.

His Will is plainly revealed.

He longs to heal you.

A. W. N.

#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF FRANK R. GRACEY.

67 UNIVERSITY STREET,  
CLEVELAND, OHIO, February 11, 1901. }

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

*Dear General Overseer:*—I wish to make you a statement of my healing.

I was afflicted with capillary bronchitis for about eight years.

I thoroughly tested numerous doctors and patent medicines, but found that the disease steadily progressed and did not yield to treatment.

During 1898 and 1899 I consulted and was treated by Dr. Charles Stewart, of 836 Jennings Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, who is considered one of the most successful physicians available.

After his treatment, I found that I had received no benefit, but was worse than when I began treatment.

It was difficult for me to engage in work, and I was compelled to "lay off" frequently in order to gather sufficient strength to resume work for a time.

I found it impossible to avoid taking cold frequently, as a little exposure to night air even was sufficient. That would bring on an attack of acute inflammation which, at times, seemed almost certain to end my life.

The last severe experience of this kind through which I passed was in January, 1900, when both myself and friends thought the end was very near.

My attention had been called some months before to the subject of Divine Healing, and I had read some copies of LEAVES OF HEALING.

I now concluded that unless God healed me, I would soon die.

When I began to recover from this attack, I again began to take patent medicine; but after using about half a bottle of cod liver oil and some other poisonous drugs, I concluded to give up all human means and look to God alone for healing. I began to improve from that time.

I went to the services in Zion Tabernacle, Cleveland, Ohio.

The first time I went into the Healing Room, when Elder Bouck prayed with me, I was able to draw a full breath and felt much better.

I steadily improved from that time.

I was only in the Healing Room twice after that, and felt marked improvement each time I was prayed with.

Myself and wife joined Zion and were baptized, shortly after which my cough left me entirely and my healing was complete.

I am delivered from all disease so far as I know.

The Lord has also delivered me from the tobacco habit, and has entirely taken away my appetite for it, over which I found it impossible to prevail, until Divine Power removed it.

We are full of thankfulness to God and to Zion; for Zion is, and has been to us, the opening up of the Gospel for spirit, soul and body.

We also find great blessing in tithing, which we began when taken into Zion.

Through my healing and tithing, I am enabled to work the year through with ease and comfort, not needing to lose time and money in "laying off" and paying doctors' bills.

We have plenty and some to help other worthy brothers and sisters.

Hoping we may all be worthy of God's richest blessings and that we may all do His every command, "cost what it may," we ask your prayers for our future welfare and assure you of ours for the continuance of Zion and her noble work for the glory and extension of the Kingdom of God.

Hoping in the near future to see you and Central Zion Tabernacle, I remain

Yours in Christ Jesus,

FRANK R. GRACEY.

#### CONFIRMATION OF MR. GRACEY'S TESTIMONY BY ELDER R. N. BOUCK.

182 BEECHWOOD STREET,  
CLEVELAND, OHIO, February 11, 1901. }

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

*Dear General Overseer:*—I wish to add a word of endorsement to the testimony of Mr. Frank R. Gracey concerning his healing.

When Mr. Gracey first came to Zion Tabernacle here, little more than one year ago, he had every appearance of a man suffering decline under the force of a chronic pulmonary disease.

His healing took place just as he has stated it.

He was soon a strong, healthy man, with no features of an invalid.

It has been a very great pleasure to me to observe his spiritual as well as physical development.

He is not only physically strong to perform his duties as a railroad conductor, but is also a willing and earnest witness for God, ready to tell his associates on his trains, and any one he may chance to meet, that God is the Healer of spirit, soul and body.

He is a living demonstration of the fact that the Lord is able to save, heal and keep a "railroad man," as well as if he were following any other vocation.

May God bless his testimony and life to the good of many is my prayer.

R. N. BOUCK,

Elder-in-Charge of the Cleveland Branch  
of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

#### BOY HEALED OF COLD AND GRIP IN ANSWER TO PRAYER.

519 SOUTH WEST STREET,  
JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS, January 18, 1901. }

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—I wrote you a request for prayer for my two-year-old boy.

On Thursday he was all right. The cough and fever all left him and he rose up in bed and told me to dress him.

He got up and went to play as usual.

He is now free from grip, for which we praise God and thank you.

My older boy, who wrote you to pray for his throat and bad cold, is well. Yours in Christ,

F. T. ROGERS.

#### Heart Trouble Disappears When God's Servant Prays.

GALENA, OHIO, February 15, 1901.

REV. JOHN ALEXANDER DOWIE.

*Dear General Overseer:*—I wish to thank you for your prayers for me. My heart trouble disappeared at the time you received my request.

It seems so much more as if we had a true minister of God, when we can get him to pray for our healing.

I praise God for LEAVES OF HEALING. We are so glad to get the teaching.

May God abundantly bless you and all Zion.

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) H. F. SMITH.



# ZION'S LITERATURE

MISSION BY DEACONESS SARAH E. HILL

SIMON PETER answered Him, Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the Words of Eternal Life.—John 6:68.

OUR LORD often resorted to the shores of the beautiful Sea of Galilee, or Tiberias. Much of His ministry was carried on in or near the towns which lie along its coast.

It was near the little town of Tiberias that He fed the hungry multitude with the five loaves and the two fishes.

The people saw that, with His blessing, these multiplied in His hands as He gave them out, until the thousands were all fed.

When Jesus saw the people coming the next day merely for the loaves and the fishes that their physical needs might be supplied, He rebuked them for seeking Him for the body only.

He presented Himself to them as the Bread which came down from heaven, the wonderful Bread of Life of which men might eat and have Eternal Life. He explained to them that Spirit alone could give life, and that His Spirit and His life were in His words, and as they accepted His words they would find spirit to renew their spirits and life to renew their physical beings. But they had their own ideas of religion and this teaching was not in accordance with their ideas.

In this wonderful sermon was just what they were seeking—healing for their bodies. But they turned from the truth in disgust and said, "His sayings are hard, who can hear Him?" "And many of His disciples went back and walked no more with Him."

Then our Lord in sorrow said unto the Twelve:

Would ye also go away? Simon Peter answered Him, Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of Eternal Life. And we have believed and know that Thou art the Holy One of God.—John 6:67-69.

Peter explained the way of faith very simply when he said that they first *believed* and then they *knew*.

The "many disciples" who were determined to know before they believed the truth, missed blessing.

The miracles which our Lord performed did not have the power to hold any of His disciples.

The Twelve remained true because they had found Eternal Life by believing His words, and the Father Himself had revealed to them who their wonderful Teacher was.

### The Full Gospel Taken Back to Galilee.

Beautiful pressed flowers, seemingly as bright in color as when they were plucked on the shores of Lake Galilee, have recently been sent to Overseer Speicher from a native there who has gladly received Zion's Message of Jesus the Saviour and Healer. He writes:

TIBERIAS, January 5, 1901.

DEAR SIR:—It was with great pleasure that I received your kind letter, which I read again and again.

I thank you for answering me in such sweet words.

When I heard about Dr. Dowie, I was very anxious to see him.

I hope he will come here to visit Tiberias and the Lake. Then I can see him and hear his words.

If he does not come, I hope I may go to America some time to see and know more of Zion and the doctrine of the Church.

Until about six months ago I had not seen LEAVES OF HEALING, of which I am now so fond.

I hope to be a preacher for the glory of our Lord, who is ready today to answer the prayer of faith for the sick.

We have missionaries here from the Free Church of Scotland, but they do not have such faith.

I cannot tell the gladness that is in my heart as I write to you.

I am a dragonian in Cook's Office for the travelers in Palestine.

I have a father about eighty-five years of age. When I tell him what God is doing for the people through Rev. John Alex. Dowie, he also glorifies God.

My sister is getting better. I hope she will be all right. My family praised God when I read to them your letter; also when in LEAVES OF HEALING I read to them the wonderful things which God is doing.

I told them not to be surprised, as Jesus did plenty of things like these in Capernaum and around the lake here, and He is ready to do such things everywhere.

I hope all my family will be a very good family in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

Henceforth I am to preach the Gospel and the glory of the God who dwelleth in Zion.

### God's Blessing on the General Overseer's Work in Ireland.

The following extracts are from a letter written by a lady in Londonderry, Ireland, who attended the meetings held there by the General Overseer. She writes:

I cannot tell you all the blessing I have received since we handed in our application for membership to the General Overseer.

I feel that I am now in the place God wishes me to be.

I hope and pray that He may so prepare me that I may teach many others the Full Gospel as it is taught in His Word and in Zion.

I believe nearly every person in this city has been talking about the General Overseer.

We have heard of dozens of persons who have given up the use of pork. Others say they intend to live cleaner lives.

I feel it such a privilege to belong to a strong, live Church which is fighting sin in every form. We have had several answers to prayer for our children.

I praise God for Dr. Dowie's teaching in regard to Holy Living. He puts it in such a practical way that any one can understand.

I know more from reading one of his sermons than from reading all of Andrew Murray's books.

A little girl in Merrill, Wisconsin, writes:

I am always glad when LEAVES OF HEALING comes.

We send Zion Literature away when we read it. I hope many may be blessed by reading it.

I wish to tell you what God has done for me.

Last week I had a very bad pain in my side and through my head.

I asked mamma to pray for me at night.

In the morning the pain was all gone from my side and before noon the pain had left my head.

I am so glad that we have a Father in Heaven to go to for help in sickness.

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LET GOD ARISE, LET HIS ENEMIES BE SCATTERED.

THERE CAN be no Peace with God's enemies.  
 Heaven and Hell can never agree.  
 Good and Evil can never mingle.  
 The Holy War must never cease.

ZION HAS COME forth to fight the Battles of her Lord.  
 Zion calls upon God to give her resources for the Conflict.  
 Zion is passing from the Sixty-seventh to the Sixty-eighth Psalm.

GOD HAS been merciful to us.  
 God has blessed us;  
 God has caused His face to shine upon us;  
 God's Way has been made known on earth.  
 God's Salvation and Healing have gone to all the Nations we could reach.

ZION IS praising her God and King.  
 Zion is calling upon all the Peoples to praise Him.  
 Zion is reaping glorious increase in every field.

THE PAST is glorious.  
 The Present is Joyous.  
 The Future lies before us, with "fields that are white unto the Harvest."

AND THE SONG of Zion is ringing o'er earth and sea,  
 "God shall bless us;  
 And all the Ends of the Earth shall fear Him."

THIS GLORIOUS PSALM, as all who have followed our work know, has been the Opening Song in every Mission which we have conducted, throughout our Twenty-five Years of Service since He revealed Himself to us as the "Saving Health" of all the Nations, far away under the Southern Cross in that great broad and beautiful Australia.

BUT WE GO FORWARD now into the next Psalm, keeping this also forever in our hearts that He has promised us Victory in "All the Ends of the Earth."

LET ZION everywhere read this Great Prophetic Psalm.

READ IT especially in the Revised Version, in which there are most important alterations in the translation, which are essential to its proper understanding, and its proper fulfilment in Zion.

HERE ARE the first six verses in that translation:  
 Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered;  
 Let them also that hate Him flee before Him.  
 As smoke is driven away, so drive them away:  
 As wax melteth before the Fire,  
 So let the wicked perish at the Presence of God.  
 But let the Righteous be glad;  
 Let them exult before God:  
 Yea, let them rejoice with Gladness.

SING UNTO GOD, sing Praises to His Name:  
Cast up a Highway for Him that rideth through the deserts;  
His Name is JAH; and exult ye before Him.

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A FATHER of the fatherless, and a Judge of the widows,  
Is God in His Holy Habitation.

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GOD SETTETH the solitary in families:  
He bringeth out the prisoners in Prosperity;  
But the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

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AND THEN the Song swells out in the next four verses into an inspiring historic retrospect of how God led from the bondage of Egypt into the fulness of Canaan, as the Inheritance promised "for the poor."

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AND THEN there are Two Verses which we desire Zion everywhere to ponder in view of the early Opening, under a Woman Overseer, of Zion's Work for Women throughout the World:

The Lord giveth the Word:

THE WOMEN THAT PUBLISH THE TIDINGS ARE A GREAT HOST.

Kings of Armies flee, they flee:

And she that carrieth at home divideth the Spoil.

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AFTER FIVE and twenty years of companionship with our excellent wife, without whose coöperation Zion would never have been established by our instrumentality, we have seen most clearly that the time has come for the Organization of a Great Department under her overseership.

The Work of Women is not only amongst Women; but in a very marked manner amongst Men: for Men are more readily influenced, for good or evil, by Women than they are by those of their own sex.

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TWELVE APOSTLES left Jesus sitting wearily at the Well of Jacob, at the noontide hour, just outside of Sychar in Samaria, and went into that city "to buy meat."

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DOUBTLESS they got "the meat," perhaps after Judas had a wrangle about the price with the Samaritans in the meat market.

But they never brought a single Samaritan to Jesus' feet.

It was the despised and sinful woman of Samaria who found her Saviour at that Well who "went away into the city and saith to the men, Come, see a Man, which told me all things that ever I did: can this be the Christ?"

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AND HER "Come!" was not spoken in vain: for "They went out of the city, and came unto Jesus."

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AND THE result was that He was invited into that city, and multitudes there came speedily to know, first, through the Word spoken by the Woman, and, then, by the Word spoken by the Man Himself, that He "is indeed the Saviour of the World."

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THIS WAS the result of a Woman publishing the Tidings of Salvation in Samaria, amongst a hostile people. It yet again will be, in Zion. It has been the result in Chicago, under similar conditions.

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But when these Women are an organized and "Great Host," what will the harvest be?

The Powers of Evil will flee before a Host of Pure Women.  
The Powers of Heaven will coöperate with such a Host.

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LET ZION march on then into the Sixty-eighth Psalm, no matter what the Apostate Churches and all the Hosts of Hell may say.

The Devil uses women to drag men down to Hell in the Unclean Ministry of a Great Host of Harlots who curse this earth with their awful presence on the streets of ten thousand cities.

Satan uses a Host of Women at the Wells of Sinful Pleasure in theaters and concerts, and in many places, where, for the Wages of Sin, they are employed to spread the Gospel of Lust and damnation.

An Apostate Church cries, "Do not let women speak!"

Satan is wiser than such a Church, and he fills hell by their efforts.

Because there was one Corinth, where women were especially dangerous since men had trained them so to be, and because the blessed Apostle Paul gave a needed warning for that time and place, then, forsooth, the pitiful fellows who are principally concerned in getting "meat" must needs cry, "Be silent, woman!" and quote apostolic authority for destroying the good influence of the words of pure Christian Women.

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DID JESUS say to that woman, "Be silent, woman!"?

Did Jesus reprove "Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils," because she accompanied Him in His ministry, as we are told in the eighth chapter of Luke?

Did Jesus reprove Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and say to her, "Woman, be silent, and go home and ask your noble husband!"?

Did Jesus reprove "Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto Him of their substance," when they accompanied Him and His Twelve Apostles as they "went through cities and villages, preaching and bringing the Good Tidings of the Kingdom of God"?

These women "had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities."

And why should they, and others who have been healed in these days, not tell it, O ye miserable Episcopalian, and Lutheran, and Presbyterian, and many other Apostate Churches, who revile the Christian Catholic Church in Zion for the use made of women in the offices of the ministry?

Ye complain that Zion Women are everywhere telling the Tidings, and are interfering with your getting enough "meat."

We are glad it is so.

What right have ye to "meat" who never bring sinners to Jesus' feet, whose "church statistics" continually record the fact that God is not blessing your labors, and that your miserable "churches" are dying under their tall steeples, in their elegantly furnished auditoriums, and in their "church parlors."

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LET US REJOICE!

"Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered," and especially those enemies, wolves in shepherds' clothing, who have usurped the functions of "shepherds in Israel."

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THE LORD GIVETH THE WORD.

THE WOMEN THAT PUBLISH THE TIDINGS ARE A GREAT HOST.

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BUT WHAT will become of the men, it may be asked, who love the companionship of women, since God has inclined the hearts of men to women?

Let husbands accompany their wives, as they do in Zion.

Let them be their companions in Zion Seventies, as far as possible.

Let men do their work also, as men, for their fellowmen.

Let men find the resources from their toil and skill to help their wives and daughters and sisters and loved ones in winning the world to God, by telling the Tidings of Infinite Love and Mercy.

O YE HYPOCRITES, who drag the women to a dance, and a theater, and a secret lodge, where words of sin and shame are spoken, which lead straight to the "house of her whose house is a gate of hell"!

Are ye the complainers that women should speak the Word of Life and Light and Love which the Lord has given?

Shame on you, if it be so!

A woman need neglect no home duty to do her Master's Will.

Has she not also the right to some of her time, away from the immediate duties of home, should she leave home sufficiently well-cared for?

Or are you alone to go and come as you please, and say, "Be silent, except when I let you speak, no matter what your Saviour says"?

Who gave you that diabolical and tyrannical power?

Neither God nor man.

And thanks be to God, you cannot compel your cruel will to be a woman's law any longer.

How SOME mean stink-pots and beer-pots, and swine-flesh-pots, and secret-society devils will howl, when they read these words in their wives' copies of LEAVES OF HEALING!

How they will curse Zion and the writer!

DON'T BE FOOLISH, ye whose "god is your belly," your day is over: for the Lord has given the Word which sets your wives free to serve Him, and to join themselves to the Great Host who are publishing the Tidings.

And, if you will be wise, you will surrender quickly to God also, and get into the ranks of Zion.

You will then find infinitely more love and joy in all the relations of life with your wives, as rational and religious companions, than you did when they were merely house-drudges and the unwilling slaves of your unbridled lusts.

Love and Lust are as far apart as Heaven and Hell.

BLESSED be the Lord, who daily beareth our Burden  
Even the God who is our Salvation.

GOD IS unto us a God of Deliverances;  
And unto Jehovah the Lord belong the issues from death.

BUT GOD shall smite through the head of His enemies,  
The hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still in his guiltiness.

OH, IT IS a Wonderful Psalm, and as we go onward with our Preparations for Zion's ever-expanding work in Chicago,

and throughout the World, this Spring and Summer, we sing:

Bless ye God in the Congregations,  
Even the Lord, ye that are of the Fountain of Israel!

Sing unto God, ye Kingdoms of the Earth;  
O sing praises unto the Lord;  
To Him that rideth upon the Heavens of Heavens, which are of old;  
Lo, He uttereth His Voice, and that a Mighty Voice.

ASCRIBE ye Strength unto God:  
His excellency is over Israel,  
And His Strength is in the skies.

O GOD, Thou art terrible out of Thy Holy Places:  
The God of Israel, He giveth Strength and Power unto His people.  
Blessed be God.

NO GREATER DAY has ever been seen in Central Zion Tabernacle than last Lord's Day, when we had the great joy of ordaining four Elders, nine Evangelists, thirty-eight Deacons, and forty-four Deaconesses—ninety-five new officers in all.

We also received one hundred and twenty-seven members into fellowship, and distributed the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper to fully two thousand and five hundred communicants.

AND YET we have just read what a minister in Chicago has written, in a letter which the person who received it has sent to us, that our ministry in Chicago "is a failure," and that "all the reports to the contrary are lies!"

If there is any difficulty in finding children of the Father of Lies, there is no need to go further than the pulpits of most of the apostate churches of Chicago, and from thence to the editorial dens of thieves in the so-called religious and secular papers of the city.

BUT ZION goes forward and, better still, upward.

As one newspaper says: "Zion Tabernacle is the only Church in Chicago where policemen have to be on guard to keep the crowds out."

AND YET, every now and then *they say* "Zion is falling to pieces," and many other things to the same effect.

IT IS WONDERFUL to see the intense earnestness of the people at Central Zion Tabernacle, as shown in their coming early to take their seats for the afternoon service, some as early as one and two o'clock for a three o'clock meeting, and then remaining until six, with but a few minutes' intermission between services. And this goes on from year to year the same.

THE OVERFLOW from Central Zion Tabernacle every Lord's Day afternoon is now so large that it has become an unceasing sorrow to know that every month many, many thousands go away, deeply disappointed that they cannot find seats, although there are 3100 fixed seats in the building.

WE CALL attention to the remarks which we made at the close of our gathering last Lord's Day, reported on page 627, and ask our friends to pray for our guidance in this matter.

If they will also accompany their prayers to God with a

very large contribution to Zion, it will help us materially to solve the difficulty.

It is largely a question of money, although not altogether so, inasmuch as there are few places larger that can be made available, and the solution may be the building of some large Central Zion Tabernacle for Chicago, even before we build Zion Temple at Zion City.

WE REJOICE to hear on every side of the great blessing which God is giving in the Zion Cottage Meetings, now numbering nearly three hundred weekly, which are held in and around Chicago.

We also rejoice that in the larger cities where we have Zion Tabernacles these Cottage Meetings are increasing in number, not only in America, but also on other Continents.

THE WORK of Zion Seventies continues to go forward, and much attention is being given, and will continue to be given, to the Organization of Zion Junior Seventies.

NUMEROUS CASES of salvation, healing and blessing are being constantly reported, and the steady growth of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion is much greater than any figures could express.

PREPARATIONS are being made for the Ordination on the first Lord's Day in April and in May of a large number of officers especially from our country Branches.

There will also be a Special Ordination Service on Friday, May 24th, at which many from distant points, who will attend the Inauguration of Zion Women's Work under Overseer Jane Dowie in the Chicago Auditorium on Lord's Day, May 26th, will be ordained.

MANY ARE WRITING to the Manager of Zion Home, seeking for accommodations, as usual, in the Home, who have apparently forgotten our announcement that this building at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Twelfth Street, hitherto used as a Zion Divine Healing Home, will be used solely as a Zion Office Building for officers' quarters and Headquarters Offices of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion after May 1st, God willing.

Extensive alterations are now being made.

The whole of the ground floor facing Michigan Avenue, and half way down Twelfth Street, will be turned into suitable offices and parlors for Zion Land and Investment Association and Zion City Bank, with accommodations for Safety Vaults, etc.

That which was the drawing-room on the second floor will be entirely given up to the exhibition of the beautiful fabrics produced by Zion Lace Industries, and a large number of rooms will be required for offices for these Industries, for Zion Lumber Association, Zion General Stores, etc.

The General Recorder's offices, and the offices of the Recorder of Zion Seventies, the Department of General Correspondence and Special Reporters, and the large offices of the General Overseer, the Overseer for Women's Work, the Overseer for Chicago, the Overseer-at-Large, the Overseer for China, etc., will take up a great portion of the second and third floors.

The fourth, fifth and sixth floors will be almost entirely occupied by resident Elders and Evangelists, and those engaged in the various offices on the lower floors. Even now these floors are principally so occupied.

In fact, it is quite apparent that there will not be a single

room in the house unoccupied by some office or officer connected with our Headquarters.

WE THEREFORE desire to inform our friends that accommodations will have to be obtained by them in the numerous boarding houses on Michigan Avenue and its neighborhood, which are conducted by members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, a list of which can be obtained on personal application to Mr. A. F. Clemons, Clerk of Zion Office Building, No. 27 Twelfth Street.

INSTEAD OF having one large Divine Healing Home, we are now encouraging the sick to attend the meetings held in Central Zion Tabernacle and in the various Zion Tabernacles conducted by able Elders and Evangelists of the Church in many parts of the city and suburbs.

WE REGRET that we cannot undertake to find accommodations, by correspondence, for all those who will come to Chicago for the Special Gatherings in the spring and summer.

But we shall do our utmost when our friends come to the city to direct them to the best available boarding houses closest to Central Zion Tabernacle.

And it is yet possible that we may be driven to the furnishing of a large place on Michigan Avenue for a temporary Divine Healing Home until we have constructed our permanent building in Zion City.

DURING THIS transition period we ask our friends everywhere to take into consideration our special difficulties and to relieve us, as far as possible, from the burden of correspondence asking us to find accommodation; although, as already stated, the Clerk of Zion Office Building will do his utmost to help callers who are seeking for accommodations.

There need be no fear that accommodation cannot be obtained, for the possibilities of Chicago in that respect are certainly adequate.

A list of suitable boarding houses will also be kept by each Elder in each of the various districts of the city, as many of our visitors may choose to live, temporarily, close to some one of the Zion Tabernacles in such districts.

WE HAVE MUCH that we should like to say at this time concerning Zion City, but must refer our readers to the department under the head of "The Coming City," which will in future, until THE ZION BANNER is printed, be the principal means of information to those interested.

WE EARNESTLY urge our friends to make their Investments as early as possible, so as to enable us to acquire title to the whole of the land at an early date.

We have had the joy, since we returned from Europe on January 17th, of acquiring title to no less than 477 acres, making in all absolutely under title the large area of 1650 acres, or over two and one-half square miles.

The land acquired comprises the most important portion of Zion City Site, and very large sums have been paid upon the rest.

We confidently hope that the Investments in Zion City stock will enable us to announce by midsummer that all the land is under title.

OVERTURES have been made to us by large capitalists to lend us very large sums of money, in one case at least one million dollars, on our bonds, to enable us to develop the City and its Industries more rapidly.

We have hitherto declined to consider all such offers, earnestly desiring that the money invested in Zion City and all its Industries shall come from those who have Zion in their hearts, and will use the income derived from these investments in a manner which will extend the Kingdom of God and the prosperity of Zion generally.

WE ASK the daily prayers of all our readers that we may be Divinely sustained in the heavy toils which we are undergoing in arranging the whole field of Zion's operations throughout the world, under the three great divisions, Ecclesiastical, Educational and Commercial.

Without a complete System of Organization everything would be in confusion; but even now, although the system is far from complete, we rejoice in the good order and effectiveness of God's work in Zion.

Only those who are ignorant of God's laws can ever revile Systems of Organization: for He is the Author of Order, and not of Confusion, everywhere throughout the Universe, and by the systematic operations of His perfect laws, and the co-relations of each to the other, He constantly produces beneficent results.

The "Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus," it must be remembered, is a Law; and we can only be "set free," individually and collectively, from the Law of Sin and Death, which is the Devil's Law, by the operation of God's glorious Law of Salvation and Life.

The Gospel is the Law of the Spirit of Life.

WE THINK it desirable to make a few personal remarks.

Many of our friends throughout the world are making kind inquiries as to the condition of our health; for the most persistently false rumors are being constantly circulated as to our spiritual, mental and physical break-down.

In a letter which came to hand only this day, from Egypt, written by a professed Holiness teacher in London, he declares that we were "imprisoned in Paris" at the date of his writing; which is only one of the many utterly unfounded lies which this so-called "pentecostal" leader has been telling concerning us. Others say we are sick, deaf, dumb, blind or lame.

In answer, therefore, to numerous inquiries, we desire to say, what all in Chicago know, that, humanly speaking, our health is perfect, and that we are able to do more work, and more easily, and more effectively, than at any previous period in all our life.

Moreover, we desire to add that we are without fear as to the future.

We know that God will never impose upon us responsibilities greater than the powers which He imparts.

And so, while we feel our own personal "insufficiency," we rejoice in the continuous knowledge that "our Sufficiency is of God," and that we can "do all things through Christ who strengtheneth us."

It is true that the toils which we are called upon to undergo are most unusual, and would be inexpressibly heavy but for the grace which enables us to keep in continuous communion with God; but we can sing as we toil:

With Thee conversing, we forget  
All time and toil and care;  
Labor is rest and toil is sweet:  
For Thou, my God, art here.

WE ARE abundantly satisfied with the goodness of God, whose mercy and grace follow us in unceasing streams of blessing every moment in every path of Zion's Heavenward way.

And what more can we ask?

Rejoicing in a full and free salvation for spirit, soul and body, we are enabled to preach that which we continually experience.

We are happy in being able to give this absolutely truthful answer to the friends of Zion in this and many other lands who seek to know as to our condition.

BUT WE REALIZE that we "have this treasure in an earthen vessel."

The "excellency of the power" is always "of God and not of us."

Therefore we desire to give Him all the Glory for our happy condition, since the Power is His, and the Kingdom is His alone.

BRETHREN, PRAY FOR US.

### Has God Blessed You in Tithing?

Have you realized a fulfilment of God's promise to those who "bring the Whole Tithe into the Storehouse"? If so, let others know how true the promise is. Write your testimony and send it to Rev. William Hamner Piper, Overseer-at-Large of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Let your testimonies be brief and straight to the point.

### Notice to Officers and Members of the Christian Catholic Church.

Send all newspaper clippings concerning the General Overseer, the Elders, or any department of the work in connection with the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, to Mr. Carl F. Stern, Room 309, Zion Home, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Send as soon as possible after publication, and carefully mark *name and date of the paper clipped from* on each article. If this is not done, the clippings are absolutely useless.

### Zion College Needs Three Pianos.

The Musical Department of Zion College is growing rapidly and its needs are increasing. Three pianos are very much needed. Who will give one or all of them to be used for God? Send to Rev. William Hamner Piper, Vice-President, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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# THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN OPENED.

**W**ILL a man rob God? yet ye rob Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with the curse; for ye rob Me, even this whole nation. Bring ye the Whole Tithe into the Storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open ye the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you happy: for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the Lord of hosts.—*Malachi 3:8-12.*

## More Increase in Year and Nine Months Tithes Were Paid Than in Four Years Before.

RIPLEY, ONTARIO, CANADA, January 7, 1901.

DEAR OVRSEER PIPER:—I believe the Devil has been trying to keep me from telling how God has blessed me by paying Him His tithes.

We began to pay tithes in the spring of 1899. We have been farming about five years and nine months, and in the last year and nine months God has given us more money than we made in the first four years all together.

In all these four years we had a desperate struggle to meet our payments and to pay our debts.

Everything seemed to be against us, and we had sickness and trouble.

When I would go out in the field to work, neither horses nor implements seemed to work right. I never could get up to my work.

Since we began to pay tithes I fail to find words to express the blessing and the change.

I now feel that I am only a servant left in charge to look after my Father's things, and He guides me how to do and what to do.

I have no trouble to keep up to my work.

When I go to sell the grain, it comes out to a bushel what I thought, and there always is plenty of money to pay our debts and pay God His tithes and offerings, too.

Even the weather seems to wait on me.

I can see my Father leading me and blessing me.

Last summer I wanted to go to Chicago in July, to be baptized and to see Zion City Site.

I asked my Father if He wanted me to go to give me dry weather to gather in the hay. Shower after shower would split and go each side of us. We would only get sometimes wind and a few big drops.

I finished haying on July 11th, at noon, and about two hours after we got the last load in there came on a very heavy rain. It rained off and on all the time I was away at Chicago. Hoping that this will be a blessing to some one, I remain

Your Brother in Christ,

ROBERT J. POLLOCK.

P. S.—We have two large barns on the 100 acres, 74x56 and 50x30 feet. They have been filled both years. Our granary was filled to the door.

R. J. P.

## Debts Paid and Income Increased.

HORNELLVILLE, NEW YORK, January 14, 1901.

OVERSEER W. HAMNER PIPER.

Dear Overseer:—As you have requested those who have been blessed in tithing to give their testimonies, I rejoice to give mine.

When I began to pay my tithes last winter, I lived at Cadosia, New York, and was about \$120 in debt.

When I paid my tithes God enabled me to pay off the debt in six months, besides supporting eight persons.

At the end I came out with \$30 ahead.

Then I moved to Bainbridge, New York, which took all the money I had and got me into debt.

I thought I would have to pay my debts before I paid my tithes.

Trouble came into my family until I promised God that I would pay my tithes from that time on.

Praise God, He helped me so I was able to pay my debts and tithes.

I am now making thirty-five cents a day more than I did before.

I praise God that I have the blessed privilege of attending Zion meetings here at Hornellsville, and receiving from them the spiritual food I need.

May God's blessing be upon you and all Zion.

Your Brother in Christ,

WILLIAM HENRY WEHNER.

## Money Made More Easily and Honestly When God Receives His Tithe.

MUNCIE, INDIANA, January 22, 1901.

REV. W. H. PIPER.

Dear Overseer:—I have felt it my duty as well as a glorious privilege, for some time, to add my testimony to the great blessings I have received in tithing.

It used to seem so hard for me to make both ends meet, and I was always wondering how I was going to get through.

But since I fully consecrated myself to God and went into Zion, spirit, soul and body, and began paying tithes right away, besides a freewill offer-

ing occasionally, it actually seems to me that the money just comes in and I can hardly tell where it comes from. Since then I have made more money, and made it honestly, and easier.

The blessings I have received spiritually are inexpressible.

Yours sincerely in Jesus,

B. F. COLEMAN.

## God's Promise to Tithers Proved True.

PERRY, OKLAHOMA TERRITORY, January 19, 1901.

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—We wish to testify in regard to tithing.

We have paid God His tithe ever since we were converted to God.

Before coming into Zion we were sending the tithes to missionaries and other places, but always with dissatisfaction, knowing they were not teaching a Full Gospel; consequently could not be used effectually toward the extension of God's Kingdom.

Since we began sending God's tithe into Zion Storehouse, we have done so knowing that it would be used for God's cause and the extension of His Kingdom.

We have proved that God's promise in Malachi 3:10, 11 is true, even when it has taken the last dollar to pay it.

Faithfully yours in Jesus,

ANDREW BRUNBERG.

ESTHER C. BRUNBERG.

## Debts to God to be Paid First.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, January 9, 1901.

DEAR OVERSEER-AT-LARGE:—Enclosed you will find \$— to apply on my back tithes before I came into Zion.

I am glad I never paid it into the Presbyterian Church, so that now I can pay it into the Storehouse of Zion, where it will all be used for the extension of the Kingdom of God.

I had a small bank account, but today went and drew it all out. I cannot keep a bank account and be in debt to God.

I am determined to have a closer walk with God this year, no matter if it costs the last cent and the last friend I have in this world.

Your Servant in Christ,

JOHN M. FIDDIS.

## Spiritually Blessed After Paying Tithes.

5024 INDIANA AVENUE,

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, January 16, 1901.

REV. WILLIAM H. PIPER.

Dear Overseer:—My allowance is small.

Before I paid tithes the money would go very rapidly and I would want more.

Since having been paying tithes, God blesses me spiritually and gives me bountifully what I need.

I have twice kept back the money belonging to Him, which made me miserable.

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) FLORENCE C. SMITH

## Tithes Paid and Money Saved.

BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, January 15, 1901.

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—In all my tithe-paying in the past, I have never been able to pay my tithes and save as much money in the same length of time as I have since I have been in Zion.

If I had a million dollars it would all go into Zion.

I know I could not lose it; for it is the Lord's Bank and cannot break. Your Brother in the Lord's Service,

JOHN H. BARE.

## Better Spiritually and Physically Than Ever Before.

KILKENNY, MINNESOTA, January 19, 1901.

REV. W. H. PIPER.

Dear Overseer:—In reply to your request in LEAVES OF HEALING, I can truly say that God has blessed us abundantly in paying tithes since I have been in Zion.

I am better spiritually and physically than I have ever been in my life.

Your Brother in Christ,

H. C. CONNOR.

## Many Blessings Through Paying Tithes.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, January 17, 1901.

REV. WILLIAM H. PIPER.

Dear Overseer:—In reply to your request for testimonies in regard to tithing, I feel it is my duty, as well as privilege, to thank God that I have received many blessings through paying tithes.

Faithfully yours in the Master's service,

(MRS.) M. I. JAMES.



WHICH IS THE BIGGER?



Cartoon published in  
 the Chicago Daily News.  
 Feb. 21, 1901

THE QUESTION ANSWERED.

(See page 601.)

# A VOICE TO ZION AND GOD'S PEOPLE IN EVERY LAND.

O thou that tellest Good Tidings to Zion, Get thee up into the High Mountains, Lift up thy Voice with strength: Life it up, be not afraid; Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Isaiah, XL:9.

## A DAY OF GREAT SPIRITUAL BLESSING.

*Report of Meeting held in Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Afternoon, March 3, 1901. Prelude: God Gives Victory Over the Inquisitorial Committee. Sermon: "It is Finished." Ordination of Ninety-Five New Officers, Reception of One Hundred and Twenty-Seven New Members, Communion of the Lord's Supper.*

REPORTED BY S. D. AND E. W. AND A. W. N.

THE first Lord's Day of March, 1901, can never be forgotten in Zion. It was a day when God was present, by His Holy Spirit, with mighty power. It was a day of sweetest communion of God's people in Zion with one another and with Him.

It was a day of rejoicing in the Lord over a most glorious Victory, which He had given.

It was a day full of most momentous import for time and for eternity for many in God's presence. On that day occurred the Ordination of the largest number of Officers ever set apart for God's ministry at one time in Zion.

It was the first Ordination in Central Zion Tabernacle for seven months.

It was the first great Ordination of those from the ranks in Zion.

There were ninety-five who were thus definitely separated for the work of God's ministry: four Elders, nine Evangelists, forty-four Deaconesses and thirty-eight Deacons.

After the Ordination, the General Overseer, with a few loving words of welcome and a prayer for God's blessing, extended the right hand of fellowship to 127 new members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

The meeting closed, after almost six hours of most delightful and blessed services, with the regular monthly communion of the Lord's Supper.

At the regular afternoon service, there was an audience which filled every one of the 3100 fixed seats in Central Zion Tabernacle, while many stood throughout and many went away because there was no room.

As a prelude, the General Overseer said a few words in closing the incident of the illegal attack of the Illinois House

of Representatives upon Zion City Bank and the glorious victory which God had given Zion.

As he thanked God for Victory and expressed his sorrow that the Legislature should have merited such a defeat, it was evident that all in the great audience, friends and strangers alike, were with him. They also showed their marked approval of his determination to protect Zion, her Institutions and her people against injury as the result of criminal libels against the General Overseer.

The General Overseer's sermon, "It is Finished," set forth with God-given power the great fact of Christ's voluntary sacrifice for humanity and told of the many precious gifts which He purchased for man by thus laying down His life.

Then he called attention to the great necessity for every true servant of God to make sacrifice; to lose his life in order to save it.

Then, leaving behind the thoughts of toil and sacrifice, the speaker pointed out the glory and beauty of the Crown of Victory which those should wear who, having suffered with Christ, should also reign with Him.

God greatly blessed the Message delivered by His servant to the thousands present.

May He bless the printed words to the tens of thousands throughout all the world, to whom they will come on the wings of the Little White Dove.

The meeting was opened with the joyous words of the Processional:

Rejoice, ye pure in heart,  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing;  
Your festal banner wave on high,  
The Cross of Christ your King.

REFRAIN—Rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Bright youth and snow-crown'd age,  
Strong men and maidens meek,  
Raise high your free, exulting song,  
God's wondrous praises speak.

With voice as full and strong  
As ocean's surging praise,

Send forth the hymns our fathers lov'd,  
The Psalms of ancient days.

Yes on, thro' life's long path,  
Still chanting as ye go;  
From youth to age, by night and day,  
In gladness and in woe.



**PRELUDE—GOD GIVES VICTORY OVER THE INQUISITORIAL COMMITTEE**

Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Afternoon, March 3, 1901.

The services were opened by singing Hymn Number 63:

"For God so loved!" Oh, wondrous theme!

Oh, wondrous key to wondrous scheme!

A Saviour sent to sinful men—

Glory to God, the Father!

CHORUS—Glory to God, the Father!

Glory to God, the Father!

Glory, glory,

Glory to God, the Father!

The Apostles' Creed was then repeated by the congregation.

**Scripture Reading and Exposition.**

The General Overseer read from the Word of God in the Gospel according to St. John and in the nineteenth chapter, the first twelve verses, commenting as follows upon the twelfth verse:

Upon this Pilate sought to release Him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou release this Man, thou art not Cæsar's friend: every one that maketh himself a king speaketh against Cæsar.

Much they cared about Cæsar! They had no loyalty to Cæsar, but they wanted by a lie to bring Christ within the power of the Roman law, that He might be crucified.

They hated Cæsar, but they pretended on this occasion to be his friends and true subjects.

When Pilate therefore heard these words, he brought Jesus out, and sat down on the judgment-seat at a place called the Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the Preparation of the Passover: it was about the sixth hour. And he saith unto the Jews, Behold, your King! They therefore cried out, Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Cæsar.

They hated Cæsar, but for the time being they were willing to renounce God as their King and accept a heathen emperor.

The General Overseer then read from the fifteenth verse to the end of the chapter, closing with the prayer:

May God bless His Word.

Prayer was then offered by Overseer Piper, also by the General Overseer.

Overseer Speicher then delivered the general announcements, and the General Overseer concluded as follows:

**The Death of the Where-Asses.**

I would add to these announcements merely a word or two. I do not intend to have a Conference at the close of this meeting, as I have had at the close of the two preceding Lord's Day afternoon meetings, at which we dealt with the Where-Asses, because they are all dead. (Applause.)

The General Overseer then read from his Editorial Notes in LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume VIII, Number 19, page 581, concerning the death of the Where-Asses and the disgrace of the Illinois House of Representatives. He then asked the question:

I think you all agree with me?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—All who agree with me, say Aye.

Voices (unanimously)—"Aye."

General Overseer—On the contrary, No?

(No answer.)

The "Ayes" have it. (Laughter and applause.)

I do not think it is necessary for me to add to the Editorial Notes. You will please to excuse me, therefore, from discussing the case again.

The poor miserable "Where-Asses" were all killed by Attorney General Hamlin, as the chief executioner, although they brayed quite loudly, poor creatures, for a while. They were monstrosities which ought never to have been born.

**Last Futile Attempt of the Inquisitorial Committee.**

After these poor wretched monstrosities had all been put to death and were buried, what did the Inquisitorial Committee do? Oh, the drug stores were in despair, and the Jesuits were mad; so Kettering, the druggist, and Donoghue, the Jesuit, members of that committee, determined that they would come down to Chicago and call upon State's Attorney Deneen, and have me indicted before the Grand Jury. When he asked them for their evidence, however, they could not produce any, except

a number of anonymous letters. (Laughter.) Anonymous letters are not evidence, and the anonymous letters in that case were anonymous lies from beginning to end. When I read them I immediately telegraphed from Ben MacDhui to Deacon Barnard to come upon this platform last Wednesday night and read my telegram, in which I said what I shall now repeat. I desire it to be heard wherever this word can reach, and it can reach a long way, thank God. I want it to be heard especially by those whom it concerns in the Daily Press of Chicago.

I denounce every line about the \$5,000 which I was said to have transferred to my own credit, as an absolute falsehood. It would have been an act of crime which would have sent me to the penitentiary. It would have been an absurd thing, moreover; for I am responsible for the money in Zion City Bank.

Another statement was that I had been guilty of making a bogus statement that \$50,000 had come into Zion, and that it had only come because I had mortgaged Zion Printing Works, and deposited the proceeds in my own bank; a very likely thing to do!

Zion Printing and Publishing House plant has never had any debt upon it, and never had any mortgage. The thing is a lie from start to finish.

Then the monstrous lie was added that I had transferred \$200,000 of Zion City Bank deposits to my own son's name.

**Those Who Criminality Libel the General Overseer as a Banker Will be Punished According to Law.**

If any man or woman living will put his or her name to these lies, and stand up and father them and mother them, I will promise them that they will be inside of prison bars just as quickly as I can get them there. (Applause.)

I will not permit that attack to be made upon Zion's Financial Institutions without laying these scoundrels by the heels immediately and placing them where they belong.

They belong to the penitentiary, and to the penitentiary they shall go.

I warn Mr. Kettering and Mr. Donoghue that if they again put these statements before the public, I shall have them indicted at once. I shall have them arrested for criminal libel as quickly as the warrant can be gotten out.

If any newspaper in Chicago repeats those lies, I shall have its editor arrested for it. (Applause.)

I am on the warpath for God, and for the protection of His people. I do not propose to have any more nonsense of that kind.

When the next libel concerning Zion City Bank and its securities is published, the libeler will go to prison, if I can get hold of him. (Applause.)

No wonder that anarchists exist! Unless God had made me strong, and given me the grace that He has given, and the resources, and the mighty people behind me, I never could have fought and won this battle. (Amen.)

**God Has All the Glory for Zion's Great Victory.**

I give Him all the glory. I take none. I did my duty—no more, no less; but I did it and won.

Somebody said to me, "Take care, Doctor; you might be hurt."

I said, "Let them take care; they may be hurt."

I did not worry a grain about the consequences of that fight, because I knew I was right, and I went into it determined to overthrow the Devil in the House of Representatives, using only the weapons of Truth and Righteousness, appealing to God for victory over these Lawless Legislators.

One man with God upon his side is an absolute majority upon any question. I have found that true again and again.

I sent the telegram denouncing the libels to every paper in Chicago last Wednesday; but there was only one of the papers in Chicago that had the pluck to publish it. That was the Chicago *Chronicle* (Amen); "Brother" *Chronicle*. Good for "Brother" *Chronicle*! (Applause and laughter.)

All of the rest of the Republican and piebald Republican papers and Daily Liars were afraid to publish the short telegram which I sent through Deacon Barnard.

I give them notice that the time has come when those who publish criminal libels of this kind will have to stand the criminal consequences. I will defend the rights and property of my people. I thank God that the law-abiding and honest people who attend strictly to their own business everywhere are with me. (Amen.)

I have been so thankful to receive letters of congratulation even from infidels, and more from infidels than from apostate Christians. These miserable Baptists, these wretched Presbyterians, these miserable Congregationalists who are living in the valley of dry bones, have no spunk or fight in them. The very world itself has more spirit than they. Thank God, too, some of the most prominent Freemasons in this city, who have no sympathy with my fight upon Freemasonry, have written to me and said, "God bless you; you have done a great and good thing." (Applause.)

The poor people have said, "Thank God, Doctor, that there is some one who can stand up and throttle these sandbagging scoundrels."

That is what they called them. I do not know whether they are that or not. I know nothing about it. I only take at this time the right to call them "Where-Asses." (*Concerning this charge against the Legislators, further information is given in a letter in our possession, where the words of a member of the House of Representatives, charging some of his fellow-members with criminal conspiracy, are quoted at his desire, although we are asked, for the present, to withhold his name.—ED.*)

I would rather have the love of the poor than any other class of people.

**The Question, "Which is the Bigger, Dr. Dowie or the Legislature?" Answered.**

Now, Mr. Daily Liar, *News*, and all the rest, you published a cartoon at the beginning of this fight, asking "Which is the bigger?" Why do you not publish a cartoon showing it now? (Laughter and applause.)

You asked the question, why do you not answer? (Laughter.) If you do not answer before next Saturday, I will publish one. (Applause.) (This promised cartoon appears on page 618.)

I am very happy. I am very happy because right has won. Thanks be to God, right will continue to win. (Amen.) It is greater than might; for the greatest might in all the world, after all, is right.

My brothers, my sisters, there is a right way to go about it, too. While I have fought an illegal and malicious procedure, I have done it in an orderly and legal manner.

We must not fight the Devil with his weapons; for the Devil knows better how to use his weapons than we do.

We must fight the Devil with God's weapons.

We must fight the powers of Evil with Good.

We must fight the Lie with Truth.

We must fight Uncleanness with Purity.

We must fight the Wrong by maintaining the Right.

May God help us to be loyal and true to the principles of Civil and Religious Liberty upon which this Republic was founded. (Amen. Applause.)

**I Speak as an American as Well as a Christian. I Intend to Uphold the Stars and Stripes.**

I intend to do my best to keep that flag clean.

May God bless you, and may God help us to do our work. Let me say one thing in closing the incident.

#### Sorrow for the Disgrace of the Legislature.

Let no one think that I stand here today with any self-exaltation. I cannot wish to glory in the exposure and disgrace of the Legislature. It is a sorrow as well as a shame that we should have to bow our heads today, and to acknowledge that the Legislature legislates without thought, and even contrary to law.

We should humbly ask God to grant to the people wisdom to choose men whose character and integrity is unquestioned, whose capacity as legislators has been proved.

May God help the people, and may it be known far and wide that I deeply deplore and regret the necessity which was imposed upon me of putting to shame the legislators of the State. It is to my sorrow if it is to their shame; for we sorrow in the shame of our Legislature.

May God grant that it may never have to be done again. (Amen.) But if ever it has to be done, count me as one who is willing to do my best to protect the law-abiding against the lawless.

I shall never suffer wrong to be done to the people whom God has committed to my care. I shall claim the right to attend to our own affairs in a manner which is legal and right, and not permit a set of "Where-Asses" to pry into the private

affairs of our people, and to endeavor to destroy Zion's Financial and other Institutions.

My stand is taken for the people.

I desire the people to be healthy, not sick; to be educated, not ignorant; to be strong, not weak; to be rich, not poor.

Our Lord Jesus Christ died to take away sin and sickness and ignorance; and it is also written, "For your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might become rich."

#### Poverty is a Curse.

May God grant that it be speedily removed. (Amen.)

May the people therefore not drink hundreds, yea thousands, of millions of dollars in the damning liquor, and burn them in the filthy tobacco.

May they not spend millions in the foul swine's flesh, and in the disgusting and shameful drama.

May they live clean lives, and do right, and do what they can to make their children wiser and better men by God's help. (Amen.)

That is what Zion is seeking to do. If we do not do it in your way, thank God we are doing it in some way. You who see that we are doing good should be with us and not against us, if you are lovers of good.

Zion is an Institution which was not created by the rich, or by the strong. It was created by God in this city, by the hands of this weak man. It was the poor, and the sick, and the sorrowing whom we first found in thousands, and in tens of thousands.

Some of you were sick and sad, and weary and poor, but now God has blessed you, has He not?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—He will bless multitudes more.

May God bless Chicago. (Amen.)

May God bless the State of Illinois. (Amen.)

May God bless the Legislature (Amen), and may it soon be dissolved, and these wicked members sent back as quickly as may be to private life. Then let us see whether we cannot get a better Legislature at Springfield.

#### Legislatures Are Constantly in Need of Watching.

Legislatures are too often controlled by men who go there for the purpose of sandbagging the rich and throttling the poor, in multitudes of cases. May God deliver us from such scoundrels. (Amen.)

I have no hesitation in saying this, because they have shown it, not only in this case, but in many others.

If they wish to bring me before the bar of the House at Springfield for saying these words, I will go without any question, and will deliver as eloquent a sermon upon that text as I can. (Laughter and applause.) And I shall, in that event, produce some remarkable testimony, of which I am saying nothing just now.

They will not ask me. The last man whom they wish to see is John Alexander Dowie. (Laughter.) Whether they call me or not, I am willing to go right at once to answer at the bar of the House for the charge which I now make that, either by ignorance or by malevolence, or by gross carelessness, they are guilty of legislating first and thinking afterwards. That is not what we desire in a Legislature, is it?

Audience—"No."

General Overseer—God bless them. Perhaps after this they will be blessed, because I have noticed that there are certain kinds of children who are never good until they have been properly spanked. (Laughter.)

Nothing but disaster can befall the land if we are to continue to have such foolish, ignorant and malevolent Legislatures.

I am thankful that there are three Branches to this Government: Legislative, Executive, and, above all, Judicial. I thank God that the Law to which we appealed was the very thing that settled the anarchistic lawbreakers who had usurped the place of lawmakers in Springfield.

May God bless them and make them wise and good. That is my worst wish for them.

#### I Have no Personal Enmity Against Any of the Legislators.

I do not know one of them personally.

I stood for the right, and I thank God that He has given us the Victory. May the Victory be known from land to land and



from sea to sea. May it be a great inspiration and blessing to Zion. (Amen.)

Let us be humble in the Day of Victory. If a man should be foolish in the Day of Victory; if he should take the glory to himself, and not give the glory to God; if he should be lifted up with that pride which goeth before destruction, may God have mercy upon him. Again I say, "Thanks be to God who giveth the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord."

The Glory is His: for the Power which won it is His, and His alone.

May God keep us humble, and make us ready to do good to those who have done evil to us for Christ's sake.

The incident is closed, and the Press is devoutly silent. They are all nursing their sores. Indeed, the committee, when they left Chicago, went up straight to Springfield and held their first meeting in the State Industrial School for the Blind. (Laughter.) No oculist there could give them sight.

I pray God for them. I pray God that those who are nursing their wounds may be speedily healed, and take the matter kindly, and that God may give them sight.

Do not, my friends, be too proud about that victory. Do not say too much about me. I hear that some of you are saying great, tall things about me. Do not do it.

You can never make a tall man out of me; I am too short for that. You never can make any more out of me than a plain, straightforward business man whom God has placed in His ministry to do His business. May God help me to do it, and may you help me, too.

I thank you very much for the love and the loyalty which you have manifested. I thank God for the depositors and investors everywhere throughout the land, that there has not been one who has withdrawn a single investment, and only one has been found to withdraw a deposit. That one deposit was withdrawn yesterday. The sum was \$5, and the depositor lived in Minneapolis.

On the other side, there have come in tens and tens of thousands of dollars. Zion's Financial Institutions are stronger, brighter, more powerful for good than ever they were.

When the snow is off the ground, and the green grass appears, we are ready to go forth with the bright spring. God will bless us. We are all looking forward to the Spring. I am: for I shall celebrate my Silver Wedding then, if God permit, and

#### I Am Going to Get Married Again—to Mrs. Dowie.

She has been my wife for twenty-five years, and on the twenty-sixth day of May I propose to be married again for another twenty-five.

Pray for her, will you not?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—Ask God to bring her to us safely by and by, across the Ocean, with my daughter.

She is getting a good rest. She is writing a little for our papers, and is preparing herself for the task which I have assigned her, by God's direction, as Overseer of the Special Work which belongs to Zion's Women throughout the World.

We shall receive from her, presently, some translations of her writings into French. For the sake of the French I intend to publish them in French in our paper. May God bless France and every land beneath the sun, and may God bless Zion! (Amen.) May He give us a blessing today!

The tithes and offering were then received, Zion's White-robed Choir singing with deep feeling Stainer's beautiful anthem, "For God So Loved the World."

#### IT IS FINISHED.

##### INVOCATION.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, be profitable unto this people, and unto all to whom these words shall come, in this and every land, in this and all the coming time, till Jesus come, for His sake.

##### TEXT.

When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, He said, It is finished: and He bowed His head, and gave up His Spirit.

**It Must Never be Forgotten That Jesus Laid Down His Life.**

He said, "I lay down My life, that I may take it again. No one taketh it away from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I

have power (authority) to lay it down, and I have power (authority) to take it up again."

"This commandment," He said, "I have received from My Father."

Hence, the death of Jesus was a Voluntary Sacrifice. Had He been willing, one word and the Legions of Angels would have trooped out from all the stars and wheeled into line, and smitten the miserable heathen foe at Jerusalem.

What would it have been to God the Most High? He Himself said that if He had asked, "more than twelve Legions of Angels" would have been sent by the Father to His aid. How easily could these Heavenly Hosts, under some mighty Archangel, sweep away the miserable nest of hypocrites who had usurped the places of true ministers of God, and had changed the Father's House of Prayer into a den of thieves!

Twelve Legions of Angels would have made very short work of the procurator, Pilate, and his small company of Roman soldiers.

The greatness of Christ's Sacrifice lies in the fact that it was voluntary. It was His own will.

It was necessary.

There comes a time when a man sees his duty so clearly face to face that if there is death in the next step, he must take that step and do his duty, and, if need be, die.

If a man shall see his duty face to face, and shrink from the sacrifice of his liberty, property or life, even humanity says he is a coward; and God says he is no Christian.

There was much more than a Sacrifice that was voluntary in Christ's laying down of His life. It was a necessity. The High Priest said that which was true when he said, not knowing what he said, that it was "expedient for them that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not."

"He saved others; Himself He cannot save."

This was the accusation which the mocking priests and scribes flung at Him as He hung in agony on the Cross.

It was true—He could not save Himself and yet continue throughout the ages to save others.

He saved others; Himself He dare not save.

He saved others from death, but He must die. It was necessary.

The sacrifice had to be made. Even the heathen see that.

#### A Roman Story of Voluntary but Necessary Sacrifice.

A horrible pit suddenly opened in the forum of republican Rome in its earliest days.

"How is it to be closed?" the people asked. The augur said that it could only be closed when the most valuable thing in Rome went into that awful pit.

They threw things which they counted most valuable into the pit, but it never closed.

One day Curtius, the young knight, clean, pure, strong; the very ideal of the patrician who was a patriot—and whether a man is a plebian or a patrician, he ought to be a patriot—saw and understood what the augur meant. He saw that the best in Rome was the purest, freshest, strongest and ablest life in Rome.

Arraying himself in the attire of the noble, armed fully and mounted on his horse, all ready, as it were, for battle, he cried to the augur: "This is the noblest thing in Rome!" Then he spurred his horse into the pit and went crashing down into the awful abyss. The legend says that it closed immediately.

That is a legend, a fable, but this is a fact:

#### The One Thing That Could Save Humanity Was a Pure and Holy Life.

Some one who could go down into the very depths of hell, and fight it out with the Devil in the dark regions of death and despair, was needed.

Lo, I am come,  
In the roll of the Book it is written of Me,  
To do Thy will, O God.

He did God's will.  
He spoke God's Word.

He healed the sick.  
He taught the ignorant.  
He reproved the rich.

He encouraged and comforted the sorrowing poor.  
He breathed words of life which were full of fragrance for those whose hearts were seeking sympathy in their sorrow—words which led them to pardon, peace, and purity, and heaven.

He struck blows, and He tore away disguises which made the hypocritical Church of that day stand out as indeed it was, what He said, like a sepulcher, without beautiful, within full of rottenness and dead men's bones.

It mattered not who it was that was evil, Jesus smote the evil. He called Herod a fox. He tore the mask from the High Priest and the Sanhedrin, and called them by the names that fitted them: Pharisees, Generations of Vipers! He grasped these vipers by the throat and crushed them beneath His feet. They did not love Him.

#### The People Loved Him. The Rulers Hated Him.

The privileged classes cursed Him. Herodians and Romans, Pharisees and Sadducees, all conspired together to defame Him; to make the people believe He was only an anarchistic monster; that He was a blasphemous wretch for whom life was too good.

Friends, you can deceive some people all the time, you can deceive all the people some of the time, but you cannot deceive all of the people all of the time, as a martyred President of the United States once said.

The moment He had cried, "It is finished," brought from heaven itself the answer which made the Centurion, who had been the official at His execution, lift his hands and cry, "Truly, this was the Son of God."

The Son of God won His victories upon the Cross. He has won them ever since by His Sacrifice. As Napoleon said, "I won and lost empires by cruel wars and by destroying men's lives; but the Christ of God won an Empire of Love by the Sacrifice of Himself, and the shedding of His own blood."

There have been millions in every age who have loved Him, and bowed to Him and worshiped Him; "Because," they have said, "He loved me and gave Himself instead of me."

Thank God for that. We can say it, too, can we not?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—He cried, amidst the awful darkness, from that Cross, "It is finished!" and He gave up His Spirit.

What was finished? His Kingdom? No. It was but begun.

What was finished? The sacrifice of Himself. He said, "The cup which the Father hath given Me, shall I not drink it?"

Oh the bitter cup!

Those who are most healthful suffer most keenly from disease.

Those who are pure suffer most, when virtue is impugned.

The honest suffer most when their characters are defamed.

Oh the bitterness of these cups!

But, "shall I not drink it?" If my Father gave me that cup, I may, like Him, bow in the garden and say, "If it be possible, let this cup pass from me." But if you and I shall do God's will, then we shall get above that prayer, and we shall say, "Nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou wilt." Then we shall drink the cup to its last dregs, whether it be the Cup of Service or the Cup of Sacrifice.

So He did.

He drank the cup of human woe.

He drank the cup of human pain.

#### Who Follows in His Train?

Who today will take His cross and follow Him and triumph over pain?

Who will suffer with Him?

Who will seek those for whom He suffered, and for whom He died?

Who will follow in His train?

Who are willing to finish their lives, if need be, on some cross, that God may be glorified and humanity blessed?

Will you?

Do not let us say Yes, unless we mean it; because God may call us to do it. If we shrink, if we falter, then what shall we be?

#### A Legend of the Apostle Peter.

He was hurrying along the Appian Way in the dim morning, the legend says. He was hurrying away from Rome; for he was in danger of death. It was Peter, and in the dimness of the morning, he saw coming along that Appian Way a Figure of One whom he knew. He stopped, and the Figure drew nearer. He shrank back.

It was the Christ Himself.

But the Figure did not stop. The Figure passed with His face set for Rome, with the old look on His face that he had

so often seen. It was the look he had seen on the face of Christ when He went up to Jerusalem to die.

Peter saw the Master passing. He had come back to earth. He ran up to Him, and asked, "*Domine, quo vadis?*" O Lord, whither goest Thou?

He said, "I go to Rome to die for you."

The Apostle then fell at His feet, and besought the Christ that He would forgive the cowardice which made him run from the cross. He asked His blessing that He might go back and die. The Christ gave him His blessing and Peter, with a smiling face and ready feet, went back and said, "Here am I," and they crucified him.

"*Domine, quo vadis? Domine, quo vadis?* O Lord, whither goest Thou? Show me the path whither Thou goest and let me—let us, each and all, say it from our hearts—let me be willing to fill up the measure of Thy sufferings."

It is still the same. You cannot close the awful vortex without leaping into it yourself. You must not shrink to go down into the deepest depths. Only those who have done this, can ever be greatly used here, or hereafter, in bringing lost myriads into the Kingdom of God.

Whosoever would save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life for My sake and the Gospel's, shall save it.

*Tetelestai*, it is finished. O God, we praise Thee, His Sacrifice was finished.

We cannot bear that He should suffer more, but we praise Thee, He suffered all that was needful. Now we thank Thee that His body, raised from the dead, walked this earth, reascended, and was glorified, and is in heaven. And we are working, and waiting for the fulfilment of His word, "I will come again." At His Table today we "show the Lord's Death 'till He come." How inspiring is that thought!

"Till He come!"—Oh let the words  
Linger on the trembling chords,  
Let the "little while" between  
In their golden light be seen;  
Let us think how heaven and home,  
Lie beyond that "Till He come."

When the weary ones we love  
Enter on that rest above,  
When their words of love and cheer  
Fall no longer on our ear,  
Hush! be every murmur dumb,  
It is only "Till He come."

Clouds and darkness round us press;  
Would we have one sorrow less?  
All the sharpness of the cross,  
All that tells the world is loss,  
Death, and darkness, and the tomb,  
Pain us only "Till He come."

See, the Feast of Love is spread,  
Drink the wine and eat the bread;  
Sweet memorials, till the Lord  
Call us round His heavenly board,  
Some from earth, from glory some,  
Severed only "Till He come."

#### In Order to Ascend, We Must First Descend.

Shall we descend? Yes.

When you approach Jerusalem—Jerusalem, the City of Christ our King—beautiful city—and by and by, after a long pilgrimage, you stand upon Mount Olivet and look at the City, oh how beautiful it is, even in its decay.

You hurry that your feet may stand on Mount Moriah and on Mount Zion. But you cannot go to that City until you descend into the Valley of Jehoshaphat or the Valley of Hinnom. Into the valley you must go, for the only way to reach the City is to descend into the valley, and then climb the mountain height.

And so we must follow Christ down into the valley, if our feet are to stand on Zion's hill here and hereafter.

Oh thanks be to Him who went to deeper depths than ever we can go!

Thanks be to Him who will let us go, just as deep as we can go with safety.

Thanks be to Him who has triumphed over Sin and Satan, and over Death, and who will destroy Hell.

Thanks be to Him who giveth us the Victory; who "tasted death for every man."

Thanks be to Him of whom it is written that "as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive."

Thanks be to Him who has said that He will seek the lost and fallen, and the wretched, if He has to seek them through

the very gates of hell itself. He will preach to the spirits in prison, and He will bring the last poor wandering soul to God.

Thanks be to Him who will bring back all His sheep, and will never be at rest until He has brought all His self-banished children home rejoicing.

Thanks be to Him who finished His own Sacrifice. We must make ours.

All who are willing to trust in His finished Sacrifice, and desire to live to serve, to love, to sacrifice for Him, stand and tell Him so.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. Take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be, in spirit, in soul, in body. Give me power to do right, if I have wronged any; to repent, to confess, to restore, and to make the wrong right as far as possible in time; to do right in Thy sight. Forgive me, for the sake of the Lamb of God, Jesus, who taketh away the sin of the world, Thy Son, who died for me. By Thy Spirit help me, cleanse me, give me power so to live that I may finish my course with joy, whether it be by life or by death. Let me glorify Thee for Jesus' sake. (All repeat the prayer, clause by clause, after the General Overseer.

Did you mean it?

Answer—"Yes."

General Overseer—Then live it.

When the General Overseer had finished, the Choir took up the beautiful and inspiring words of the Recessional:

The Church's one Foundation  
Is Jesus Christ our Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word;  
From heav'n He came and sought her  
To be His holy Bride;  
With His own blood He bought her  
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One Holy Name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses,  
With every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forever more;  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union  
With God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace, that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly,  
On high may dwell with Thee.

The White-robed singers passed slowly out as they sang, and then the Robed Officers, while with bowed heads the great congregation stood reverently, lifting up their hearts in praise and worship to God, closing with the final prayer of the hymn:

Lord, give us grace, that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly,  
On high may dwell with Thee.

The voices of the singers ceased and all was quiet for a moment. Then the General Overseer closed the service with the

BENEDICTION.

Jehovah bless thee, and keep thee:

Jehovah make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:

Jehovah lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee Peace.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the

Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you, keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

ORDINATION AND COMMUNION SERVICE.

In the brief intermission which followed, seats were cleared, immediately in front of the platform, for the candidates for Ordination, and the table was prepared for the Lord's Supper.

When perfect order had been restored, the organ sounded and from the upper side doors Zion Choir entered and took its place in the choir gallery. At the same time the candidates for Ordination entered through the lower side doors and took their seats in the places reserved for them.

Then the General Overseer and Overseers Piper and Speicher came upon the platform, the other officers of the Church occupying the first rows of seats in the first gallery on either side of the platform.

Although the hour was late, fully 2500 people remained to this Ordination and Communion service, entering most heartily into every detail and evincing their joy and the blessings which they received in every part of that most blessed gathering.

The Ordination Service was opened by singing Hymn Number 116:

There's a royal banner given for display  
To the soldiers of the King;  
As an ensign fair we lift it up today,  
While as ransomed ones we sing.

CHORUS—Marching on! Marching on!

For Christ count ev'rything, but loss;  
And to crown Him King, toil and sing,  
'Neath the banner of the cross.

The General Overseer then read the first five verses of the Epistle of the Apostle Paul to Titus:

Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness, in hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised before times eternal; but in His own seasons manifested His Word in the message, wherewith I was entrusted according to the commandment of God our Saviour; to Titus, my true child after a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Jesus Christ our Saviour.

For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldst set in order the things that were wanting, and appoint elders in every city, as I gave thee charge.

ADDRESS TO THE CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION.

The candidates for Ordination then arose, and the General Overseer addressed them as follows:

My Brothers and my Sisters, during the five months of my absence in Europe, in which time there were no ordinations in this country, I gave very earnest heed to what God would have me do when I returned.

I have had periods of knowledge of you, extending from 1890 until now. Some of you I have known for over ten years. I have known some of you through days of service, since the days when, in the Little Wooden Hut, Zion Tabernacle No. 1, you were among the first to coöperate with me. I have watched you through the long years. I felt, therefore, that when I returned to America, my first duty would be to take from the ranks of the people many faithful men and women whom God had shown me were qualified for at least the first office, the diaconate office in the ministry of our Lord in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

It has given me intense pleasure, although much toil, with the Overseers, to look over the Church membership and choose you. While we are about to ordain today forty-four Deaconesses, thirty-eight Deacons, nine Evangelists and four Elders, it was my intention to make the Ordination of the diaconate the most important thing in my first Ordination after my return, as indeed I now make it.

Napoleon trained his soldiers to war in such a manner that every man used to say, as he marched, that perhaps he had a

marshal's baton in his knapsack. By that was meant that if he were a brave and true soldier, there was no position in the Imperial Army of France to which even a humble soldier could not aspire. It was that, among other things, which gave Napoleon his marvelous hold over the hearts of his men.

When one of them was being probed for a bullet near to his heart, at Waterloo, he smilingly said to the surgeon, "Probe a little deeper and you will find the Emperor," meaning that engraved upon his heart, although Napoleon had fallen, was the Emperor whom he loved.

I have the hope that in your heart I shall find the Name of the Saviour written. (Amen.) It has been this thought that you were loyal to my Lord and your Lord that has made me call you to this position.

#### It Has Been Difficult to Choose.

There have been hundreds, and are hundreds now, who have been as faithful as you have, and as devoted as you have. I cannot call all to be officers. It would never do to have an army all officers. Yet I am looking forward to the time when I shall be able to bring out another great company.

Indeed, I have another list already under consideration. They are members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion in other Branches outside, and some still in this Central part of the Church. I say to my brethren and sisters still in the laity, that I hope you will rejoice that these have been counted worthy to be put in the ministry, do you not?

Answer—"Yes."

General Overseer—Thank God for that. There will be no envious spirit in Zion, will there?

Answer—"No."

General Overseer—You will rejoice that God has called these. Who knows? There may be in the knapsack of some of the humblest still in the ranks, the baton of an Officer of this Church; the baton of an Evangelist; the baton of an Elder; the baton of an Overseer; perhaps the baton of a General Overseer.

But, if you never rise higher than the diaconate, think of Stephen, the first Crowned Martyr for Christ, who was never more than a Deacon, who came out so gloriously in the early ages.

We desire Deaconesses also. I have been thinking and praying about this, and have called you.

Now Brothers and Sisters, I have taken some little pains to instruct you privately last night in Zion Home, and a short time here today. It is not necessary before this great company of our own people to speak to you at great length.

I am glad that today I will have the joy for the first time of ordaining more women than men: for in doing so we are but fulfilling a Glorious Declaration in the sixty-eighth Psalm, verse eleven (Revised Translation):

The Lord giveth the Word:

The Women that publish the Tidings are a Great Host.

It is high time that this Great Host of Women Preachers of the Tidings of a Full and Free Salvation for all, were in evidence.

A great Onward Step in this will be taken when Overseer Jane Dowie appears in the Chicago Auditorium on Lord's Day, May 26th.

We shall then deliver our Charge to her, and the Women of Zion everywhere, from these wonderful words, which the Old Translators concealed, possibly to please King James in the version of 1611.

#### Zion Consists of More Men Than Women.

That is one of the peculiar things of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, that large as is her fellowship, we have more men than women. We are the only Church in the world, I think, of which that can be said.

It has been wonderful that God has given us the men in such large numbers.

While the candidates stood with upraised hands, the General Overseer gave them the following most solemn Charge, in which the responses were spoken clearly, earnestly, intelligently, with sincerity and faith:

#### Charge to the Candidates for Ordination.

Before your God and my God, your Father and my Father, your Saviour and my Saviour, your Comforter and my Comforter, and before the Elect Angels, before this company of

God's people, and before the unseen company of the members of this Church whom these words will reach, who will be in full sympathy with us as they read them, I beseech of you to answer me truly, as the General Overseer of this Church, the questions that I will now address to you.

I will not ask them individually. I believe that if any of you cannot answer them individually, that you will signify the same.

#### Questions.

So far as you know your own hearts, are you confident that you are saved by grace in spirit through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord? Can you say, I am?

Candidates—"I am."

General Overseer—So far as you know your own hearts, have you definitely resolved to trust God in Christ, and in the power of the Spirit, as your continuous Saviour, Healer, Cleanser, Keeper, Guide, your All? Can you say, By the Grace of God, I have?

Candidates—"By the Grace of God, I have."

General Overseer—So far as you know your own hearts, have you fully resolved that this ministry with which you are now about to be entrusted, and which you, by your own willingness, assume, shall be the supreme object of your life to fulfil; and that beyond all other obligations, conditions of citizenship, or of family relations, you will consider the fulfilment of this ministry as your supreme obligation and your supreme desire? Can you say, I have?

Candidates—"I have."

General Overseer—Will you obey God so far as He gives you grace and understanding, and fulfil the duties of an Elder, an Evangelist, a Deacon and a Deaconess, as they are set forth in the inspired Word of God? Can you say, I will?

Candidates—"I will."

General Overseer—Do you believe that this Church has been called into existence by God the Almighty to effect Divine purposes in this period of the dispensation of His grace? Can you say, I do?

Candidates—"I do."

General Overseer—May I ask you if you believe that God has called me to this office of General Overseer? Can you say, I do?

Candidates—"I do."

General Overseer—And so far as I follow Christ, and fulfil the Word of God, are you prepared to obey me as him who has the rule over you? Can you say, I am?

Candidates—"I am."

General Overseer—And are you now prepared to believe that in this Ordination today you shall receive the Gift of the Holy Ghost? Can you say, I am?

Candidates—"I am."

The Candidates for Ordination all knelt in prayer, while the Officers of the Church arose and remained standing during the Ordination.

The General Overseer then offered the following

#### PRAYER.

God the Father, we come to Thee in the Name of Thy Son, guided and inspired by Thy Spirit, and beseech of Thee most humbly that Thou wouldst take Thy servant who speaks to Thee, and use him now, and the varied powers that Thou hast entrusted him with; that Thou wilt take his spirit, his soul, his body, and make his act a Divine Reality when his hands are imposed; so that the laying on of these hands may be accompanied by the power of the Holy Ghost, that these may go forth to fulfil the obligations imposed upon them by Thy revealed will, as Elders, Evangelists, Deacons and Deaconesses, and working in loyal cooperation with him who speaks, no matter how far away from the center of the organization they may be, that they shall be preserved in perfect loyalty to Thee, to him, to this Church, and to each other. Amen. (Amen.)

Those who were about to be ordained Elders and Evangelists, Deacons and Deaconesses, then went upon the platform, and knelt, facing the General Overseer.

Laying hands upon each one, the General Overseer thus invoked the blessing of the Triune God and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit with power for service in God's ministry:

#### Imposition of Hands.

In the Name of the Lord Jesus, in the Power of the Holy Spirit, in accordance with the Will of God, Our Heavenly Father, Receive thou the Holy Ghost for the work of the Ministry.

And let all the people say Amen. (All the people said Amen.)

Then, with a second laying on of hands, the General Overseer thus ordained the still kneeling candidates:

(Name), I ordain thee an Elder (Evangelist, Deacon, Deaconess), in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion. Be thou faithful unto death, and God will give thee the Crown of Life.

When he had thus ordained them to their sacred offices, they arose and faced the audience.

The General Overseer then presented each by name.

He then called upon the members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, present, to arise.

When they had arisen, he said:

Do you accept these as Elders and Evangelists, Deacons and Deaconesses?

Members—"Yes."

General Overseer—Will you say to them, "God bless you"?

Members—"God bless you."

On behalf of the Officers of the Church, the General Overseer and Overseers Piper and Speicher extended the right hand of fellowship to the newly Ordained Officers, addressing each of them by their new official title, with a hearty, sincere, "May God bless you."

The very large platform was filled with candidates five times, and the scene was most impressive throughout the long service.

#### LIST OF OFFICERS ORDAINED.

The following Elders, Evangelists, Deacons and Deaconesses were ordained:

##### ELDERS.

Rev. Emma Adelia Matthews, 1243 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Rev. Lydia Markley Piper, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Rev. Abigail Thompson Speicher, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Rev. Nancy H. Price Tindall, 1306 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

##### EVANGELISTS.

Rev. Sarah Elizabeth Adams, Waterloo, Iowa.  
 Rev. John Lillie Corkey, 1243 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Rev. Antonius Darms, 1243 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Rev. Minnie Ruth Van Deren, B. L., 1306 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Rev. Anna Garland McClurkin, 1320 Wrightwood Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Rev. Edmund W. Reder, 538 West Thirteenth Street, Chicago, Ill.  
 Rev. Anna Richert, 2800 Fifth Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Rev. Mary Belle Stith, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Rev. Maud Stokes, 166 Sixty-sixth Street, Chicago, Ill.

##### DEACONS.

Archie Lincoln Angell, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Felix Berchtold, 3146 Shields Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 James Brister, D. D. S., 1635 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Silas Cleaver Burnett, 1432 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Joseph J. Carpenter, South Harvey, Ill.  
 Arthur Wellington Chambers, 105 South Paulina Street, Chicago, Ill.  
 George D. Chenoweth, Harvey, Ill.  
 Frank W. Cotton, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Jasper Heman DePew, Zion City, Ill.  
 Sylvester Hiram DePew, 3443 Lowe Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 John Dow, 171 East Thirty-first Street, Chicago, Ill.  
 Albert Charles Held, Zion City, Ill.  
 Gansing Samuel Hong, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Fred Hoeffler, 5015 Carpenter Street, Chicago, Ill.  
 John Isaiah Johnson, 32 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Ill.  
 Alexander Emil Johnson, 6723 Rhodes Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Richard Max Koetz, 441 Larchmont Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Carl August Kristoffersen, 655 West Adams Street, Chicago, Ill.  
 Joseph Hovell Lamond, 547 South Leavitt Street, Chicago, Ill.  
 William Thomas Loblaw, Zion City, Ill.  
 George Wesley Matson, 6717 Perry Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Charles Matous, 1433 South Fortieth Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Benjamin Franklin Morris, A. B., 1300 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Arthur William Newcomb, A. B., 1300 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Edgar Albert Parsons, 128 Seventy-sixth Place, Chicago, Ill.  
 William W. Pelton, 7133 South Paulina Street, Chicago, Ill.  
 James Frederick Peters, 682 Park Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Oliver C. Pugh, 8810 Carpenter Street, Chicago, Ill.  
 David Fleming Robertson, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 John Schultz, 1517 South Forty-first Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

John Herbert Shaw, 7938 Normal Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 William Akein Starrett, 6837 Green Street, Chicago, Ill.  
 Carl Frederick Stern, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Arthur G. Stevenson, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Henry Stevenson, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Christian Thauer, 2800 Fifth Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 William Henry Thomas, 464 Fulton Street, Chicago, Ill.  
 Arie Van Woerkom, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

##### DEACONESSSES.

Miss Louise Albach, 472 Oakley Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.  
 Miss Caroline W. M. Anderson, 1411 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Miss Sophie Bailiff, 2358 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. Henriikka Bratsch, 1604 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. Irene E. Brey, Hammond, Ind.  
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 Mrs. Eva Ogden Disbrow, 169 Western Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. Mary Natvig Doose, 163 Larrabee Street, Chicago, Ill.  
 Miss Georgina L. A. Drummond, 67 Goethe Street, Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. Emma Grant, 18 Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Ill.  
 Miss Grace Gregory, 7744 Reynolds Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Miss Jorgine Emilie Hansen, 1619 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Miss Mary Ella Herschberger, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. Marie Antionette Huber, 1150 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.  
 Miss Edith Helen Kennedy, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. Cassie R. Krause, 7701 Goldsmith Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. Alice Josephine Lee, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Miss Pansy Curtiss Mason, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Miss Florence McFarland, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Miss Carolyn Maud McColl, 1306 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. Minna Carolina Moody, 16 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Ill.  
 Miss Minnie Katharine Malony, 1632 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. Carrie Emily Mueller, 1053 Adams Street, Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. Mary Ellen Munger, 1514 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. Kate Hubbard Peckham, 2521 Calumet Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. Nettie Ogden Peters, 672 Park Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. Anna J. Pihl, 908 Belle Plaine Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. Rosa Cowgill Post, 288 Lincoln Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Miss Anna Thompson Reakirt, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. Anna Eliza Reynolds, 6745 Marshfield Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. Christina R. Reid, 299 West Polk Street, Chicago, Ill.  
 Miss Katherine Ross Reid, 299 West Polk Street, Chicago, Ill.  
 Miss Anna Cassel Reiff, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Miss Rosa L. Schlup, 1411 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Miss Nancy Starratt, 1306 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. Rachel Thomas, 464 Fulton Street, Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. Libbie Van Horn, 1604 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Miss Florence Waddington, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
 Miss Helen Zaiser, 388 Hoyles Avenue, Aurora, Ill.  
 Miss Regina Zaiser, 388 Hoyles Avenue, Aurora, Ill.

#### Reception of One Hundred and Twenty-Seven New Members.

The General Overseer then extended the right hand of fellowship to 127 new members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, each one crossing over the platform and receiving his blessing.

#### Distribution of Lord's Supper to Two Thousand and Five Hundred Communicants.

When this had been accomplished, the blessed Ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered to the thousands of Christians present by the General Overseer, assisted by Overseers Piper and Speicher and other Officers of the Church.

It was a service in which the Spirit of God was present in great power. The blessings which He bestowed upon many a spirit, waiting in prayer in His Presence, will be a power in their lives in all the future time.

After the Ordinance, the General Overseer arose for that little family talk with his people, which all in Zion at Headquarters, and many outside, expect and love to hear, after the Lord's Supper.

He said:

Beloved, I used to wonder, when I was a little boy, whether



there was any such a place as the hymn sang about, "Where congregations ne'er break up, and Sabbaths never end."

I have come to the conclusion that I have now found that Zion is that place. It does seem to me as if in Zion we did have grace given to us for these extraordinary and lengthened services: for we have now been in almost continuous session (save for less than half an hour's intermission) nearly six hours.

The battles of February have been won, and March has come in like a lamb; but who can tell how it will go out? The old saying is that when it comes in like a lamb, it goes out like a lion.

I do not trouble about that, because

**God's Lion is a Lamb, and God's Lamb is a Lion.**

The Lamb of God is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah.

A lady was once complaining about me. She said, "He just roared like a lion."

Another one said, "Well, when I heard him he was as quiet as a lamb. How can you account for that?"

Another lady said, "That is easily accounted for; his Master, Jesus Christ, is the Lamb of God, and He is also the Lion of the Tribe of Judah; and so he is both a lion and a lamb as occasion demands."

Then the General Overseer and the congregation sang:

Oh the Lion of Judah shall break every chain,  
And give us the Victory again and again.

I thank you. I say God bless you.

Let us translate all our enthusiasm of the last two weeks in backing up Zion City into action.

Let us increase quickly the number of LEAVES OF HEALING published to just double the number that goes out now.

Let me have your hearty cooperation in establishing our weekly newspaper, THE ZION BANNER, which will be an effective antidote to the wicked falsehoods of the Chicago newspapers. Let Zion everywhere respond to my appeal for funds to purchase a large addition to our Printing Plant, and to organize a literary staff.

Let us bring in the sick and sorrowing into Zion Tabernacles.

Let us bring in the world outside. But we have not room for them in this place. What shall we do? We have been crowded out of everything. I suppose I shall have to find a larger house for you even before we build in Zion City. My problem is like the problem of the fabled old woman who lived in the shoe, and had so many children she did not know what to do. Only Zion problems are very real things, and by no means fabulous: for many thousands have gone away from these doors every Lord's Day afternoon since my return from Europe for whom we have been unable to find room. Even when we had the Coliseum on January 20th, although there were 12,500 inside, there were from 15,000 to 20,000 outside who tried in vain to get standing room. Pray for me that God will show me what I ought to do to find accommodation for the many thousands who are disappointed every Lord's Day afternoon. It cannot be God's will that this should continue.

The meeting was then closed by singing "God be with you till we meet again," the General Overseer singing the last verse as a solo and pronouncing the

**BENEDICTION.**

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who will also do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

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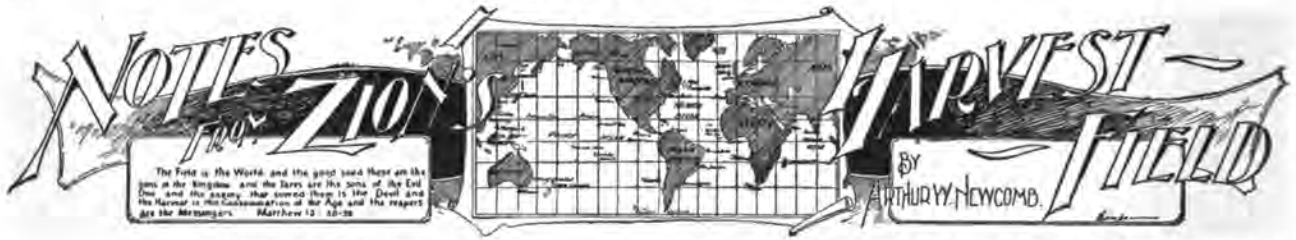
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They had resided in Zion Home for periods ranging from three months to about six weeks.

In order to meet with them all again before they left the Home, the General Overseer gave a dinner to them and the officers and guests in the Home on the evening of Monday, March 4, 1901.

This very pleasant gathering was held in the spacious dining room, which was very tastefully decorated with Zion banner and flag and the flags of Great Britain and the United States.

The tables were beautified with vases of cut flowers.

After the excellent dinner had been given proper attention by all present, the General Overseer arose, and in his genial, happy manner extended greetings to the guests of honor, the English friends.

He then spoke briefly of the bright prospects for Zion Lace Industries on account of the splendid market for lace in America, owing to Zion being the pioneer in the field; on account of the unparalleled prosperity of the Nation, and on account of God's guiding hand in all Zion's affairs.

He said that he desired the workers who produced the wealth to become the first partakers in it. He wished them all happiness and prosperity.

Then, turning from the material side, he spoke feelingly of his great desire that those who helped to extend the Kingdom of God by creating wealth for Zion, should themselves enter into that Kingdom and share its blessings and glories.

He then addressed the American friends present, referring to the brotherhood of the English and American people, and closed by calling upon Deacon Samuel Stevenson, General Manager of Zion Lace Industries, to say a few words.

Responding upon behalf of the English people present, Deacon Stevenson extended their thanks to the General Overseer for the happy occasion, for his kind words and for the pleasant times which the Lace Experts and their families had enjoyed in Zion Home. He said that all were waiting and anxious to be about their work and to begin to turn out laces.

Then he spoke of a very beautiful design for a Zion curtain which was being drafted, ready to be put upon the machines, so that the first curtain to be produced in Zion Lace Industries should be a Zion curtain.

He spoke enthusiastically of the brilliant prospects for the enterprise, and closed with his best wishes for the General Overseer and all in Zion.

Mrs. Ann Stevenson, mother of the three Deacons Stevenson, then spoke, at the General Overseer's request.

She expressed her great desire to see all Zion's Lace Workers saved, cleansed and made happy.

She expressed her deep thankfulness for the blessings which she had received in Zion and in Zion Home.

Mr. George Middleton, one of the designers, who was a

member of the first party of Lace Experts to land in America, was then called upon to speak.

In a brief but graceful speech he expressed his pleasure in the occasion and his satisfaction in the outlook for Zion Lace Industries.

Overseer Speicher, Manager of Zion Home, told of the pleasure the management, officers and guests had found in the company of their English cousins during the time they had been in Zion Home.

Mr. Harrison, a member of one of the last parties to arrive, spoke of his gladness in working in Zion Lace Industries and his heart's desire that Zion, in the largest sense of the word, might go forward, mightily.

The General Overseer said a few words in closing, after which the company arose and joined heartily in singing the song so well loved in Zion, "We're Marching to Zion."

## Mount Morris, Illinois.

On Lord's Day and Monday, February 23 and 24, 1901, Elder H. D. Brasefield, of Zion College; Deaconess Jennie Paddock, Matron of Zion Home of Hope; Deacon O. L. Sprecher, Private Secretary to the General Overseer; Conductor Burt M. Rice, of Zion Choir, and Deacon Daniel Sloan, of Zion Land and Investment Association, conducted a series of meetings in Mount Morris, Illinois.

The Mount Morris *Index* for February 27, 1901, contained the following very fair account of the meetings:

The third appearance of the adherents of the famous John Alex. Dowie in Mount Morris occurred on Sunday and Monday of the past week, when meetings were held in Sprecher's Hall, and also Monday evening in Seibert's Hall.

Oliver Sprecher, Dowie's private secretary; Elder H. D. Brasefield, and Mrs. Paddock came out from Chicago to Adeline Saturday afternoon, where services were conducted that afternoon and Sunday forenoon.

The service here in Sprecher's Hall Sunday morning was conducted by Mr. Sprecher. The afternoon service, conducted by Elder Brasefield, lasted about three hours and was attended by a full house. Sunday evening the hall was also filled.

Monday morning Elder Brasefield and Mrs. Paddock returned to Chicago and Mr. Burt Rice and Deacon Daniel Sloan came out from the city. The Panorama of Zion and the Exhibit of Zion City shown by the stereopticon in the evening by Deacon Sloan was witnessed by a large crowd. Certainly if the plans of the General Overseer for the building of Zion City are carried out it will be a model place in which to live.

We understand that Dowie meetings will be held in Mount Morris more frequently in the future than in the past. The chairs which were purchased will be kept in the hall for future meetings.

The people from Chicago were entertained at the home of George Sprecher, who is an ardent supporter of the cause of Zion.

Deaconess Anna C. Reiff, of Zion Headquarters, who attended these meetings, writes of them:

The meetings held on Lord's Day were fraught with especial blessing to those who attended them. The members and many interested in Zion came from many of the surrounding towns.

Deaconess Paddock, Matron of Zion Home of Hope, very beautifully told the story of how God healed her when dying, through the prayers of God's servant, the General Overseer, when he was twenty miles away.

In the evening she told of how God was using her in rescuing the fallen, and of their salvation from sin and disease. At the close of her story, simple, yet full of deep significance, Elder Brasefield took up the subject of Social Purity.

The audience, characteristic of Zion, was about three-fourths men, most of whom were college students, and the Elder, looking back to the time

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when he was a student at College, was enabled, by the Sword of the Spirit, to send home some very keen thrusts.

The feeling was intense, both on the part of the speaker and hearers. The audience was deeply affected.

An impression was made upon the minds and hearts of many which will never be eradicated. Many who came jesting, went away serious, as the truth struck home. They were convinced that Zion stood for Purity, for Peace, and for Power, and that her main object was to get people saved from a life of sin to a life of Purity, and to fit them for service for God.

Deacon O. L. Sprecher also held the close attention of the audience with a very interesting account of some of the General Overseer's experiences in Europe.

#### Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Deacon Arie Van Woerkom, in Charge.

The cold indifference of apostate and worldly churches, the stubborn, relentless opposition of a large portion of the population of the city, and other considerations have made the fight for God and truth and Zion in Grand Rapids a fierce one from the very beginning of Zion's work there.

Nevertheless, God has given victory and a number have seen the truth, have come fully into the glorious light of the Gospel, and have been healed and cleansed.

While Elder James R. Adams, who had been in charge of the Branch there for several months, was at Zion Headquarters with his family, on his way to his new charge at Waterloo, Iowa, he handed us the following encouraging report, containing many wonderful testimonies to blessing in spirit, soul and body through Zion in Grand Rapids:

This is my last report as Elder-in-Charge of the Grand Rapids Branch of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

Before leaving that field last week to take charge of Zion in Waterloo, Iowa, and surrounding towns, I received from various people to whom God in mercy has showed His love and power, letters bearing witness to the blessings received. The following are some of them:

"17 SCRIBNER STREET,

"GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, February 27, 1901."

"DEAR BROTHER IN CHRIST:—I thank God for many blessings received through Zion teaching and LEAVES OF HEALING.

"Over six years ago I went to Chicago with a very bad case of catarrh, and partially deaf.

"Dr. Speicher (now Overseer for Chicago) laid hands on me and asked God to heal me in the Name of the Lord Jesus.

"I gradually grew better until my disease was all gone.

"My hearing is good and my eyesight is much better.

"I have had several attacks of the enemy since then, in which God has been the Healer.

"I also thank God for the General Overseer and the teaching of the Full Gospel.

"We regret parting with dear Elder Adams and his wife.

"They are loved by those who love God. They have been faithful at all times, and much good has been done.

"Pray for us.

GEORGE SINALLEY."

"58 IVES AVENUE,

"GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, February 27, 1901."

"DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—After being in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion for over a year, I feel that I ought to give a little of my experience for the good of others and the glory of God.

"It was not hard for me to accept God's truth as taught in Zion, for God had been leading me for the past twelve or fourteen years to accept these truths.

"I have been healed of many things, and my little one was healed twice in answer to prayer, once of fever and once of earache.

"This earache was very severe one evening.

"I went to Elder Adams.

"Prayer was offered, and when I came home she was asleep. Her earache was gone and she has not had any since.

"Thanks to Zion for her prayers, and glory to God for His truth.

"Your Brother in Christ,

WILLIAM VAN ZEE."

"106 HANNACHS STREET,

"ALBION, MICHIGAN, January 15, 1901."

"REV. J. R. ADAMS.

"Dear Elder:—I am very glad that I can testify to God's healing power.

"Last September I was healed of a very painful corn, which had troubled me for more than a year.

"After Elder Adams had prayed for me, in Zion Tabernacle, Grand Rapids, the pain, which had been intense for the previous six months, was taken away.

"The corn has almost entirely disappeared.

"The inflammation has been removed and now I feel no inconvenience whatever from wearing my shoe, and can walk long distances, which I had not been able to do for months previous without great suffering.

"I praise God for all He has done for me.

"(MISS) F. C. STAPLES."

The following extract is from a letter to a relative of the writer. Speaking of her daughter, she says:

"Ruth has had a breaking out all over her. We did not know what it was, unless it was chickenpox, as there is a great deal of it here.

"She was a sight from the top of her head to her feet.

"They (the pimples) raised up in blisters, then turned to matter, then had a scab on, and came off.

"As soon as she commenced to break out we took it to the Lord, and she was not sick. They did not itch. She said it did not hurt, so I let her go out to play.

(MRS.) CORA KENNON,

"Frankfort, Michigan."

The next four letters go together and tell their story in the order of dates:

"HARRIETTA, MICHIGAN, December 20, 1900.

"REV. JAMES R. ADAMS.

"Dear Sir:—Mrs. Doty lies at the point of death from nervous prostration.

"She was taken with fever first.

"The fever left in answer to prayer. This was last Sunday, but she has not slept since.

"She is holding on to her faith in Jesus, and we want you to pray for her nerves and that she may sleep.

"Sincerely yours,

S. J. DOTY."

"HARRIETTA, MICHIGAN, December 24, 1900.

"REV. JAMES R. ADAMS.

"My Dear Sir:—Your kind letter just at hand.

"Mrs. Doty has improved since Saturday; is up and dressed today.

"When I wrote you, she was a very sick woman.

"She has never failed in one instance to get help from Zion's prayers. We feel very thankful to Zion and Zion's God for the blessings we have received.

"Very sincerely yours,

S. J. DOTY."

"HARRIETTA, MICHIGAN, January 3, 1901.

"REV. JAMES R. ADAMS.

"Dear Brother in Christ:—I write to let you know how the dear Lord has raised me up from a very serious illness.

"Three weeks ago I was stricken down with fever.

"I suffered four days without any help, too sick to know what to do or to care very much.

"I sent for the minister, a noble man, although a Methodist. (He has only been in God's service six months, and ought to be in Zion.)

"While he prayed, the fever left me and the perspiration started. But I was very weak and nervous.

"Then my husband wrote you for prayers.

"I praise the dear Lord and thank you for prayer. I am very much better.

"Please pray that these flooding spells may cease.

"Your Sister in Jesus,

(MRS.) S. J. DOTY."

At 11:30 A. M. on January 4th, I prayed to God that He who healed the woman that "touched His garment" would at that moment heal this woman of the same disease.

He did: "And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up."

A month and a week afterwards comes this fourth letter:

"HARRIETTA, MICHIGAN, February 11, 1901.

"REV. JAMES R. ADAMS.

"Dear Brother in Christ:—I have had no more of the flooding spells since I wrote you.

"The Lord is able to do all things if we only trust Him.

"Your Sister in Jesus,

(MRS.) S. J. DOTY."

"GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN, February 15, 1901.

"REV. J. R. ADAMS:—I am glad to write to you that I am feeling much better.

"I have gained a great deal since you prayed for me the first time.

"The Lord heard and answered your prayers.

I had been feeling very badly. Most of the trouble was in my head.

I wanted to be healed by God, but everything seemed so hard to believe.

"I feel differently now. At first I was so disappointed that I did not get a complete healing; now I see how wrong it was to feel that way, for I was not fit to receive it.

"I thank you for prayer and ask you to pray that I will be strong in spirit, soul and body.

"Respectfully yours,  
(MISS) NELLIE VAN WOERKOM."

We humbly and joyfully give God all the glory for the great blessings spoken of in these and in other testimonies.

#### Mount Sterling, Ohio.

Deacon W. B. Kindle, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Mr. W. C. Suitt, of Cambridge, Ohio, traveling salesmen who carry with them everywhere the Message of the Everlasting Gospel, held a meeting in Mount Sterling, recently.

Mr. William A. Dodds, Conductor of the Gathering of the Friends of Zion at that place, writes us the following enthusiastic report of that meeting:

God put it into the hearts of Deacon Kindle, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and W. C. Suitt, of Cambridge, Ohio, to visit the Gathering of the Friends of Zion in Mount Sterling on last Tuesday night, February 5th.

Services were held in the home of Conductor William A. Dodds.

Deacon Kindle spoke on the parallel of the primitive Christian Church and the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

His words were very encouraging and strengthening to the members, and instructive to all.

At the close of the services he administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, it being the first time the Gathering in Mount Sterling had had that privilege since their organization.

He also laid hands on and prayed with nearly all who were present.

The Holy Spirit was present in power to cleanse and to heal. Several persons received blessings.

Zion in Mount Sterling will Go Forward.

We trust that God will enable Deacon Kindle and Mr. Suitt to visit us again in the near future.

We ask the prayers of Zion that the people of Mount Sterling may have a spiritual awakening, and that through the teachings of Zion they may be led to come out of the apostate churches and accept the Gospel of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living, and prepare themselves for the coming of our King.

#### Marinette, Wisconsin.

Rev. Daniel Bryant, Elder-in-Charge. Deacon Fred Grandall, Assisting.

Mrs. Ada Granstrom, a member of the Branch of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion at Marinette, writes to Elder Bryant, on February 16th, the following joyous testimony to healing and blessing through his prayers:

For some time I have felt that I should like to write and tell you what the Lord has done for me, and my dear husband and children, both spiritually and physically, through your prayers and teaching.

For nearly two weeks my husband and I and one of my daughters have had an attack of the grip.

The 5th day of February, when you came to see us, and laid hands on us and prayed for us, we all received a certain measure of relief.

But in the afternoon I felt as though I was growing worse, and about 7 o'clock in the evening I was very sick.

I then immediately called for you, and as soon as you entered the house I felt within me that I would be healed.

When you laid your hands on me and prayed, I began to perspire and the pain in my neck and head left me instantly.

I thank God that I went to bed and had a good night's rest.

The next day I did all my housework, not having the least desire to lie down.

We praise God for such a Saviour, Healer and Keeper.

I thank God for bringing us into Zion.

I pray that God will bless our dear General Overseer and family and Zion everywhere.

We thank you and your dear wife for the faithful work you are doing. May God bless you.

#### Auburn, Nebraska.

Rev. Charles A. Hoy, Elder-in-Charge. Evangelist Sue R. Hoy, Assisting.

The following very happy letter from a lady whose husband had given his heart to God, and whose daughter had been healed, through the faithful ministry of Elder Hoy, is a very

interesting commentary on the kind of work Zion is doing wherever her Standard is raised:

SALEM, NEBRASKA, February 7, 1901.

REV. CHARLES A. HOY.

*Dear Elder:*—It is with pleasure that I can write and tell you it is all well with us.

Lena is laughing and having a good time.

She had some fever this morning, but we had no fear and it was soon over with.

She eats her regular meals with no complaint of her stomach. Her bowels are acting well.

Praise the Lord for His goodness to us.

Mr. Davis is so happy and is clinging to God's promises.

We had family worship last evening.

He told us he knew we were praying for him all the time, and what he said to me against Dr. Dowie and Zion he did not mean.

When he came home to dinner today, the first thing he did was to pick up the Bible and study the life-giving words.

I sincerely thank you for your prayers and pray that God will bless you abundantly in His service.

Faithfully yours in Jesus' Name,

BESSIE A. DAVIS.

#### Forest City, Iowa.

Deacon J. H. Paxton, in Charge.

Zion in Forest City has had a very hard fight against prejudice, opposition and indifference; but God's promises to those who trust and obey are sure. He is giving the victory.

Deacon Paxton in a letter to Overseer Piper, dated February 26th, thus tells of the "abating of the waters":

I wish especially to return thanks to our Heavenly Father for the many recent blessings received in delivering our little ones from the chickenpox, and an affection of the eyes something like the pinkeye.

God has quickly delivered each one who had it, kept all of them from being at all sick, and two of them had only a very few of the small eruptions on their bodies, with no other indications of the disease.

God also gave us a very blessed service on last Lord's Day afternoon, when the members and friends from Lake Mills came down in force and took us almost by storm.

The Holy Spirit was very manifestly present. Several were more firmly established in the faith, and every one present stood and joined heartily in the Prayer of Consecration at the close of the service.

The service was deeply spiritual throughout, and there were many testimonies to the power of God in the Salvation, Healing and Cleansing of those who had become obedient to His will.

The battle has been long and strong, and sometimes very bitter on the part of the enemy; but God is bringing victory, and several are now turning their faces Zionward.

#### Zion's Conflict With Methodist Apostasy.

This book of 200 pages, just issued by Zion Publishing House, contains nine powerful discourses delivered in Central Zion Tabernacle by the General Overseer last May, during the session of the Methodist General Conference. They are of especial value for the full and fearless exposure of Freemasonry.

"The Methodist Church the Property of the Masonic Order," "Freemasonry: A Heathen and Antichristian Abomination," and "Degrees of Masonic Devilry" ought to be read by every lodge man.

The iniquity of the Mystic Shrine is laid bare.

"The Christian's Duty in Breaking a Bad Oath" is the address which preceded the public working of Masonic and Odd Fellow degrees in Central Zion Tabernacle, a full account of which is given.

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IF THOU wilt diligently hearken to the Voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His eyes, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases upon thee, which I have put upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee.

# ZION IN THE ORIENT.

By Rev. G. L. Mason, B. A., B. D.,  
Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in China.

## HEATHENISM OF THE THEATER.

**T**HE GENERAL OVERSEER in LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume I, Numbers 9, 10 and 11, has some intensely interesting lectures on the theater. He shows from history that the theater has always been "heathen, Antichristian and immoral." Every young person should read them.

THE HEATHEN themselves see that the theater is bad. Plato says: "Plays raise the passions and pervert the use of them, and of consequence are dangerous to morality."

In ancient Rome it was a disgrace to appear on the stage, and actors had no political rights.

In China actors are of the lowest caste. They and their children are debarred from the examinations, which are the only road to political office.

INSINCERITY AND HYPOCRISY are necessary to the successful actor. We have no right to seek our instruction or amusement in that which requires the actors to *pretend* to be what they are not, to feign a folly or a virtue which they do not have; in short, to speak and act lies. The cleverer the acting, the more the audience admires. To admire a sham is to take one big step toward becoming a sham yourself (Psalm 51:6).

STAGE-SHAMMING flourishes most where the masses are deepest sunk in heathenism and vice. The Chinese in great throngs stand for hours in the open air under the burning sun to look at the scenes of folly, hypocrisy, envy, intrigue, treachery, pride and suicide enacted on the stage.

In England's heroic Puritan age, Cromwell closed the theaters. In the rotten years of the Stuart Restoration, the stage taught and the people practiced all kinds of vice.

During the French Revolution, while the streets were daily running with blood, the theaters of Paris were crowded every night (Exodus 32:6, 7).

RELIGIOUS PEOPLE dabble in acting because on the stage moral truth can be taught. This is their justification of church theatricals.

But they forget that, in order to enforce wisdom, folly must first be vividly acted out. Some one must act the fool. Sin must be acted out and suggested, and gazed upon. In the play, wisdom and virtue are put in contrast with folly and sin. But acted folly is *folly*. Acted sin is *sin* (Romans 3:8).

THE AUDIENCE is harmed by the suggestion of evil in the foolish and selfish scenes enacted. Evil looks and words leave a stain on the spirit, even while the eyes are charmed with beauty and the ears delighted with the music.

It is a trick of the Devil to praise a dirty book as "realistic," and to say that the stage only "holds the mirror up to nature"; for there is much in corrupt human nature that does not need reflecting in a mirror. Let vanity, jealousy and gossip be forgotten, and not reproduced on the stage (Philippians 4:8).

ALEXANDER DUMAS, the great play writer, justly says: "The theater being the picture or satire of social manners, it must ever be immoral, the passions and social manners being themselves immoral." The theater aims to show people as they are, not as they ought to be.

Less danger comes from merely reading the dramatists than from gazing upon their descriptions of sin and folly put

into action, with the accompaniment of Satanic music and lascivious dancing (Psalm 119:37).

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO trains students in heathenism, just to the extent that it trains students in play-acting.

If it be true that Professor Clark, but for the protests of good women, would have had young lady students rehearsing in tights before young men, and then appearing in the same shameful costume before an audience, it shows the power of the heathenism of the theater even in a so-called Christian school.

Some of the students seem to think that it is the acme of culture to dress up as female ballet-dancers and act before admiring audiences the Seventh-Commandment farces and the illicit love dramas which are the stock subjects of ancient Greek and modern French comedy (1 Corinthians 15:33).

ZION LOVES REALITY.—Heathenism likes sham. Zion is sanctified through the truth. Babel is polluted through the false. Zion will win by "the manifestation of the truth." Babel seeks a mingling of falsehood and truth in mimic acting on the stage.

He that acteth a lie walketh in darkness. "He that doeth truth cometh to the light."

A CONFESSION OF FAILURE in the home work of foreign missions is made by a writer in the *Baptist Missionary Magazine* for March:

Although the cause of missions thus warrants the highest enthusiasm, it is an open secret that the work drags heavily at home. That which ought to go by leaps and bounds moves but slowly. Each year the dismal tale of a debt must be told and the Church goaded into raising it, while abroad the work suffers. All this is directly contrary to the spirit of Christ, contrary to the genius of that work which He has committed to His Church. The trouble is with us. Our vision of an evangelized world has become dim, and hence our thought of the Kingdom of God narrowed, our sphere of activity confined to our own immediate field of labor. Our faith in the possibility of achieving this great end has become weak, and so the money and time spent seem useless waste and the attempt to arouse the Church a meaningless drudgery. Or our confidence in the means employed being lost, we are either led aside into foolish excesses in the attempt to find some greater drawing power than the crucified and risen Christ, or becoming negatively critical, we have hindered the progress of the Kingdom of God.

THE TENTH FOR GOD is seldom preached in the denominational pulpits. Hence the "dismal tale of debt."

Rationalism in the theological seminaries has eliminated nearly all the supernatural from the Bible. The "negatively critical" preaching makes the people care very little about giving the Gospel to the nations.

THE REJECTION OF DIVINE HEALING is another potent cause of spiritual decline and missionary apathy. President Faunce, of Brown University, has said, in substance, these words: "The Church which denies that miracles of healing take place now will logically deny also the miracles of Jesus Christ."

The worship of mere intellect, the craze for Secret Societies, the prevalence of the tobacco habit, and the form of godliness without power in most denominational colleges, make them unsafe places for the young (2 Corinthians 6:17, 18).

IN OUR COTTAGE MEETINGS let us often name in prayer Overseer and Mrs. Wilhide in Australia, Elder and Mrs. Viking in China, and Mr. and Mrs. Cairns in Japan.



# CHEERING WORDS FROM ZION'S GUESTS

## NOTES FROM ZION HOME

THE regular Praise and Testimony Meeting held in Zion Home, Saturday evening, February 23, 1901, was conducted by Overseer Speicher.

After the usual opening exercises, the states represented were enumerated and found to be thirteen in number, as follows:

Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

The following foreign countries were represented:

Canada, China, England, Ireland and Japan.

The meeting was then thrown open for testimony.

CHARLES RYAN, 1616 Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I was converted to God three weeks ago tonight, and He has kept me so far, although I have had many struggles with the Devil. I have gone through a great deal of sin in my past life, but God has raised me up. I had heard the General Overseer a few times before the meeting at the Coliseum, but it was at the Coliseum meeting that my heart was touched. It was worth all the world to me."

DEACONESS SARAH E. HILL, Zion Home, said: "I came to Zion nearly five years ago. I had made up my mind I would stay for three weeks. After I arrived here I found it was such a wonderful place that I remained. The teaching was far different from what I had heard anywhere else. I saw that wonderful healings were taking place. I have seen such marvelous healings in this room. I came here a perfect wreck. I am much stronger now than I have ever been in all my life. I have suffered all my life from weakness. I never knew what it was to feel strong. I always wanted to rest. For the last year I have taken all the exercise I wanted. I have worked hard, because it was easy for me and because it was a pleasure. This week I have had half a dozen colds. One cold would heal and leave me and then another one would come. I knew somebody was praying for me. I am now well. I have learned that the General Overseer has been praying for me."

ELDER F. A. GRAVES, Zion Home, said: "There is so much unwritten history, which probably never will be told. One notices that as he goes around in the various localities of the city. I was sent to conduct a Cottage Meeting in a poor neighborhood. I stumbled along through the darkness and finally came to a little hut. They were colored people in that home. I heard one of the most wonderful testimonies there. The mother told me that their little daughter had been blind for nearly two years. The General Overseer prayed for the child and sight came to her eyes very soon. To all appearances her eyes are just as bright and clear as any. That testimony has never before been recorded."

MISS MYRTLE SISSON, Zion Home, said: "About two months ago I noticed a swelling in my face which was very sore. It grew larger until it became very painful, and my face was swollen all out of shape and turning black. Overseer Speicher prayed for me and the pain went away. In about two hours the swelling began to recede. It was all gone within a day or two, and I had no pain after that. A week ago it began to come up again, but I resisted in the Name of the Lord. Overseer Piper prayed for me. I do thank God for all He has done for me and for Zion."

ALFRED GRISWOLD, Lancaster, Wisconsin, said: "I thank God this night for the many blessings He has given me. I

thank Him for healing my two little girls of bad colds. I thank Him for healing me of a bad cough. Many different times He has healed me and my children."

DEACON JOHN H. SAYRS, M. D., Zion Home, said: "After practicing medicine for three and a half years, and after spending time and money in preparing for it, it was pretty hard to give it up. I thank God that I am out of it. God has healed my wife and me in many ways, and has greatly blessed us. After my wife received her healing, it was put into my heart to go to Zion Home. We were wonderfully blessed, and God has been blessing us ever since. I had suffered for years from rheumatism. I have not had it for two years. But the spiritual blessings which I have received are the most precious."

DEACONESS MARY B. SPEICHER, Zion Home, said: "I am one of a large family, and I believe they all have heart disease. Not one of them has lived to be as old as I am. When John, that is Overseer Speicher, came into Zion, I sent for prayer. Every time prayer was offered for me, I became better. Finally I came into Zion and was perfectly healed of the heart disease. I am nearly seventy years of age and my heart never troubles me."

G. M. STAUFFACHER, Stearns, Wisconsin, said: "I thank God tonight that I am in Zion. I have been a member of Zion for two years. I have been healed of chronic constipation."

WILLIS N. MORRISON, Topeka, Kansas, said: "In reading LEAVES OF HEALING I have been brought into Zion. I thank God for the many blessings I have received. My eldest daughter had her thumb cut very badly; in fact, a portion of the thumb was cut off. My wife tied it up and we prayed. In about three days it was healed. There has also been a great deal of smallpox about us. We were told that we must have the children vaccinated. We would not allow it, and took them out of school. One little girl I know of, who had been vaccinated, has no arm today, as it had to be taken off as the result of vaccination."

The meeting was then closed by the benediction.

THE regular Praise and Testimony Meeting held in Zion Home, Saturday evening, March 2, 1901, was conducted by Elder J. G. Excell.

After the usual opening exercises, the States represented were enumerated and found to be thirteen in number, as follows:

Arizona, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

The following foreign countries were represented:

Canada and Ireland.

The meeting was then thrown open for testimony.

REV. W. H. CHRISTIE, Binghamton, New York, said: "My heart has been with you for several months in Zion Work. Two months ago I was healed in a mission hall in New York. There were two things which helped to bring on my sickness, which I had to discard. One was swine's flesh. Several of the brothers and sisters gathered around me and prayed, and God immediately healed me. Since then God has met with us in every service.

"I praise God for the teaching of Zion. My application for membership was sent in three weeks ago. Our Church, the Independent Church in New York, is founded on Zion

principles. The rules and conditions for membership are the same as in Zion."

A. G. HUGH, Dixon, Illinois, said: "I thank the Lord that I have the assurance of Salvation in my heart. I feel it a great privilege to be in Zion. I know that I am getting my bodily healing. Every day I find that I can see a little better. I noticed last Wednesday evening for the first time that I could see the speaker on the platform."

W. P. SWEET, Champaign, Illinois, said: "I may not have another opportunity to speak in this room. It has been a very dear place to me. The Lord has blessed me many times while here. I thank Him for the privilege of being here and attending the Cottage Meetings. The Spirit of God is working among the people and blessing them."

"The Lord healed me of asthma of thirty years' standing. I was healed twelve years ago."

W. B. DRAKE, Beaver, South Dakota, said: "I thank God for what He has done for me. I have been wonderfully blessed, spiritually and physically, in the last few weeks. It is nine weeks since I left my home for Chicago. I was very helpless and had to be carried. I was paralyzed as far up as my waist. I can walk now."

"I am a farmer. I have not kept any hogs for two and a half years. I went out of that business because I was favorable to Zion. My wife has been a member of Zion for five years. We have been readers of LEAVES OF HEALING ever since it was first printed. I have been saved and healed, and thank God."

ADY B. ROBINSON, Nashville Center, Minnesota, said: "I suffered fifteen years with asthma. Several weeks at a time I was unable to lie down. I came here three years ago. I received the right kind of teaching from the General Overseer and was healed. My brother also received healing. He had rheumatism of the stomach and also in the region of the heart. The doctor gave him up. Praise the Lord, he is a strong and well man today. God also healed me when I was very seriously sick with pneumonia. God has also blessed me in many other ways. I have everything to thank Him for."

ALVIN MARSHALL, 2522 Calumet Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I praise the Lord for His wonderful blessings. About the first of September I arrived in Chicago. I entered the Northwestern University School of Pharmacy with the intention of taking a course in chemistry. I thought I could glorify

God in this work. I soon found I was using the Devil's means. In the meantime, my health began to fail rapidly. I was advised to go to Southern Texas, or to some climate where there were no changes. Before I was ready to go, I was led into the home of a Zion family. There I got hold of the tract, 'Doctors, Drugs and Devils.' That was a severe dose. It was the largest pill I ever undertook to swallow. From that time I have never taken a dose of medicine. The doctors told me that I could not stay in Chicago. God has wonderfully used my testimony to those who know me. Many of my people are seriously studying Divine Healing. Some of them have accepted it and some are being led to Zion."

GEORGE F. WEINMAN, Richton, Illinois, said: "I praise God that He has healed me a number of times. I was healed recently of a bad cold."

H. A. CRABTREE, Dows, Iowa, said: "I have been blessed with the teaching of this Gospel. My family has been blessed. I have a boy who was wonderfully healed. I am thankful to God for this teaching on Divine Healing."

F. A. FOURNIER, 1425 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I thank God for what He has done for me. Many years ago I was converted in the Methodist Church. I became discouraged and went back into the world. I was a stinkpot for a good many years. I used tobacco very heavily sometimes. I was very conscious of the fact that I was sinning against God every day. I knew that I could not use tobacco and glorify God. I then tried to quit it, but felt that I could not in my own strength. I got down on my knees before God and asked Him to deliver me. I never used tobacco after that. I thank God that He has delivered me and taken away the desire for it."

"I praise God for what He has done for my wife. She was very sick with neuralgia and sick headache. She is quite well today. She has worked very hard all day and is doing well. I praise Him for the way He has opened the Scriptures to me."

The meeting was then closed with the

#### BENEDICTION.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

## THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN OPENED.

### Work Steady and Salary Increased Four Times When God Was Not Robbed.

LATONA, WASHINGTON, January 26, 1901.

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—Even before you sent out the call for testimonies about tithing, I had thought I should send in ours.

We began tithing before we knew of Zion, in the year 1896.

My husband and I wanted to be Christians, but were not being successful.

We had high standards, but could not reach them.

We read our Bibles some, more as a history of past ages and never applied it to the present life, that it might lead us in the Way.

But in some way I heard that one-tenth of our money belonged to God, and it impressed us that if we should give it, we could then succeed where we had failed before.

We had no thought of financial blessings, only spiritual ones.

At that time my husband's work was very uncertain, and a great part of the time for four years he had been idle; a little work here and a little work there, but nothing steady.

He was then working for the State, and of course when the State politics was changed, we expected him to be turned out with the rest.

But he was not, although all the other men in the office went.

He was not kept for friendship, because the incoming men were strangers to him.

That was the first place where we recognized the hand of God in a financial way.

Since then Mr. Chase has never been out of work, and his salary has been increased four times.

We know very well we have been rewarded simply because we have not robbed God.

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) E. R. CHASE.

### Income Doubled for One Who Does Not Rob God.

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, January 7, 1901.

REV. W. H. PIPER.

Dear Overseer Piper:—Under God's blessing my income has been greatly increased since remitting my December tithe.

I enclose for my January tithe \$—, which is over double the previous month.

I thank God for my ability to so increase my gifts to Him.

I also enclose \$— as my wife's tithe, she having decided to open an account with God direct, instead of as previously including same along with my own tithe.

We pray daily for the success and well being of the General Overseer and all those who are truly and faithfully connected with Zion.

Faithfully yours and Faith in God,

WILLIAM SMITH.

## MALACHI 3:8-12.

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*Andante.*

Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye  
 bless-ing, that there shall not be room enough to re - ceive it.

say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.  
 And I will rebuke the devourer, for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground;

*Bass Solo.* *Soprano & Alto.*

Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.  
 Neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field,

Bring ye all the tithes in-to the storehouse, that there may be meat  
 Saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall

In mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts,  
 call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the

If I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a  
 Lord of hosts A - - - ment! A - ment

# NOTES OF THANKSGIVING TO ZION'S GOD

## Healed of Rheumatism, Constipation and Heart Trouble, and Delivered From the Tobacco Habit After Fifty Years' Slavery.

IOWA FALLS, IOWA, January 16, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I feel it to be my duty to God and my fellowmen to testify to God's power and willingness to heal.

During the year 1899 I was suffering with rheumatism in my right arm; also was troubled with constipation and heart trouble.

The last named was so threatening sometimes that I believed I might be found dead any day.

By November, 1899, I was so bad with rheumatism that I gave up work altogether, and finally was not able to leave the house.

The pain increased in my elbow and shoulder until it was terrible.

By the last of December I could not sleep day or night.

I could not lie down nor stand still, but just walked the floor and writhed with pain.

I called on God to help me, but was not definite enough to get an answer.

I asked my wife to call in one of our neighbors, Mrs. Collins, one of Zion's members.

She prayed and the pain left me as quick as a flash.

It returned again the next night. We called in Mrs. Collins again. Again prayer was answered.

I got some sleep and rest, of which I was in great need.

Again Satan laid hold on me and my pain was very severe.

I had a telegram sent to Dr. Dowie, stating that I was in great pain and asking prayer in my behalf.

I have not had any pain since that telegram was sent.

My right arm is strong and bears no signs of ever having been lame.

The constipation has vanished.

From that day my heart has been all right.

My weight was from 135 to 140 pounds formerly, but now is 160.

I have health of body, soul and spirit, and expect to live till my work is done.

I am ashamed to have to tell it, but I used tobacco for fifty years.

When I asked the Lord to heal me, spirit, soul and body, I cast out the tobacco and God cast out the tobacco devil and the rheumatic devil altogether.

I have not used tobacco since.

God has blessed me, and we are looking toward Zion.

We have joined the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, withdrawing from the M. E. Church.

We intend to move to Zion City as soon as we can sell out here.

I have longed for years for just such a City as Zion proposes to be, but had despaired of ever living to realize it.

I am rejoiced to know that Zion is in sight.

May God bless Zion throughout the world. A. S. CRAWFORD.

## God Restores Reason in Answer to Prayer.

WAYNE, NEBRASKA, January 16, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—As I am not able to attend the services of welcome on your return home, I will write to you.

I am glad the time has come for you to return.

My prayers and good wishes have gone with you on your journey.

God has blessed and kept me while passing through severe trials.

I finished my course at college and received my diploma. There was special strength given me in answer to your prayers and my own.

After college closed, I went to work to earn what I could.

I still had the care of mother, which was quite a burden, as she is old and childish, although God has wonderfully blessed her with good health ever since her healing last winter.

My burdens were too heavy, and before I was aware of it my nerves were completely unstrung and I was down with nervous prostration.

God graciously healed me in answer to the united prayers of Sister Anderson and myself.

My victory seemed a shortlived one. I was attacked with what seemed to be brain fever and my reason was dethroned.

I begged my neighbors to send for Mrs. Anderson to come and pray for me, but instead some one went for the doctor.

I refused to take any of his medicine and he became angry and said he would send me where I would have to take medicine. He called in the board having charge of the cases of insanity and had me sent to the insane hospital.

Sister Anderson wrote to Zion for them to pray for me. She and I were constantly looking to God for help.

As long as I took the medicine that the doctor ordered, I only grew weaker instead of stronger.

At last I resolved not to swallow any more medicine.

I took it in my mouth, but went to the wash-room and spit it out and rinsed my mouth.

Then God healed me immediately, mind and body.

What is most wonderful, my eyes were strengthened so that I do not need glasses, although I had worn them for over ten years.

My friends came to visit me when I had been at the hospital three weeks and informed the Superintendent how the doctor had done. As I was well, he gladly promised to let me return home.

Your Sister in Christ,

ALMIRA LAMBERT.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I wish to say a few words of welcome home.

God bless you and all your labors abroad.

We praise God for the wonderful healing of Mrs. Lambert, as she herself states it.

Joyfully in the Lord Jesus,

(MRS.) ANNA ANDERSON.

## Healed of Rheumatism in the General Overseer's Meeting at Hammond, Indiana.

All who have read of "Zion's Holy War" remember the murderous riot at Hammond, Indiana, when the life of the General Overseer was in such great danger.

But while the Devil raged, God was working and answering His servant's prayer. The following testimony tells of healing received on that night:

DYER, INDIANA, January 15, 1901.

DEAR OVERSEER SPEICHER:—I most earnestly desire to contribute my testimony to LEAVES OF HEALING and tell what God has done for me in the past.

When the General Overseer fearlessly preached God's Message in Hammond, Indiana, a year ago last autumn, when Satan was so aroused and that dreadful riot occurred, I was attending the services.

When the General Overseer prayed for those who were sick and believed that Jesus was the same Healer today as He was nineteen centuries ago, I arose, and in answer to his prayer was immediately healed of a severe attack of rheumatism in both arms.

I was not a member of Zion then.

Last May (1900) I was healed of very painful neuralgia in the face and head, in answer to prayer.

I give God all the glory, and praise Him for His wonderful goodness and works to the children of men.

I also thank Him for His faithful servants in Zion.

I am a member of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, and was baptized by Triune Immersion last February.

Yours in Jesus,

(MRS.) KATHERINA STOMMEL.

I desire to confirm the above testimony.

A. W. STOMMEL.

## Good Employment Secured in Answer to Prayer.

702 GOSHEN AVENUE,

ELKHART, INDIANA, January 24, 1901.

REV. W. HAMNER PIPER.

Dear Overseer:—I feel 't my duty to drop you this line to tell you how God has blessed us.

You will probably remember I wrote you a letter stating our condition financially and that I was not satisfied with my position, for different reasons which I stated to you, and asked your prayers that I might have more suitable work.

A few days later a gentleman came to my house and said I should go to the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad Shops, and he thought I could secure employment there.

The General Foreman told me that they were employing only machinists. I said that I could not call myself a machinist, although I had had several years' experience in factory work.

I was a little disappointed that I did not get a position, but we kept on praying, and in about a week I felt very much impressed to call again. I went to the same Foreman, had a talk with him, and after telling him of my experience was given a good position.

I like my position very much, for which I praise God. I thank you for your prayer.

NORTON T. KESLER.

# FORM OF APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

— IN THE —

## CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ZION.

TO ALL WHO ARE DESIROUS OF ENTERING INTO FELLOWSHIP WITH THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ZION.

MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS:—The principles of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion have been fully set forth in the Reports of Two Conferences on Organization, held in Zion Tabernacle No. 2, which are fully reported in LEAVES OF HEALING for January 31 and February 7, 1896. The Basis of Fellowship is set forth in the second section of the Resolution passed on February 5th (see LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume II, Number 17, page 267):

FIRST—That we recognize the infallible inspiration and sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures as the rule of faith and practice.

SECOND—That no persons can be members of the Church who have not repented of their sins and have not trusted in Christ for Salvation.

THIRD—That such persons must also be able to make a good profession, and declare that they know, in their own hearts, that they have truly repented, and are truly trusting Christ, and have the witness, in a measure, of the Holy Spirit.

FOURTH—That all other questions of every kind shall be held to be matters of opinion and not matters that are essential to church unity.

All who are conscious of fulfilling these conditions, no matter where they may reside, are invited to fill up the following blank and answer the questions contained therein.

I am, faithfully yours in Jesus,



General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

No. ....

To the Rev. John Alexander Dowie,

General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion,

1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill., U. S. A.

I hereby make application to be received as a member of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, and declare my agreement with the Basis of Fellowship agreed upon at a Conference held February 5, 1896, as set forth in your circular letter of February 7, 1896.

What is your full name? .....

What is your age last birthday? .....

Are you married, unmarried or widowed? .....

If married, how many of your children are living? .....

Where is your residence? .....

What is your occupation, profession, or trade? .....

Where were you born? .....

How long have you lived in America (or the country where you are now living)? .....

When and where were you converted to God? .....

Are you conscious that you are saved through faith in Jesus? .....

Were you sprinkled or immersed in Baptism? .....

When and where were you sprinkled? .....

When and where were you immersed? .....

Were you immersed by single or Triune Immersion? .....

With what Church were you formerly connected? .....

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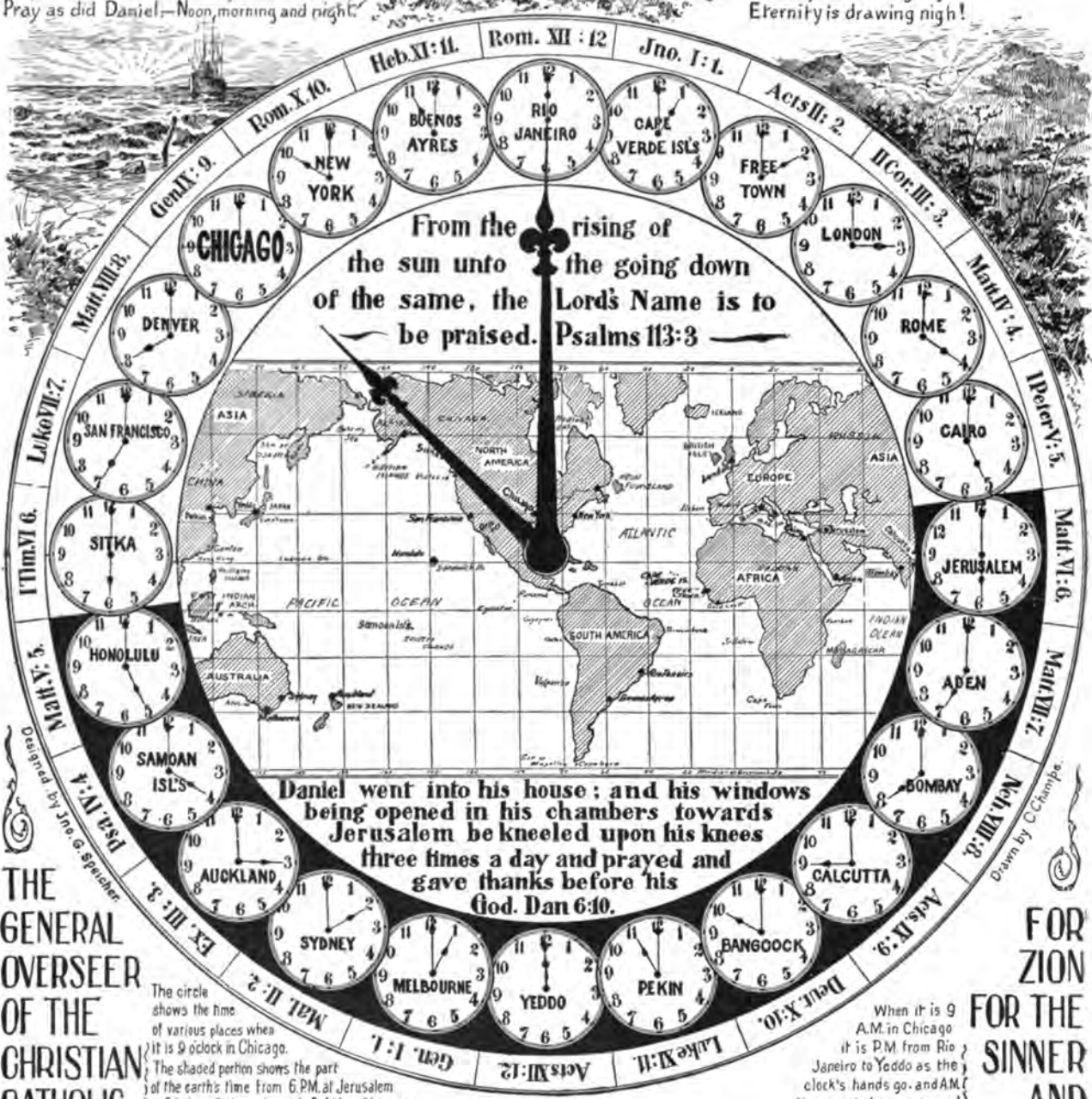
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Open your windows toward Zion O. People,  
Lift up your heart to the God of all grace.  
Pray that the glory Shekinah may cover  
The Temple, and enter the holiest place.

Pray, Brethren, pray, the sands are falling,  
Pray, Brethren, pray, God's voice is calling,  
Pray, Brethren, pray, the day is breaking  
Pray Brethren, pray, the dead are waking

Pray for long life for our highhonoured leader,  
Pray for the City now almost in sight,  
Pray for Salvation and healing of millions,  
Pray as did Daniel—Noon, morning and night.

Behold, the glory draweth near,  
The King Himself will soon appear,  
Eternity is drawing nigh!  
Eternity is drawing nigh!



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This generation does not fully realize it.  
The man He sends is always clothed with Authority.
2. *He is He who was and is and ever shall be.*—Revelation 1:7, 8.  
He had all power in the beginning.  
He will have it in the end.  
None should deny His right to reign.
3. *Before the world began He was God.*—Titus 1:1-3.  
Before the world began He was good.  
Before the world began He was love.  
Before the world began He was merciful.
4. *Before the day was created He was the light.*—Isaiah 43:11-13.  
He was the Light of the world before there was light.  
Light is the powerful deliverer from darkness.  
He created the day and the night by His might.
5. *Before the earth had a corner-stone, He existed.*—Job 38:4-7.  
He set this world in space.  
He made it in mathematical exactness.  
He keeps the world in its appointed orbit.
6. *Before the world had shape or form, He was.*—Genesis 1:1-3.  
God was back of all chaos.  
God was back of all unfulfilled purposes.  
God was back of all the progress of ages.
7. *Before man existed He was God.*—Psalm 8:3-6.  
He created man with his wonderful mechanism.  
He created prehistoric life.  
He made the achievements of man possible.
8. *Before life was known God had all power.*—John 1:1-5.  
For He is the Author of life;  
Creating plant as well as animal life;  
Creating physical as well as geologic life.
9. *Before the hills were joyful God had praise.*—Psalm 98:5-9.  
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They groan under the curse of sin.  
Before the fall, they gave God their best.  
*The Lord Our God is an Ever-Existing God.*

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2. *He commands that we should be holy.*—1 Peter 1:13-17.  
One is not holy before he is saved.  
We are to grow into holiness of life after forgiveness.  
Those not holy in life will not be looking for Jesus.
3. *It is to be ever sought after.*—Hebrews 12:12-15.  
You should do it daily.  
You should not live half-heartedly.  
You cannot seek it with bitterness in the heart.
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7. *It is the end of having willingly yielded all to God.*—Romans 6:17-19.  
Right doing leads into holiness.  
You must serve God or you cannot be holy.  
Obedience from the heart frees from sin.
8. *It is to be maintained after attained.*—1 Thessalonians 3:11-13.  
If you love one, you will do much for him.  
You are to love not only those who love you.  
To love every one makes you like your Father in Heaven.
9. *It is the only Standard by which conduct and conversation are governed.*  
—Titus 2:1-8.  
The Bible urges one to be watchful how he lives.  
The Bible cautions all to be careful what they say.  
Every act should bear the scrutiny of God's truth.
10. *It should begin at conversion, even if not realized fully until later in life.*—Ephesians 4:20-30.  
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This man lay dying. He had lost hope in man.

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He did not believe in God.

God had been portrayed to him as the afflictor of His people.

Such a God seemed to him a horrible monster.

He had heard preachers talk about prayer.

He had heard them pray.

But he had never seen any answers to their prayers.

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They could only guess at his malady.

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They finally told his weeping wife that he could live but three weeks.

The ugly blackness of the shadow of death settled over their home.

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But, by the Holy Spirit's Power, they were enough.

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In the beginning of 1891 I began failing in health.

In spite of many physicians and much medicine, I gradually grew worse.

For more than a year and a half they were not able to name the disease.

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Doctors Harrison and Keys, both physicians of note, in this city, attended me until their skill was exhausted.

One morning they called to tell my wife that I could not live longer than three weeks at the outside, and that she need not give me any more medicine, as it could do me no good.

For many weeks I had not taken much solid food, and for four weeks had taken nothing but beef tea and hot milk.

There I lay with no hope in God and none in man.

My wife was a member of the Methodist Church, but as she believed God had sent this sickness upon me for some unknown good, it was so very much unknown to her, she began to lose all faith in God.

Finally one day she declared that she would never pray to God again. She said that she was not sure that there was a God at all.

I did not believe in God.

Out of respect for my wife I went to church with her every Sunday; but my heart was not touched, and, in fact, I did not believe the ministers believed what they preached.

When I had lived one-half of my allotted three weeks, a lady friend called one Saturday afternoon.

After conversing a few minutes, she said, "Why don't you take your case to Dr. Dowie?"

Said I, "Who is Dr. Dowie?"

She said, "I don't know, but the janitor of our building says he was sick and partly crippled for a long time; that he went to this Dr. Dowie, somewhere on Stony Island Avenue, and was cured. He goes about telling such strange things about this man, so many being healed, and makes such wild demonstrations that we all believe he is half crazy."

I said, "Do you know that he was sick and that he is well now?"

"Yes," she said; "he seems well enough; he at least makes noise enough for a well man."

Then I asked what this Dr. Dowie did to cure people.

She laughed very heartily and said, "That is the craziest part of it all — *he only prays for them!*"

My wife said, "O, I presume one would have to have faith then—I have no faith."

She changed the subject and the two talked together a short time, when the lady arose to go.

I had been thinking about this "man who only prayed," and before she went I asked where one might see this man.

She said she believed he preached in the Auditorium every Sunday afternoon.

The next day I urged my wife to go to the Auditorium and hear what Dr. Dowie had to say.

She reluctantly consented.

She felt I would be with her such a short time that every moment must be spent by my bedside.

It was late when she got there, and she was given a seat in the uppermost gallery.

She found that she could not hear, and after a few moments started down to go home.

She stopped for a minute on one of the landings to listen. Dr. Dowie was telling the story of Christ the Healer.

She learned that Jesus went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the Devil; that sickness was always the work of the Devil, and that it was God's will to heal.

She hurried home.

I eagerly listened to the little story.

When she had finished I said, "That is the first bit of preaching I ever heard that I believed."

I thought a great deal about it.

It seemed to mean so much.

I began to think there was hope for me.

In a few days a strange new strength seemed to come to my body.

I sat up a little, got still a little stronger.

I pondered over the precious little story.

In a few days I declared my intention of hearing Dr. Dowie speak the next Sunday.

I did go, amidst many difficulties.

I got a front seat, and sat for three long hours, drinking in every word that fell from dear Dr. Dowie's lips.

Then I believed there was a God and was filled with a great desire to know Him.

I believed that if I could get to the Prayer Room on Stony Island Avenue I should be healed.

I insisted upon going the following Tuesday.

I think the date was December 3, 1895.

They took me there.

I was very weak and sick after that long ride.

The dear people gathered about us, told us more of the work, all adding wonderful recitals of their own healings.

How sweetly sacred even the very atmosphere seemed!

Then Dr. Speicher came in and took the meeting.

He explained that Dr. Dowie was in court and could not be with us; but that God was present to heal and that He would use his hands if we would meet the Divine conditions.

When he laid hands on me and prayed, the Healing Power thrilled my entire body.

All the pain and weakness was lifted and I was free.

I met my wife just outside the Prayer Room door.

I cannot describe the joy of that meeting as I took her poor trembling form in my arms, and with the tears of joy streaming down my cheeks, I said, "O Marion, thank God, it is all gone and I am well again."

I ate a hearty meal that evening, and slept all night.

Next day I walked a mile, and in three days went to work.

In a short time I secured a good position in a factory, and was soon able to pay off all debts.

I worked hard, and not having had much teaching did not know how to care for my body properly.

One day I took a severe cold. The grip took me, and in a few hours I was very sick.

We sent to Dr. Dowie for prayer, and I was instantly healed.

Some time later I got the grip again.

Our friends said, "Take whisky; it is not medicine."

We argued that as it was not a regular medicine, it might be well to take some, and not bother Dr. Dowie again.

I yielded; but instead of relieving pain, it increased it a hundred fold. I was frantic in a few hours.

Then we did bother Dr. Dowie.

He prayed, and prayed again, then sent Mr. (now Overseer) Wilhide to us.

He came the second time, and for nearly two hours talked and prayed with us and showed us how God received a sincere Repentance.

He was very patient with us and plead with God very earnestly for my

life. He again laid hands on me and prayed, and immediately the disease was rebuked, the pain was gone.

I arose, dressed myself, and called for something to eat.

I have had no use for whisky since.

Have had the grip several times since, but God has graciously delivered me so that I have not lost five days from work on account of sickness.

God has prospered us in every way.

We deem it a blessed privilege to be associated with Zion, and earnestly thank God for our General Overseer and his dear wife.

May God spare them to us for many years and abundantly bless them all along the way, is our constant prayer.

Yours in Jesus,

MARSHALL MOULTON.

#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF MRS. M. MOULTON, CONFIRMING HER HUSBAND'S TESTIMONY.

1465 MICHIGAN AVENUE,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, February 25, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I wish to confirm my husband's testimony, and also to add my own.

I realize that but for God's mercy toward us, and the teaching we have received in Zion, I should have been a widow years ago, and an enemy of God.

Methodism could never have helped me out of the pit, spiritually, into which I had fallen.

I had been a sufferer nearly all my life from indigestion and constipation.

I had taken about all the remedies known.

I had many physicians, but was no better. I rather grew worse.

After my husband was healed, I sought healing for my troubles, which, at that time, were very distressing.

I found that I did not accept the faith as he did. I had too much of the "If It Be Thy Will" in me.

I struggled along for more than six months, *trying to trust God*.

My husband was getting very impatient with me, as well as very much ashamed of me.

He who had always been so loving and tender with me when I was sick, had turned about and when I complained, one day, of being sick, he said, "You are a pretty subject to be going about advocating Divine Healing. Why do you not get right, so God can heal you? Really I am quite ashamed of you."

I felt the rebuke keenly.

I determined I *would* be healed.

That day I spent a long time upon my knees, alone with God.

In the afternoon I went to the healing meeting in Zion Tabernacle No. 2.

I earnestly asked God to forgive me for doubting Him.

I felt that I was pardoned and had the assurance of healing.

While in the Prayer Room, and some time before Dr. Dowie came to me for laying on of hands, I felt the healing touch and knew I was healed.

I have never been troubled with constipation since.

O, how I do thank God I am freed from that hateful disease.

I have been kept remarkably well ever since, and able to do a great deal of work.

God has given us a dear little girl, now two and a half years old.

Satan has tried several times to rob us of our little one, but God has answered prayer, and today she is well and strong—and a perfect little sunbeam—always so happy.

She never forgets, in her little prayers, to ask God to bless Dr. Dowie.

We do praise and thank God for Zion and for our General Overseer, and pray that we may always so live that God can use us if only in a humble way, for the extension of His work in Zion.

Faithfully yours,

(MRS.) M. MOULTON.

#### GOD HEARS PRAYER FOR HEALING OF FEVER.

On February 15th the following telegram was received:

WESTFIELD, ILLINOIS, February 15, 1901.

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE:—Please pray at once for our Isabel; fever.

W. A. ROBINSON.

To this telegram the following reply was sent:

CHICAGO, February 15, 1901.

W. A. ROBINSON, Westfield, Illinois.

Have prayed, twelve twenty-six noon.

Will pray again at 6 o'clock.

Trust God fully and only.

JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

February 16th brought to Zion the following telegram:

WESTFIELD, ILLINOIS, February 16, 1901.

REV. JOHN A. DOWIE:—God heard. Conditions normal; fever gone. Praise God; thank you.

W. A. ROBINSON.

## DO YOU KNOW GOD'S WAY OF HEALING?

BY THE REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE

Let it be supposed that the following words are a conversation between the reader [A] and the writer [B].

A. What does this question mean? Do you really suppose that God has some one especial way of healing in these days of which men may know and avail themselves?

B. That is exactly my meaning, and I wish very much that you should know God's Way of Healing, as I have done for many years.

A. What is the way, in your opinion?  
B. You should rather ask, WHO is God's Way? for the Way is a Person, not a thing. I will answer your question in His own words, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; no one cometh unto the Father, but by Me." These words were spoken by our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, who is both our Saviour and our Healer. (John 14:6.)

A. But I always thought that these words only referred to Him as the Way of Salvation. How can you be sure that they refer to Him as the Way of Healing also?

B. Because He cannot change. He is "the same yesterday and today, yea and forever." (Hebrews 13:8.) He said that He came to this earth not only to save us but to heal us (Luke 4:18), and He did this when in the flesh on earth. Being unchanged, He must be able and willing and desirous to heal now.

A. But is there not this difference, namely, that He is not with us now?

B. No; for He said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world"; and so He is with us now, in Spirit, just as much as when He was here in the flesh.

A. But did He not work these miracles of healing when on earth merely to prove that He was the Son of God?

B. No; there was still a greater purpose than that. He healed the sick who trusted in Him in order to show us that He came to die not only for our sins, but for our sicknesses, and to deliver us from both.

A. Then, if that is so, the atonement which He made on the Cross must have been for our sicknesses as well as our sins. Can you prove that it is the fact from the Scriptures?

B. Yes, I can, and the passages are very numerous. I need quote two only. In Isaiah 53:4, 5, it is written of Him, "Surely He hath borne our griefs (Hebrew sicknesses), and carried our sorrows; . . . and with His stripes we are healed." Then in the Gospel according to Matthew, the passage quoted and directly applied to the work of bodily healing in chapter 8, 17th verse, "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our diseases."

A. But do you not think that sickness is often God's will, and sent for our good, and therefore God may not wish us to be healed?

B. No, that cannot possibly be; for diseases of every kind are the Devil's work, and his work can be broken up only by the work of God, who is Christ came for the very purpose of destroying "the works of the Devil." (1 John 3:8.)

A. Do you mean to say that all disease is the work of Satan?

B. Yes, for if there had been no sin (which came through Satan) there never would have been any disease, and Jesus never in one single instance told any person that sickness was God's work or will, but the very contrary.

A. Can you prove from Scripture that all forms of sickness and infirmity are the Devil's work?

B. Yes, that can be done very easily. You will see in Matthew 4:23 and 9:35 that when Jesus was here in the flesh, He healed "all manner of disease and all manner of sickness among the people." Then if you will refer to Acts 10:38 you will see that the Apostle Peter declares that He [Jesus] "went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the Devil." Notice that all whom He healed, not some, were suffering from Satan's evil power.

A. But does disease never come from God?

B. No, it cannot come from God, for He is pure, and disease is unclean; and it cannot come out of Heaven, for there is no disease there.

A. That is very different from the teachings which I have received all my life from ministers and in the churches. Do you really think that you are right, and that they are all wrong in this matter?

B. It is not a question as between myself and them. The only question is, What does God's Word say? God has said in all the ages to His Church, "I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26), and therefore it would be wicked to say that He is the author of His people. All to the Christians must believe the Bible, and it is impossible to believe that good and evil, sickness and health, sin and holiness could have a common origin in God. If the Bible really taught that, it would be impossible to believe our Lord Jesus Christ when He says, "A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit" (Matthew 7:18.)

A. But even if I agree with all you say, is it not true that the Gifts of Healing were removed from the Church, and are not in it now?

B. No, the "Gifts of Healing" were never withdrawn, and can never be withdrawn, from the true Church of God; for it is written, "The gifts and the calling of God are without repentance." (Romans 11:29.) There are nine gifts of God to the Church (enumerated in 1 Corinthians, 12:8 to 11), and all these are in the Holy Spirit. Therefore, so long as the Holy Spirit is in the Church, all the gifts are there also. If they are not exercised, that does not prove that they do not exist, but that the faith to exercise them is lacking in God's servants. The gifts are all perfectly preserved; for the Holy Spirit, not the Church, keeps them safely.

A. What should a Christian then do when overtaken with sickness?

B. A Christian should obey God's command, and at once turn to Him for forgiveness of the sin which may have caused the sickness, and for immediate healing. Healing is obtained from God in one of four ways, namely: First, by the direct prayer of faith, without any aid from the officers of the Church, praying as the Centurion did in Matthew 8:5 to 12; second, by two faithful disciples praying in perfect agreement, in accordance with the Lord's promise in Matthew 18:19; third, by the anointing of the elders and the prayer of faith, according to the instructions in James 5:14 and 15; and fourth, by the laying on of the hands of them who believe, and whom God calls to that ministry, as the Lord commands in Mark 16:18, and in other places.

A. But are people healed in this way in these days?

B. Yes, in thousands of cases. I have myself laid hands upon many hundreds of thousands of persons, and I have seen the Lord's Power manifested in the healing of great numbers, many of whom are living in many countries, and are being testified publicly before thousands, and who are prepared to testify at any time. This ministry is being exercised by devoted Christians in many parts of America, Europe, Australasia and elsewhere.

A. Is it not the same as Christian Science, Mind Healing, etc.?

B. No. Divine Healing is diametrically opposed to these diabolical counterfeitings, which are utterly anti-Christian. These impostures are only seductive forms of Spiritualism. True Evangelism is also a more recent form of this delusion, and it deceives many.

A. But how shall I obtain the necessary faith to receive healing, which faith I am at present conscious I do not possess?

B. It is written, "Belief cometh of hearing, and hearing by the Word of Christ." (Romans to 17.) Our Missions are held for the express purpose of teaching fully the Word of God on this matter, and I very heartily invite you to attend the meetings which are announced for Zion Tabernacle. All are welcome and there are no charges of any kind made, for all God's gifts are free gifts. Salvation is the first of these, without which you cannot be healed through faith in Jesus. All the costs of this work are covered by the free-will offerings of the people who attend these meetings, and others whom the Lord leads to help; but the poorest who have nothing to give are as heartily welcome as the richest.

A. Do you see the sick and lay hands upon them in this Mission?  
B. Yes; after we feel satisfied that they are heartily resting in the Lord alone for the healing, we see privately, so far as time permits, those who attend; but under no circumstances do we claim the power to heal any; for "power belongeth unto God."

A. Have you any writings upon this subject which can be purchased?

B. Yes; these can be obtained at the office of Zion Publishing House, 1207 Michigan Avenue, or at 1621 1/2 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill. But the best book on Divine Healing is the Bible itself, studied prayerfully and earnestly.

We extend to you a hearty invitation to attend the meetings, which are free to all. Our prayer is that you may be led to find in Jesus Christ our Lord and God, your present Saviour from sin, your Healer from sickness, your Cleanser from all evil, your Keeper in the way to Heaven, your Friend, and your All for Time and Eternity. We pray that these words may be read by many who read, and that our little conversation may bear fruit in leading many readers to look to Jesus only.

"The Healing of Christ's seamless dress

Is by all beds of pain;

We touch Him in life's throng and press,

And we are whole again."



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"BIND THOU UP THE TESTIMONY,  
 SEAL THE TEACHING AMONG MY DISCIPLES."

AND I WILL wait for the Lord,  
 That hideth His face from the house of Jacob,  
 And I will look for Him.

BEHOLD, I and the Children whom the Lord hath given me  
 Are for Signs and for Wonders in Israel from the Lord of Hosts,  
 Which dwelleth in Mount Zion.—Isaiah 8:16-18.

ON THE NIGHT of Wednesday, March 13, 1901, just three days ago, we completed, in Central Zion Tabernacle, the Record of Baptisms in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion for the past Four Years.

WE HAVE "bound up" this "Testimony" in this issue of LEAVES OF HEALING, and it will be found on pages 671 and 672.

NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND TWELVE (9612) persons have received this "Seal of the Living God" during these four years.

THE BAPTISMS may be averaged as follows:

Two Thousand Four Hundred (2400) each year for four years.

Two Hundred (200) each and every month for four years.

Nearly Fifty (50) every week for four years.

More than Six (6) persons for each and every day of the four years.

THIS IS "the Testimony" of the weekly Record on these pages in LEAVES OF HEALING for four years, and again we say, it is now "bound up" to date in this issue.

THIS BAPTISMAL RECORD, so far as we can ascertain, has not been equaled in the same time in any part of the world.

So far as is known, it is without precedent in the history of the Christianization of the Anglo-Saxon race.

WE GIVE GOD all the Glory, and while we rejoice to record "the Testimony," we joyfully recognize that all the Power which has brought this blessing has come from God alone.

WERE IT POSSIBLE for the Christian Catholic Church in Zion to baptize all its members by duly ordained officers, and all others who are at present seeking this Baptism at the hands of Zion, we do not hesitate to say that the number of the Baptized would probably reach, throughout the world, a sum in excess of One Hundred Thousand.

WHEN IT IS remembered that these Baptisms have taken place amidst scenes of bitter private and public persecution, and that many of those who have thus been baptized have had to suffer severe penalties, often at the hands of their nearest relatives, then the Record becomes still more surprising.

LET IT ALSO be remembered, however, that this Record is only for Four Years, and does not cover the whole period of our baptizing by Triune Immersion in Zion.

This began very early in the summer of 1894, whereas the Record which we have just "bound up" only begins in March, 1897.

During nearly two years and nine months, 1894-1897, we have no complete Record of the Baptisms in Zion Tabernacle No. 2 and other places.

But, as nearly as we can estimate, there were about Two Thousand Five Hundred persons baptized by Triune Immersion during that period.

This would raise the number of those baptized in Zion to at least Twelve Thousand (12,000) from June, 1894, to March, 1901.

WE HAVE NOW OBEYED, as Isaiah did, the command to "Bind up the Testimony."

Now we desire to obey the command,  
"Seal the Law (Teaching) among My Disciples."

WE HAVE VERY earnestly waited for the Lord, seeing, alas, that He had hidden His face from the apostate denominations around us, and we have said, "I will look for Him."

And we have not looked for Him in vain: for He has enabled us to plant Zion's Banner on every Continent of this Earth, and in many Islands of the Sea.

SURELY WITH this Record we have the right to say, in Christ's Name, and in His stead:

Behold, I and the Children whom the Lord hath given Me  
Are for Signs and for Wonders in Israel  
From the Lord of Hosts, which dwelleth in Mount Zion.

ONE OF THE SEALS which God hath given to the Christian Catholic Church in Zion is this Glorious Seal of a Triune Baptism, which was commanded by our Lord Himself after His resurrection from the dead, and before His reascension into the heavens, in these words:

All Authority hath been given unto Me  
In Heaven and on Earth,  
Go ye therefore, and make disciples of All the Nations,  
Baptizing them into the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost:  
Teaching them to observe All Things whatsoever I commanded you:  
And lo, I am with you All the Days,  
Even unto the Consummation of the Age.

THIS BAPTISM, therefore, which Christ Himself established, was but the fulfilling of the prophecy with which we have begun these Notes:

Bind up the Testimony, Seal the Teaching among My disciples.

THIS BAPTISM has been lost to the Church of God, for the most part, even as an outward Ordinance, for ten centuries, and, as a spiritual reality, for fifteen centuries.

THE "TIMES of the Restitution of All Things, whereof God hath spoken by the mouth of His Holy Prophets which have been since the world began," are now upon us.

These "Times of Restoration" are Signs of the Coming of the Lord.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, chapter seven, verses two to four, contains these wonderful words:

And I saw another Angel (Messenger) ascend from the sunrising,  
HAVING THE SEAL OF THE LIVING GOD:  
And he cried with a Great Voice to the four angels,  
To whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying,  
Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees,  
Till we shall have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.  
And I heard the number of them which were Sealed,  
A hundred and forty and four thousand,  
Sealed out of every tribe of the Children of Israel.

WE PROCLAIM, therefore, that a True Baptism is the Seal of the Living God, to that Doctrine, or Teaching, which is essential to true and full Discipleship in the Church of God.

THE ORDINANCE of Believers' Baptism by Tri-une Immersion is

"THE SEAL OF THE LIVING GOD."

DO NOT LET there be any misunderstanding as to what these words mean.

Baptism cannot save, but it is a Seal of Salvation.

It is an Act of Obedience which proves the regeneration of the spirit of the disciple.

Yet it must always be remembered that Salvation can exist, and does exist, where this Seal is not imparted.

Gold is gold, whether it has the Seal of the United States mint upon it or not.

But the Seal of the United States upon a five-dollar piece of gold sets forever at rest, and everywhere, the exact value of that piece of gold, and the gold piece is accepted without dispute as possessing that value.

In this manner we regard Baptism as that Divine Seal.

While it does not produce Salvation, it stamps it with the Divine Approval, and makes it, when spiritually received, a Divine Certainty.

THIS IS the contention of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, because it is the contention of our Lord Himself and of His apostles.

HE COMMANDED Baptism.

Divine Commands are not optional.

They are absolute and must be obeyed.

THE APOSTLE PETER (1 Peter, third chapter), speaking of the Salvation of Noah in the Ark, "through Water," says:

The longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah,  
While the Ark was a preparing,  
Wherein few, that is, eight souls,  
Were saved through Water:  
Which also, after a true likeness, doth now save you,  
Even Baptism,  
Not the putting away of the filth of the flesh,  
But the Appeal of a Good Conscience towards God,  
Through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ;  
Who is on the right hand of God, having gone into heaven;  
Angels and Authorities and Powers being made subject unto Him.

THERE CAN BE no question whatever that the Primitive and Apostolic Church held the Baptism of Disciples to be essential to their full recognition as members of the Church.

Nor was it ever even supposed for a moment that a True Disciple would quibble about so plain a Command.

THE ANSWER of the Apostle Peter to the agonizing cry of the convicted multitudes at Pentecost, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" was, "Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you," etc.

THE QUESTION of the same apostle at Cæsarea, when the Holy Ghost fell on the centurion, Cornelius, and his household, "Can any man forbid the water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?" was answered in directing their Baptism: for it is recorded that Peter, in the Name of the Lord, "commanded them to be baptized."

WHEN THE ETHIOPIAN eunuch was convicted and converted under the teaching of Philip, in his chariot on the way to Gaza, he said as they came to a "certain water," "Behold, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?"

And the answer of Philip was, "If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest."

The eunuch replied, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

This Confession was immediately followed by the Command to his charioteer to "stand still," while both the Ethiopian prince and Philip went "down into the water," where Philip "baptized him."

WHEN THE Apostle Paul preached, his ministry was always followed by Baptism as quickly as possible, as in the case of the conversion of Lydia of Thyatira, who was immediately "baptized and her household."

The conversion of the Philippian jailer at the midnight hour was followed by Baptism: for it is recorded that he "was baptized, he and all his, immediately."

In Ephesus, "certain disciples" who had not received the Holy Ghost "when they believed," and who had "not so much as heard whether the Holy Ghost was given," were rebaptized by Paul.

Their Baptism was only that of John the Baptist. These disciples were at once baptized by the apostle, in accordance with the Lord's command; and their Baptism was followed by the Special Blessing of God in the communication of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

THESE FACTS, and numerous others, make it abundantly plain that Christian Baptism is  
"THE SEAL OF THE LIVING GOD."

INCREASINGLY, therefore, do we feel to cry for the Mercy of God to spare His people, and to restrain the destructive forces which are ready to burst forth in terrible "hurt to the earth and the sea and the trees."

We confidently appeal to God that He will be merciful until, by this Glorious Baptism, Zion "shall have Sealed the Servants of our God in their foreheads."

MULTITUDES of God's Servants are groping in the darkness of the apostasies.

Truly born of God, they dimly see the Kingdom of God, but alas, alas, *they cannot enter in.*

And what is it that hinders?

"Surely," cries one, "it is enough to be born of the Spirit and to see the Kingdom of God."

But the answer of Jesus to Rabbi Nicodemus shows that it is not enough.

Jesus said, "Except a man be born anew, he cannot see the Kingdom of God."

And when Nicodemus wondered at such a teaching, and incredulously asked, "How can a man be born when he is old?" he was still more astonished when Christ showed him the still greater thing as to "entering into the Kingdom."

Jesus had only up to that point spoken of a New Birth, and of a Divinely-given perceptive power by means of which the glorious Kingdom of God could be seen.

But now Jesus goes further, and He says that a man must not only be born of God and see the Kingdom, but He must receive a Divine Power by means of which he can "enter into the Kingdom of God," and so He uttered the following words:

Verily, verily, I say unto thee,  
Except a man be born of Water and of the Spirit,  
He cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.

To be born of the Spirit, therefore, is not enough.

Such a man will only see the Kingdom, as Moses did the Promised Land, "afar off."

But the disciple must be led of the Spirit, as Jesus was, into the Baptismal Waters.

After Baptism by John He "came up out of the Water" with the Seal of the Holy Ghost upon Him, with the Approval of His Father's words from heaven, and with the Proclamation of the then Messenger of the Covenant, John the Baptist, who declared Him to be "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world."

It was from that point that he "entered into" his Ministry in the Kingdom of God, for the time was fulfilled and the Kingdom of God had come.

Even the Christ Himself could not have "entered into" the Kingdom had He not been baptized.

He Himself is our authority for this.

When John would have forbidden Him the rite of Baptism at his hands, He declared it to be essential to the fulfilment of the Righteous Purposes of God, saying, "Suffer it now: for thus it cometh us to fulfil all Righteousness."

Since this is true concerning the Master, how infinitely more true it is concerning the Disciple.

SO FAR, THEREFORE, as God has given us understanding, we rejoice in the fact that the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, "having the Seal of the Living God," has now baptized, in the mode and spirit which Christ commanded, at least Twelve Thousand (12,000) persons.

This large number is one-twelfth part of that Wonderful Number (144,000) of which it is written:

And I heard the Number of them which was Sealed,  
A hundred and forty and four thousand;  
Sealed out of Every Tribe of the Children of Israel.

THIS GLORIOUS Sealing of the "One Hundred and Forty and Four Thousand" will be followed by the Worldwide gathering into Zion of innumerable multitudes from all the lands: for John records the Wonderful Scenes in the apocalyptic Vision which he witnessed immediately consequent upon the enumer-



ation of Twelve Thousand from each of the tribes, and their Sealing:

After these things I saw, and behold,  
A Great Multitude, which no man could number,  
Out of Every Nation,  
And of All Tribes and Peoples and Tongues,  
Standing before the Throne and before the Lamb,  
Arrayed in White Robes, and Palms in their hands;  
And they cry with a Great Voice, saying,  
Salvation unto our God which sitteth on the Throne,  
And unto the Lamb.

IN OUR INTERPRETATION of this Beautiful Revelation we see, therefore, the Glorious Ingathering from all the earth consequent upon the Sealing by Baptism of the "One Hundred and Forty and Four Thousand" from the twelve tribes of Israel.

THEREFORE, all who are in fellowship with Zion must resolve, in Christ's Name, that, no matter what the sacrifice may be, they will come to Zion and be baptized by those who have been ordained by God's Messenger, "having the Seal of God."

LETTERS FROM BOSTON give us most encouraging accounts of the Branch of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion which has been recently established there, under the oversight of the Rev. Helen A. Smith, Evangelist-in-Charge, assisted by Deacon and Mrs. Root, and our son, A. J. Gladstone Dowie, and many most effective workers.

They are all doing excellent service for God and Zion in that great historic city, in which we are deeply interested.

Our temporary Zion Headquarters there are in a very convenient location, namely, Putnam Hall, 1165 Tremont Street, near Ruggles Street, Boston. Services are held every Lord's Day morning and afternoon and at other times during the week.

The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper is administered on the first Lord's Day of every month, and friends far and near are invited.

There are many Branches of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion now springing up along the Eastern Coast, and we regard them with very great interest.

But the Branch in Boston is our first in New England.

Overseer Jane Dowie, God willing, will speak in Boston, on Lord's Day, May 19th. Place and time of service will be announced later.

LAST LORD'S DAY morning, in the midst of a final burst of a terrible tempest which had been raging all night, we went to Harvey, Illinois, just South of Chicago, to hold the first of a series of Special Services at our Chicago outer circle of Branches of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

Although it was difficult to hold up an umbrella, and the rain and wind were raging, and on every side there was devastation by the storm, we were delighted to meet at the Central Depot of the Illinois Central Railway over a hundred and twenty of the members of Zion, including a large number of Zion Choir, who accompanied us.

We left the city at 9:15 A. M., and reached Harvey shortly after ten o'clock.

We found the large hall crowded to its utmost capacity, except the platform, which was immediately filled to overflowing with those who had accompanied us from Chicago.

A considerable number of persons unable to find seats stood throughout the whole of the services.

We had a most excellent reunion with our members, and the

many friends of Zion in Harvey, where the Rev. W. O. Dinius, Elder-in-Charge, is doing most excellent work.

NEXT LORD'S DAY morning, March 17th, at 10:30 A. M., God willing, we will conduct a special service in South Chicago, at the Opera Hall, corner of Exchange and South Chicago Avenues.

The hall seats about three thousand persons.

We trust that our readers far and near will pray that God will give us great blessing in this important section of the city, where our Zion Seventies have been laboring long and earnestly.

The work in this district is under the charge of Rev. W. J. Stith, whose principal meeting place is Parkside Zion Tabernacle, Stony Island Avenue and Seventy-first Street.

ON LORD'S DAY morning, March 24th, at 10:30 A. M., God willing, we shall conduct a special service at Oak Park, Illinois, at Chenilworth Hall.

Our Branch in this suburb, which lies west of Chicago, has been established since 1897, when we appointed Elder (now Overseer) Piper to be Elder-in-Charge. He was transferred to Cincinnati, Ohio, and was succeeded by Elder Moot, now in charge of the Christian Catholic Church in Lima and Ada, Ohio. Elders Bouck, Hammond and Bryant have also done excellent work there.

The Branch is at present under the charge of the local Deacons, with help on the Lord's Days from Headquarters in Chicago, by some of the available Evangelists or Elders.

Our readers will remember that it was at this suburb on October 31, 1899, that our Zion Tabernacle there was attacked by a riotous mob of immense proportions.

The greater number of the rioters dispersed to their homes shortly after midnight, but a murderous band of about three hundred men lay in wait in the vicinity of Zion Tabernacle with an avowed purpose of murder, until three o'clock in the morning.

Our perilous position had become known to Chief of Police Kipley, and a considerable force of police were sent from Chicago with orders to escort our carriage to the city, although Oak Park was outside of the city limits.

Their presence, and the clanging bell of the Patrol Wagon, dispersed the murderous villains, and all our people, numbering several hundreds, reached their homes in safety.

This incident was the last of a series of three riotous gatherings of large proportions, organized by doctors, druggists, and students of medical and pharmaceutical colleges, when much damage to our buildings was inflicted, and still worse, a considerable number of our people were temporarily injured.

But God, in His infinite mercy, gave us the Victory, and all these troubles have apparently passed away.

We look forward confidently to a pleasant morning in Oak Park with the people generally, and especially with our largely increased fellowship in the Branch of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion which God has established there.

OTHER SPECIAL GATHERINGS at various points around Chicago will be held during the remainder of this and next month, of which notice will be duly given.

IT GIVES US PLEASURE to present our readers, on page 648, with a beautiful halftone photo-engraving of our dear wife, Overseer Jane Dowie, to whom has been committed the charge of Women's Work in Zion throughout the World.



THE PHOTOGRAPH from which our engraving is taken was made in Paris a few weeks ago, and represents Mrs. Dowie in her official robes as Overseer.

WE HAVE RECEIVED a very large number of letters of the most loving nature expressing appreciation of her recent article in this paper, entitled "How Jesus Heals the Little Ones."

It has now been issued in tract form as Volume V, Number 2, "A VOICE FROM ZION."

Very large numbers of this have already been sold, and we shall be glad to know that the tract has a place in hundreds of thousands of hearts and lives and homes.

We hope soon to publish several translations of her articles in French. Let Zion everywhere pray for her, and for the work which God has committed to her charge.

SHE WILL LEAVE St. Cloud, Paris, at the end of April, and will proceed to London, England, where she will conduct a meeting on Lord's Day, May 5th, and possibly on other days.

Information concerning her meetings in London may be obtained from the Rev. Harry E. Cantel, Evangelist-in-Charge, Zion Publishing House, 33 Rosebery Avenue, E. C., London

She will leave London, God willing, a few days later for Liverpool, from which port it is her intention to sail with our daughter on Thursday, May 9th, on the Dominion Line steamship *New England*, for Boston.

She will arrive in America, God willing, about May 16th or 17th.

As already announced, she will speak in Boston on Lord's Day, May 19th.

She will probably leave Boston for Chicago, on Tuesday, May 21st.

She will be received in Chicago at a Welcome Meeting in Central Zion Tabernacle on Friday evening, May 24th, at which time we shall also conduct an Ordination Service and ordain a large number of Deaconesses and other officers.

WE AGAIN remind our readers of the Great Demonstration to be held in the Chicago Auditorium, on Lord's Day afternoon, May 26th, when Overseer Jane Dowie will speak, and when we shall deliver the Inaugural Address in setting her apart as the Principal Overseer of Women's Work in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

Great interest is being shown in this approaching Demonstration, and a beautiful Souvenir Program is being prepared, of which Ten Thousand copies will be freely distributed on May 26th.

We especially invite the women of Zion from all parts of America, and we hope to announce next week a number of Conferences for Women, at which Mrs. Dowie will speak, and at which many important arrangements for future effectual work will be made.

ALL LETTERS on Zion's Women's Work must be addressed directly to Overseer Jane Dowie, at Room 316, Zion Office Building, Michigan Avenue and Twelfth Street.

Our correspondents will please not to make inquiries concerning this work in other letters, but keep this correspondence entirely separate.

Each department of Zion should be addressed separately.

This will greatly facilitate Zion's work; for it is most inconvenient to have matters concerning the business of Zion Publishing House mixed up with requests for prayer, or inquiries concerning Zion City, etc.

IT IS WELL, also, to remind our readers that the Conferences usually held at our Anniversary period in February were all postponed to July.

God willing, we shall in future hold the Annual Conferences in that month, making the Anniversary of the Consecration of Zion Temple Site, July 14th, our principal Anniversary in each year.

A Zion Encampment, continuing from about July 12th to July 22d, will be held at Zion City, near the Temple Site.

A large number of tents and other accommodations will be provided for visitors; but to secure attention to all, early application must be made to Deacon Daniel Sloan, 1300 Michigan Avenue.

WE SHALL GIVE in an early issue Announcements concerning the Anniversary on July 14th, at which it is expected Tens of Thousands of the Friends of Zion will be present.

Excursion rates from all parts of the country will also be announced.

"LET US GO UP TO ZION, UNTO THE LORD OUR GOD."

WE REJOICE to tell our readers, far and near, that most delightful accounts are continually reaching us of the Progress of the Work on all the Continents, and on this.

It is impossible to find room in these pages for a title of the Story of Zion as it goes on from week to week.

But that Story is being written upon the Imperishable Books in Zion above.

We trust, however, that with the larger facilities which Zion City will afford, we shall be able to preserve fuller Records of it in our earthly Zion in future, although it will always be, doubtless, impossible to tell the Story fully.

A LARGE NUMBER of Zion's expert Nottingham lacemakers are now settled in and around Zion City, and hundreds of tons of Lacemaking Machinery are being unpacked, and put together, as these words reach our readers.

They are all in good health and spirits, and eager to begin the work.

The long and severe winter has hindered us very much by making building operations extremely difficult.

Success has crowned our every operation in connection with the Preparatory Steps for the establishment of these and other important Industries and Enterprises.

Deacon Samuel Stevenson, with his large staff, is now upon the ground.

Eager purchasers for every yard of lace that we can make for years to come have already appeared.

The competition for our first productions from Zion Lace Industries is very keen, and very gratifying from a business standpoint.

ALL THE ATTACKS upon Zion's Financial Institutions, and Zion's Business Operations generally, have ceased as suddenly as they began.

The boastful threats, and groundless insinuations, of all our enemies in the Newspaper Press and in the Illinois State Legislature, and everywhere else, have passed away, like last week's storm, leaving, however, some very marked evidences of the desperate conflict in the dilapidated condition of those who forced it upon Zion.

They are in a state of utter collapse, and all honest people deride them, and are glad they were put to shame.

"Thanks be unto God, who giveth us the Victory."

LARGE INVESTMENTS are constantly being made in Zion stocks, and especially in Zion Lace Industries stock.

We shall have a most Important Announcement to make soon concerning the Opening of the Sale of Lots in Zion City.

It will be well and wise for those who desire to avail themselves of our offer of First Choice when the Lots are open for sale to get Stock in Zion Land and Investment Association.

This Right can only be obtained by securing stock equal in value to the intended purchase, or at least near to that.

Preferential Rights of Purchase will only be for land in quantity equal to the purchaser's investment.

We trust that our friends will not need to reproach themselves for delay in this matter, nor imagine that they have a Right of Choice to buy thousands of dollars' worth of land when they only own one or two shares of stock.

We shall announce at an early date the Closing of the First Series of Stock in Zion Land and Investment Association.

We do not know whether we shall again give Stockholders the Rights of Selection which we offer them now, and there can be little doubt but that our price for land will be much higher in the Second Series of Stock.

We trust that this warning will be remembered, and that our good friends who have made "good resolutions" as to investments in Zion City, will not "pave" the future with disappointments by their delay.

THERE PROBABLY never was in the whole history of New City Settlements any precedent for the intense interest, and great numbers of applicants who are now setting their faces toward Zion City.

Many have sold their property in distant places, and are now located in Chicago, and some at towns near to Zion City site, waiting for the Opening of the Sale of Lots, and ready to invest large sums of money in building and other improvements.

For this we give God hearty thanks.

But Zion City is His, and, therefore, it is His care.

THE SPLENDID RALLY of Zion's Friends in all parts of America, and the many kind expressions which greet us from business men, have shown us that the repulse of our enemies in their recent attacks has been used by God for Zion's greatest good, spiritually and materially.

WE ARE LOOKING forward with intense delight to the gathering of Tens and Tens of Thousands of sober, thrifty, honest, industrious, intelligent, God-fearing People on the Beautiful Site of the Coming City.

BRETHREN, PRAY FOR US.

## ZION IN ADELINE AND MOUNT MORRIS, ILLINOIS

Professor J. H. Sayrs, Deacon in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, and Superintendent Zion Junior Schools, will conduct one meeting in

*ADELINE, on Saturday night, March 23, 1901; and in MOUNT MORRIS, Lord's Day, March 24, 1901, morning, afternoon and evening.*

Deaconess Mary Casey will be present at these meetings and will testify to her healing through faith in Jesus Christ.

The Ordinances of the Church will be observed at Mount Morris.

## GOD'S WAY OF HEALING.

BY THE REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

### God's Way of Healing is a Person, not a Thing.

Jesus said, "*I am* the Way, and the Truth, and the Life," and He has ever been revealed to His people in all the ages by the Covenant Name, Jehovah-rophi, or "*I am* the Lord that Healeth thee." (John 14:6; Exodus 15:26.)

### The Lord Jesus Christ is Still the Healer.

He cannot change, for "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yea and forever"; and He is still with us, for He said, "Lo, *I am* with you always, even unto the end of the world." (Hebrews 13:8; Matthew 28:20.) Because He is Unchangeable, and because He is present, in spirit, just as when in the flesh, He is the Healer of His people.

### Divine Healing Rests on Christ's Atonement.

It was prophesied of Him, "Surely He hath borne our griefs (Hebrew *sicknesses*), and carried our sorrows: . . . and with His stripes we are healed"; and it is expressly declared that this was fulfilled in His ministry of Healing, which still continues. (Isaiah 53:4, 5; Matthew 8:17.)

### Disease Can Never be God's Will.

It is the Devil's work, consequent upon Sin, and it is impossible for the work of the Devil ever to be the Will of God. Christ came to "destroy the works of the Devil," and when He was here on earth He healed "all manner of disease and all manner of sickness," and all these diseases are expressly declared to have been "oppressed of the Devil." (1 John 3:8; Matthew 4:23; Acts 10:38.)

### The Gifts of Healing are Permanent.

It is expressly declared that the "Gifts and the calling of God are without repentance," and the Gifts of Healing are amongst the Nine Gifts of the Spirit to the Church. (Romans 11:29; 1 Cor. 12:8-11.)

### There are Four Modes of Divine Healing.

The first is the direct prayer of faith; the second, intercessory prayer of two or more; the third, the anointing by the elders with the prayer of faith; and the fourth, the laying on of hands of those who believe, and whom God has prepared and called to that ministry. (Matthew 8:5-13; Matthew 18:19; James 5:14, 15; Mark 16:18.)

### Divine Healing is Opposed by Diabolical Counterfeits.

Amongst these are Christian Science (falsely so-called), Mind Healing, Spiritualism, Trance Evangelism, etc. (1 Timothy 6:20, 21; 1 Timothy 4:1, 2; Isaiah 51:22, 23.)

### Multitudes Have Been Healed Through Faith in Jesus.

The writer knows of thousands of cases and has personally laid hands on scores of thousands of persons. Full information can be obtained at the meetings held in Zion Tabernacle, 1621-1633 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, and in many pamphlets which give the experience, in their own words, of many who have been healed in this and other countries, published at Zion Publishing House, 1207 Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

### "Belief Cometh of Hearing, and Hearing by the Word of God."

You are heartily invited to attend and hear for yourself.



# ZION'S LITERATURE MISSION

BY DEACONESS SARAH E. HILL

### Selling of Swine's Flesh Given Up Through Reading Leaves of Healing.

This letter was recently sent out to customers by a well-to-do merchant in England, who is a member of Zion:

DEAR MADAM:—I respectfully beg to inform you that after careful consideration I have decided that from the 1st January, 1901, I shall discontinue the sale of hams, bacon, lard and sausage at my establishment.

I shall still continue to stock every other class of groceries as in the past, and endeavor to maintain that reputation I have always had for their excellence and quality.

I trust to be still favored with your esteemed orders, which shall always have my best personal attention.

Thanking you for all past favors, I remain  
Yours very sincerely,

The truth concerning swine's flesh had been conveyed to this man through LEAVES OF HEALING and forced home again and again by the Spirit of God, until at length he was enabled by the Grace of God to follow his convictions, although it meant great financial loss, judging from a worldly standpoint.

God has given much blessing to this family on account of their faithfulness, as will be seen by the following extracts taken from a letter written by the father of this gentleman.

We give these particulars for the encouragement of others.

We trust many will follow the good example of our brother, who has been true to God and honest enough to act according to his convictions.

The father writes to Deacon Stevenson:

We are all being kept in a blessed state of health.

I know that you will be glad to hear a little about the work that you were the means of planting in this place.

We are coming into Zion slowly, but, I believe, surely.

Since Zion was formed in our midst and we began to pay God His tithes, signs have followed the Word; for God is blessing and people are being saved, healed and cleansed from tobacco, medicine and pork.

It would gladden you, I am sure, if you could hear first one, then another, testify to blessing received through reading LEAVES OF HEALING and the Zion truths taught in the meeting.

We are all seeing that the work would spread faster if we had a public hall for the meetings.

Our leader is being more than ever blessed and is becoming free in the Spirit.

God is honoring him, since he took the step and put the swine out of his business.

He has not lost many customers.

He is getting fruit in its place.

The first thing we heard after the pig was out was, "What a pity the young man is going off. He is losing his reason. Whatever will his poor young wife and little children do?"

Then they said he had contracted a debt for bacon and ham and the firm would not supply him.

Another story, and the last, was, when we began to sell LEAVES OF HEALING, that he was trying to make up his loss by selling the papers.

His true friends admire him and are rallying around him.

You should see the people stop to read the large card in our upstairs meeting room, announcing in very large letters that it is "Meeting Room for the Christian Catholic Church in Zion."

I am so glad to inform you that we have begun Zion Seventy work in earnest, and there is quite a stir.

We are properly in the fight now, if never before.

God is blessing the people, and we keep at it.

My daughter writes us this week that she with another sister visited

eleven public houses last Saturday night and sold and gave away thirty-five copies of LEAVES OF HEALING. Her children were selling LEAVES in the street.

The Lord is blessing Zion Literature.

You will ever have our prayers following you in your great undertaking for God in connection with Zion City.

We are watching its progress with much interest.

I wish our sons and daughters were there in business, instead of here; but I suppose God wants us to do the piloting for Him and Zion longer.

There has been one blessed case of healing of a young man and his wife through my leaving them a copy of LEAVES OF HEALING.

She first saw the Lord's Way of Healing, got up and walked to the meeting, was prayed for, went home, threw her medicine out into the sink, and went again to the meeting, where they both gave themselves to God.

They are now rejoicing together in their new-found joy.

They are both paying tithes and have filled out their forms for membership.

Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters.—Isaiah 32:20.

The letter which follows is from a traveler in Europe, who read a copy of LEAVES OF HEALING in a hotel in Italy:

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE:—May God bless you and your work with unspeakable blessings.

While staying here I fell ill, and for two months the doctors were unable to cure me.

One day, a copy of LEAVES OF HEALING, which is received at the Reading Room of the hotel, was put in my hands.

I have for many years had the conviction that we should go to the Lord for healing, but never was the truth so deeply impressed upon me.

I knelt and prayed at 4 P. M. (the hour corresponding to your hour for prayer), and received immediate relief from pain.

My health is growing better every day.

Is it permitted to translate LEAVES OF HEALING into Russian and Italian and have it reprinted to give to the people here?

Perhaps God will enable me to extend the good work.

We give this testimony from a lady in Wisconsin:

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—I wish to testify to the joy it gives me to pay my tithes to Zion. I have almost always paid tithes, but take greater pleasure in paying them to Zion.

I also wish to thank God for LEAVES OF HEALING.

It has brought me more true happiness than anything else, for it has taught me to trust my Saviour for all things.

I feel that God is more to me than all else.

I desire your prayers, that I may be ever faithful.

LUCY A. WHIPPLE.

Cut out or write the following form and send with your contribution:

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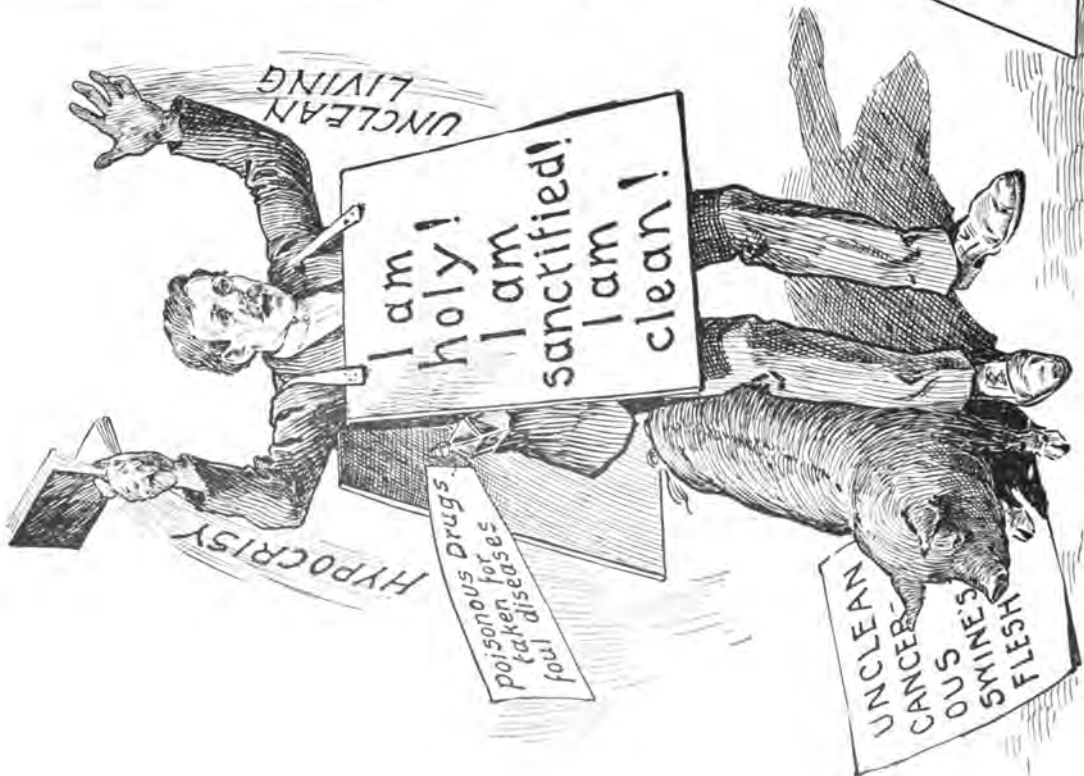
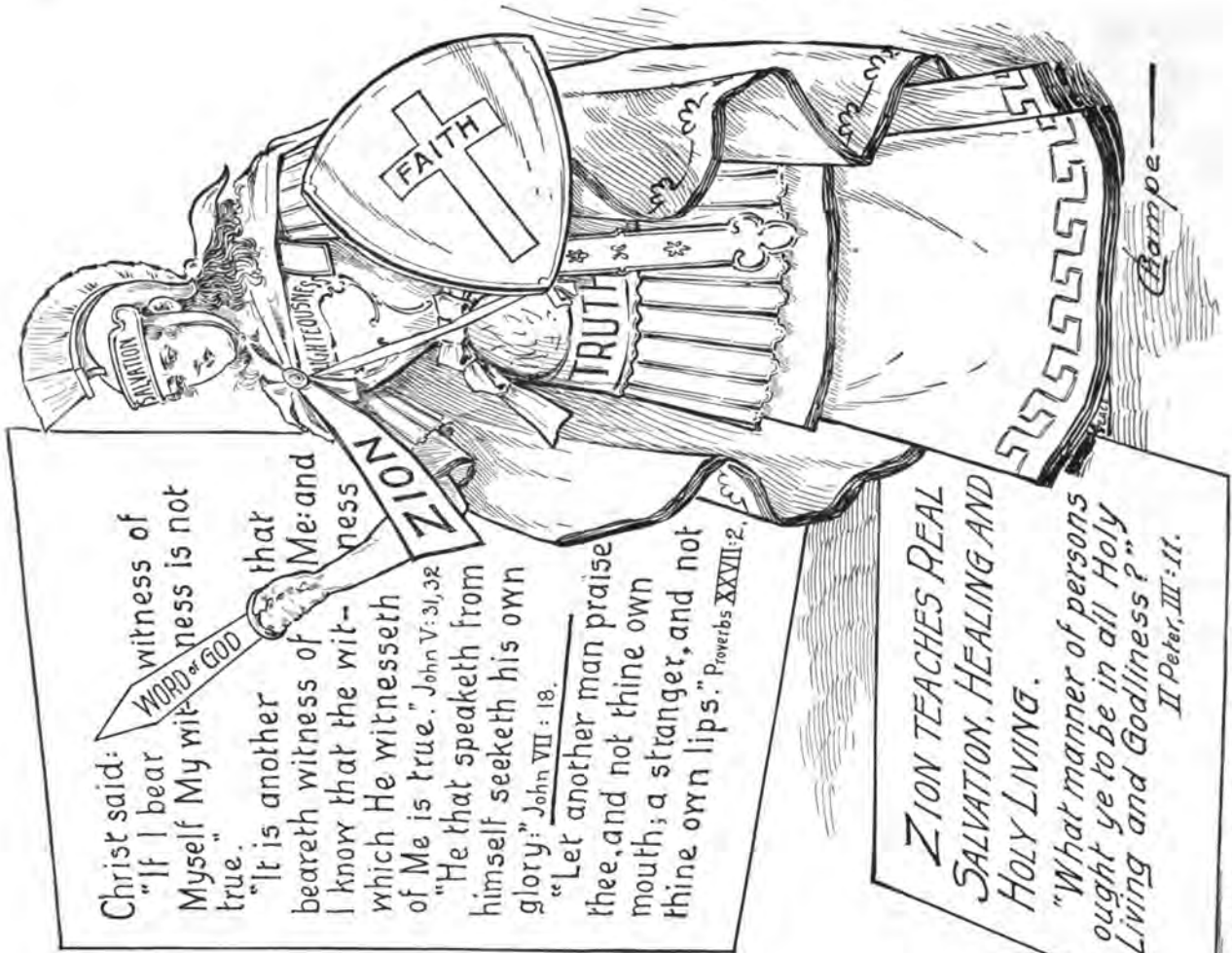
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—Mark 16:15.

### Zion Literature Sent Out From a Free Distribution Fund Provided by Zion's Guests and the Friends of Zion. Report for the Week Ending February 9, 1901.

1325	Rolls to .....	Hotels of the World.
1312	Rolls to .....	Various States of the Union.
609	Rolls to .....	Various Foreign Countries.
233	Rolls to .....	Africa.
225	Rolls to .....	India.
	Number of Rolls for the week .....	3,704
	Number of Rolls reported to February 9, 1901 .....	943,549





ZION'S WITNESS AGAINST SPURIOUS HOLINESS.

# A VOICE TO ZION AND GOD'S PEOPLE IN EVERY LAND.

O thou that tellest Good Tidings to Zion, Get thee up into the High Mountains Lift up thy Voice with strength: Lift it up, be not afraid: Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Isaiah, XL: 9.

## THE "HOLINESS" FALLACY EXPOSED.

*Report of Meeting held in Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Afternoon, March 10, 1901. Prelude: "Necessity for a Larger Central Zion Tabernacle." Sermon: "Spurious Holiness Exposed." Baptism of Twenty-Nine Candidates by Triune Immersion.*

REPORTED BY S. D. AND E. W. AND A. W. N.

**D**URING March, 1901, a number of so-called "holiness" evangelists were holding a series of meetings in certain churches in Chicago. Their claims to entire sanctification were coupled with an unprovoked attack upon the General Overseer and Zion.

They falsely alleged that holiness was not taught by the General Overseer or in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

They said that the Gospel was not preached in Zion.

On the afternoon of Lord's Day, March 10, 1901, therefore, the General Overseer delivered the powerful sermon which follows, exposing the false and hypocritical professions of the so-called "holiness" leaders and drawing, clearly, sharply and strongly, the line between real Holy Living or Sanctification and that spurious "Sanctification" of the "holiness movement."

Although the day was made uncomfortable by the worst of March weather, and although a severe storm seriously impeded traffic, an audience of 2000 people gathered at Central Zion Tabernacle.

God's Spirit was present to bless.

As the General Overseer closed his address, he made a plea for the living of Holy Lives, for a genuine Sanctification, which should include a cleansing of the spirit from all sin and guilt, a cleansing of the soul from all defilement of every kind, and a perfect healing and strengthening of the body.

The entire audience, without any apparent exception, arose at the call and prayed aloud that God would give them that Sanctification to which He would witness by His Holy Spirit.

The service was opened by Zion's White-robed Choir singing the Processional:

Forward! be our watchword,  
Steps and voices join'd;  
Seek the things before us,  
Not a look behind.  
Burns the fiery pillar  
At our army's head;  
Who shall dream of shrinking,  
By our Captain led?  
Forward, thro' the desert,  
Thro' the toil and fight?

Jordan flows before us;  
Zion beams with light.  
Forward, when in childhood  
Buds the infant mind;  
All thro' youth and manhood,  
Not a thought behind:  
Speed thro' realms of nature,  
Climb the steps of grace;  
Faint not, till in glory  
Gleams our Father's face.  
Forward, all the lifetime,  
Climb from height to height,  
Till the head be hoary,  
Till the eve be light.  
Glories upon glories  
Hath our God prepar'd,  
By the souls that love Him  
One day to be shar'd:  
Eye hath not beheld them,  
Ear hath never heard;  
Nor of these have utter'd  
Thought or speech a word.  
Forward, marching Eastward  
Where the heav'n is bright,  
Till the veil be lifted,  
Till our faith be sight.

As the General Overseer came upon the platform, the audience arose and stood with bowed heads while he pronounced the invocation:

God be merciful unto us and bless us;  
That Thy Way may be known upon earth,  
Thy Saving Health among all nations;  
For the sake of Jesus. Amen.

### PRELUDE—NECESSITY FOR A LARGER CENTRAL ZION TABERNACLE.

Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Afternoon, March 10, 1901.

The meeting was opened by singing Hymn Number 161:

I will sing of my Redeemer  
And His wondrous love to me;  
On the cruel cross He suffered,  
From the curse to set me free.

The audience then united in repeating the Apostles' Creed.

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The General Overseer then read from the twelfth chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews, closing with the following prayer:

May God bless His Word.

Prayer for the work in general was then offered by Overseer Speicher. The General Overseer presented a large number of petitions for prayer from the sick, sorrowing and sinful, many of them from distant lands.

The general announcements were made by the Overseer for Chicago, after which the General Overseer added these remarks:

I ask you to pray for me in connection with some very important work which lies before me this present week.

The organization of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion in an even more thorough and extensive manner than at present, has been engaging my attention ever since I returned from Europe. I have been dividing the work into

#### **Three Great Divisions: Ecclesiastical, Educational and Commercial.**

I have been establishing Cabinets of Consultation in connection with all these three divisions, also Councils with whom I consult every now and then, consisting of the heads of departments.

I also desire to enlarge the boundaries of service upon the part of this people by raising to the Diaconate both men and women who have been found faithful during the last six or seven or more years, as well as some who in later times have proved themselves to be very able and useful.

This work involves very much toil and an immense mass of detail, which no one could imagine would be necessary unless they were in our position.

#### **Zion is Preparing for a Large and Powerful Onward Movement.**

We are always going onward and upward, praise God.

I ask you to pray for Wisdom at this time.

Through Wisdom is an house builded;

And by Understanding it is established;

And by Knowledge are the chambers filled

With all Precious and Pleasant Riches.

The Administration of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion is becoming a very extensive matter; much more so than any of you can conceive. It is not merely what you see now, but it is that which is coming, which we know is coming, for which we are preparing.

If you are to have a very large harvest, you cannot do with a small barn. We must have very large barns for a very large harvest. When you have a harvest and cannot take care of it, a great deal of it may be spoiled and lost.

Usually, now, we overflow this building on Lord's Day afternoons.

The storm today has prevented many from being here.

I was struck with the manifestation of the power of the storm last night as we went down the line to Harvey this morning. The telegraph wires and power wires were down in all directions. The poles were down, too, as well as wires in many places. We found that some of our people today had to take no less than three or four hours to get here who ordinarily get here in a half or three-quarters of an hour.

One man told us this morning that a certain car started from the barns at 5 o'clock in the morning, reached his street at 7, and was about an hour and a half in getting to the city.

Accordingly, we have a most unusual hindrance today, but even with all the hindrances of the terrible storm there are about 2000 persons now present.

When we left the city amidst a severe tempest of wind and rain for Harvey, about 9 o'clock this morning, we found nearly 120 of our Chicago friends at the Illinois Central Depot. And when we got to Harvey the large hall there was found to be already crowded, half an hour before the time announced for the meeting. So that even severe hurricanes do not keep the multitudes from coming together to hear the Gospel in Zion.

#### **Central Zion Tabernacle Far Too Small.**

This place, which seats 3100, is now practically continually overflowed.

When we get to that point in Zion, we know that we have to get a larger place.

When this place was taken and I seated it for so many, there were some who thought that perhaps I had seated it too largely; but you know that it was filled at the beginning, and has kept

filled all the time. It has been scores of times far too small. Thousands upon thousands of persons have been turned away who could not get room, and, worse than that, thousands upon thousands of persons do not come, because they know that they cannot get seats after a certain time.

We know that thousands of persons who wish to hear the Gospel from our lips cannot hear in consequence of the straitness of the accommodations. We must have a larger place.

#### **Zion Needs a Larger and More Central Tabernacle in Chicago.**

I said to our friends, when I took a lease of this property for five years, that before the end of the five years it would be too strait for us.

I have been offered the building—to buy it or lease it or upon other terms—and hitherto I have declined because it seemed to me that we had reached a point where, if we are to have in Chicago a Central Zion Tabernacle, it must be larger than this, and must be more central than this.

Now I say these words to you this afternoon, because you know what this means. If we are to have a larger place, it means a very large expenditure of money. It means either the erection of a new building or the leasing of another building larger than this.

That is a very serious matter; because we do not want to build any large new place in Chicago, having to build Zion Temple at Zion City. We shall have to build a large Zion Tabernacle there before we build Zion Temple. Of course it will take time to get the people out there upon the ground, and all the Industries going. We must meanwhile take care of the work in Chicago.

Pray for me in this matter. If you can send me half a million dollars at the same time as you pray, that would be a very good way to pray.

Help me with your sympathies and your prayers.

#### **A Way Out of the Difficulty Arising From Lack of Room in Central Zion Tabernacle.**

If I could be quite sure that our people would add, every one of them, twenty-five cents a week as an absolute offering in addition to their tithes to the Lord, I could afford, as a matter of finance, to take a larger building.

If you do not add to your offerings as I have suggested, or the money does not come from some other source, it will mean that the money which we have to pay for rent will be a large reduction of income. All Zion's income is needed in financing her work. We are sending out more officers every day and increasing the work in every direction.

Sometimes when you start to do a thing like that, you keep it up for a fortnight, and then forget all about it. You say, "Oh, the General Overseer will get through." Then we lose all that special offering.

#### **I Will Tell You Another Way of Doing it.**

I cannot cram any more into this building. If you will show me where I can cram in any more, I will do it. I got all these seats in by sending some people up to the rafters. It was the only way to do it. I am sure that some of the people in the building now could touch the roof easily with their hands from where they are sitting.

If about ten of you will promise me that you will give me \$50 a month, and another ten will promise they will give \$100 a month, and twenty will give me \$25 a month, I will take a larger building.

I did not know what I was quoting the other day when I quoted the nursery rhyme. All I knew about it was:

There was an old woman who lived in a shoe,  
She had so many children she didn't know what to do.

But, to my surprise, I heard there was a sequel to it:

She gave them some butter without any bread,  
And spanked them all soundly and sent them to bed.

I do not wish to give any butter without bread. I have given you as sound food as I knew how to give. I do not wish to spank you and send you to bed. I desire to provide for you, and for the thousands whom we are turning away every month.

#### **Zion Must Provide for Those Who Want to Hear the Gospel.**

When I spoke in the Coliseum for the first time after my return, we had 12,500 persons in it. The police officers and others say that there were from 15,000 to 20,000 persons outside who wanted to get in.

It is probable, therefore, that over 30,000 persons came to the Coliseum that day.

If there were only 20,000, that would be a very large number. There were 12,500 got in, because there were 8000 seats, and upon a very conservative estimate there were 4500 persons standing.

That gives a very fair idea of what Chicago's interest in Zion is when it is given a place big enough to manifest itself.

It is not right, when God gives us this power over the hearts and consciences of the people, for them to have to come up to this place Sunday after Sunday and find police officers outside keeping the people back, because the place is overcrowded.

#### Central Zion Tabernacle Safe From Fire.

I have to keep within the strict letter of the law in this place. I have no less than six special fire-exit doors made all in a line, two on the ground floor and two in each gallery. This place can be emptied in a very few minutes.

It is also made fireproof. Everything below your feet is fireproof. These galleries are constructed of steel with fireproofing below. This place is perfectly safe in the event of fire.

We have never had fires; we have been very careful. But it is a responsibility for a man conducting work of this kind to have people standing in the passages in case of any necessity for the people to go out quickly. I do not care to continue it. I wish to serve the public interest and safety in every way in this place.

Pray about this. Let some of you whom God has blessed say, "The General Overseer has a perplexity on his hands. Can I help him out? Can we not do something specially to help him out, because it is God's work?"

#### These Multitudes Are Seeking to Understand What We Are Preaching.

They want to come, and they cannot get in when they do come in thousands.

You old Zionites know how to do it. You come here early and take the seats. You were trained in Zion Tabernacle No. 1 (laughter), and you look after No. 1.

I cannot scold you very hard, because it is all right. You learned there how to sit on kitchen chairs day and night, too. You know how to do it. You come here and select your seats. You keep them warm all day from half past 10 o'clock in the morning. (Laughter.) If you are not in them, you have some one hold them for you.

I know your little tricks, and they are not very blameworthy. We are very pleased to see you. You have a right to get good seats in Zion where all seats are at all times free. You are my old friends and members of this Church. I like to see you in the front places.

Can you not help me out in this matter? Is there any one here who will give me \$5,000 toward the rent of a larger place? That would help me.

Think this matter over during the week, and ask God to help you to help me in it. I very much deplore the fact that thousands of our friends in Chicago have been so continuously disappointed that they say, "If we do not start very early to Central Zion Tabernacle, we cannot get a seat."

Pray for me and write me letters during the week with something in them. Give me your mind.

#### All Write Me Brief and Confidential Letters Enclosing Not Less Than a Hundred Dollars.

That will settle it. (Laughter.)

We want you to help us in the matter. It is your business as well as mine. Of course I have to take the responsibility.

#### SPURIOUS HOLINESS EXPOSED.

##### INVOCATION.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, and profitable unto this people, oh Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer.

##### TEXT.

Follow after Peace with all men, and the Sanctification without which no man shall see the Lord.—Hebrews 12:14.

#### The Value and Beauty of Peace.

"Follow after Peace."

"Seek Peace and pursue it."

"If it be possible, as much as in you lieth, be at Peace with all men."

"The fruit of Righteousness is sown in Peace of them that make Peace."

"Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called sons of God."

The "Peace of God which passeth all understanding," which keeps the heart clean in the knowledge and love of God, is a "pearl of great price."

When a man is justified by faith, he gets Peace with God; that Peace of which our Lord said:

Peace I leave with you; My Peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful.

That Peace, Divine and blessed, God keepeth for those hearts which love Him best.

For Quietness of spirit enables God's children in the midst of conflict for the right to be at perfect peace; never being troubled, no matter what happens. Even sudden death itself would be sudden glory. Hence they may have no fear of consequences, as they go into battle for the Lord, having the Peace of God within their hearts.

This is the Peace which the Master had.

This is the Peace which the Master gives.

This is the Great Legacy of Christ to His tempest-tossed Church.

"My Peace I give unto you."

It is a Gift. It cannot be bought. It is not as the world gives.

What the World gives is hard to get.

What the World gives is hard to keep.

What the World gives must be given up.

The Peace which God gives is an absolute Gift to the humblest. It is not hard to keep, for He maintains it; and it never needs to be given up, for it is Eternal.

That Peace is the Pearl which every Christian must seek for.

The greatest mistake made about Zion by those outside is when they imagine we are not peaceable people.

I am the most peaceable man in Chicago, except when the Devil attempts to hurt Zion. Then I do not feel at all like being at peace with the Devil. I am in for war at once.

I do not wait for the Devil to attack Zion. He has only to say that he is going to do it. Then I go after him at once.

I will not stay behind entrenchments and wait until the enemy comes up.

#### I Will Never Fight Behind Entrenchments.

I will go out, in the Strength and Name of God, and whip the Devil every time. (Applause. Amen.)

The army which fights behind entrenchments is beaten. That is a maxim in war. To keep your men behind fortifications and inside of entrenchments is a sure way to demoralization. It is better to go right out and attack the enemy, not necessarily by a front attack, but go out, outflank his forces, divide them, scatter them, destroy them.

I have learned something. I never wait until the enemy comes close to us. I go out and meet him before he can get within reach of Zion.

This is the kind of Peace which God desires in your heart and in your mind: "the Peace of God which passeth all understanding," which guards "your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus."

It is not Peace with the Devil. It is Peace with God.

There are some people who say, "O won't you let the enemies of Zion alone." That is just what the Devil wants.

What did the demons cry out in the synagogue? "What have we to do with Thee, Thou Jesus of Nazareth? art Thou come to destroy us?"

Did He let them alone? No; He came for the purpose of driving the Devil out, and that is what He is about now

"Let them alone!"

What! Let the Devil do what he likes upon God's earth when every man on this earth is the spiritual offspring of, and the creation of, God? The man who talks like that is a traitor to God—a traitor and a coward in every atom of his being.

#### I Am at Peace With God, Therefore I Am at War With the Devil.

I am at Peace with God, therefore I am at war with Sin.

I am at Peace with God, therefore I am at war with Disease.

I am at Peace with God, therefore I am at war with Death and Hell.

I am at Peace with God, therefore I am following in the

footsteps of my Master, doing the best I can to destroy the works of the Devil. (Amen.)

That is Zion's mission.

Follow peace with all men, even if you have to knock the Devil out of them.

A man said to me, "When I first heard you preach, I felt as if I wanted to hit you."

I said, "What did you feel like after I was through?"

He said, "I felt you had hit me."

"How do you feel now?" I asked.

"Now I am all right," he replied. "I am going to do what you say. I never would have been a Christian if you had not pounded the Devil out of me." (Laughter.)

Follow Peace with all men, and the Sanctification without which no man shall see the Lord.

I do not wish to hinder any man living who may have any power to bless his fellow-men, even if he does not follow in that path which I am following.

God forbid that I should say that the only agency which can do any good in Chicago is John Alexander Dowie, or the Christian Catholic Church in Zion. I do say, however, that we, tested by our fruits, are preaching the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

#### The So-Called "Holiness People" Have Lied About Zion.

There are a number of impertinent, ignorant and rash people who have come to town who have the audacity to say that the Christian Catholic Church in Zion is not preaching the Everlasting Gospel.

I am going to speak plainly about that.

One of the miserable men who is talking like this is almost entirely beneath notice from this platform. He is like a miserable spiritual gnat, although his name is Knapp. He is a wretched liar, who has lied concerning Zion in his miserable little sheet in Cincinnati. He has taken up many of the lies which have appeared in the Chicago papers and passed them along in his paper, although he knew that they were lies.

He is a "holiness" leader amongst these people who are in town today.

I have had considerable experience with "holiness" leaders, so-called, from the Pacific to the Atlantic Oceans, and on other Continents.

They are usually a very mean-spirited, censorious, presumptuous, ignorant and bad set of people.

I wish I could say otherwise.

When a man tells me that he is sanctified, I want some better evidence than his own talk.

I would like to know what his wife thinks about that. (Laughter.)

#### A Bogus Profession of Sanctification Quickly Detected.

A woman came to me once and said, "I have a message from God."

I looked at her, and asked, "Are you sure you have?"

"Yes," she said.

"I do not think you have," I answered.

"Doctor, will you allow me to deliver it?" she asked.

"Yes," I said, "I will allow you to deliver the message, but it is not from God."

She said, "I am sanctified."

"Well," I said, "that is a lie." (Laughter.)

"I am sanctified, Doctor."

"All right," I said; "I have told you it is a lie."

"How can you say it is a lie?" she asked.

"Does not Sanctification mean cleanliness?" I returned.

"Yes, sir; and I am clean, every whit," she declared.

Before she knew what I was about I had moistened the tip of my handkerchief and rubbed it around the back of her neck. (Laughter.) I held out the handkerchief and said, "Look at that dirt! When did you wash your neck last?" (Laughter and applause.) It is written in God's Word:

Let us draw near with a True Heart, and Fulness of Faith,  
Having our Hearts sprinkled from an Evil Conscience,  
And our Body washed with Pure Water.

She went off. I never had any more trouble with her.

#### A False Profession of Sanctification Exposed.

A talkative and boastful fellow came up to me a few days after, on that particular subject: "Doctor, I am sanctified! Hallelujah! Oh, it comes in floods! I cannot contain it."

I said, "It all depends upon your capacity. My opinion about your capacity is that it is about a thimbleful. It is very easy to fill you up."

"Oh! Doctor," he said, "I owe you much; but you do not know how to preach the Gospel."

"That is very nice of a fellow who has only been making a profession of salvation for about three weeks," I replied, "when I have been God's Messenger for all these many years."

"Oh," he said, "I am wholly sanctified. Everything is new, all sweetness and love. There is no anger or evil in my heart. I can suffer everything for Jesus."

"That is a lie," I said.

"It is not," he declared.

I said, "It is. It is a lie."

"It is not," he maintained.

"You wretch," I shouted, and I brought my fist up to within a very short distance of his nose.

He was up in a flash. He said, "You do that again and I will give you one in the eye." (Laughter.)

"Ah! ha!" I said, "that is just what I did it for." (Laughter and applause.)

I was not long in finding out how much sanctification there was in him.

#### Confession of Sin by a Professed "Holiness" Man.

"Doctor," said another, "I am fully sanctified."

"Why are you not healed?" I asked.

"That is a thing I do not understand," he replied. "Will you pray with me?"

I answered, "I will. I will find out about you."

I prayed. I might as well have laid hands upon that desk.

I said, "You are an infernal scoundrel somewhere."

I gave this man's name, and told the story of his shame, when he had the audacity to attack Zion in 1897. He wrote a wicked book which I exposed, and reviewed, in a sermon delivered in this Tabernacle on Lord's Day, November 28, 1897. It was published in LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume 4, Number 20, pages 388-395.

"Tell the truth," I continued. "What is the thing between you and God?"

Then he told me the truth. I have told it publicly before, and I will tell it again. While his wife was yet living, and without any charge against her morality or her character, he confessed to me, there and then, that he had kissed and embraced and made love to the daughter of a brother minister, and told her that he wished he were free to marry her.

Shame! That very man went away to the Pacific Coast, a "holiness" man. There he sold Dr. Sanche's Oxydonor Victor; he became a quack medicine man.

He secured a divorce from his wife, and came back and married another "holiness" person of his own stripe, not even the young woman whose life he had polluted by his uncleanness. Today the wife who was never unfaithful to him, and was never charged with being unfaithful, has been cast away.

That scoundrel lives unwhipped of the law. If I had the making of the law, I would send him to prison to study geology by cracking stones. (Laughter.)

I have before my mind's eye at this moment

#### Another Immoral Wretch Who Professed "Holiness."

"Doctor, I am sanctified."

"Why are you not healed?"

"I do not know. Brother So-and-so sent me here."

I will not give the name of the man about whom I am talking, because it would only be the cause of terrible sorrow to a godly wife whom he dishonored. He was a professor of Biblical Theology in a certain institution. He was a man much over sixty years of age. He had a reputation on three continents as a "holiness" writer. He was suffering from a deadly disease from which he could get no help. He had come to me through a brother minister who had been wonderfully healed of another deadly disease which God completely took away.

He sat listening to me day after day, and at last he said, "Why am I not healed?"

I said, "I am tired of you, and God Almighty is tired of you. You are a bad old man."

This was in my private room.

"Doctor," he said, "how dare you say it?"

I said, "I will say it. You are my guest in this Divine Healing Home. If you are not a bad man, my eyes do not see, my



mind does not understand. You are a bad old man. What have you been doing?"

With that he collapsed. His face, which had been scarlet, turned paler than death.

I will talk plainly. There is no use going roundabout in this matter, using language which conceals truth, or only feebly expresses it.

I talked plainly from this platform before they came to Chicago, and I will talk plainly now to these spurious "holiness" preachers at the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Chicago. I will talk plainly now, and if they deny my assertions I will give them more before the week is out.

I intend, in the Name of God, to have things clean.

They say they want things clean. Let them come here, and we will scrub them. (Laughter and applause.)

They want scrubbing.

Let the man be clean himself who talks about cleanliness.

I will return to my story.

I said, "You are a bad man."

"Yes," he said, as he fell literally upon his face. "My God! My God! I am found out."

"Tell me the whole business," I demanded.

He said, "I will tell you. While I have been preaching 'holiness' in Europe and in America, and have written books, I have been an unclean man and an adulterer. What shall I do?"

I said, "Make a 'bee-line' from Chicago straight to the house of the brother minister whose wife you wronged, as you have told me." (He had told me details.) "Make a bee-line to him, and put yourself in his hands. Tell him what kind of a scoundrel you are. If he smashes your face into an indistinguishable pulp, that is about the best thing that can happen to you. Take it. Take anything he gives you.

"I think if you had abused my hospitality and defiled those under me, I would, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, let you have it just as hot as I could give it to you, you scoundrel!"

"Under Moses' law the man you have wronged would have been justified in killing you; and Christian law would punish you severely and most justly.

"You will not get any answer to prayer. You come here and profess to be a 'holiness' man with this deadly disease. How dare you? Do you think you can trick God Almighty into healing you?"

"Get out of this house at once.

"I will not pray for you any more unless you do right and go and confess your sin. Tell your wife. Tell the man whose wife you wronged."

He went away, promising to do it. The coward got half way, then switched off on another line, went home and died. They buried him, and the "holiness" papers spoke of him as if he were an angel from heaven. I knew he was a devil from hell. They pictured his reward in glory. I knew he had gone to his reward in hell. For he never confessed his sin to those whom he had wronged.

How long is it since one of your best writers was found in the act of adultery in Martha's Vineyard, on the Eastern Coast?

The loudest professors of Spurious Holiness are the most unclean men and women on God's earth.

I do not hesitate to say it.

#### **You Who Are Professing Extreme and Perfect Sanctification Are Amongst the Most Vile of Humanity.**

I do not say you all are, but I do say that your teaching has the direct result of making men who make a profession of sanctification, as you teach it, the slaves of damning lust.

"But," they say, "the Bible says that without sanctification *no man shall see the Lord.*"

That is their favorite text.

I asked a man some time ago who was quoting this text, and endeavoring to teach me his Spurious Holiness—the abominable counterfeit of Holiness against which I am this day contending—"What do these words mean, sir, 'Without Holiness no man shall see the Lord'?"

"Why, Doctor, you are a more learned man than I am," he pleaded.

I said, "You have come to rebuke me; I ask you what Holiness means?"

"It means entire sanctification," he answered.

I said, "What does the rest mean—'Without which no man

shall see the Lord,'—no man can ever see God unless he is sanctified, can never get to heaven?"

"Yes."

"That is what you teach, is it?"

"Yes."

"No man will ever see God anywhere unless he is sanctified wholly?"

"No, sir; unless a man is sanctified he will never get to see the Lord. That is the Word of God."

#### **Teaching of the "Holiness" People Refuted by Christ's Words.**

"All right," I said; "here is another portion of the Word of God."

Read it, Overseer Piper, twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew, thirtieth verse:

Overseer Piper—

"And then shall appear the Sign of the Son of Man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn."

General Overseer—How many shall mourn?

Voices—"All the tribes of the earth."

Overseer Piper—

"And they shall see the Son of Man."

General Overseer—Who shall see Him?

Voices—"All the tribes of the earth."

Overseer Piper—

"And they shall see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."

General Overseer—All the good and all the bad shall see Him.

"All the tribes of the earth shall mourn, and they shall see" Him. They shall see Him come not only with power, but with "great glory."

Will they all be sanctified?

Audience—"No."

General Overseer—Why should they mourn if they were?

Accordingly, if "sanctification, without which no man shall see the Lord," really means actual ocular vision of the Lord, then the Lord Jesus Christ did not know what He said, when He said that He Himself should appear "with power and great glory," and all the tribes of earth should see Him.

#### **Another Refutation From God's Word.**

Refer to the first chapter of Revelation, and the seventh verse. We shall see whether it means ocular vision.

Overseer Piper—

"Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him."

General Overseer—How many shall see Him?

Audience—"Every eye."

General Overseer—Will they all be sanctified?

Audience—"No."

General Overseer—You will see that they will not, presently.

Overseer Piper—

"And they which pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth shall mourn over Him."

General Overseer—Wait a minute, my "holiness" friend. What does that Book say? Does it not say that every eye shall see Him?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—And "they who pierced Him" shall see Him?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—There is something wrong with your interpretation of the word "see"; you "holiness" people are manifestly wrong if you restrict to actual perception.

What does this word *see* mean there?

#### **Identity of Meaning of "See" and "Know," Spiritually.**

Every one who is a scholar knows that the words "see" and "know" are identical in their spiritual meaning.

When I tell Overseer Mason something he did not see before, and I am trying to get him to see it, all at once there passes over his face the illumination which indicates intelligence. He says, "General Overseer, I see it."

What does the Overseer mean? He does not mean that he sees anything with the eye of flesh. He means that he "knows" it.

I talk to a blind man who has no eyes to see at all. I explain something to him and presently he says, "Doctor, I see it."

Does he see anything?

Audience—"No."

General Overseer—He *knows* it.

How many times in the day do you say "I see it"?

Suppose I give you the meaning of this passage:

"Follow after peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no man shall *know* the Lord."

**If I Am to Know God I Must Be Clean; Pure in Heart.**

Jesus said: "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

It is the pure in heart who see God, who know God.

The whole "holiness" fallacy is thus exploded in a moment with just a bit of plain common sense, as well as good exegesis. But you need not talk to these men about "exegesis." They would wonder what you were talking about. They would want to know what kind of an animal that was. (Laughter.)

Plain common sense and scientific theology teach the same thing: that the passage simply means follow after peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no man shall *know* the Lord.

If you are to know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His suffering, you must be a partaker of that suffering, and be made conformable unto His death.

Do you imagine for one moment that it means that the only people who will get into heaven are those who say they are sanctified, up there in Clark and Washington Streets, or people like them?

What a pitifully small heaven it would be with no one there but narrow-minded, self-styled "sanctified" people—such as these dirty-necked men and women of whom I have spoken! (Laughter.)

What a poor heaven it would be!

What a wretched heaven it would be!

I hate to say it—but I say it from my heart—that it is the people who profess this spurious "holiness" who have been the greatest hindrances, in my experience, to the spread of Salvation and Divine Healing in many parts of the world, and especially in the United States of America: for they make God's Love narrow and put false limits of their own around it.

They tell a man that he must be perfectly sanctified before he can get into heaven. Did Jesus preach that?

Voices—"No."

**An Example of Salvation and Heaven Without "Holiness."**

General Overseer—Christ was on the cross, when a poor thief became penitent. That penitent thief rebuked the impenitent thief, and looked upon the suffering Lord with faith, with hope, and with love. When he did that the Lord said to him, "Today shalt thou be with Me in Paradise."

That man had never received any of the Ordinances of the Church of God. He had never been baptized; he had never sat at the Lord's Table. He knew nothing about theology. All he knew was how to steal. He was a thief and probably a murderer. But his heart was won by the Lord, and we are glad that he was saved.

Will you tell me that the penitent thief was sanctified? Will any one here tell me that his dirty body, full of uncleanness and vices, and drunkenness and wickedness, as is commonly the case with thieves, was made perfectly clean? Will you tell me that his spirit was made wholly pure and perfectly sanctified?

We are thankful that the man was saved, and got into heaven by the mercy of God. But he started in the Divine life in Paradise just a little baby, as it were. He knew nothing about the experience of a Divine life at all. He got to heaven, however, thank God, although these wretched fellows will tell you that a man cannot get to heaven until he is wholly sanctified.

If I were to stand up before Almighty God and the whole world and say that I had a congregation of people who, in spirit, in soul and in body, were pure and clean and absolutely wise and holy, I should be a monumental liar.

What assumption, to dare to stand up before God and say that you are saved in spirit, soul and body, so completely that you are absolutely without spot, without blemish, and that in no part of your nature is there a single thing which is not perfectly transformed!

Do you claim that?

Audience—"No."

**I Would More Than Hesitate to Claim Entire Sanctification.**

General Overseer—God knows that I love Him, that I serve Him, and that, so far as I know at this moment, my body is clean.

I do not know of any infirmity or disease from which I suffer.

I am strong and healthy and well.

I am saved.

I am healed.

I am cleansed from all sin, by the blood of Christ.

As far as I know at this moment, although I am attacking sin in these false teachers, I have no unkind feeling concerning them, or any man living. I simply desire to destroy false teaching.

I stand here today, without any conscious barrier between God and myself, free from sin, disease, and the powers of death and hell which are wielded by the Devil.

Yet strong as I am in the consciousness that I am saved, that I am healed, and that I am cleansed through the blood of Christ, I would more than hesitate to say that there was not a spot or wrinkle about me; because I do not know myself as well as God knows me. I do not see myself as well as God sees me. And only God, who knows and sees me perfectly, can witness as to my real condition.

Although I know of no barrier between God and myself, and rejoice in believing that He does save me, that He does heal me, that He does cleanse me, that He does enable me to live a Holy Life, and that I am living that life to the best of my knowledge and power, yet I should more than hesitate to profess myself perfect, and authorized to proclaim to all mankind my entire sanctification. Am I called upon to do that?

Audience—"No."

General Overseer—Does God call upon a man to declare his own purity?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—What did Christ Himself say?

**Christ Himself Did Not Witness to His Own Purity.**

Christ said, "If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true. There is Another that beareth witness of Me; and I know that the witness which He witnesseth of Me is true."

Who was that other?

Voices—"The Holy Spirit?"

General Overseer—The Holy Spirit witnessed for Him; the Father witnessed for Him. If He had witnessed for Himself, His witness would not have been true.

Shall I witness for myself? God forbid!

Let God, the Holy Spirit, witness that these hands have been, by the Holy Spirit, the means of healing of tens of thousands.

Let the Holy Spirit witness that these lips have uttered words which have led hundreds of thousands to God; that this body has been made the vehicle of God's power to the Salvation of thousands.

Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth

You hypocrite! when you have to stand up and witness for your own "holiness," your sanctification or "holiness" is a very poor article.

What would I think of my wife if she were to step on this platform now and say, "I want to witness to you people that I am a pure wife; that I have been a virtuous woman."

I should look at her, and ask, "Has she lost her senses? (Laughter.) Who attacked her character?"

What right would she have to come up here and defend her character? It would be absurd. You know Mrs. Dowie would not be capable of such nonsense. She would not think it necessary to stand up here and tell this people that she had been a pure and virtuous wife. Purity and Virtue need no letters of recommendation. Their fruits witness to their genuineness and reality.

When a person finds it necessary to stand up and say that he is honest; when a person finds it necessary to stand up and say that he is moral; when a person finds it necessary to stand up and clear his own character, then there is something wrong somewhere.

I have never stood here as a defender of my own character. I have stood here to defend Zion, to defend the work entrusted to my care. If incidentally I have had to show that the attack upon myself and upon Zion was a falsehood, it was not to clear my own character.

**My Character Was Clear Before I Began the Defense.**

My defense was to confound the adversary, to destroy his dishonest schemes, and to preserve Zion.

Let God witness to your character.

A woman stood up in a "holiness" meeting of this kind one day, a woman who had received considerable blessing, no doubt, in the meeting, and said, "I have been blessed in this meeting. I desire to tell the people here what blessing God has given to me.

"God saved me when I was a poor harlot.

"God healed me just after my salvation, and God has made me a happy wife and mother. All that I owe, under God, to the ministry of John Alexander Dowie."

Up jumped the leader. "Stop!" he said. "Do not talk about Dr. Dowie here."

"Why should I not?" she said. "God made him the instrument."

"We do not believe in Dr. Dowie. He is not sanctified. You are sanctified, sister," said the man, "but we do not believe in Dr. Dowie."

She said, "Stop! stop! I do not begin to get within sight of Dr. Dowie. If he is not sanctified, do not tell me I am. All I know of God, I know through him."

Her declaration came with manifest power to the audience, who vigorously applauded her earnest words, and the teacher of "Spurious Holiness" had to sit down.

The hypocrite! Within three months after that he had an action for divorce entered against him by his wife. He had been guilty of adultery at that very camp-meeting in California. The scoundrel!

A prominent M. E. minister's wife in California showed Mrs. Dowie and myself the bruises on her face and throat where her husband had struck and nearly strangled her without cause on her part, except that she was determined to obey God's Word fully. At that very time he was a prominent Spurious Holiness preacher; but also a high degree worshiper of the Masonic Baal. He continues to profess both "Holiness" and Baalism, and has been promoted to be a Presiding Elder.

I have seen that the people who are making these professions of Spurious Holiness are upon the very verge of the vilest transgression. They are committing a great and horrible sin when they are saying they are sanctified.

#### Test For Those Who Claim Entire Sanctification.

I will give you one test. Ask a man who says he is sanctified if he is perfectly healed.

"No, no, no," he may say; "sanctification is far greater than healing, and I have sanctification."

Does not 1 Thessalonians, fifth chapter, twenty-third and twenty-fourth verses, say:

The God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved entire, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He who calleth you, who also will do it?

Have I taught you that?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—All the time?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—Ask this man if that is a good definition of sanctification.

"Oh, yes," he will say, "that is the teaching of Apostle Paul."

"The Apostle Paul says," you may then reply, "that if a man is sanctified wholly, his entire spirit, his entire soul, his entire body should be preserved without blame. And you are sick! How can you be sanctified when you have a dirty body and dirty blood?"

#### Between Sanctification and Salvation Stands Divine Healing.

He will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing; for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

Then there comes what?

An highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness.

Who shall pass over it? Shall the unclean pass over it?

Audience—"No."

General Overseer—If you tell me that you have catarrh, disease of any kind; if you are unclean and know it, and yet you tell me you are on the "King's Highway of Holiness," I say you lie; because God's Word says, "The unclean shall not pass over it." Although it "shall be for those"—when they are made clean by God.

I never encourage this people to witness to their own sanctification. Are you saved?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—Do you know it?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—Does your mother know it?

Does your wife know it?

Do your children know it?

Do your companions know it?

Does the world around you know it?

#### Your Salvation Should Bring Blessing to Others.

If your Salvation is not a thing which makes your wife happier, makes your children happier, makes your home brighter, do not tell me you are saved at all; because if you are saved you will carry with you the blessedness of that Salvation.

What, you sanctified? and yet those who are dearest to you, and your business associates, are continually complaining of your temper. You are flashing out on every occasion.

Salvation is first, Healing next, Holiness last. I will believe that you are sanctified when you can say, within your own spirit, "By the Grace of God, I have no unclean thought that I know of in my heart. By the Grace of God, I am perfectly healed. By the Grace of God, I am living a Holy Life."

I would like to hear God, however, witness to that for you.

I do not like this word in the way the teachers of Spurious Holiness use it: "I am sanctified." *Never use it!*

God encourages you to witness to your own Salvation.

He encourages you to witness to your Healing; but if you can find any place where God calls upon you to witness to your Sanctification, I do not know it, and I think I know the Bible pretty well.

#### Witness to Your Salvation; Witness to Your Healing; Then Your Holy Living Will Follow.

The cleansing will go on, and you will enjoy just as much Holiness as you live.

I cannot measure what I enjoy. It is not for me to say. It is better for those to say it who are nearest me and know me best, who have to put up with me from day to day, if there is anything to put up with.

My servants, my wife, my family—they are better judges, perhaps, than I am.

My officers, those who see me from hour to hour, day to day, can witness for me better than I can for myself.

If I can live from day to day a life of faith in the Son of God, a life of conscious healing, with a desire that each day shall be lived without sin, I get as near sanctification as I can. That is what you are to live.

Let God witness to your sanctification.

Remember that Jesus Christ said Himself that if He had witnessed to Himself, His witness would not be true.

The witness must be by God; by another.

You cannot witness for yourself in a Court. The witness must be given by another. Your own witness is not taken as testimony without corroboration.

The Judge says, "Have you any witnesses?" You call your witnesses to the witness-stand to give their testimony. If they are credible and good witnesses, their testimony stands for you.

#### Story of a False Witness.

There was a case some time ago where, in an attempted "blackmailing" case against me, a question as to my character was raised. At the end of the case our enemies suddenly impugned my reputation for veracity.

When they put in their testimony, it was manifestly false.

One man, a miserable "stickit" lawyer, as we call them in the old country, went on the stand to testify.

"What do you know about Dr. Dowie?" asked our attorney.

"Nobody would believe him on oath," he replied.

"Who says so?"

"Many of my clients who have been members of his Church."

"Give me the names of your clients."

"I cannot remember them."

"Then you cannot remember the name of any person who said they wouldn't believe him on oath?"

"I can, just a few of them; I won't give the names up."

Another answer of the witness was as follows:

"I won't tell their names. I have got in this Zion Taber-

nacle up here, friends. I have got cases that will be developed in a little while, and I am not going to give them away."

He further testified: "I want to tell you something right now: that I can tell you a hundred different people, but I dare not for this reason: they told me not to, because Dowie, they said, would curse them and bring down the wrath of God, and for me not to mention their names."

The Court said, upon this point, that it seemed that his clients believed in Dr. Dowie's power with God, even if they did not believe in his veracity.

The witness testified that he was an attorney, and said something about clients, namely: "My clients have called my attention to this," and claimed the names were a privileged communication. The Court said that there was nothing in the record to support that view.

The case, however, was decided against Zion; but when it came up before the Appellate Court it was swept out, and Judge Francis Adams spoke as follows regarding the testimony of this false witness:

The testimony of the witness in question was very rambling and incoherent, but, on the hypothesis that the Court considered him mentally sane, it was the duty of the Court to fine and imprison him, until such time as he would yield obedience to the law.

You must get witnesses who are credible; then people will believe their testimony.

Whom shall we get to witness for us?

#### **The Witness of Man is a Poor Thing.**

Am I to rest upon any human witness? May God forbid. O Father in the Heavens, let me rest upon Thyself, in Christ Thy Son, and let Thy Holy Spirit witness for John Alexander Dowie. (Amen.)

Let God witness.

Christ came up out of the water. A Voice spoke: "This is My Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

That was the witness of His Father.

When God witnesses for a man, there will be many also who will most surely witness for him. Then his fellowmen may witness.

When God witnesses for me, then you who have been blessed through my agency may witness. I thank God for your witness, but I would not rest in it.

Do you think I could stand before the Judgment Seat of God and say, "Oh God, you must take me into heaven because there are thousands of people down in Chicago who say I am a good man"? (Laughter.)

Will that get me into heaven?

Audience—"No."

General Overseer—Have I taught you that saying that you are sanctified will make you sanctified?

Audience—"No."

General Overseer—Have I taught you that saying that you are healed will make you healed?

Audience—"No."

General Overseer—Will saying that you are saved make you saved?

Audience—"No."

General Overseer—

#### **Get Salvation and Everybody Will Know it.**

Get Salvation, and your horse will soon know it.

Get Salvation, and your servants will know it.

Get Salvation, and it will be a joyful sound not only to you, but your life will be music in the ears of people.

May God give us Salvation. (Amen.)

May God give us Healing.

May God give us Holiness.

But let each be the real thing.

Running and throwing up your hymn book and saying, "I am sanctified, boots and all," does not sanctify you, does it?

Audience—"No."

General Overseer—Your own witness is a lie upon the face of it.

Christ said that if He witnessed of Himself, His witness would not be true.

I have never cared for the witness of man first. God knows, and my people know, that I have appealed to God all the way through; that God would justify me, and that God would justify Zion.

Has God not done it?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—If Zion rests only upon my witness, it is a poor thing.

But there are the facts everywhere visible in Zion; and facts are splendid witnesses.

They say down there at the First Methodist Episcopal Church that holiness is not taught in this Church. That is a lie.

#### **I Have Taught You Salvation and Healing and Holy Living Through Faith in Christ Alone.**

I have taught that Gospel every day of my life since you knew me, have I not?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—They tell a lie, and a wicked lie.

May God have mercy upon these Spurious Holiness teachers. I do not worry about them. They come. They go.

But there are some members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion who have been going to their meetings. Only, however, a very few out of a constantly increasing fellowship.

I intend to say something effectually. If you do not cease going to these meetings, I desire you to cease your fellowship with us.

You have good work to do in Zion, have you not?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Had you better not attend to it?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—These teachers of Spurious Holiness are the foes of Zion. Do you intend to stand by the foes of Zion?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—Has God blessed you in Zion?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—Then go and do your work.

#### **Those Who Attend "Spurious Holiness" Meetings Must Leave Zion.**

If I find you fooling around these places, and talking this stupid talk about your being wholly sanctified, and that kind of thing, I will call for your resignation very quickly.

When you go out for that cause, I will see that you stay out for ten years. There are some who went out years ago who cannot get back. It will take ten years to satisfy us that they are not liars. I will leave them to God Almighty. I will have nothing to do with them.

I once trusted them as Zion's representatives, and they lied, and they shall not get a chance again for a long time, even although we will forgive them when they repent.

The Lord Himself put the wicked servant into the outer darkness, where there was weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth, did he not?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Who has prospered among those who have attacked Zion?

Voices—"No one."

General Overseer—These men at the First Methodist Episcopal Church, or their leaders, are the foes of Zion.

I can better afford to do without you if you go to them, than have you in Zion—a misery and an abomination.

And I say also to every member of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion throughout the world,

#### **I Have a Right to Say With Whom I Shall Work.**

I am fighting a big fight, and I want no one behind me who is likely to give me a stab in the back. I want loyal men and women in Zion. I have a right to them, have I not?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—I will have them.

I can do without scores of you.

I can do without hundreds of you.

I can do without all of you, but I cannot do without God.

I should hate to do without all of you, but if I had to do it, I would stand just where I stood ten years ago in Chicago.

I did not have you then, did I?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—You will take my instruction, will you not?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—You will obey it?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—If you do not, clear out of this Church quickly; for you will hinder the extension of the Kingdom of God. I am a plain-speaking man. I have no roundaboutness about me, and I have never concealed truth under a cloud of words.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ His Son.

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

I believe these Three are One.

I believe in a Salvation which saves.

I believe in a Healing which heals.

I believe in a Cleansing which cleanses to the very uttermost.

God give it to us all. (Amen.)

The earth, as it now exists, will pass away by the Fire which shall "burn it up" and all its "works."

Seeing that these things are thus all to be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy living and godliness, looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of the day of God, by reason of which the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? But, according to His promise, we look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

You cannot be too holy for me. You cannot be too clean for me. But I say,

#### Do Not Vaunt Your Own Holiness.

Do not praise your own beauty. Let God do that. Let another do that.

All who desire to be whole in spirit, soul and body, to be clean, stand up and tell God that. (Apparently all arose.)

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

My God the Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. Take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be, in spirit, in soul and in body. Give me power to do right, no matter what it costs; to confess to any whom I may have wronged; to restore to the uttermost farthing; to do right to all men and in Thy sight. Help me to trust in Jesus, the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world. For His sake take away my sin, my disease, my impurity. Give me Thy Holy Spirit, that I may be made clean, and may trust in Thee, and walk humbly before Thee, and let Him witness to what I am. God forbid that I should witness for myself. Let my life witness. Let Thy Spirit witness for Jesus' sake that I am Thy child. In His Name. Amen. (All repeat the prayer, clause by clause, after the General Overseer.)

Did you mean it?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—Will you live it?

Audience—"Yes."

The Recessional was then sung by Zion's White-robed Choir, as singers and officers retired.

The General Overseer then pronounced the

#### BENEDICTION.

Jehovah bless thee, and keep thee:

Jehovah make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:

Jehovah lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee Peace.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

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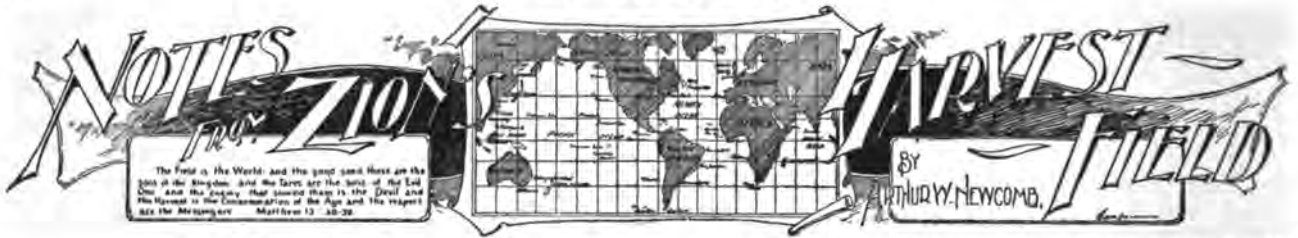
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WEDNESDAY evening, March 13, 1901, closed the fourth year since the opening of the baptistry in Central Zion Tabernacle.

During those four years 6539 believers have obeyed God and been baptized by Triune Immersion in that baptistry. Of these, 4447 were baptized by the General Overseer himself and 2092 by Elders, Evangelists and Deacons of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

During this same time over 3073 have been baptized by Triune Immersion in places outside Chicago. Of these, 504 were baptized by the General Overseer, and over 2569 by Elders, Evangelists and Deacons. All reports for the last few days of the four years have not yet been received at Headquarters, hence the grand total cannot be definitely determined. However, from the reports now in hand, we find that 9612 have been baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle, the United States, Canada, England, Ireland, Switzerland, New Zealand, Australia, China and Japan during these four years.

The last Baptism of the four years in Central Zion Tabernacle was administered on Wednesday evening, March 13, 1901, by the General Overseer.

The meeting was one in which many received great spiritual blessing, not only among the candidates, but among the many who gathered to witness the Ordinance.

Forty-three candidates made public profession of their Repentance, Faith and determination to be obedient to God. Upon that profession and a signification of their desire to be baptized, the General Overseer baptized them, according to the command of the Lord, "into the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost," by a Triune Immersion.

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The General Overseer's Gift of Teaching is one of the most valuable with which God has equipped him for the great work which He has sent him to do.

Through his patient, loving exercise of that Gift, thousands and tens of thousands have been led to Repentance, Faith and Obedience, and have received the priceless blessings of Salvation, Healing and Cleansing.

It was very largely through the General Overseer, under God, that the great truth of Divine Healing as a part of the Everlasting Gospel was brought out from the mass of false teaching and faithlessness under which an apostate Church had buried it.

Since God called him to revive the truth of Divine Healing, his teaching upon that subject has been and is blessed by God in a marvelous way.

Hundreds attend these Tuesday afternoon Divine Healing Meetings.

They eagerly drink in the blessed truth.

They learn the conditions upon which God heals His children.

They learn how to fulfil these conditions.

They look to God in faith when hands are laid upon them, according to God's command, and they are healed.

Since Zion Home will soon become Zion Office Building, the principal Divine Healing Meeting of the week is and will be this gathering on Tuesday afternoons at Central Zion Tabernacle.

## Harvey, Illinois.

Rev. W. O. Dinius, Elder-in-Charge.

On Lord's Day morning, March 10, 1901, the General Overseer conducted a meeting in the Land Association Building Hall at Harvey, Illinois.

All through the night and nearly all that day a severe storm raged.

The telegraph, telephone and trolley wires and poles were blown down in every direction.

This very seriously impeded the traffic on the electric roads, but the Illinois Central Railway Company ran a train to Harvey at 9:15 o'clock in the morning.

In a special car on this train, the General Overseer, a number of the Zion Guard and Zion's White-robed Choir were taken to their destination.

During the journey the happy Zion company joined in songs of praise and worship, which were listened to with evident interest and pleasure by others in the car.

Before the train reached Harvey, a gentleman who had been very attentive arose and approaching one of the members of Zion Choir, handed him \$5, saying, "Here is \$5 for your work. One can tell from the very atmosphere here that your work is genuine and that Dr. Dowie is a man of God."

At Harvey, the General Overseer found the large hall crowded, although he arrived half an hour before the time announced for the meeting, and in spite of the storm which was then raging.

This large audience listened with great interest while the General Overseer spoke, in the power of the Spirit, upon the Kingdom of God. The discourse was bold in denunciation of State, ecclesiastical and individual follies and sins, and very effectual.

## HEALED AFTER TWENTY YEARS' SUFFERING.

WINTERSSET, IOWA, January 21, 1901.

REV. J. G. SPEICHER.

Dear Overseer:—I can say that I know God does hear and answer prayer for healing.

I was healed of indigestion and constipation last August, in answer to Overseer Piper's prayer.

I had been troubled with it for over twenty years, and the last few years had taken medicine nearly every day.

Since August I have committed myself entirely into His keeping and have not been sick, not even a minute.

I am trusting God to keep me from other sickness, for He has promised to protect us if we obey.

I have not eaten any swine's flesh since joining the Christian Catholic Church last May; neither have I taken any medicine since August.

We cannot count our blessings, so we must praise God for everything.

MATILDA POWELL.

# ZION IN THE ORIENT.

By Rev. G. L. Mason, B. A., B. D.,

Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in China.

## THE SECRET LODGE THE ALLY OF HEATHENISM.

IN "Plato's Republic," Book II, one of the characters tells how, in order to win in life, one must draw around himself a semblance of virtue to serve as a frontage and exterior, but behind it must be the fox with its cunning: "It is not an easy matter to conceal one's wickedness; . . . to assist in keeping up the deception, we will form *secret societies and clubs*." Compare Isaiah 28:14-18.

HINDOOISM AND MOHAMMEDANISM in India find their main support in the British Government, which endows the native temples for idolatry. Who fill the offices in the East Indian British Government? Chiefly Freemasons. Mah-hah-bone is everywhere the friend of idolatry and the enemy of God. India needs Zion (Psalm 94:20).

MAH-HAH-BONE IN INDIA.—Rev. W. J. Gladwin, for twenty-five years a Methodist missionary, writes of the effect of Western Secret Societies on the natives in India:

They have just enough of theism and whitewash of morality to administer an effective opiate to an awakened conscience. Men whose eyes have been opened by Western education to see the absurdity of much of their mythology, at once find in these secret orders that which takes the very cream of their old religion (a compound of mysticism and morality), puts away the excrescences of more vulgar idolatry, takes in their place a high-sounding ritual and gaudy paraphernalia of uniform, and so the awakened minds of thousands of educated natives in foreign fields are lulled to sleep again by this secrecy poison, administered by the hand of a professed Christian (Jeremiah 6:13-15).

MISSIONARY IDOLATERS.—Albert G. Mackey, a very high Masonic authority, shows that Masonry is "pure theism," the worship of a god or any god, in which Buddhist, Brahmin, Mohammedan and Christian may unite! In plain English, it is nature worship, or idolatry. Missionaries who were lodge idolaters in America will readily connive at idolatry in China, or teach a mongrel religion and call it Christianity.

THE MISSIONARY SOCIETIES of women in the churches find it hard to keep even a few of the sisters interested in missions, now that Baal has cast his spell over the Church women, and they flock in crowds to the "Rebecca" lodge, the "I. C.," the "P. E. O.," the "Rathbones," the "Eastern Star," and the "hives" of the Maccabees (Ezekiel 8:7-18).

THE MACCABEES, an order to which many church-members belong, haze their candidates in heathenish ways, such as running a handicap hurdle race blindfolded, frightening with india-rubber serpents, pushing off of platforms, etc. Lenna R. Winslow, of Kansas City, Missouri, was pushed off thus and seriously injured. He sued the Supreme Tent for \$25,000.

A dispatch from Jamestown, New York, last year says:

Roy Terry lies in the City Hospital in a precarious condition, the result of being initiated into Jamestown Tent No. 9, Knights of the Maccabees. Owing to the secrecy of lodge initiations, it is difficult to describe the details.

It appears that among the "extras" given to candidates in this and other lodges is that of swinging him in midair. After pinioning his arms to the sides and blindfolding him, a heavy belt is strapped around him, in which a ring is attached at the back. Into this ring a hook is placed, and tackle attached to the ceiling of the lodge room suddenly jerks the candidate into space. He is whirled rapidly around for the amusement of the spectators. In this case the hook in the ceiling gave way, and Mr. Terry fell from near the ceiling to the floor (Proverbs 26:18, 19).

EDMOND RONAYNE, the ex-Mason, says:

Tubal-Cain, the earliest named Patron Saint of Masonry, whose name is their password in the third degree, was a descendant from the first murderer, Cain, and a son of the first bigamist, Lamech. Cain was an outcast from among the children of God, and with his posterity went into gross wickedness and idolatry (see Genesis 4:9-24; 6:1-7).

Of the Masonic Order, it must be said:

Woe unto them, for they have gone the way of Cain.—Jude 11.

"DAUGHTERS OF ISIS" is the name of a society of women under the jurisdiction of the "Mecca Court" of the Masonic-Mohammedan Mystic Shrine order.

The women have chosen as their mother god and patroness, Isis, the Egyptian goddess of procreation. She was worshiped in the image of a naked, sensual-faced woman, with the horns of a cow. Her nude statue is in the Berlin Museum (see the picture in Seyffert's "Dictionary of Classical Antiquities"). To adore her is to glorify incest, for Isis was the wife of Osiris, her own brother. With what eagerness apostate church-members rake the cesspool of ancient idolatry to find their ideals! (Romans 1:22-25.)

IN CORNELL UNIVERSITY the Kappa Alpha fraternity recently, as a part of initiation, compelled young Berkely to swim unattended in unknown waters. He was drowned. This is the same heathen society which, years ago, hazed Mortimer Leggett till he fell over a precipice and was killed (Proverbs 2:11-15).

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.—The Cincinnati *Commercial-Gazette* (April 20 and 21, 1893) contained full accounts of the heathenism in initiating students in the Methodist College at Delaware. Five young men were stripped naked and cruelly beaten with ropes till they bled profusely. With red-hot shovels their backs and legs were burned to blisters. Their faces and foreheads were painted with nitrate of silver, branding them for life.

About forty young women, students in the same University, seized several of their schoolmates at night and also used nitrate of silver to paint pictures on the victims' arms and breasts, causing terrible agony.

These and many other heathenish works of darkness are described in the book, "College Secret Societies." (Chicago, 1894.) (Matthew 7:16, 17.)

President Bashford helps to educate his students in heathenism every time he engages in a Masonic initiation hazing and repeats the cutthroat, bloodthirsty oaths of Mah-hah-bone.

Our reason for mentioning these hellish scenes in LEAVES OF HEALING is this: Christian parents must be warned to keep their children away from colleges which tolerate Secret Societies (1 Corinthians 15:33).

THE LODGE VAMPIRE has sucked dry and dead most of the American churches.

The timid silence of the colleges and theological schools regarding Baal-worship tends to produce a flabby, ease-loving, man-fearing type of preachers.

Students who fear to take a stand against Baal-worship in America are unfit to grapple with Buddhist worship in Asia.

The secret lodge is everywhere an ally of heathenism (Luke 12:2-4).

# CHEERING WORDS FROM ZION'S GUESTS

NOTES FROM ZION HOME

THE regular Praise and Testimony Meeting held in Zion Home, Saturday evening, March 9, 1901, was conducted by Overseer Mason.

After the usual opening exercises, the States represented were enumerated and found to be ten in number, as follows:

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, North Dakota, Texas and Wisconsin.

The following foreign countries were represented:

Canada, England, Ireland and Japan.

The meeting was then thrown open for testimony.

DEACON JOHN H. SAYRS, M. D., Zion Home, said: "I wish to testify to blessing received by our dear little baby, for which we are especially thankful. A few days ago while sitting on the floor and tossing herself back on a pillow, laughing, she suddenly began to scream. Upon examination I found that the left arm had been thrown out of place. I thank God that from the very first prayer offered, all the pain was taken away. About 10 o'clock today she put out her hand in answer to prayer, and is now well."

MRS. CHARLOTTE J. DEMOURE, Piper City, Illinois, said: "I give God the glory for what He has done for me. He healed me over five years ago of many diseases. Whenever I have been in need of help, He has answered my prayer. About six weeks ago I was delivered from a very severe pain in my throat. I was healed of cancer, tumor, rupture, heart trouble, and all kinds of diseases."

ANDREW INNES, Tipton, Iowa, said: "I feel it my duty to give testimony for deliverance from the use of tobacco. A short time ago I testified that I was being delivered. Now I can say I am thoroughly delivered and I have no desire for it at all. I have joined the Christian Catholic Church in Zion. I praise God that I am with a people who are not afraid to stand up for the doctrines taught in the Bible."

REV. W. C. CHRISTIE, Binghamton, New York, said: "I thank God for the pleasure of being present with you, also for LEAVES OF HEALING and all Zion Literature. If it were not for LEAVES OF HEALING I would not be present with you. I praise God for liberty and freedom that has come to me, which I have never felt before in all my experience. The Lord has wonderfully blessed me."

MISS ADA KIBBEY, Zion Home, said: "Three years ago I could not see out of one of my eyes. I thank God for healing me."

JAMES ANDERSON, Des Moines, Iowa, said: "God healed my feet of a very sore and painful disease. It was caused by getting them very cold about forty years ago. They had troubled me every winter season since that time up to two years ago. The Lord instantly healed me and took all the pain and soreness away, and they are well now. I praise God for that wonderful blessing. The Lord has also healed me of the grip this winter. I praise God for Zion and for this teaching of the Full Gospel. It has done so much for me. I praise His Name."

MRS. ANN STEVENSON, Zion Home, said: "I praise the Lord for what He has done for me. I praise the Lord that I know He is my Keeper. I can say that He healeth me of all my diseases. He delivers us from all our ailments if we only trust in Him. I have trusted Him now for twelve years without medicine. I went to the Lord and told Him all about it,

and He delivered me. I praise Him tonight that I know Him not only as my Saviour, but as my Healer and my Keeper. I thank God that I am in Zion."

C. L. AYRES, Muncie, Indiana, said: "I thank God for the blessings He has given me this week, spiritually and financially. I have received a wonderful blessing."

MRS. ADA KESLER, Elkhart, Indiana, said: "I thank God tonight that I am in Zion. I love LEAVES OF HEALING. I thank God for it. Since reading it we have had no more use for medicine. We have four little ones at home who have been healed of many things. I thank God tonight for the joy which has come to me. I give Him all the glory."

NORTON T. KESLER, Elkhart, Indiana, said: "I was under the doctor's care for two and a half years. Through the reading of LEAVES OF HEALING I was led to give up medicine, and God has restored me to health and strength. We have received much physical, spiritual and financial blessing."

DEACONESS CORKEY, Zion Home, said: "I praise God for LEAVES OF HEALING. It was brought by a kind-hearted student to my son when he was sick. We read it, and I saw that it was from God. We then sent a request for prayer to the General Overseer. My son has since come to Chicago. I have been here three months. I have great pleasure in helping in the distribution of LEAVES OF HEALING. It has been such a comfort to me and has spread the light of the Full Gospel as no person could do. No Elder could have gotten into the North of Ireland as has LEAVES OF HEALING."

ELDER NANCY H. PRICE-TINDALL, 1306 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I praise God for His goodness to me. I have not had many healings, because I have not been sick. Whenever any of our family is sick, we go to God in prayer. I thank God for the Christian Catholic Church in Zion. I have known of this work for eleven years. I first heard of Dr. Dowie in 1890. We kept in close touch with him and the work, and have read all his literature. I thank God for the expansion of this work, for what it is doing and for its great success."

"Lately at Zion College Home, some have been sick with grip and with colds. God has healed them all, for which we are thankful. Every day I hear of something that is being done through this work. I praise God that I have lived to see this day."

DEACONESS ELLEN BURKLUND, Zion Home, said: "It is now two years since I first received a copy of LEAVES OF HEALING. I have been in Zion Home for nearly one year. I praise God for the blessings I have received in Zion, and for the many blessings I received through LEAVES OF HEALING before I came to Zion. I remember when I was among heathen people and LEAVES OF HEALING was sent to me, how very restful it was to me. I read the papers over many times. The first page I looked for was 'Cheering Words From Zion's Guests.'

"If God wants me to go back to Japan, I am quite willing to go. Pray for Japan and China. I have very interesting letters from natives in Japan. They are praying every day for some one to come and preach to them this blessed Gospel."

ELDER JOHN ALEX. INOUE, Zion Home, said: "You will all be glad to know how the work of Zion is going on both in

this city and in Japan. We have a gathering of Japanese every Sunday evening on the West Side, where many Japanese live. They are studying the Bible and learning the teaching of Zion. They are getting on nicely and soon God will open their eyes. Some of them have made up their minds to abstain from all unclean flesh. They are very honest in their desire to know the truth. May God open their eyes that they may see Jesus as their Saviour.

"A few days ago I received a letter from Japan, from a Japanese who has an independent church. He is very much interested in Zion teaching since we have been sending him LEAVES OF HEALING. Zion people in Japan are doing Seventy work, going from house to house. I also received a letter from my native town. By the Grace of God, my family are all well. They have no Zion officers there, but God is keeping them. May God bless my native country, Japan."

MISS MAMIE EMERSON, Zion Home, said: "I would like to tell of a few of the many blessings I have received since I have been in Zion. I have been healed of catarrh, also of grip. Last night I was taken very sick. Within a few hours I was entirely healed. I have also received great spiritual blessing, for which I am very thankful."

FREDERICK W. TEBBE, Zion Home, said: "I thank God for His keeping power. It is a year and seven months since

I came into this room bound up by the Devil, suffering from rheumatism. I was given up by the doctors. They said there was no possible help for me and they did everything they could.

"When I came into this room I had just been converted. God saved me. I was a cigarette fiend. I used to smoke on an average of from thirty to forty cigarettes a day, and I have seen the time when I was drunk twice in one day. I was a drunkard and used to gamble. God has wonderfully brought me out of all this. I have perfect health. I received a perfect healing. My right limb was withering away from sciatic rheumatism. God has restored it to its natural size. I give God all the praise and glory."

ELDER INOUE said: "I had a severe cold yesterday. It seemed as if I would be very sick, but God raised me up. I am well now, thank God."

The meeting was then closed by the

#### BENEDICTION.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

## THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN OPENED.

### Healing Comes Instantly When God Receives His Tithes.

SAWYER, WISCONSIN, February 6, 1901.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—I had been working at some rather hard work and had in some way strained the cords of my neck, and consequently had to lay off.

I asked God to heal me, but got no answer.

Then I began to search myself to find where the trouble was.

I soon found out the trouble.

I was far behind with my tithes.

I promised God that the next work I got I would first pay my tithes.

Then I asked Him again to heal my neck.

Immediately the answer came and I was able to move my head around any way and get around as well as ever.

Praying God's blessing upon Zion everywhere, I remain

Your Brother in Christ, JOHN A. MAGNUSSON.

### Spiritual and Temporal Blessings in Tithing.

HAVRE, MONTANA, January 30, 1901.

REV. W. HAMNER PIPER:

*Dear Overseer:*—I was convinced that it was right for Christians to pay their tithes long before I heard of Zion, but I gave them out to suit myself, here and there and everywhere, and sometimes did not give them at all.

I am so glad that I know now that I should give them regularly and into Zion Storehouse.

I know that I have received greater spiritual and temporal blessings in giving that way.

I thank God for teachings from Zion. I heartily endorse tithing as the Scriptural way of giving.

God bless Zion.

Your Sister in Christ, (MRS.) CHARLES BRASLY.

### Income Almost Doubled Since Tithing is Begun.

325 BAUM STREET, }  
CINCINNATI, OHIO, January 12, 1901. }

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—My wife and I desire to praise God for blessings received since tithing.

At the time I commenced to pay tithes I earned \$----- per day, and now I receive nearly twice that amount.

He blesses our family in many ways.

I praise God for the plain teaching in Zion, which brought me out of a sinful life through the merits of our Lord and Saviour.

May God forever bless you and yours.

Your Brother in Christ, ALFRED E. HALL.

### God's Promises Fulfilled in Many Unexpected Ways.

BLUFF POINT, NEW YORK, January 31, 1901.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—I have enjoyed the testimonies on tithing.

I have been paying tithes for thirteen and one-half years.

At first it was a source of wonder to me, the varied, unexpected ways in which God made good His promises to me. During all these years it has been a true source of blessing.

I thank God that His Guidebook is so complete in all matters.

I thank Him that He is searching out such a strong band of tithe-payers. God bless you. (MRS.) J. D. CALHOUN.

### Money Comes in From Unexpected Sources.

WINNEBAGO, ILLINOIS, February 11, 1901.

REV. W. H. PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—The Lord has greatly blessed us since we began paying tithes into Zion's Storehouse.

We have had money come to us we never expected to get.

In answer to prayer, God has blessed us in sending an Elder to us to teach us for a little while. May God send one here to stay.

May God bless Zion and all of its faithful officers.

Your Brother and Sister in Christ,

MR. AND MRS. AMOS MILLER.

### Glad to Have Found the Right Place in Which to Pay Tithes.

PETOSKY, MICHIGAN, February 4, 1901.

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—We can truthfully say that God has greatly blessed us as a family, body, soul and spirit, since we have paid our tithes into Zion's Storehouse.

I am glad we have found the right place for our tithes.

We thank God every day for His Messenger of the Covenant and pray that Zion may still continue to Go Forward over the whole world.

God bless the General Overseer and all of his dear followers and workers.

Your Brother and Sister in the Lord,

EZRA AND MARY E. SCHLAPPI.

### Blessing and Satisfaction in Paying Tithes.

LA JUNTA, COLORADO, January 27, 1901.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—The blessings received from the paying of tithes are many.

We have been able to get nearly out of debt; also we have the satisfaction of knowing that we are obeying God, which makes it a blessing to send our tithes and offerings into the Storehouse to be used for the glory of God.

I praise God for our dear General Overseer and for Zion.

Yours in Christ,

C. I. MUDGETT.

## NOTES OF THANKSGIVING TO ZION'S GOD.

BY DEACON O. L. SPRECHER, PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE GENERAL OVERSEER.

HE SHALL CALL upon Me and I will answer him;  
I will be with him in trouble:  
I will deliver him and honor him.—Psalm 91:15.

**ZION'S GOD EVER ANSWERS.**

It has been very pleasant to feel at all times, when enemies have been endeavoring to overthrow Zion, that whatever they might be permitted to accomplish, it was impossible for them to ever hinder God from answering prayer in Zion.

In the midst of all the conflict, the General Overseer and officers and members of the Church have been offering prayers which have been answered in a very remarkable way.

It is our privilege, this week, to record a few testimonies to the glory of God.

We give first a few extracts from a letter written by one who had been a Roman Catholic, and inasmuch as Rome evidently has had something to do with the last persecution, these few lines will undoubtedly be of interest.

**Brought Out of the Roman Catholic Church into Zion.**

655 SCHOOL STREET,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, February 6, 1901. }

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—We are all so glad you are at home again, safe and well.

Our prayers followed you day and night, and we never doubted for a moment that you would come back to us safe.

We knew that God would take care of you through all the battle.

I do not think there is an hour in the day when I do not think of you and your labors.

I have good reason to thank God I ever heard you, as your words brought me to Christ.

Seven years ago you dug me up out of the dark Roman Catholic Church.

The first sermon I ever heard you preach went right to my heart.

I lost no time in getting a Bible. I thank God He helped me to read and get interested. How glad I was to read and read!

I was a spiritual and physical wreck. Now I am happy, and kept day by day by the power of God.

My family all join in Christian love.

Ever faithfully yours, (MRS.) ANNA WALTERS.

**Injured Eye Instantly Healed When Prayed For.**

On February 9th we received the following letter:

LINN GROVE, INDIANA, February 9, 1901.

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

Dear General Overseer:—It is with great joy that I write this testimony, praising God and thanking you for the many rich blessings which I have received from God and through the teaching of Zion.

When I came to Zion I had many doubts and fears, yet I got to see that they were of the Devil.

I asked God to take them away, but could not get complete victory.

I wrote to Elder Basinger, of Bluffton, Ohio, to pray for me. The prayer was answered.

Soon the doubt and fear left me, and God strengthened and encouraged me most wonderfully.

The last year, 1900, has been of great blessing to me.

I had many fights with the Devil, but thanks be to God, who gave me the victory.

I also thank God for victory in this new year.

I was twice instantly healed of very bad colds.

Yesterday morning I was fixing the fire in the coal stove when a hot coal flew into my eye. It pained very much.

I prayed, and it got better.

I wanted to read LEAVES OF HEALING, as it was Sunday, but I could not read long.

My eye was weak and running with water all the time. It pained a great deal yet, so I had to stop reading.

All at once the thought came to me that I should write a testimony.

I said, "I will."

Like a flash the pain went out of my eye, and it was as strong and good as ever before.

I began to read again and it has stayed all right ever since, praise God. Your Sister in Christ, (MISS) SARAH ANGSBURGER.

**God Gives Sight to the Blind.**

Still further beautiful testimony of God's willingness to heal is set forth in the following letter, telling of how God healed one who was blind for a time:

MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA, January 15, 1901.

I was papering my ceiling when a pine splinter fell into my eyes and made me blind.

I could not see anything for five weeks.

I went to Minnesota, a distance of some 200 miles, to an oculist.

He examined my eyes and said I would not be able to see in six months, and perhaps not at all.

I came home and had the doctor there examine me. He said I might pay out \$1,500 and then might be only patched up.

It was not very encouraging.

I told my people that no one but the good Lord could help me.

I wrote to the General Overseer in Chicago, and he set a time for prayer.

When I received the letter I had just come from the doctor, who said I would have to remain in a dark room five weeks more.

The Spirit of God came with the General Overseer's letter.

At the time appointed for prayer, I went into my room and asked God to have mercy on me, and open my eyes.

In five minutes I could see, and have been able to see ever since.

The house could not hold me. I ran out to my neighbors. The sun was shining brightly. I did my washing the next day.

Praise the Lord for His goodness.

Your Sister, HATTIE SABINS.

**Children Healed of Many Ailments.**

The following letter was received on February 1st:

PLAIN CITY, OHIO, January 30, 1901.

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

Dear General Overseer:—I write, testifying to the power of God in delivering me from the ills caused by the Devil.

These healings run from 1898 up to the present time. We have not had a doctor since 1898.

My son, three years old, got a bottle of poison and drank, we do not know how much; but he was delivered by the power of God, praise His Holy Name.

My children, four in number, were healed of measles. In a short time afterwards they took the mumps and were healed. Next they had cholera-morbus, and then were healed of sick headache.

Last week they were healed of bad sore throat. There were white blisters on their tonsils, and their tongues had a yellow coat.

They were all healed by the Spirit's healing power.

Thanks be to God for sending Dr. Dowie to open up the way. I give God all the glory.

Your Brother in Christ, SANFORD FRAZELL.

**God's Power Heals a Diseased Breast.**

We received the following letter on February 25th:

DALE, NORTH DAKOTA, February 20, 1901.

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

Dear General Overseer:—I feel it my duty to testify to what God in His loving kindness has done for me.

On the 17th of November last God gave us a dear baby boy.

On the 25th of November I caught cold and it settled in my right breast.

It gathered, and on the 7th of December it broke.

I kept a poultice on it all the time, but it did little or no good, and I suffered much pain.

It discharged for some time, and I saw it would break again.

Meanwhile we were reading LEAVES OF HEALING.

On the morning of December 25th I was taken with a very severe pain in my right side.

Not seeming to realize that God could stop the pain, we tried to stop it by using hot cloths.

I soon felt some better, but the pain did not leave.



I could not take a long breath, and could hardly lie down or rise up. On December 27th it came on again (about 4 o'clock in the morning) as bad as ever. We again tried the hot cloths, but to little avail.

After breakfast I said to my husband, "Let us go to God in prayer, and I believe He will help me."

We then prayed, and during prayer I got relief and in accordance with my faith the pain gradually disappeared. Thank God, I have never felt it since.

This experience increased our faith, and we determined to trust God to heal my breast.

My breast again broke and discharged considerably, but through prayer the pain and soreness were taken away, and, praise His Holy Name, it is now all healed nicely.

My breast was dry for about six weeks.

My husband said he believed God would cause the milk to return again.

We prayed for this, and that very day the milk came into it again.

Since that time we have laid all medicines and drugs aside and trusted God as our Healer.

He has wonderfully helped and cared for all of us.

We are very thankful to God for the teachings of Zion, and for His healing power.

May God bless and prosper you and Zion everywhere.

Your Sister in Christ, (MRS.) ANGIE B. RYCKMAN

#### Boy Healed of Rupture.

We received the following letter January 29th:

WEST LIBERTY, IOWA.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—It is with grateful heart that I write and tell you of the healing of the rupture of our little boy.

I believe it was in August that I first noticed that he had been badly ruptured.

I went to a doctor and he said he would have to wear a truss.

I thought that would not be taking medicine, so I let him wear it.

But oh how my heart used to ache for him when I used to see how it irritated and bruised him.

He used to cry for me to take it off, but I was afraid to.

In the meantime I sent in request to Zion for prayer to God that He would heal him.

I firmly believed that God was both willing and able to heal him, as I myself had been healed of a bad rupture and chronic constipation, and other ailments through your prayers.

But our boy got no better.

I prayed that I might see what was in the way of his healing, for I felt that it must be in me.

I then got a letter from the Overseer telling me to leave off all human aid.

I then took the truss off without any fear, resolved to trust God.

He was healed.

A month later he fell from his high chair, and the rupture reappeared. I sent to Zion for prayer, and I praise the Lord today that he is well and has kept well for nearly four months.

I thank God for His power to keep us, if we only trust Him.

Through reading your wonderful teaching in LEAVES OF HEALING, my husband gave up the filthy habit of chewing. He had chewed tobacco since he was eleven years old.

I am thankful to God for answer to prayer, and to the General Overseer and to all Zion for their prayers.

May God bless the General Overseer and all Zion everywhere.

Pray for me, that I may continue faithful until Christ comes.

Your Sister in Christ, (MRS.) S. SCHWERTZBERGER.

#### Saved From Sin. Blessed in Refusal to be Vaccinated.

On February 25th we received the following letter:

1247 SEMINARY PLACE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

DEAR DR. DOWIE:—I have long wanted to tell you of God's goodness to me.

I am thankful for His wonderful love and goodness to me this past year.

I have been rescued from a life of sin and hypocrisy through your teaching and his saving power.

Now, thank God, I am living a pure life as near as I know how.

I have been blessed in every way, for all through this winter I have not lost a single day's work through sickness or any other cause.

Within the past year I have been enabled to take out stock in Zion Lacle Industries and start a bank account.

I have also to thank Him for carrying me through this vaccination scare safely.

There were five of us in the house where I work who were members of

the Christian Catholic Church in Zion. Not one of us would be vaccinated, and when the time came, not a word from any official was said to us.

Another who attended Zion and paid his tithes, but was not a member, was threatened with dismissal. He still refused to be vaccinated, and today he is a member of Zion, and still retains his position.

It may interest you to know that last Tuesday I had the honor of selling the first bill of dry goods to Zion City General Stores, of which I am quite proud. Pray for me, that I may be faithful.

Yours in Christ,

FRANK E. LEE.

#### Healed Quickly in Answer to Prayer, After Fifteen Years' Sickness.

On February 12th we received the following:

614 WEST SIXTIETH STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—For some time I have felt it to be my duty to let you know more about my healing, and how I have been kept without a day's sickness for seven years this spring, after fifteen years of spasms, heart trouble and female trouble.

I had six doctors on the South Side, and not one of them said they could heal me.

The one who treated me most, told me that he would be honest with me and tell me that there was no hope for me; that I might live a few years, but I was liable to die at any moment.

He is dead, but I am still here.

I feel at least twenty years younger and I never felt stronger.

I am out four evenings every week to Zion Cottage Meetings. I lead one. I have also done my Zion Seventy work faithfully for over two years.

I do thank God for sending you here to teach us how to live, and to do something for our Heavenly Father.

When I was in the Baptist Church, I was self-satisfied and did nothing.

I believe I received my healing the first time you prayed with me, and also my Salvation.

I have been blessed in spirit, soul and body.

I pray that my healing may bless some one else.

Your Sister in Christ, (MRS.) M. A. ISABELL.

#### Prayer to God Avails When Physicians Had Failed.

On February 11th we received the following letter:

308 SCHUYLKILL AVENUE,

POTTSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA, February 9, 1901.

DEAR DR. DOWIE:—With heart full of thanks to my God and Father, I write my testimony, believing that it may go forth for the glory of God.

My heart is so full of praise and thanks, that I have no expression in words.

Before I wrote to you I was a very sick woman, and had been treated by doctors for seven months.

I was nothing bettered.

The doctor said there was no help but to go to the hospital.

I said No.

In the meantime I said I would write to you to pray for my healing.

I am thankful to say that God has answered your prayers.

The pain in my side all left me and my headache is all gone. I am well. I feel better than I have for some years.

I can do a hard day's work.

Mother thanks you for praying for her for deafness.

She heard the Court House clock strike last week for the first time in years.

KATIE A. SCHUM.

#### Speedy Healing of Inflammation of the Bowels.

On February 18th we received the following letter:

CRYSTAL, NORTH DAKOTA, February 16, 1901.

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

Dear General Overseer:—About January 23d my husband took sick with a pain in his stomach and bowels, which, I have understood since, acted like inflammation of the bowels.

We held close to the Word of God, and prayed the prayer of faith.

We sent a request to you, and in a few hours he was up and ate his supper.

We give the glory all to God and thank you for your prayers.

Your Sister in Christ, (MRS.) A. ROBERTSON.

#### Healed of Cough in Answer to Mrs. Dowie's Prayer.

We received the following letter:

February 9, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I have felt as though it was my duty for some time to write you and let you know that I was perfectly healed of the cough for which I requested prayer one year ago.

At the time Mrs. Dowie prayed for me, the cough left me.

Oh how we do thank you for this blessed teaching. It has brought us so much nearer to God; nearer to the realization that we are sinners and Christ died for us.

A True Friend of Zion,

BESSIE W. BROWN.

# FORM OF APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

— IN THE —

## CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ZION.

**TO ALL WHO ARE DESIROUS OF ENTERING INTO FELLOWSHIP WITH THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ZION.**

MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS:—The principles of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion have been fully set forth in the Reports of Two Conferences on Organization, held in Zion Tabernacle No. 2, which are fully reported in LEAVES OF HEALING for January 31 and February 7, 1896. The Basis of Fellowship is set forth in the second section of the Resolution passed on February 5th (see LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume II, Number 17, page 267):

FIRST—That we recognize the infallible inspiration and sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures as the rule of faith and practice.

SECOND—That no persons can be members of the Church who have not repented of their sins and have not trusted in Christ for Salvation.

THIRD—That such persons must also be able to make a good profession, and declare that they know, in their own hearts, that they have truly repented, and are truly trusting Christ, and have the witness, in a measure, of the Holy Spirit.

FOURTH—That all other questions of every kind shall be held to be matters of opinion and not matters that are essential to church unity.

All who are conscious of fulfilling these conditions, no matter where they may reside, are invited to fill up the following blank and answer the questions contained therein.

I am, faithfully yours in Jesus,



*General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.*

No. ....

To the Rev. John Alexander Dowie,

*General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion,*

*1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill., U. S. A.*

*I hereby make application to be received as a member of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, and declare my agreement with the Basis of Fellowship agreed upon at a Conference held February 5, 1896, as set forth in your circular letter of February 7, 1896.*

What is your full name? .....

What is your age last birthday? .....

Are you married, unmarried or widowed? .....

If married, how many of your children are living? .....

Where is your residence? .....

What is your occupation, profession, or trade? .....

Where were you born? .....

How long have you lived in America (or the country where you are now living)? .....

When and where were you converted to God? .....

Are you conscious that you are saved through faith in Jesus? .....

Were you sprinkled or immersed in Baptism? .....

When and where were you sprinkled? .....

When and where were you immersed? .....

Were you immersed by single or Triune Immersion? .....

With what Church were you formerly connected? .....

REMARKS:

[Extra Copies of this Form will be sent to intending members, on application to the General Recorder of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, Zion, Michigan Avenue and Twelfth Street, Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A.]

# THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN OPENED.

**W**ILL a man rob God? yet ye rob Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with the curse; for ye rob Me, even this whole nation. Bring ye the Whole Tithe into the Storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you happy: for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the Lord of hosts.

—Malachi 3:8-12.

## Employment Comes Immediately Upon Paying God His Tithe.

WINNECONNE, WISCONSIN, February 4, 1901.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—By request I send the following account of how God has blessed a member of Zion in Omro when tithes were paid.

Last fall, when the brother received his pay for the season's work, he did not send in all the tithe, thinking he might not have work during the winter, and he would keep back a part of the tithe so he could give something each month.

Soon after he had an offer of work, at good wages, but on investigation he found it to be the Devil's work (making gambling boards), and he refused to do it.

Being without work, the time came when the only money left for his family's support was God's tithe.

He had felt condemned for keeping this money, and after earnest prayer he resolved to "get right with God at any cost."

He sent in his last dollar—God's Tithe.

Then he told his family, asking his little son to "Pray to God to send papa work."

Early next day the child met a man who said, "Tell your papa I have work for him."

The brother has had work every day since, and although the weather has been severe, he has had health given him to work. For all of which he gives praise to God.

Yours in Jesus' Name.

IDA E. LOCKE.

## Not Room Enough to Receive Blessings.

682 PARK AVENUE,

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, February 12, 1901.

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—We praise God we can say we have obeyed God in paying our tithes ever since we came into Zion.

The "Windows of Heaven" have been opened and showers of blessings have fallen upon us. There is "not room enough to receive them," or time to tell all the blessing we have received.

God's promises never fail when His children are obedient.

Before we paid God our tithes, we saved no money, and it seemed difficult to meet expenses at times.

Now we are living better, have more comforts, are saving money, have better position, never been obliged to use a cent of interest money, and have never been without money.

We have been able to give large offerings for God's work, and been able to help the poor.

We praise God and give Him all the glory for all we are and have.

We thank God every day for our beloved General Overseer and dear Mrs. Dowie, and for Zion and God's people in Zion.

We also thank you for your prayers.

God answered in behalf of my dear mother when very sick.

May God abundantly bless you, dear Mrs. Piper, and the little ones

Your Sister in Christ, (MRS.) J. F. PETERS.

## Blessed in Paying Tithes First, Debts Afterwards.

FREMONT, OHIO, February 18, 1901.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—It was just about two years ago that Evangelist (now Elder) Brooks made his last visit here.

He commanded Zion in Fremont to send their tithes into the Storehouse.

I told him I could not, as we were more than \$300 in debt.

But he said, "Pay your tithes and then your debts."

I did as he commanded, and, praise the Lord, we are just about out of debt and have never failed to pay our tithes from that time on.

While we were in the Methodist Church we could not pay an assessment of \$10 or \$15 per year.

Your Brother in Christ,

GEORGE C. LANCE.

## Great Spiritual and Financial Blessing.

4211 VIRGINIA AVENUE, CUMMINSVILLE, OHIO.

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—Since I have been paying my tithes, God has greatly blessed me, both spiritually and financially.

Your Sister in Christ, (MRS.) M. O. ANTHONY.

## God Wonderfully Answers Prayer for Leading in Tithing.

CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, January 24, 1901.

REV. W. H. PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—I have been paying tithes for some time, and God has blessed me for so doing.

Before I became a member of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion (not a month ago) I gave tithes to different causes, often to the needy.

I was not sure the Lord wanted me to bring the Whole Tithe to Zion; but when I went to Him for direction, He would say, "Bring the Whole Tithe into the Storehouse."

Before time to send our tithes to Zion, a dear sister came to see me. I had been giving her part of the tithes.

She told me her needs. They had very little to eat, but I did not feel free to give her the Lord's money. After she went away I went to the Lord and asked Him to supply their needs in some other way, if He did not wish me to use the tithes for that purpose.

I had no choice, but wished Him to make it plain to me just *where* He would have the tithes given.

The next morning the Lord helped the sister from another source in a wonderful way. I thanked Him for answering my prayer so definitely.

I shall never fear again to bring the Whole Tithe into the Storehouse, which to me is the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) LIDA HICKS-GHORMLEY.

## Constant Increase When Tithes are Paid.

STERLING, ILLINOIS, February 3, 1901.

REV. WILLIAM H. PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—In regard to tithing, I am glad to say that God has blessed me.

My income is not very large, because I am young, and what I get is given to me and what I can earn doing little things; but still God is blessing and increasing.

The first time I paid my tithes it amounted to twenty-five cents.

The second time it amounted to seventy-five cents, and the next time it will amount to about \$2.75.

I am glad I am no longer robbing God, but paying Him my tithes and giving Him my offering and obeying Him.

Your Sister in Christ,

ELIZABETH CAPP.

## A "Tithe-Box" in the Family.

WINTERROWD, ILLINOIS, January 29, 1901.

REV. W. H. PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—We can say truly that we have been blessed in paying God's tenth to Him.

We are farmers, and at first we found it difficult to find just what the tenth was.

Now we have no trouble.

We have a tithe-box in our family and all like to know it is increasing.

But for Zion teaching we might never have known of tithing.

Yours in Christ,

MR. AND MRS. A. R. TATE.

## Increase in Business Greater Than the Amount Paid in Tithes.

JANESVILLE, MINNESOTA, January 26, 1901.

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

*Dear General Overseer:*—The Lord has most wonderfully blessed me since I paid my back tithes and now pay tithes regularly.

The increase in my business is more than the amount I now pay in tithes, for which I praise God.

I am very thankful to our Father for your safe return to us, and pray daily for His blessing on you and all Zion.

Your Sister in Christ,

ADA M. CHADWICK.

## Contrast Between Tithers and Robbers of God.

KINGSTREE, SOUTH CAROLINA, February 1, 1901.

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—For the last few years I have been paying at least a tenth, sometimes more.

Since I began, it seems that I have more and I have more to give.

Two brothers out of five give their tenth, and they own acres by the hundreds, while the other three who were good men and gave all they felt able to, lived in mortgaged homes.

Respectfully,

M. EPPS.

## ZION'S BIBLE CLASS.

BY DEACON DANIEL SLOAN.

### MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS LESSON, MARCH 27th or 28th.

#### A Determined Control of Business Ambitions.

1. *Never sell or encourage that which injures the bodies of others.*—Habakkuk 2:12-16.  
People want to get rich almost any way. There are lines of business which God condemns. God Himself is largely engaged in the wheat, wool and coal business.
2. *Never seek roads to wealth along questionable lines.*—1 Timothy 6:6-10.  
One should not have a set determination to be rich. A person needs godliness first and all the time. Perils attend money-getting with many people.
3. *Never countenance methods suggested by low standards of morals.*—Proverbs 20:11-25.  
Many merchants try to get custom by lying advertisements. Some think all means are fair in merchandising. Some give one price to one man and another price to another.
4. *Never allow business exigencies or expediencies to encroach on God's holy day.*—Nehemiah 13:15-22.  
Some save the Sabbath as the day for bookkeeping. Some just turn the key in the store door to see if things are right. Some open the store just for a little while.
5. *Never encourage trade which panders to foolish vanity and is of only passing worth and little value.*—Isaiah 3:18-24.  
Goods of only useful value should be pushed. Pride enters far into purchases for dress. Millions are wasted on vanities and luxuries of no real need.
6. *Never resort to high-sounding and catching notices, but conduct your business by straightforward methods, and let a satisfied customer be the best means of advertising.*—Psalm 10:3-7.  
A man who has a good trade should seek more. His advertising should not be to get ahead of some one else. Many want to be the biggest merchant in the place.
7. *Never subserve the spirit of the world in trade or elsewhere, but win by Righteousness.*—1 John 2:14-17.  
There are safe lines along which business may be conducted. The first thing a man with a growing trade needs to do is to hold it. The successes as well as the ways of the world should be shunned.
8. *Ever be content with steady, constant growth, based on years of careful preparation and experience. God's blessing and diligent application to business wins confidence and holds trade, even over one's competitors.*—Proverbs 16:1-13.  
A man is not to be in business simply for the sake of living. When a man pleases God, his business will be a success. It is better to win along right lines, even though growth is slow.  
*The Lord Our God is a Business-Blessing God.*

### SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS LESSON, MARCH 31st.

#### How to Succeed in Business.

1. *Be true to your calling.*—Proverbs 22:6-11.  
Some people have special aptitudes. People can find out that for which they are best fitted. To build character should be one's chief ambition.
2. *Be obedient to God's laws.*—Joshua 1:7-9.  
The Bible is the best guide to business success. God points out the way to succeed. A prosperous life depends on right relations.
3. *Be diligent in your enterprises.*—Proverbs 21:1-2.  
A man who deals with a slack hand fails. One is not to open shop and wait for customers. Signs of wideawakeness in business are shown in many ways.
4. *Be wise in improving all opportunities.*—Ecclesiastes 11:1-6.  
A person should look ahead in his plans. A wise man does not always stake all he has on one point. A man should see glorious success beyond dark clouds.
5. *Be hopeful in disposition.*—Proverbs 15:15-25.  
A person who only sighs can do nothing. A man who is afraid may lose his all. A man who is hopeful is never sluggish.
6. *Be cheerful in countenance.*—Ecclesiastes 8:1-5.  
A glad face has much to do with one's success. Vinegar never draws except to inflame. One can cultivate cheerful-facedness.
7. *Be patient in developments.*—James 5:7-12.  
A man who trusts God is not impatient. Sometimes the outworkings of God's plans are hindered. He says all things work together for good to His chosen ones.
8. *Be persistent in methods.*—Matthew 25:16-23.  
A good thing should be done often. Money should be turned over and over again for increase. One's capacity for being useful should grow, also.  
*God's Holy People are a Prosperous People.*

Deacon Sloan has resumed the teaching of Zion's Bible Class Lesson in Zion Hall of Seventy. Sabbath Days from 1:30 to 2:30 o'clock. Members of Zion, for personal growth and Seventy work, as well as preparation for conducting Cottage Prayer Meetings, are urged to regularly attend his class; also to prayerfully follow in study these lessons each week, which are covering such a wide range of Bible truth and Scripture knowledge, vital to Holy Living and a right understanding of the relations of life.

### Zion's Conflict With Methodist Apostasy.

This book of 200 pages, just issued by Zion Publishing House, contains nine powerful discourses delivered in Central Zion Tabernacle by the General Overseer last May, during the session of the Methodist General Conference. They are of especial value for the full and fearless exposure of Freemasonry.

"The Methodist Church the Property of the Masonic Order," "Freemasonry: A Heathen and Antichristian Abomination," and "Degrees of Masonic Devilry" ought to be read by every lodge man.

The iniquity of the Mystic Shrine is laid bare.

"The Christian's Duty in Breaking a Bad Oath" is the address which preceded the public working of Masonic and Odd Fellow degrees in Central Zion Tabernacle, a full account of which is given.

Buy one of these books and keep lending it. No honest and intelligent man can read the book and still remain a Freemason.

Send by mail, postpaid, for twenty-five cents.

Address Zion Publishing House, 1207 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A.

### Notice to Zion Travelers.

Friends of Zion going to Europe and other parts of the world are respectfully informed that an Agency has been established to secure rates, accommodations and protections for first, second and third class passengers to and from all parts of Europe, etc.

Arrangements have been made with the principal steamship and railroad lines to book passengers to and from all parts of the world, at the lowest possible rates.

For rates, maps and full information apply to DAVID F. ROBERTSON, Zion, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

### Has God Blessed You in Tithing?

Have you realized a fulfilment of God's promise to those who "bring the Whole Tithe into the Storehouse"? If so, let others know how true the promise is. Write your testimony and send it to Rev. William Hamner Piper, Overseer-at-Large of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Let your testimonies be brief and straight to the point.

### Notice to Officers and Members of the Christian Catholic Church.

Send all newspaper clippings concerning the General Overseer, the Elders, or any department of the work in connection with the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, to Mr. Carl F. Stern, Room 309, Zion Home, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Send as soon as possible after publication, and carefully mark name and date of the paper clipped from on each article. If this is not done, the clippings are absolutely useless.

### ZION IN KANSAS.

Rev. D. A. Reed, Elder in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, will conduct services

At DELPHOS, KANSAS, on March 18, 19, 20 and 21;

At NICKERSOV, KANSAS, on March 22 and 23; and

At STERLING, KANSAS, beginning on Lord's Day, March 24, and continuing throughout the week.

Meetings every afternoon and evening.

All Welcome. All Seats Free. Freewill Offering.

CHRIST IS ALL AND IN ALL.

OBEYING GOD IN BAPTISM.

“Baptizing Them Into the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.”

Nine Thousand Six Hundred and Twelve Baptisms by Triune Immersion Since March 14, 1897.

Nine Thousand Six Hundred and Twelve Believers have joyfully followed their Lord in the Ordinance of Believers' Baptism by Triune Immersion since the first Baptism in Central Zion Tabernacle on March 14, 1897:

Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle from March 14, 1897, to December 14, 1900, by the General Overseer.	4339	
Baptized by Elders, Evangelists and Deacons.	1769	
Total Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle		6108
Baptized in places outside of Chicago by the General Overseer	383	
Baptized in places outside of Chicago by Elders, Evangelists and Deacons	2311	
Total Baptized outside of Chicago.		2694
Total Baptized in three years and nine months.		8802

Baptized since December 14, 1900:		
Baptized in England by the General Overseer.	89	
Baptized in Massachusetts by the General Overseer.	32	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by the General Overseer	108	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Overseer Piper	145	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder McClurkin	35	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Deacon Kessler	9	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Fockler.	39	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Stith.	5	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Overseer Speicher	12	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Overseer Mason	8	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Armstrong	9	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Deacon Peckham	7	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Excell.	27	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Williams	12	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Adams.	15	431
Baptized in Australia by Overseer Wilhide.	17	
Baptized in British Columbia by Elder Simmons.	10	
Baptized in British Columbia by Elder Brooks.	6	
Baptized in California by Elder Taylor	18	
Baptized in China by Elder Viking	9	
Baptized in England by Evangelist Cantel.	34	
Baptized in Illinois by Elder Fockler	11	
Baptized in Indiana by Elder Osborn	5	
Baptized in Iowa by Deacon Johnson	2	
Baptized in Kansas by Elder Reed	5	
Baptized in Michigan by Elder Kennedy	4	
Baptized in Michigan by Deacon Kindle	2	
Baptized in Michigan by Deacon Lake	11	
Baptized in Minnesota by Elder Jensen	19	
Baptized in New Zealand by Deacon Johnson.	2	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder McFarlane.	9	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder Reiff.	3	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder Bouck	6	
Baptized in Ohio by Overseer Mason	2	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder Voliva	63	
Baptized in Oregon by Elder Ernst.	3	
Baptized in Pennsylvania by Elder Hammond.	10	
Baptized in Washington by Elder Ernst	3	
Baptized in Wisconsin by Evangelist Loblaw.	4	379 810
Total Baptized since March 14, 1897		9612

The following-named eleven believers were baptized in the Christian Church at Waukegan, Illinois, Lord's Day, March 10, 1901, by Elder Cyrus B. Fockler:

Boylam, Edward	612 Grand Avenue, Waukegan, Illinois
Dunlap, Miss Ruth M.	Zion City, Illinois
Held, Miss Esther Mildred	Zion City, Illinois
Henrickson, H.	612 Grand Avenue, Waukegan, Illinois
Miner, Mrs. Harriet	Waukegan, Illinois
Miner, Mrs. Julia Sophronia	Waukegan, Illinois
Nicklas, Charlie William	Waukegan, Illinois
Peterson, Axel Bernhard.	Zion City, Illinois
Tucks, Ernest Jules.	Zion City, Illinois
Whiteside, Robert	Zion City, Illinois
Whiteside, Mrs. Hannah Isabella	Zion City, Illinois

The following-named five believers were baptized at Marion, Ohio, four on Saturday, March 9, 1901, and one on Lord's Day, March 10, 1901, by Elder Archibald McFarlane:

Grace, Alta May	Marion, Ohio
McFarlane, Archie Moore	Marion, Ohio
Terry, Claud	Marion, Ohio
Terry, Stanley	Marion, Ohio
Main, Madison Yullos	Marion, Ohio

The following-named forty-three believers were baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle, Chicago, Wednesday evening, March 13, 1901, by the General Overseer:

Anderson, Miss Esther	1121 South Oakley Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Berkman, Otto	31 Twenty-fourth Place, Chicago, Illinois
Burnett, G. E.	1632 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Burnett, Mrs. G. E.	1632 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Catlin, Miss Alice M.	1434 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Davis, Miss Cora	2134 West Lake Street, Chicago, Illinois
Davis, Mrs. Pauling	187 Plymouth Place, Chicago, Illinois
Dell, Harry H.	7124 Stony Island Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Doose, Master Freddie Mason	163 Larrabee Street, Chicago, Illinois
Duell, Charles	6322 Wentworth Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Duell, Mrs. Mary N.	6322 Wentworth Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Felsch, George	747 West Twenty-first Place, Chicago, Illinois
Felsch, Miss Martha	747 West Twenty-first Place, Chicago, Illinois
Fox, Mrs. Maud	207 South Des Plaines Street, Chicago, Illinois
Frostle, Bernel	Hoopston, Illinois
Hamacheck, Joseph	1168 Turner Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Hamacheck, Master Joe	1168 Turner Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Holmquist, Mrs. Albertina	11 Sedgwick Court, Chicago, Illinois
Holmquist, Mrs. Augusta	22 Pleasant Street, Chicago, Illinois
Kellerman, Henry	1028 South Irving Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Kindberg, Miss Jennie	224 Sedgwick Street, Chicago, Illinois
Kindberg, Miss Agnes	224 Sedgwick Street, Chicago, Illinois
Lewis, Mrs. Margaret	Indiana Ave. and Twenty-fourth St., Chicago, Illinois
McHugo, Miss Mary K.	Slayton, Minnesota
Miller, Miss Susie	Van Wert, Ohio
Nelson, John A.	111 Milton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Nelson, Mrs. Kelia	111 Milton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Nelson, Miss Agda	111 Milton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Noland, Mrs. Rebecca A.	622 May Street, Hammond, Indiana
Noland, James R.	622 May Street, Hammond, Indiana
Nordgren, Master Emil T.	222 Sedgwick Street, Chicago, Illinois
Painter, Jerome	46 Thirty-seventh Place, Chicago, Illinois
Richerts, M.	7833 Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Risser, Christ E.	1245 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Rogers, Carrie	1806 State Street, Chicago, Illinois
Sanditur, Oliver B.	Flora, Indiana
Schnaekel, Miss Jennie	779 Seventy-first Street, Chicago, Illinois
Schott, Miss Frieda	856 West Twenty-second Street, Chicago, Illinois
Soleman, Mrs. Sarah	16 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois
Sundberg, Miss Hilma	824 West Twenty-second Street, Chicago, Illinois
Sundberg, Master Carl	824 West Twenty-second Street, Chicago, Illinois
Wagner, Master Ralph M.	1616 Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Zlatnik, John	722 West Nineteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois

The following-named twenty-nine believers were baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day, March 10, 1901, by Overseer William Hamner Piper:

Aden, Mrs. Anna	505 Hastings Street, Chicago, Illinois
Baren, Miss Paulina	5727 Fifth Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Blohn, Miss Agnes	1140 George Street, Chicago, Illinois
Cutler, Miss Minnie	Boone, Iowa
Darwin, David	Iron River, Wisconsin
Goucher, Miss Georgia G.	908 Hoyle Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Johnson, Mrs. Matilda E.	251 Twenty-sixth Street, Chicago, Illinois
Kasch, Miss Melinda	361 Orchard Street, Chicago, Illinois
Kesler, Mrs. Ada	Elkhart, Indiana
Koehler, Miss Addie	116 Diversey Street, Chicago, Illinois
Koehler, Master Fred	116 Diversey Street, Chicago, Illinois
Koehler, Master Adolph	116 Diversey Street, Chicago, Illinois
Lindberd, Miss Lida	302 East Twenty-second Street, Chicago, Illinois
Lewis, Master Arthur	310 Sheffield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Miller, Charles C.	Elkhart, Indiana
Miller, Mrs. Charles C.	910 Harrison Street, Elkhart, Indiana
Mueller, Mrs. Gertrude E.	576 Weiland Street, Chicago, Illinois
Murdock, Thomas J.	1035 North Oakley Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Mutl, Miss Gustie	1059 West Eighteenth Place, Chicago, Illinois
Piehl, Master Ralph	908 Belleplaine Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Price, M. N.	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Raiser, Master Wesley	500 Seminary Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Riel, Master Walter	440 Seminary Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Rintoul, Miss Mary	3403 Parnell Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Schott, Miss Belsie	856 West Twenty-second Street, Chicago, Illinois
Sifka, Miss Annie	1292 St. Louis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Sommer, W. A.	206 Spring Street, Peoria, Illinois
Sommer, Mrs. Annie M.	206 Spring Street, Peoria, Illinois
Stroner, Miss Mary	1051 West Eighteenth Place, Chicago, Illinois

The following-named thirty-five believers were baptized at Cincinnati, Ohio, Lord's Day, March 10, 1901, by Elder W. G. Voliva:

Bartimens, John Leonard	1003 Cutter Street, Cincinnati, Ohio
Bartimens, Master Willie L.	1008 Cutter Street, Cincinnati, Ohio
Bartimens, Miss Minnie Almer	1008 Cutter Street, Cincinnati, Ohio
Barrowcliff, Miss Georgie M.	212 Magnolia Street, Cincinnati, Ohio
Boyd, Master William O.	203 East Seventh Street, Newport, Kentucky
Coffey, Mrs. Henrietta	57 West Second Street, Covington, Kentucky
Combs, G. W.	Newport, Kentucky
Dearborn, Miss Lizzie	624 Western Avenue, Covington, Kentucky
Deman, Helen	1900 Race Street, Cincinnati, Ohio
Denanowski, Mrs. Wisala	137 Winkler Street, Cincinnati, Ohio
Edwards, Matilda	1845 Columbia Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio
Erchinger, Miss Wilhelmina	1414 Walnut Street, Cincinnati, Ohio
Frederick, Jessie	368 Western Avenue, Covington, Kentucky
Grannemann, Mrs. Jennie	15 Willow Street, Central Covington, Kentucky
Groh, Emma	Decatur, Ohio



Grote, Mrs. Louise ..... 1311 Main Street, Cincinnati, Ohio  
 Hall, Miss Rosanna ..... 325 Baum Street, Cincinnati, Ohio  
 Hildreth, Mrs. Miley ..... 1123 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio  
 Hopperton, Miss Asa May ..... 17 Concord Place, Cincinnati, Ohio  
 Hovecamp, Miss Mildred H. .... 773 East Ridgeway Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio  
 Iler, Master Wayne D. .... 2714 May Street, Cincinnati, Ohio  
 Kuhn, Miss Mary ..... 368 Western Avenue, Covington, Kentucky  
 Lock, Mrs. J. B. .... 236 Ft. Thomas Avenue, Ft. Thomas, Kentucky  
 Loge, John J. .... 248 Setchell Street, Cincinnati, Ohio  
 McCready, Mary Jane ..... 1817 Eastern Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio  
 Martin, Miss Lucille Margaret ..... 2242 Francis Lane, West Hills, Cincinnati, Ohio  
 Mojena, Miss Amelia ..... 203 East Seventh Street, Newport, Kentucky  
 Pinney, Sarah Elizabeth ..... 1017 Eastern Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio  
 Potts, Alcinda ..... 1817 Eastern Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio  
 Rodda, Miss Grace Adelaide ..... 607 Crown Street, Cincinnati, Ohio  
 Rodda, Master Emmons ..... 607 Crown Street, Cincinnati, Ohio  
 Snider, Mrs. Almyr Melissa ..... 3428 Water Street, Cincinnati, Ohio  
 Wagner, Elsie Margurite ..... 806 Monroe Street, Newport, Kentucky  
 Winn, Miss Stella Pearl ..... 624 Western Avenue, Covington, Kentucky  
 Yerger, Miss Helen I. .... 773 East Ridgeway Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio

The following-named nineteen believers were baptized at Little Falls, Minnesota, Thursday, March 7, 1901, by Elder C. J. Jensen:

Brannen, Mrs. Catherine L. .... Royalton, Minnesota  
 Brannen, Miss Geneva Elizabeth ..... Royalton, Minnesota  
 Brannen, Master George Lawrence ..... Royalton, Minnesota  
 Brannen, Miss Faye Gallagher ..... Royalton, Minnesota  
 Ensign, Mrs. Cora Kidder ..... Royalton, Minnesota  
 Foster, Mrs. Sallie ..... Royalton, Minnesota  
 Gallagher, Daniel H. .... Royalton, Minnesota  
 Gallagher, Mrs. Elizabeth M. .... Royalton, Minnesota  
 Helmes, Mrs. Ida A. .... Royalton, Minnesota  
 Helmes, Miss Bessie Bertha ..... Royalton, Minnesota  
 Helmes, Master Sheldon W. .... Royalton, Minnesota  
 Hughes, Mrs. Mercy Hanna ..... Royalton, Minnesota  
 Hughes, Andrew Jackson ..... Royalton, Minnesota  
 Hughes, Mrs. Hannah Margaret ..... Royalton, Minnesota  
 Hughes, Miss Goldie Margaret ..... Royalton, Minnesota  
 Hughes, Master Howard Jackson ..... Royalton, Minnesota  
 McKee, Mrs. Elizabeth ..... Royalton, Minnesota  
 Thramer, Grace Marie ..... Royalton, Minnesota  
 Thramer, Jacob Phillip ..... Royalton, Minnesota

The following-named sixteen believers were baptized at the Mansion House Mission Chapel, Camberwell, London, England, Saturday, February 23, 1901, by Evangelist H. E. Cantel:

Allan, L. .... 7 Solway Road, East Dulwich, London, England  
 Badger, Mrs. Annie ..... 7 Chaucer Road, Forest Gate, London, England  
 Buddle, Miss Margaret F. .... 13 Darnley Road, Gravesend, England  
 Currier, Charles A. .... 6 Alscot Road, Bermondsey, London, England  
 Chapman, William ..... 8 Nelson Street, Commercial Road, London, England  
 Fuchs, I. Fred ..... 13 Air Street, Regent Street, London, England  
 Goffe, Miss Sarah ..... 7 Solway Road, East Dulwich, London, England  
 Lucas, Miss Mary ..... 1 Tennyson Avenue, East Ham, London, England  
 Lucas, Miss Olive ..... 1 Tennyson Avenue, East Ham, London, England  
 Langridge, Miss Caroline ..... 124 Newington Green Road, London, England  
 Kitzmann, H. Henri ..... 44 Clipstone Street, W., London, England  
 Ricchell, Thomas R. .... 112 Green Street, Upton Park, London, England  
 Scarlett, Thomas A. .... 6 Alma Terrace, Beck Street, Ipswich, England  
 Turney, Clarence ..... 34 Lyndhurst Grove, Peckham, London, England  
 Wernham, Mrs. Eliza ..... 22 Collett Road, Bermondsey, London, England  
 Whitcher, William ..... 163 Downham Road, Islington, London, England

The following-named eleven believers were baptized at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, Lord's Day, March 10, 1901, by Deacon John G. Lake:

Caron, Mrs. Dora H. .... Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan  
 Edgar, Mrs. Elizabeth ..... 330 Maple Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan  
 Elliot, Mrs. Sarah Jane ..... Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan  
 Elliot, Master Wilbert Nelson ..... Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan  
 Lake, Master Alexander James ..... Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan  
 Milligan, Miss Martha Jane ..... Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan  
 Moffat, Peter ..... 705 Bingham Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan  
 Osman, Miss Lillie E. .... 355 Portage Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan  
 Riley, Luke ..... Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan  
 Riley, Mrs. Elizabeth ..... Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan  
 Sewell, Miss Mary Ann ..... Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

The following-named six believers were baptized at Victoria, B. C., Lord's Day, March 3, 1901, by Elder E. Brooks:

Evans, Peter Thomas ..... Nanaimo, Vancouver, B. C.  
 Forrest, Miss Martha ..... 13 Cameron Street, Springridge, B. C.  
 Malthy, Ivan Edwin ..... 160 Pembroke Street, Victoria, B. C.  
 Malthy, Master Delwin Gerald ..... 160 Pembroke Street, Victoria, B. C.  
 Nix, Eugene ..... 111 Fisguard Street, Victoria, B. C.  
 Preece, William M ..... 121 Walnut Street, Victoria, B. C.

The following-named three believers were baptized at Toledo, Ohio, Lord's Day, March 10, 1901, by Elder J. C. Reiff:

Baking, Mrs. Katherine ..... 1104 Miami Street, Toledo, Ohio  
 Harris, Joseph H. .... 507 Nebraska Avenue, Toledo, Ohio  
 White, R. S. .... 3163 Summit Avenue, Toledo, Ohio

The following-named nine believers were baptized at San Francisco, California, Lord's Day, March 3, 1901, by Elder W. D. Taylor:

Ball, William A. .... 50 Eighth Street, San Francisco, California  
 Bergren, Miss Emma ..... 9 Laskie Street, San Francisco, California  
 Cambell, John ..... Gardiner, Oregon  
 Hallett, George ..... 126½ Rose Avenue, San Francisco, California  
 Nelson, Kent M. .... 769 Bryant Street, San Francisco, California  
 Raymond, Edward ..... 50 Eighth Street, San Francisco, California  
 Sharpe, Alexander ..... 604 Buchanan Street, San Francisco, California  
 Thanwald, Mrs. Augusta W. .... 912 Bush Street, San Francisco, California  
 Triplett, Frank J. .... 152 Clara Street, San Francisco, California

The following-named five believers were baptized at Logansport, Indiana, Lord's Day, March 10, 1901, by Elder S. B. Osborn:

Baker, Mrs. Nannie ..... Walton, Indiana  
 Osborn, Miss Harriet Newell ..... 1204 North Street, Lafayette, Indiana  
 Osborn, Miss Belle Burnette ..... 1204 North Street, Lafayette, Indiana  
 Shelly, George W. .... Walton, Indiana  
 Slusher, Mrs. Sophia ..... Walton, Indiana

The following-named two believers were baptized at Leonardsburg, Ohio, on Wednesday, March 13, 1901, by Elder Archibald McFarlane:

Jordan, Rachel E. .... Leonardsburg, Ohio  
 Smith, Christina A. .... Leonardsburg, Ohio

The following-named two believers were baptized at Webster City, Iowa, Lord's Day, March 10, 1901, by Deacon John I. Johnson:

Johnson, G. A. .... Webster City, Iowa  
 Kinman, F. A. .... Webster City, Iowa

The following-named two believers were baptized at Cardington, Ohio, Tuesday, March 12, 1901, by Elder A. McFarlane:

Hyatt, Mrs. V. B. .... Cardington, Ohio  
 Warren, Mrs. C. S. .... Cardington, Ohio

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## ZION IN AUSTRALASIA.

IT WAS in 1595 that the adventurous Portugese Mariner, Fernandez de Quiros, saw before him a coast stretching as far as the eye could see.

Day after day he sailed by those hilly shores, and saw the same succession of wooded slopes, and then he felt assured that the great Southern Continent, his dream for twenty-nine years, was at last in very truth before his gaze. But it was not the Continent which he saw.

It was only a large group of islands, just as Columbus did not see the Continent of America, but only the Island of San Salvador. However, he and others, such as Luiz Paez de Torres, found that they had but discovered the islands now known as the New Hebrides.

The Dutch navigators also failed to discover fully the Continent, although Van Diemen's Land, now known as Tasmania, was the reward of their toil and daring.

The Englishman, William Dampier, in January, 1688, landed on the northern coast of Australia, to which the name of New Holland was then given; but it is doubtful as to whether he knew much about it. Although the Dutch had landed at Swan River in 1616, yet they did not claim it or hold it, and never have held it.

The northern and western shores of Australia are, for the most part, sandy, barren, and

forbidding; hence the Island Continent was neglected and not even its size and greatness known.

It is the southern and eastern shores, and especially the latter, that are, even at this day, the principally inhabited portions of Australia.

The real discovery of this Continent and the opening of it to the world is due to Captain James Cook, who left the

Thames on the 30th of July, 1768, on a little vessel of only 320 tons burden, which was armed with twenty-two small guns.

This vessel was commissioned as an English warship and called *The Endeavor*.

A voyage of six months carried *The Endeavor* around Cape Horn. A pleasant run of four months across the Pacific took them to Otaheite.

There, on the 3d of June, 1769, the transit of Venus across the sun's face was most successfully observed. The distance of the earth from the sun, ninety-five millions of miles, was then established, although it has been subsequently slightly modified.

From the beautiful Island of Otaheite, Captain Cook went on southward, his commission instructing him to solve, if possible, the still unsolved mystery of a great Southern Continent.

The great and beautiful Islands of New Zealand rewarded his daring efforts after



OVERSEER AND ELDER WILHIDE.

many months of cruising to and fro in the Pacific Ocean. Then, holding his course on to the west, he at last reached the great and beautiful Island Continent now called Australia.

Skirting along its shores, he at last, on the 28th day of April, 1770, sailed through the narrow opening into the shelter of Botany Bay; although, strange to say, he never entered the still more magnificent harbor only a few miles north, now known as Port Jackson.

This port, with which we are personally so well acquainted, has hundreds of miles of shore within its spacious and beautiful haven, around which the magnificent City of Sydney is now built. After many vicissitudes, the great nature of the beautiful Australian Continent was at last dimly discerned.

The British people became the sole possessors of this one great Continent of the earth which has never been held by any one race before, which has no history, which has no ruins of ancient civilization, and which only begins to be known to men as a glorious habitation, as the Eighteenth Century draws to a close and the great American Colonies slip, by the folly of her rulers, from the hands of Great Britain.

Now that a century and more has passed away, and the Twentieth Century has dawned, all the world can see that this great Continent of Australia and the great Islands of New Zealand, Tasmania, New Guinea, and the hundreds of groups, large and small, which like brilliant jewels surround the crown-shaped Continent, are the Lands of the Future.

Australasia is the name given to Australia and all its surrounding Islands.

But Australia is the name of the Island Continent itself. Its five great provinces, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, Queensland, and the Island of Tasmania, with a population of over four millions, are now united under one great Central Government into the Australian Commonwealth.

The magnificent cities of Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Brisbane, the great and beautiful capitals of these provinces, are united, for the most part, by railways, and wholly by telegraph, with great and beautiful fleets and vessels passing around their coasts.

This great land is just entering upon its glorious career.

Its mineral, agricultural and pastoral wealth is almost fabulous.

All things point to great material prosperity, under wise

and good government. But, alas, Australia and all its beautiful surroundings have yet to know the Fulness of that Gospel which is greater far in its spiritual glory and majesty and power than all the material resources of these glorious lands.

Our hearts are ever thrilled with thousands and tens of thousands of remembrances of our long residence, extending over nearly a quarter of a century, in the three great cities of Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney, and of our travels in many parts of the Continent and in the beautiful islands of New Zealand.

No painter's brush could ever exaggerate the brilliancy of the color in the skies and in the mountains, the rivers, the lakes, and on the wide extended plains of these great lands.

The memories of years of toil and of conflict and of victories given by God, in the winning of multitudes to Him from paths of sin, and in the Healing of the sick, and in the quickening into Holy Lives of those whose lives had been darkened by sin and sickness and sorrow and alienation from God, crowd upon us as we think and write concerning Australia.

Our prayers have been and are constantly ascending to God for His blessing upon those favored lands, under the Southern Cross in which we spent so many years, where we found our beloved wife, and where God gave us our son and daughter.

In LEAVES OF HEALING for July 16, 1898, Volume IV, Number 38, we wrote an article upon Zion in Australia, in which we presented the picture of our first Divine Healing Home near Melbourne, and also a picture of Rev. John S.

Wallington, our first Presiding Elder in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

We again present his picture in this issue. But we have also to record the fact that he is now in the Zion above.

Full of years and honored greatly by God, he has entered into the joy of the Lord and into the heavenly rewards which ever follow faithful service on earth.

In a letter from Overseer Wilhide, dated November 16, 1900, he informs us of Elder Wallington's departure on November 5th, at 5:25 P. M., conscious to the last moment. He says:

In the morning about 5 A. M., a snow-white dove came and tried for about three hours to get into his window, and then tried to get into the back door. Finally it flew up on the roof and sat there until about the time the Elder died, and then it flew away.



THE DEPARTED ELDER, JOHN S. WALLINGTON.  
ZION'S FIRST ELDER MESSENGER TO THE ZION ABOVE.



A snow-white dove had never been seen there in thirty-five years, and none has been seen since.

In a later letter, which we publish in full in this issue, dated January 15, 1901, Overseer Wilhide says:

Our hearts have been saddened beyond expression by the departure of our beloved Elder Wallington, aged seventy-seven years. He had reached his "three score and ten," and was fast nearing his four score milestone, when God permitted his day to close.

He was a "man of God," not taught in the schools, but a learner at the feet of Jesus, through His Word. He was very earnest in exhortation and powerful in prayer.

Some wonderful testimonies in healing marked his faithful ministry.

We loved him. We miss him; but we shall meet again.

These words we cordially reëcho, "We shall meet again."

The last letter he wrote to us closed with the words we

Until the Easter glory lights the skies;  
Until the dead in Jesus shall arise,  
And He shall come, but not in lowly guise—  
Good-night!

Only "Good-night!" beloved—not "Farewell!":  
A little while, and all His saints shall dwell  
In hallowed union indivisible—  
Good-night!

Until we meet again before His throne,  
Clothed in the spotless robes He gives His own,  
Until we know even as we are known—  
Good-night!

But Zion Goes Forward, and Zion Goes Upward, and we rejoice that ere Elder Wallington passed away we had sent the



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heard from his lips thirteen years ago when leaving Australia: "Mizpah. The Lord watch between me and thee when we are absent one from another."

And the Lord is still watching, and we shall meet again, beloved Elder!

Some day we hope to tell more fully of the worthy life of one of the first Elders that we ever ordained.

Meanwhile we write the words we have often sung together with him:

Sleep on, beloved, sleep, and take thy rest;  
Lay down thy head upon thy Saviour's breast;  
We love thee well, but Jesus loves thee best—  
Good-night!

Until the shadows from this earth are cast,  
Until He gathers in His sheaves at last,  
Until the twilight gloom be over past—  
Good-night!

beloved brother and sister whose bright and happy faces look out upon our readers from the first page of this issue, Overseer and Elder Wilhide.

In our issue of LEAVES OF HEALING of January 6, 1900, Volume VI, Number 11, we told of the Farewell Gathering held in Central Zion Tabernacle on Tuesday evening, January 2d, when a great company of the members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion assembled to hear the parting words of Zion's First Messengers to Asia and Australasia, and to witness the impressive ceremony of their Consecration by the laying on of hands by the General Overseer and the two assistant Overseers, surrounded by scores of Elders.

They left Chicago on January 4th, and arrived in Australia in due time, after a long visit to New Zealand on the way.

Amid many special difficulties, our beloved Overseer and his excellent wife, Elder Elizabeth Atkinson-Wilhide, have firmly established the work which Elder Wallington so faith-

fully began. Now we present to our readers our latest report from Overseer Wilhide, which tells its own beautiful story. We add the pictures of our first Zion Tabernacle in Richmond, which is a portion of the City of Melbourne, the capital of the Province of Victoria in Australia.

These will give great pleasure to thousands of our dear Overseer's and Elder's friends in Zion.

They have been daily in our prayers, and always will be, but we trust that the presentation of these pictures, and of their report, and of these introductory words, will lead to still more earnest supplication upon their behalf.

We wish that we were able, now, to send assistance to Overseer Wilhide, but the exigencies of the work here forbid our making any announcement to that effect. We shall do so, however, at the earliest possible moment.

Meanwhile we leave them in their important place, bidding them not only to "hold the fort," but to Go Forward into the great and glorious Fight, the "Good Fight of Faith"; preaching the Everlasting Gospel of the Everlasting Kingdom of God; winning multitudes to Him, and sealing them with that Glorious Seal of the Living God, a Real Triune Baptism, in great numbers.

We hope, ourselves, yet to be able to revisit Australasia.

Although we dare not fix the month or even the year, we shall, if God permit, visit our Overseer and Elder, and minister to the tens of thousands in whose hearts are "the highways to Zion"

God bless and prosper Zion in Australasia.

#### REPORT OF AUSTRALIAN WORK BY OVERSEER WILHIDE.

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TO THE REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE,

General Overseer Christian Catholic Church in Zion,

Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A.

*Beloved General Overseer:*—We have sent you, under separate cover, a photo of Zion Tabernacle and Office.

Zion Tabernacle is a beautiful brick building; octagonal interior, situated on a principal street in the densely populated City of Richmond, which we hope will soon be changed to East Melbourne.

It is within five minutes' walk of the Richmond and East Richmond Railway Stations, where more than 600 trains pass every twenty-four hours. The sign ZION TABERNACLE on the building is in plain sight of all passing trains, and we hope soon to have Zion's flag flying over the Christian Catholic Church in Zion in Australasia.

The Bridge Road trams run within a few squares of the Tabernacle, and it is only twenty minutes' walk from Melbourne; fare by train only 3d. return.



ZION PUBLISHING OFFICE IN ZION TABERNACLE, RICHMOND, MELBOURNE.

The auditorium will seat over 500; is beautifully lighted by many windows by day and incandescent lights by night

The ventilation is perfect.

The walls are strangely but prettily adorned by many trophies "captured from the enemy" by that old soldier of the cross, Elder John S. Wallington, during his long and faithful ministry.

We also bless God that every week is adding some new trophies under our own ministry.

These trophies are all placed about the beautiful and artistic motto, "CHRIST IS ALL AND IN ALL," making a picture which, once seen, can never be forgotten; such as is not seen in any other Church in these colonies.

Many unique mottoes in gold and colors adorn the walls. They are not so magnificent as the stained glass windows of the cathedrals, but they are vastly more impressive. They manifest, in a very practical way, the power and willingness of God to heal the sick, the lame and blind today. It is a beautiful, cool room, comfortable and with all necessary conveniences.

A large well-fitted Baptistery has been placed under the large platform.

Adjoining, are convenient rooms for baptismal and consecration services; a refectory, private office and prayer room, besides a large general office where the Little White Dove of Zion is nestled.

LEAVES OF HEALING, A VOICE FROM ZION and all Zion Literature is nicely shelved, attractively and conveniently arranged.

Zion Choir now numbers fifteen voices, directed by Mrs. Wilhide at present, with Miss Martha Anstee presiding at the organ.

We had been using the baby organ brought with us from America, but God has now given us a magnificent, sweet-toned Bell organ, "Cathedral Model," for which we will bless Him in songs of praise from ever grateful hearts, with Zion songs.

"The power of God is just the same today,

It doesn't matter what the preachers say,

Whatever God has promised, He is able to perform,

And the power of God is just the same today."

We also have matting on the aisles, the platform carpeted, and the whole canvassed overhead, whereby the acoustic properties have been made excellent.

I may say that we thank God for the wisdom to remedy the acoustic properties, for they were so bad that this splendid property has been almost standing unused because of it. For this reason we were able to rent it at a very small rental.

All this has been done at much expense, but we thank God it is paid for. Zion's first Junior Seventy Meeting was held the first Lord's Day of the Twentieth Century, at 11 A. M. There were twenty present at a very encouraging meeting, with Mrs. Wilhide in charge.

Christmas day brought rich gifts to many.

Among them was Miss Vida Armstrong, of Adelaide, who had been sick twelve years—general weakness and a leg one inch short from diseased hip. All human agencies had failed.

God heard our united prayers with the "laying on of hands," and her leg was instantly and painlessly lengthened. She departed greatly strengthened, walking on equal feet, rejoicing in God and in His Christmas Gift to her.

Her healing was an amazement to the unbelieving, and a joy for the saints.

It proved to an apostate Church and an idolatrous and unbelieving World that "God is Love"; that He has not changed His plan of Salvation; that Salvation and Healing go hand in hand, and that God still honors the



commission given through His Son for the evangelization of the world (Mark 6:15-18.)

Many others received blessing, and God is granting Repentance unto Life to many who come to the meetings; for all of which we bless God.

The All-Night With God in Zion Tabernacle was one of much blessing. An All-Night Meeting was something new to the people here, and some doubted its wisdom.

God was with us, however, and the interest from start to finish was unabated.

We began at 8:30 P. M. and went home at 6:30 A. M., January 1, 1901, in the beautiful sunlight of the Twentieth Century; praising God from whom all blessings flow, having again proved the truth of His promise: "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

Toward morning a young man came in in a debauched condition. He was so powerfully convicted of sin that he smashed his whisky bottle and gave up his cigarettes and matches. He seemed in the deepest agony of spirit because of his sins, before he had sat in the meeting half an hour.

The Spirit of God is present in every meeting to convince, convict, and to save and heal. Praise His Name!

We baptized fifteen believers by Triune Immersion before midnight, December 31, 1900, and five more January 13, 1901. We gave the right hand of fellowship to forty-five members.

About 125 were present until 11:30, and seventy-five remained all night. After the Lord's Supper at midnight, Zion gave a free lunch.

Since February 14, 1900, Zion's officers in Australia have baptized 202 believers.

We have received over 80,000 copies of LEAVES OF HEALING and tracts from Zion Publishing House, in Chicago, and are now receiving 300 copies of LEAVES OF HEALING weekly. We have with this mail increased our weekly subscription to 400 copies.

Besides this, we have had printed and circulated in Australia, New Zealand and Tasmania over 125,000 circulars, telling of God's Way of Healing.

There are now ten ordained officers and a number of Conductors of Gatherings of the Friends of Zion.

We have not urged membership, believing it best to get Zion into the people before getting the people into Zion. However, there are constant additions of such as are being saved.

"Zion," 60 Stanley Street, Richmond, is our private home, one square from Zion Tabernacle. It is a two-story, seven-room house, comfortably furnished, by the Grace of God and the gift of our beloved General Overseer.

Our mission through New Zealand was one of pleasure, and God is blessing the seed which was sown. We are already gathering some of the fruits, and we thank God out of our grateful hearts.

We held a seven days' mission in Sydney, New South Wales, with much blessing, ordaining four to the office of Deacon, consecrating thirty-nine children and baptizing fifty-nine believers by Triune Immersion. Much spiritual and physical blessing was manifested.

To God be all the glory, with thanksgiving.

One of our members was arrested for not having his baby poisoned with vaccine matter; fined two pounds (\$10), which he refused to pay, and was sentenced to the common jail for fourteen days. This was hard on the flesh, and we all shared his suffering, remembering Christ's words, "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake."

Our hearts have also been saddened beyond expression by the departure of our beloved Elder Wallington, aged seventy-seven years. He had reached his threescore and ten and was fast nearing his fourscore milestone, when God permitted His day to close.

He was a "man of God," not taught in the schools, but a learner at the feet of Jesus through His Word.

He was earnest in exhortation and powerful in prayer. Some wonderful testimonies of healing mark his faithful ministry.

We loved him; we miss him; but we shall meet again.

Our constant cry is: "O, God! keep us steadfast, faithful, loyal to Thee and to Zion, and bless us and make us a blessing, for Jesus' sake."

God willing, we shall hold an Eight Days' Convention and Special Mission in Zion Tabernacle on February 22d, the Anniversary of the Organization of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, beginning February 17th and closing February 24, 1901.

Pray for us.

We often feel far away from Headquarters, from home and friends, but, thank God, we always feel His presence near, and God is raising up tried and true friends here.

We know that you, our beloved General Overseer, are ever praying for us, and that Zion never forgets us at the Throne.

We need your prayers.

We pray for you and Zion and all her interests three times a day.

Mr. Burns often comes to see us and cheers us with his happy face. He is now in New Zealand, where he is spreading Zion Literature in connection with his business. Pray God to make his work fruitful there.

We do thank God for all His love, mercy, patience and forbearance with and toward us, and for His rich blessings given.

Those at Headquarters, in direct touch with all the mighty influences there, cannot appreciate what it means to be more than 10,000 miles from home, when it takes six months before you can get an answer to a letter.

Today we can see better, feel better, and do more work than for some time past.

To God be all the praise.

Pray for us, that we may be made complete in Him; cleansed and filled with His Spirit; strengthened by His might; made bold and fearless by His love; so that He can entrust us with such Gifts of His Spirit as will glorify Him and edify and bless His people.

With Christian Love, we are,

Faithfully your Fellowservants and Collaborers in Christ Jesus Our Lord,

J. THOMAS WILHIDE.

ELIZABETH A. WILHIDE.

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## SUGGESTIVE NOTES FOR THE USE OF ZION'S BIBLE CLASS OUTLINES

### A True Use of Sabbath Day Hours.

They should be improved well by every member and friend of Zion. The Bible Class Lesson outline should, with the Bible in hand, be gone over carefully and prayerfully, and the sermon by the General Overseer should also be attentively read. Assemble, sometime during the day, your own family. Invite in, if possible, those who want to know God in power, or desire from Him some blessing for spirit, soul or body. Where this is not possible, go where the sick and sinful, poor and neglected are, who have tasted only of the bitterness of life, and open up to them the Gospel which Jesus commanded should be preached to the poor. *Where there are two or more members of Zion near you, do not fail to regularly come together sometime during the Lord's Day. Pray and speak with one another, and study together the Bible Class Lesson and talk over the marvelous doings of God in Zion. DO NOT OFFEND GOD BY GOING TO SOME CHURCH SERVICE WHERE GOD IS EVER DISHONORED AS THE HEALER, CLEANSER, KEEPER AND PROSPERER OF HIS PEOPLE. Do not go to hear His truth perverted by the cry of Peace, Peace, when sudden destruction is so near because of the prevalent wickedness of the world, which, with a worldly Church, is becoming more and more corrupt. Do not go where scoffing is everywhere heard from so-called Christians at the imminent coming of "the great God and Saviour Jesus Christ." He will receive unto Himself only those who look for Him; even Zion, whom He is now calling into Purity and Holy Living, who daily, in obedience to Her Lord, whatever the cost may be, is thus making herself READY TO SOON BECOME THE BRIDE OF CHRIST AT HIS APPEARING.*

A reference encyclopedia of Bible truth can be had by those who will make the proper use of Zion's Bible Class Lessons which appear in LEAVES OF HEALING. They open up wonderful resources of preparation for Zion's Seventies together with those conducting Cottage Prayer Meetings or Zion Gatherings. These studies have been issued since Volume V, Number 27, and now number about 200 lessons. They extend over a wide range of Bible topics and subjects of practical use. *Doctrinal teachings are presented, covering the full scope of Bible truth, concerning GOD, MAN, SIN, REDEMPTION, THE CHRISTIAN, A HOLY PEOPLE, THE CHURCH, CHRISTIAN WORK, THE WORLD, THE AGE BEYOND and FINAL ESTATES.* These lessons can be clipped out of the paper and pasted in a book and indexed under the doctrines, subjects, topics and words of which they treat. This will be a book of ready reference and can be added to regularly. The subjects, with the varied methods of treatment as they appear in comprehensive outline, with citations of Scripture from every book of the Bible, together with practical questions or remarks thereon, may be added to by explanations and observations and illustrations which will enable every one who devoutly studies and diligently uses them to rightly divide the word of truth, and thus in an increasing measure become thoroughly furnished unto every good work.

*How to study or teach a Zion Bible Class Lesson should not prove to be a difficulty to any one.* It is the intention to cover simply the vital truths and important doctrines of the Bible, presenting a phase of some subject in each lesson from a given point of view, with selections of Scripture which have a plain and positive meaning, viewed from a broad light of Bible research. No commentaries are to be used, for they, in most part, are nothing but the traditions of the elders, which make void the Word of God. They, like many of the translations of the Bible, give a dark meaning to God's truth. They set forth lack of faith and show the low standard of spiritual conception at the day or . . . in which the work was done.

*The safe rule for all is to read the Word of God in the power of the Holy Spirit, comparing Scripture with Scripture.* Let the consensus of Scripture texts on one given subject, with the true meaning of the words involved, determine the points of view from which the subject must be approached.

For instance, take Zion Bible Class Lesson in LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume VII, Number 18—"Why some keep out of Zion": To illustrate the plan of going at a lesson, consider closely this lesson; for personal comprehensive study must, of course, precede the presentation of such a subject by a leader at a Zion Gathering. The first reason given is, "Because they are so used to old and corrupt theological views," as shown in Luke 5:36-39, which goes to show that a Church, in age and spiritual declension, will worship old and cherished dogmas which are held only in form, and will not accept the truths which come with waves of revival blessing.

Show how this is true in all Protestant churches in their apostasy, for they will not give up their hospitals, sanitariums, drugs, favorite medicines, surgery and doctors and trust God, who is the Creator, Redeemer and Preserver of the lives and health of the bodies of His people through Jesus Christ His Son.

The next question brings out the fact that if a new truth would get into an old Church with its lack of spiritual power, it would tear the Church to pieces. Such a Church is filled not with the unity of the Spirit, but with backsliders from pulpit to pew, who know not God in the power of the first love where "Christ is All and in All" and is trusted for everything in a full and complete consecration.

The third question cites the fact, that people are slow in accepting new truths. So used are they to an old treadmill experience, bound in by walls of creeds and denominational teachings, that they cannot see that the Holy Spirit will ever continue to show things to come as God's plans unfold step by step throughout the age.

This same treatment is applied to the seven other reasons under this one subject, which is founded on that glorious prophecy in Jeremiah 3:14, 15. The analysis underneath the Scripture subdivisions of the lesson is in question form, but they can be turned into statement form and be verified, not only by the text cited or other well-known passages, but also by observation and personal experience, all of which should be brought to bear on a lesson, with such illustrations everywhere abounding as are true to the case in point. A person with spiritual perception, natural simplicity and earnestness of presentation can make Zion's Bible Class Lessons to be an increasingly great blessing to the thousands who are now studying them, as well as the tens of thousands who will yet be molded, stimulated and established in their relation to the every day affairs of life through Holy Living and fruitful service, by this method of presenting Bible truths.

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AND I SAW, AND BEHOLD, THE LAMB STANDING ON THE MOUNT ZION."

AND WITH Him a Hundred and Forty and Four Thousand, Having His Name, and the Name of His Father, Written on their Foreheads.—Revelation 14:1.

OUR EDITORIAL NOTES in our last issue will have prepared the way for the Solemn Declaration contained in our discourse of last Lord's Day, reported in this issue, on pages 685 to 693.

We have been compelled by the Holy Spirit to make this Declaration concerning

THE SEAL OF THE LIVING GOD.

NO WORDS can express the sense of responsibility under which we spoke last Lord's Day, to between five and six thousand persons, at the morning and afternoon services.

NO WORDS can express the overwhelming conviction which came upon the many Thousands of Zion present, especially in Central Zion Tabernacle at the afternoon session.

THOSE WHO were present, accustomed though they have been to thrilling scenes and constantly inspiring services, felt, as we did ourselves, that a Great Crisis had come, and that the Declaration then sent forth by us, as the Messenger of God's Covenant, was of the most far-reaching importance.

NEARLY A WEEK has passed away, and many remarkable Answers to Prayer in all Departments of Zion's work attest the approval of our Father in Heaven, and the witness of His Spirit within us that our Lord and Master is well pleased.

This week of toil has been full of blessing, and every hour has been an ever-increasing delight in the consciousness of God's Presence in it all.

HOWEVER it may seem to those at a distance, and especially to those who are not in Zion, there is only one conviction, so far as we know, in the breast of every member of the Christian Catholic Church who was present on that occasion.

He who claims to have a Royal Seal placed in his possession by his Royal Master must make good that claim or perish.

We humbly submit that the claim has already been made good.

We believe that the Declaration simply affirms what has long been evident as an Existing Fact.

WE HAVE "bound up the Testimony."

We have Sealed the Teaching among Christ's Disciples committed to our charge.

We have prayed that the Four Messengers of Destruction, whom John saw in the Revelation, who have been "prepared for the hour and day and month and year that they should kill the third part of man," shall be restrained, until we shall have sealed in Zion "the servants of our God on their foreheads" with the Seal of the Living God, which He hath given to us in a Real Baptism.

AND NOW, let the consequences of these Declarations and these Actions of ours in Zion be what they may, we are sure that we have but done that which is right.

IT IS BECOMING more and more clear to our understanding, that until the "One Hundred and Forty and Four Thousand" have been sealed, the still greater work of worldwide evangelization which God has given to Zion cannot be accomplished.

BUT WHEN that One Hundred and Forty and Four Thousand are sent forth to all the ends of the Earth, then the results will appear, and the "Great Multitude which no man can number, out of every nation and of all tribes and peoples and tongues," will stand "before the Throne and before the Lamb, arrayed in White Robes, with Palms in their hands, crying with a Great Voice, and singing the Song of Salvation unto our God who sitteth on the Throne, and unto the Lamb."

A DEFINITE and clear understanding of these things can only make us strong and happy, and more perfectly consecrated to the glorious work of bringing them about.

It is the aimlessness of all the efforts of the Apostate Churches which makes their work so weak and ineffectual.

It is the Joy of Zion that God makes His Ways known to us, and that we have given to us year after year the clearly revealed Will of God as to the immediate work which we have to do.

WE ENTER, therefore, upon the Twentieth Century with the positive knowledge that Zion's first work is the Gathering in of that Glorious Company of 144,000 Messengers of Zion who shall evangelize in all parts of the world and bring that Great Multitude to the Throne of God "out of every Nation, Tribe, People and Tongue."

WE WERE favored last Lord's Day with marvelously beautiful weather.

The balminess of Spring, and even of early Summer, seemed to be floating all around us, and there was a joyous brilliancy in the atmosphere itself, and in the glad sunshine and the unclouded sky, which made the day most auspicious for the work that God gave us to do.

AND THE FOLLOWING day was like unto it.

We took that also as a special token of God's favor, inasmuch as we had for some time planned to make on that day our first visit to Zion City Site since our return from Europe

ACCOMPANIED by the members of our Business Cabinet and several important officers in Zion, we left in a special car which was kindly placed at our disposal by the authorities of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway, and made a quick journey to Zion City Site.

THE STORY of that visit has been told by our Assistant Editor, Deacon Arthur W. Newcomb, on pages 692 to 694, although, of course, there were many matters of importance decided which are not mentioned in that report.

WE WERE REJOICED to find everything in excellent order. The first buildings of Zion Lace Industries, the power house

and machine shop, the freight sheds, the lumber shelters, the offices of Zion Lumber Association, and a large new building which we have erected for the Zion Lace Operatives, and last, but not least, the first buildings of Zion General Stores, all engaged our attention.

WE SPENT a very busy but delightful day, and had the pleasure of entertaining our Officers at dinner in the house which we have set apart as our Residence and Office.

A CONSIDERABLE number of people are now gathering upon the site as Zion employees in various capacities, preparing the way for others.

Hundreds of tons of machinery are now leaving the Bonded Warehouses in Chicago, where we had stored them for the winter, and are being unpacked.

Soon we trust to see all the Lacemakers at work, and when they have gotten their machinery in order, we shall soon place the beautiful products upon the American market.

NEW SHIPMENTS are constantly arriving from England, and large orders which we have placed are in course of execution.

The intense interest which is being shown in this great Industry is most gratifying.

STOCK is being taken up freely, and persons entirely unconnected with Zion are making earnest application to purchase stock in Zion Lace Industries, and also in other Zion Investments.

In all cases where the persons are of good standing, we have had pleasure in complying with their request, even though they are, for the present, outside of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

WE DESIRE this fact to be made known because many suppose that we limit the sale of stock to members of the Church.

We do not, although we are indisposed to sell any stock to persons who are wholly worldly.

We feel that the large profits which will come from this stock ought to be in good hands, and used for good purposes.

BEFORE these Notes reach our readers, we shall, God willing, have made another visit to Zion City Site, and shall have determined upon the exact details of many other important onward steps in the development of Zion City.

WE WERE met on our arrival at the Zion Lace Operatives' Home by a band of children who followed us around in our various visits, and as we left the Zion General Stores, which was our last visit before going to our special car, we heard the voices of the little ones singing:

"We are Marching to Zion,  
We are Marching Upward to Zion,  
That Beautiful City of God,"

which sounded very sweetly and was very inspiring.

WE ATTENDED a remarkable Gathering of Zion's Guard in South Side Zion Tabernacle on Monday evening, the 18th.

We were greeted by their Band of nearly Forty Instruments at the door of the Tabernacle, which seats about 3000 persons.

As we entered with the Standard Bearers, the Banner of Zion

and the Guard of Honor, the strains of the musicians rang out the inspiring hymn:

There's a Royal Banner given for display,  
To the Soldiers of the King.

WE WERE greatly delighted with the kind reception of the hundreds of loyal brethren who have done such noble service in this volunteer Guard.

A FLASHLIGHT PICTURE was taken at the close of the Gathering, which we shall reproduce by a photo-engraving, God willing, next week, with a report of the proceedings.

SO MANY foolish things have been written and said concerning this Guard that we think it well for our friends everywhere to know that it is entirely unarmed, and simply exists for protection and good order in connection with the immense Gatherings of the people at our large meetings in Chicago and its suburbs, and on our great Excursions to Zion City.

BY MEANS of this organization we have been able to prevent for a long time any injury from undue crowding, etc., which might have caused serious personal injuries to ourselves and to many others.

It has also made the Gatherings of the multitudes orderly and peaceable, and quiet and pleasant and profitable, as for instance, at the Coliseum on January 20th, when over 12,000 were in the building.

WE THINK it well to briefly call attention to the remarkable action of our beloved Overseer Speicher, at the close of our discourse last Lord's Day, which was followed by his Baptism on Wednesday evening.

We had then the joy of baptizing not only him, but several others who realized that their previous Baptism, even though it was by Triune Immersion, was invalid, in consequence of it having been performed by ministers of a Church which teaches Baptismal Regeneration, and also in one case, at least, by a minister who had no right whatever to perform the Ordinance, since he was an ungodly and unconverted man.

IT BEHOOVES our friends everywhere to examine themselves and see whether there has really been a single Real Baptism by Triune Immersion outside of Zion, in these latter days.

THE TRIUNE IMMERSION of the so-called Greek Orthodox Church is clearly invalid: First, because it is administered to infants; and, second, because that Church claims that Regeneration takes place in consequence of this Ordinance.

IT IS NOT ENOUGH that the form be complied with. It is essential that the Power of God shall be there, and that the Baptism shall be truly the Seal of the Living God.

FROM ALL LANDS Glad Tidings of Progress continue to pour in.

Good fruits continually appear from the Fields of our Five Months' Mission in Europe.

We have not space to tell the Story in these pages.

We are longing for the time when we shall add to this paper the Coming Weekly, THE ZION BANNER, for which we are making preparations, and for which we need help of every kind.

THE GLORIOUS WORK of Salvation and Healing and Cleansing through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord goes on continually in all parts of Zion's widely extended Field on this and every Continent, and in the Islands of the Seas.

MANY THOUSANDS of Friends will be deeply interested in the account we give this week of Zion's work in Australasia, and many prayers will ascend to God for our beloved Brother and Sister, Overseer and Elder Wilhide, who are laboring so devotedly and successfully in that distant field.

THE ORGANIZATION of Zion in its three great divisions, Ecclesiastical, Educational and Commercial; the preparation for Zion's Work in the Coming Spring and Summer; the extensive Alterations being made in Zion Home in turning it into our Headquarters and Offices; the purchase of new machinery, etc., for Zion Printing Works and Publishing House, have all called during this past week for special attention.

Add to this our many public meetings, and private conferences, and our vast correspondence, and it will be seen that we are busy with the King's Business in Zion and in all parts of the world.

AMIDST the details of the work, which compel us to work often night and day, we continue to be kept in perfect health and strength.

For this we give God praise and glory.

Our hearts go forth in earnest prayer for all Zion everywhere, and for the many thousands especially whose faces are now set toward Zion City, that they may be blessed in their preparations, and that we may be enabled to receive them speedily into a City of Habitation where God reigns in all its homes and in all its enterprises.

BRETHREN, PRAY FOR US.

#### HEALED OF TUMOR OF NINE YEARS' STANDING.

LYON'S HEAD, ONTARIO, CANADA, December 29, 1900.

MY DEAR OVERSEER:—It is with a very thankful heart that I write a few words of praise to God to let others know what God has done for me.

As I write, I am praying to my Father in Heaven that it may help some one who is suffering as I suffered.

About thirteen years ago I had a pain in my side. I went many times to see a doctor, but he never told me what it was.

Four years ago this March I went to the same doctor with a very bad pain in my breast. Then he told me the pain in my side was a tumor, and I would have to undergo an operation.

The next day I went to another doctor near my home.

He told me that I could not live long without undergoing an operation. At that time I was suffering a great deal of pain, but I made up my mind I would die rather than undergo an operation.

For some weeks I suffered much.

Then a lady sent me LEAVES OF HEALING.

I sent to Zion for prayer, and from that time, four years next summer, I have never taken one drop of medicine.

God saved me, healed me, and now He is keeping me by His almighty power.

I thank our General Overseer for his many kind words to me; also for his prayers to God for myself and family.

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) EDWARD BARLEY.



**ZION'S LITERATURE MISSION**  
BY DEACONESS SARAH E. HILL

MY GOD and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. Take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be, in spirit, in soul, in body. Help me to do right, no matter what it costs; to do it quickly in Thy sight, and to my fellowmen. Give me true Repentance and power to do right, and Thy Holy Spirit, that my spirit may be clean, that my blood may be clean, that my body may be healed, that I may be clean throughout. Help me to persevere until I get this perfect blessing, for Jesus' sake.

THE above Prayer of Consecration which was used with the Divine Healing address by our General Overseer, published in LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume VIII, Number 16, was accompanied by the following remarks:

The General Overseer desires every sin and sickness-oppressed reader of these addresses to pray with those who heard these words, the Prayer of Consecration, asking God to follow it with immediate deliverance from the bondage of corruption, whether it be in their spirits, souls or bodies.

Probably there are but few who are so wholly free from sin or sickness that they have attained to the perfect blessing of which the prayer speaks.

The letter which follows is from a lady in Kansas who was

#### Blessed Through the Prayer of Consecration.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—A few days ago I had a slight attack of tonsilitis, which grew worse until February 21st. It felt as if I were going to swallow my palate.

In the evening I was reading the report of your lecture on Tuesday, January 22d.

Before retiring I prayed the Prayer of Consecration as you desired all readers to do.

When I awoke the next morning my sore throat was gone and I have not felt it since.

That was the first sickness I have had for nearly a year.

I thank God for my health and for my deliverance from tonsilitis.

The following letter was written to Evangelist Cantel by a lady in London, who was

#### Healed Through Reading Zion Literature.

31 GREY COAT GARDENS,  
WESTMINSTER, LONDON, February 10, 1901.

REV. H. E. CANTEL.

Dear Sir:—Three years ago I had typhoid fever.

I was given up by the doctors.

I got over the fever, but have since suffered from internal ulcers.

Last summer a member of Zion gave me some tracts on Divine Healing.

As I read them, I thanked God that I felt His Healing Power.

Now I am stronger than ever before.

I wore glasses. The doctors said I would always have to wear them.

On January 31st I asked you to pray for me.

I left off my glasses, and that same night my eyes were healed. I can now see as well as any one.

I have proved that Jesus is the same today.

May God bless our General Overseer and all Zion.

Yours faithfully in Christ,

E. P. SANDERS.

Zion Literature goes forth teaching the people that the "Ordinance of Believers' Baptism by Triune Immersion is the Seal of the Living God," and that it was commanded by our Lord Himself after His resurrection in these words:

Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

Thousands in Zion have obeyed this command and have received blessing through their obedience. The following

letter was written to Evangelist Cantel by a gentleman in London who was

#### Healed When Obedient in Baptism.

13 AIR STREET, REGENT STREET,  
LONDON, W., February 24, 1901.

DEAR EVANGELIST CANTEL:—God blessed me after being baptized.

The Devil did not want me to go.

I had rheumatism in my back and leg.

The Devil said, "If you go, you will get worse, the water is so cold."

I did not listen to him, but obeyed God.

God blessed me, cleansed me, and took away the rheumatism.

I pray God to keep it away forever.

I desire you to pray that God may keep me strong in faith and obedient in all things.

Your obedient Brother in Christ,

JOHN FRED FUCHS.

#### Healed of Inflammation of Eyes Through Prayer.

Elder Isaac Leonard writes from Vineland, New Jersey:  
OVERSEER-AT-LARGE PIPER.

My Dear Brother:—The long-looked-for tracts and leaflets are received.

Many of them are already in the hands of readers, and we are praying and watching for results.

I gave two copies of LEAVES OF HEALING to Brother Crawn, pastor of the Baptist Church in Clayton, some time ago.

He sent one of them to a friend in Western Minnesota.

Unknown to them, this lady was terribly distressed with inflammation of the eyes.

Doctors had said there was no hope of a cure. Only a little patching up was all they hoped for.

At this juncture that copy of LEAVES came into her hands.

She had never heard of LEAVES OF HEALING nor of the General Overseer.

The rest of the story you doubtless know.

She wrote to Zion for prayers. She was instantly healed at the appointed hour of prayer, so Brother Crawn tells me.

Since then he and his wife have been to see us.

Mrs. Crawn had been terribly distressed with indigestion. She could retain no food.

She came for prayer and healing.

She obtained what she came for.

She ate a hearty supper and went away rejoicing that Jesus is the same Healer as of old.

Zion Literature Free Distribution Mission needs your help, dear reader, to send out this Full Gospel Message which is to call out a people who shall be prepared for the King at His coming. When that will be, none knows. But in the meantime we will work with our might to help the world.

We know that time is precious and we had better do all that lies in our power to save the sick and sinful while we have opportunity.

The night comes when no man can work.

It may be nearer than we think.

Will you not become a member of Zion Literature Free Distribution Mission and give us your help regularly?

Zion Literature Sent Out From a Free Distribution Fund Provided by  
Zion's Guests and the Friends of Zion. Report for the  
Week Ending March 16, 1901.

1746 Rolls to.....	Various States of the Union.
866 Rolls to.....	Hotels of the World.
104 Rolls to.....	Various Foreign Countries.
Number of Rolls for the week.....	2,716
Number of Rolls reported to March 16, 1901.....	967,276



# KINGDOM OF GOD

## Righteousness, Peace & Joy in the Holy Ghost

Jesus said:  
All Authority hath been given  
unto Me in Heaven and on Earth  
Go ye therefore and make Disciples  
of All the Nations, baptizing them  
into the Name of the Father and  
of the Son and of the Holy Ghost:  
Teaching them to observe All Things  
whatsoever I commanded you: And  
lo, I am with you All the Days  
even unto the Consummation of  
the Age." Matthew, XXVIII: 18-20.

Verily, verily, I say unto thee,  
EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN OF WATER  
AND OF THE SPIRIT HE CANNOT  
ENTER INTO THE KING-  
DOM OF GOD." John, III: 5.

Twelve thousand  
persons have received  
in Zion the Seal of the  
Living God from June  
1894 to March 1901.

"Bind thou up the  
Testimony, Seal the  
Teaching among My  
Disciples." Isaiah VIII: 16.

"Hurt not the Earth,  
neither, the Sea,  
nor the Trees, till  
we shall have Seal-  
ed the Servants of  
our God on their  
fore heads." Rev VII: 3

See Discourse of the  
General Overseer of the  
Christian Catholic Church  
in Zion, delivered in Cen-  
tral Zion Tabernacle, Lord's  
Day, March 17, 1901.

A REAL TRIUNE BAPTISM  
THE SEAL OF THE  
LIVING GOD  
IN THE  
CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ZION

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# A VOICE TO ZION AND GOD'S PEOPLE IN EVERY LAND.

O thou that tellest Good Tidings to Zion, Get thee up into the High Mountain lift up thy Voice with strength: life it up, be not afraid: Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Isaiah, XL: 9.

## THE SEAL OF THE LIVING GOD.

*Report of Meeting held in Calumet Opera House, South Chicago, Illinois, Lord's Day Morning, March 17, 1901. Sermon: "The Kingdom of God."*

*Report of Meeting held in Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Afternoon, March 17, 1901. Sermon: "The Seal of the Living God."*

REPORTED BY S. D. AND E. W. AND A. W. N.

**L**ORD'S DAY, March 17, 1901, was in perfect contrast with the stormy Lord's Day a week before. The air was balmy, the sky cloudless, the sunshine bright and warm.

All nature and all men were rejoicing in the relaxation of the fierce grip of Old Winter.

In the morning, the General Overseer was announced to speak in Calumet Opera House, seating between 2000 and 3000 people, in the suburb of South Chicago.

A special train on the Illinois Central Railway left the Central Station at 9:20 o'clock in the morning.

The train, consisting of ten cars, was filled with about 400 happy Zion people, including the General Overseer, a large number of the Ordained Officers of the Church, about one hundred members of Zion's White-robed Choir, a number of Zion Guard, and a large number of the members of the Church.

The journey was a delightful one, and it was a joy when the destination was reached to find the large Opera House crowded with a very respectful audience.

The General Overseer spoke briefly, but with great power.

God blessed the Message to the large audience, leading many, by His Spirit's power, to arise, deeply moved, at the close and for the first time to pray God to take them as they were and make them what they ought to be; to give them power to repent, confess, restore, believe and obey.

Many thanked the man of God for his stirring but loving words on this memorable occasion.

Mountains of prejudice fostered by a lying press and a cowardly pulpit were removed and Zion's work in South Chicago was firmly established by this visit, which had practically taken the place by storm.

Crowds thronged around the doors of the Opera House, curious to see the General Overseer and his party arrive. When the service was over thousands gathered again at the doors, and stood in large groups along the route to the railway depot, to see the procession of Zion's Guard of Honor which accompanied their leader. The railway depot and its neighborhood was filled with a great throng of people, all of whom behaved most respectfully to their visitors from Zion's Headquarters.

In the afternoon a very large audience in Central Zion Tabernacle heard one of the most wonderful Messages of the Age, the Proclamation of the Seal of the Living God and of the fact that the One Hundred and Forty and Four Thousand were being sealed in Zion.

The General Overseer has seldom spoken with greater spiritual power than on this occasion, when, as the Messenger of God, he declared the time to be fulfilled, the "Times of the Restoration of all things" to have begun, and prayed God for mercy: not to hurt the sea, nor the earth, nor the trees, until the One Hundred and Forty and Four Thousand should be sealed with the Seal of the Living God, a Real Baptism by Triune Immersion, in Zion, to whom He had committed the Seal.

Then he looked forward, and pointed his intensely attentive hearers to the glorious multitude, "which no man could number"; which should be saved after the sealing of the One Hundred and Forty and Four Thousand.

The sermon was closed with a ringing call to obedience to God in all things, especially in Baptism. So great was the power

of the Holy Spirit, carrying the Message to the hearts of the hearers, that there were almost no exceptions when the entire audience arose and consecrated themselves to God.



The meeting was opened by Zion's white-robed choir singing the Processional:

We march, we march to victory,  
With the cross of the Lord before us,  
With His loving eye looking down from the sky,  
And His holy arm spread o'er us.

We come in the might of the Lord of light,  
With armor bright to meet Him;  
And we put to flight the armies of night,  
That the sons of the day may greet Him.

Our Sword is the Spirit of God on high,  
Our Helmet is His Salvation,  
Our Banner, the Cross of Calvary,  
Our Watchword, the Incarnation.

And the Choir of Angels with song awaits  
Our march to the golden Zion,  
For our Captain has broken the brazen gates  
And burst the bars of iron.

Then onward we march, our arms to prove,  
With the banner of Christ before us,  
With His eye of love looking down from above,  
And His holy arm spread o'er us.

### MORNING SERVICE.

Calumet Opera House, South Chicago, Illinois, Lord's Day Morning, March 17, 1901.

The meeting was opened by singing Hymn Number 151:

Come, ye that love the Lord,  
And let your joys be known,  
Join in the song with sweet accord:  
And thus surround the throne.

CHORUS—We're marching to Zion,  
Beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
We're marching upward to Zion  
The beautiful City of God.

The General Overseer then read from the third chapter of the book of the Prophet Malachi, and in the Gospel according to St. Mark, the first fifteen verses of the first chapter.

Overseer Speicher then offered prayer, the General Overseer following.

The Overseer for Chicago and Elder W. J. Stith, Elder-in-Charge of South Chicago (Parkside Zion Tabernacle), made the announcements, after which the tithes and offering were received, Zion's White-robed Choir singing Stevens' *Te Deum*.

### THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

The General Overseer then said:

#### INVOCATION.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, and profitable unto this people, and unto all to whom these words may come, in this and every land, in this and all the coming time, till Jesus come, for His Sake. Amen.

In the first chapter of the Gospel according to St. Mark, in the first three and the fourteenth and fifteenth verses, you will find the words:

#### TEXT.

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.  
Even as it is written in Isaiah the Prophet,  
Behold, I send My Messenger before Thy face,  
Who shall prepare Thy Way;  
The Voice of one crying in the wilderness,  
Make ye ready the way of the Lord,  
Make His paths straight;

Now after that John was delivered up, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the Gospel of God, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe in the Gospel.

#### Jesus Christ Not the First Preacher of the Gospel.

"The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God," was not the preaching of Jesus Christ Himself.

As this narrative so plainly shows, "The Beginning of the Gospel" was the proclamation by the Forerunner of Jesus, the Messenger of God's Eternal Covenant in that day, John the Baptist.

The wonderful story of John the Baptist must never be forgotten in connection with the Advent of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

John was the "porter" who opened the door for "the Good Shepherd," and, therefore, to all the blessings of the Christian Dispensation.

Jesus said:

He that entereth in by the door  
Is the Shepherd of the sheep.  
To Him the porter openeth;  
And the sheep hear His Voice:  
And He calleth His own sheep by name,  
And leadeth them out.

John himself, however, did not at first know who Jesus was. Elizabeth, his mother, was a cousin of Mary, the Holy Blessed Virgin Mother of Jesus the Christ. Notwithstanding this close relationship between their mothers, John did not know the Divine character and person of his Cousin. He expressly says:

And I knew Him not: but He that sent me to baptize with water, He said unto me, Upon whomsoever thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and abiding upon Him, the same is He that baptizeth with the Holy Spirit. And I have seen, and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.

John the Baptist had the Seal of the Living God.

#### The Seal of the Living God is a Real Baptism.

That Seal is not the mockery of a little water on a baby's face. That is not Baptism.

A Real Baptism is a Baptism "into the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

That Baptismal Seal was given on that day when God the Father spoke from Highest Heaven; when the Holy Spirit came in visible form, when Christ was thus proclaimed to be the Son of God by the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Zion has today that Seal of the Living God, thank God! (Amen.)

Nine Thousand Six Hundred and Twelve have been baptized in Zion in four years, and over Twelve Thousand since 1894.

John the Baptist was sent to open the door as the Divinely crosed "porter," and prepare the way. His Voice rang out in demands for Preparation by Repentance and Obedience.

He was a burning and shining light.

He made kings to tremble on their thrones and brought cruel soldiers, in penitence and faith to cry for mercy from their God.

That mighty man who had cried, "Make ye ready the Way of the Lord, make His paths straight," proclaimed that Jesus Christ was "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." Therefore he said, "He must increase, but I must decrease. He that is from above is above all."

So John passed away into obscurity. He was arrested by the evil influence of Herodias, who hated him because he had reproved Herod for living in adultery with her. She sought his heart's blood, and was never satisfied until she had caused his head to be struck from his shoulders in a dungeon in the Castle of Machaerus. But the righteous never die.

You may take John the Baptist's head from his shoulders, but the chariots sweep low—they swept low for Elijah—and did not the Baptist go upward, attended by shining hosts, to God?

Oh, it is not Herodias, the murderess, but it is John the Baptist, who shines in the glory today.

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in that age and in this, is the Seal of the Living God, a Real Baptism.

After John was cast into prison, Jesus came. We have the story of what His Gospel was.

He said, "The time is fulfilled."

Because to every purpose there is time and judgment; therefore the misery of man is great upon him.

Because men fail to see God's time; because men fail to recognize God's great purpose; because they fail to do in time what they ought to do; because they put off repentance, and faith and hope, and love and devotion to God until their lives are burnt out with the accursed naphthaline rivers of passion, the cry comes up from the depths of hell from those multitudes, "The harvest is passed, the summer is ended; we are not saved. We might have been, but we would not when we could have been."

#### The Time is Fulfilled.

The time is fulfilled now.

The "Times of the Restoration of All Things, whereof God spake by the mouth of His Holy Prophets," has come now in

this year of grace, 1901, in the opening of this Twentieth Century.

"The time is fulfilled."

"The Kingdom of God is at hand."

"Repent ye, and believe in the Gospel."

The Old Message rings out once more in Zion today.

The days in which we live show clearly that the time has come when men, utterly wearied out by every form of human government, are turning to God, who alone can rule humanity.

When men say that they believe in the government of the people, by the people and for the people, they are simply uttering a sentiment of shameful selfishness. If a man should stand here today and say to you: "I believe in the government of John Jones, by John Jones, and strictly for John Jones," would that man not be an incarnation of selfishness?

The man who believes in the government of himself, by himself and for himself thinks that he is saying a wonderfully good thing. On the contrary, he is saying a wonderfully mean thing, and he proclaims himself to be selfish from first to last—*of self, by self, for self.*

When a man can say, "I believe in the government of myself by God and for God," he is fulfilling the Divine purpose.

"The Time is fulfilled."

#### Men Have Lost Faith in All Forms of Government.

You talk about a Republic governing you in America. Do you not know that it is the boss who governs?

You say, "We vote for the man who shall rule us." Yes, but the Republican and Democratic "bosses" give you a choice of two evils, and it is exceedingly hard to select the least sometimes. (Laughter.)

You are strictly limited by the "boss" who has settled all beforehand as to your choosing one of two. It is a question of Pompey and Caesar. They are both bad oftentimes, and the only question is, which is the worst of the two?

There is only one other alternative occasionally presented, and that is, "the sacrificial lamb"—sometimes it is a "goat"—which you are invited to vote for, although every voter knows he is simply engaging in an electoral funeral.

As Christians, we are not justified in throwing away votes upon impossible candidates; and we are justified in keeping the worst man of two from obtaining power, and using our influence to get the better of the two to do right.

Do you not see it?

Is it not plain to you that your primaries, where only one-tenth of the people who are entitled to vote, select the candidate?

It is as plain as men can make it that the wretched saloon tramps who run the primaries create your candidates. They create your legislators. They create your governors. They create the presidents.

Has the time not come when men see that some one better than a political boss must rule?

Has the time not come for men everywhere to say, "Oh God, come Thou and reign upon this earth"? (Amen.)

The whole earth is crying out for its King, for its Saviour, for its Deliverer, for the Christ. The Gospel which we preach today is the Gospel of the King.

Do not forget that.

#### The Gospel is Not the Gospel of the Church.

It is the Gospel of the Kingdom of God.

There is no Gospel of the Church.

The Church is a very small thing compared to the Kingdom.

Know you not that if you take the Gospel according to St. John, and read it from the first word to the last, you will not find the word "Church" in it?

If you take the Gospel according to St. Luke, and read it from the first word to the last, you will not find the word "Church" in that Gospel.

If you take the Gospel according to St. Mark, and read it every word from the first to the last, you will not find the word "Church" in that Gospel.

Only in Matthew in two places will you find the word "Church." See Matthew 16:18 and 18:14.

That is a remarkable fact: that in the whole of the four Gospels the word "Church" is only used twice. Yet today the Church is everything in the denominations, and the Kingdom is almost nothing.

That is the mistake; yea, it is a sin.

The Kingdom should have been preached, and not the Church.

When Christ came to preach, He came to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. All His parables are concerning the Kingdom of God.

He puts it in very plain language. He says the Kingdom is like unto a merchant seeking goodly pearls who wants the very best pearl he can get.

He goes up and down. He goes to Rome; he goes to Athens; he goes to Corinth; he goes to Ephesus; he goes to Jerusalem.

Suddenly he hears of a pearl which is finer than any he has ever known about. He goes to look at it. As he sees it he says, "That pearl is the finest pearl in all the world. What will you take for it?"

The man names a great price. If he is to buy it, the merchant knows that he must sell all his pearls; that he must sell all his property; that he must sell everything he has, houses and lands, and personal property, and then he will just have enough to buy that pearl.

Know you not that the Kingdom of God is like that?

When a man has seen what Christ is to him, the Pearl of Greatest Price; when he has seen what the Gospel is; when he has seen what Salvation and Healing and Holy Living means, he says: "For that Pearl of Salvation, Healing, Cleansing and Heaven, I will give Him all, and give it gladly."

Know you not that when you really "enter into the Kingdom of God," all other organizations and affiliations are as nothing? You cease to boast of your country, your family, or your opinions. Heaven on earth has come: for the Kingdom of Heaven has come into you.

#### The Parable of the Talents.

The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto a man who leaves his money, servants and property in the hands of others. To one he gives one talent; to another two; to another five. He goes away into distant parts and spends years. Then he comes back and asks an account.

The man who has five talents says, "Lord, here are your talents. I used them and traded with them, and they have become ten. They are thine."

The man who has come back from the distant parts says, "Well done, good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the Joy of Thy Lord."

Another man comes and says: "You gave me two talents, lord; they became four. Take the four. They are thine."

Well done, good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the Joy of Thy Lord.

Then comes up the miserable wretch who says: "You gave me one talent. I knew that you were a pretty hard man; that you reaped where you had not sown, that you gathered where you had not strawed, and I thought I would not risk your talent by trading with it. So I took a lot in South Chicago, and put it all into that. (Laughter.) All I have is the lot. Take it."

"Ah, you wretch! Who told you to put all your talent, all your life, into a piece of land in South Chicago?"

#### Apply the Lesson of the Parable of the Talents.

Who told you to put all your life into a dramshop or into a theater, or into some infernal business which God the Almighty can never bless, which you can never pray over?

Can any man pray over selling beer, gin or tobacco?

Can you pray over selling liquid fire and distilled damnation? Can you pray over selling that which makes people poor and miserable, and sick and criminal?

Can you ask God to bless it?

You wretches, you know that you have lost your talent. You know that you cannot give an account to God.

You cannot ask God to bless you, you dirty nicotine stinkpot sellers! (Laughter.)

Can you sell that tobacco, and ask God to bless it? to bless it to the poor boys who smoke it and destroy themselves? to bless it to the men who defile their bodies and defile God's earth?

You may try to have God bless it; but He will not.

God says to the man who wastes his talent, "I gave you life, and what have you done with it? You have gone into the enemy's country to feed swine, and to endeavor to fill your

belly with the husks which the swine eat. Repent, and obey Me: for you never can get blessing until you quit sin."

Is it hard to hear your doom now from my lips? You will find it harder at the Judgment Seat.

You can walk out now, but you cannot go away from God when He condemns you for your sin.

You had better repent and do right, and trust in God, now.

The Gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven as Christ preached it, was a Gospel which began with Repentance.

**"Repent Ye, and Believe in the Gospel."**

That is the first thing.

No use talking about believing until you repent.

Repentance, not faith, is the basis of Divine Life.

You must give up your sin.

You must confess the sin.

You must make right the wrong.

You must restore wherein you have wronged.

You must do right to your fellowmen.

You must come to God and say, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and in Thy sight."

Then you must trust God.

You must trust His Son who bore the cross, suffered the shame, bled and died and rose again, and ever liveth to intercede for sinners. Bless His Name forever!

He is the friend of sinners at all times. You must believe Him.

You must do what He tells you.

You must obey Him.

You must be baptized, and you must work for Him.

You must love Him and serve Him.

He will give you Salvation.

He will give you Healing.

He will give you Cleansing.

He will give you Eternal Life and Love and Joy.

All in this place today who desire that God shall lead them to heaven, stand and tell Him so. (Many hundreds arose.)

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.**

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. Take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be, in spirit, in soul and in body. Give me power to do right, no matter what it costs; to confess my sin to those whom I have wronged; to restore that which is not mine; henceforth to do right, to trust Thy Son Jesus, my Lord, "the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world." For His sake, take away my sin. Cleanse my spirit, my blood, my soul, my body. Make me clean. Give me power to do right by Thy Spirit's power, for Jesus' sake. (Amen.)

Did you mean it?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—Sing with me "I Will."

After the hymn "I Will be Wholly Thine" had been sung, the services were closed by the General Overseer offering the following

**PRAYER AND BENEDICTION.**

Our Father, grant that every one may realize the solemnity of singing "I Will," and by the Grace of God let Thy Kingdom now come into them. Give us the strength now that Thy will shall be done in us on earth as it is in heaven. (Amen.)

God help us. Bless this assembly. Bless us in all the work which lies before us in all parts of this great city, and this great land, and all the world.

Grant, oh God, that we may each do our part in hastening the coming of our Lord, when, no longer a suffering Saviour, He shall come in great power and glory to reign upon this earth and shall gather His elect from the four winds of heaven. May we be counted in their number, for Jesus' sake.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who will also do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

**AFTERNOON SERVICE.**

Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Afternoon, March 17, 1901.

The services were opened by singing Hymn Number 391:

Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious;

See the "Man of Sorrows" now;

From the fight returned victorious,

Every knee to Him shall bow.

REFRAIN—Crown Him, crown Him, angels crown Him,  
Crown the Saviour, "King of Kings."

The General Overseer then read in the inspired Word of God, first in the book of the Prophet Isaiah, in the eighth chapter, beginning at the fifth verse, and then in the Revelation of Jesus Christ which He gave to His servant John, the seventh chapter, closing with the following prayer:

May God bless His Word.

Prayer was then offered by the General Overseer.

**HAVING THE SEAL OF THE LIVING GOD.**

After the announcements had been made and the tithes and offering received, the General Overseer delivered the following discourse:

**INVOCATION.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, the instruction of Thy Spirit, be acceptable in Thy Sight, and profitable unto all to whom these words shall come, in this and all lands, in this and all the coming time, till Jesus come. Amen.

**TEXT.**

Bind up the Testimony, Seal the Teaching among My Disciples. And I will wait upon the Lord, that hideth His face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for Him. Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me are for Signs and for Wonders in Israel from the Lord of Hosts, which dwelleth in Mount Zion.—Isaiah 8:16-18.

"Bind thou up the Testimony, seal the Teaching among My disciples."

**The Record of Four Years of Baptisms in Zion.**

Last Wednesday night I closed four years of Baptisms in this Tabernacle, and in various places outside of it during that period: from March the 14th, 1897, until March the 13th, 1901.

The Record as published in the last two pages of LEAVES OF HEALING of Saturday, March 16th, we have now "bound up" into that Eighth Volume, which is now current. That Record shows that in four years Nine Thousand Six Hundred and Twelve persons were baptized in this Christian Catholic Church in Zion by the Ordinance of Christian Baptism by Triune Immersion.

The record of those baptized before March 14, 1897, has not been perfectly kept, but it is supposed, as a minimum estimate, that in two years and eight months of Baptism by Triune Immersion, from July 15, 1894, until March 14, 1897, Two Thousand Five Hundred persons were baptized.

That makes a grand total of Twelve Thousand persons baptized in Zion.

Bind thou up the Testimony, Seal the Teaching among My Disciples.

We have "bound up" the Testimony.

One reason why I published these lists of the persons baptized from week to week was that the numbers were so large that they were challenged by the enemies of Zion outside, who said it was simply incredible to suppose that from week to week and month to month such large numbers could be baptized in any one Church. I suppose the incredulity arose from the fact that

**The Record is Without Precedent in the Anglo-Saxon Race in All Time.**

It is, perhaps, without precedent in any time since apostolic days.

In saying this, I do not forget that when Christianity was first planted by Augustine in the British Isles, in the Sixth Century, that it is recorded that he baptized ten thousand pagans in one day.

But as Neander, the Church historian, says that "great numbers were induced to receive Baptism, with many of whom, however, as was shown by succeeding events, the faith had taken no deep root." (Church History, Volume 3, page 13.) And again he says, page 18: "The conversion of many to Christianity had been brought about by the influence and example of their King, or by momentary impressions on the senses, rather than by any well-grounded conviction." Vast numbers, therefore, of those baptized "relapsed into the old idolatry."

I am speaking of the Baptism of real converts, people who have truly repented, who have intelligently believed, and whose lives prove that, with few exceptions, they were "born of God."

The average of Baptisms in Zion has been Two Thousand Four Hundred each year during the past four years. That is an average of Two Hundred each month, Fifty each week, and for every single day of these Four Years, between Six and Seven persons.



This is not, to my thinking, a very great Record. Indeed, I am perfectly certain that the note which I have written in Saturday's LEAVES OF HEALING regarding the possibilities is within the truth. If we had facilities for baptizing those who desire Baptism in God's way by Triune Immersion; if we had Elders who could take charge of hundreds of stations which are seeking Elders, and for which we have no one yet whom we can spare from stations which they already occupy, we should have baptized One Hundred Thousand persons by this time, not Twelve Thousand.

In Zion Temple, in which I trust God will give me grace to meet you by and by in Zion City, I hope to see baptized three numbers which will not only reach hundreds, but thousands in one day.

We have now reached the first Twelve Thousand, and in the sealing of the One Hundred and Forty and Four Thousand, the numbers are divided into Twelve Thousand of each of the Twelve Tribes.

I desire to speak concerning this Seal of the Living God to a Living Church, and to say something today, which I trust will be remembered by those who have been baptized, and will be carefully noted by those who have not been baptized.

I shall say something today which, I hope, will be effectual when sent forth through LEAVES OF HEALING to every land beneath the sun.

I proclaim the fact that

**God Has Sent His Messenger to Seal His People.**

This prophecy in Isaiah 8, verses 16 to 18, is a very remarkable one. That it belongs to the Christian Dispensation is without question; for it is quoted in the Epistle to the Hebrews in connection with our Lord Jesus Christ's own ministry.

The prophecy reads: "Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me." It is the children whom the Lord hath given somebody. It is not merely the Lord's children, but it is the children whom the Lord has given to somebody through whom the Holy Spirit has so effectually wrought that he has been the "spiritual father" of many thousands. Paul wrote (1 Corinthians 4:14, 15) as such a "spiritual father," saying, "I write not these things to shame you, but to admonish you as my beloved sons. For though ye should have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I begat you through the Gospel."

It is a Glorious Privilege to be able to speak of one's spiritual children in the language of a portion of my text:

Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given to me are for Signs and Wonders in Israel from the Lord of Hosts, who dwelleth in Zion.

This is quoted, therefore, primarily, as referring to Christ Himself, in the second chapter of Hebrews, thirteenth verse:

And again, I will put my trust in Him. And again, Behold, I and the children which God hath given Me. Since then the children are sharers in flesh and blood, He also Himself in like manner partook of the same; that through death He might bring to naught him that had the power of death, that is, the Devil, and might deliver all them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

**Therefore, the Seal of the Living God is the Seal of Salvation Upon Those Who Are Saved.**

It does not matter what you think. It does not matter what I think when we are face to face with God's Word, for the one thing that will stand forever and forever is what God thinks. God's is the only thinking that is worth thinking, it is the only thinking that is worth considering; the thoughts of God which stand forever!

The Word of God has made it plain that the time would come when this Testimony should be "bound up"; when it should be upon distinct Record; when every name of every one baptized should be recorded; when that record should stand, and when the enemy who would sneer and say, "The thing is impossible," would simply sit down to count the names, and see whether the simplest operation in arithmetic, simple addition, did not prove that it was true.

You can take the pages of LEAVES OF HEALING—they are accessible to you—and you can count the names of all of those who have been baptized in the 9600. I believe we have underestimated when we say that over 2500 were baptized before we began to keep the record. We have underestimated even the number who have been baptized to this day; for our lists are not yet all in for the four years, from many parts of the world. Lists of some baptized in South Africa, Australia, Europe and other parts of America have not yet reached us. Hence we know that, adding together those who have been baptized, but

whose names are not recorded in LEAVES OF HEALING, there are at least 12,000.

**What Does Real Baptism by Triune Immersion Mean?**

It is time, when the first 12,000 have been baptized by Triune Immersion in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, to ask what this fact means. It certainly means something.

The remarkable thing about it is that those who have been thus baptized have been brought out of more than fifty different nationalities.

They represent nations in Africa, in Asia, in Australia, in America, and in Europe, and in the Islands of the Sea. They speak more than fifty different tongues.

They comprise members of every religion in churches which are nominally Christian.

They comprise members of the Greek and Roman Catholic churches.

They comprise Lutherans.

They comprise Episcopalians, Methodists, Baptists, Congregationalists, and all the denominations.

They comprise those who were Jews, Unitarians, Spiritualists and Christian Scientists.

They comprise those who were absolutely heathen and Mohammedan when Zion's Message reached them.

They comprise many of God's Israel who have been brought out from among the nations and the apostate churches.

The Record is a marvelous one. It is one which must not be passed by without being considered from this platform in Zion, from whence the Christian Catholic Church in Zion has a right to expect clear and unmistakable Teaching. What does it mean?

Baptism has hitherto, in the nominal churches, been a perfect farce, and for the most part, literally, a "screaming" farce, when babies have been brought and presented to priests for Baptism.

Baby Baptism is a thing entirely unknown to the New Testament, to Christ's example, and also to apostolic example and teaching.

**Infant Baptism Not Scriptural.**

I will defy any living man to find for me, within the New Testament, a single positive case in which any baby was ever sprinkled, poured upon, immersed once or three times, or in any way whatever baptized.

It is not there.

Baptism was laid down by our Lord Jesus Christ as the Seal of Discipleship, as the Seal of those who had repented, believed and consecrated themselves to God by this act of Baptism.

It is incredible, because it is impossible, for a baby ever to fulfil these conditions.

More shameful and shocking than anything else is it when men and women stand up before a priest or minister, whether he be a minister of the Lutheran, Episcopalian, Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, or any other so-called Church, as so-called godfathers and godmothers. That minister, knowing that what he is doing is false, knowing in his heart that the water which he has sprinkled upon that baby has made no change whatever in its heart, will receive vows of godfathers and godmothers who will renounce the World, the Flesh and the Devil on behalf of the baby when the Devil is in them all—ministers and sponsors and parents, beyond all question. The Devil has filled them up, sometimes, with wine or whisky. They stand, sometimes, drunk, when they are taking these vows as godfathers and godmothers. And, oftentimes, all the parties to a "christening" will engage in hours of gluttony and drunkenness at "celebration suppers."

The minister knows that it is a lie, when the sponsors say that they will bring that child up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. He knows they are powerless to do so.

**The Lie of Baptismal Regeneration Nailed Down.**

There are thousands of you here who will help me today to nail it down as a lie. Were you not sprinkled?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Did they not take vows to train you up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Did they do it?

Audience—"No."

General Overseer—They lied when they made the vow, and

the minister never troubled whether they kept it or not. A Church which has a Baptism of that kind, a Baptism which is a Shameful Lie upon the face of it, is apostate.

Such a baptism is the *Seal of the Living Devil*.

It is that accursed lie of baptismal regeneration which has struck a blow at the very foundations of Christianity in Europe and in America, and everywhere; because every one knows it to be a lie.

It is a shameful lie to say that this child is regenerated by this water, and is now given a new heart and become a member of the Church of the Living God.

Therefore these churches start with a lie.

They start the life of the baby with a lie.

They lie to the mother, and to the father, and accept a lying vow from the godmother and godfather. The whole ordinance of Infant Baptism is founded upon a mass of shameful lying.

When a minister says, as in the Form of Baptism prescribed in the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, after sprinkling the unconscious babe with water: "This child is regenerate," he utters a horrible lie.

When he says, "We yield Thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that it hath pleased Thee to regenerate this Infant," he is a blasphemer, and a deceiver, and a blind leader of the blind.

I denounce Regeneration of Infants by this False Baptism. It is a Lie of the Devil.

It is a Seal of Apostasy in the Church.

When it was invented, it was because the Church had lost a Real Baptism. Even then it was only slowly that a Real Baptism was lost.

#### **Triune Immersion is the Only Form of Baptism Recognized in the Church for Seven Centuries.**

The Church in all its branches, for the first seven centuries in the Christian era, denounced infant Baptism, denounced sprinkling and denounced immersion by one dipping.

Dr. Marriott has shown that fact in his article in Smith's Dictionary of Christian Antiquities. It is known to every scholar who has examined this subject. Schaff and Herzog witness to that truth. All the writers on Baptism and the writers in the Encyclopedias, such as the Encyclopedia Britannica, Chambers' Encyclopedia, and others.

There is no question among scholars that for seven centuries there was no other form of Baptism permitted by the Christian Church than Baptism by Triune Immersion into the three Names, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

So much is this the fact that "the Apostolic Canons" alike in the Greek, the Coptic, and the Latin versions give special instructions as to Baptism by Triune Immersion, saying that any bishop or presbyter shall be deposed who violates that rule, and dares to baptize in any other way. The only exception to that universal rule in the early centuries, known in an ordained bishop of the Church of Christ, was the solitary exception of Eunomius, in the Fourth Century.

Eunomius was rejected. He was tried for heresy and excommunicated. The reason for his one dipping was to deny the Trinity of God, to deny the Divinity of Jesus Christ, to deny the Divinity of the Holy Spirit. The Church tried him, not only for false Baptism by one immersion, but for false doctrine connected with that Baptism. He had returned to Arianism, to that horrible form of Unitarianism which has denied the Divinity of Christ, dishonored the Father, dishonored the Son, and grieved the Holy Spirit.

That is a historical set of facts.

Why was it that this was lost?

During the Seventh Century, the National Council of the Church in Toledo, Spain, which had gone far from God, first of all permitted another form of Baptism. It was the Spanish Church which made the Inquisition the most horrible instrument of Satanic cruelty and persecution ever invented. It dragged humanity down into the depths of damnation until God began a Reformation.

Now that Reformation needs to be reformed. That Reformation itself split upon the rocks of Baptismal Regeneration, false practice in Baptism, and false teaching regarding the Lord's Supper.

Luther taught the doctrine of consubstantiation, which is so like transubstantiation that there is just the difference between them of tweedle-dee and tweedle-dum. It is the difference

between saying that the bread of the Lord's Supper is the actual body, blood and bones of Jesus Christ before you eat it, when the priest has consecrated it; or saying that it becomes the body, blood and bones of Jesus Christ when the Lutheran minister has gotten you to eat it—mixed with beer and tobacco. (Laughter.)

#### **The Lord Would Never Dwell in an Unclean Body.**

Both are abominable lies.

The Lord Jesus Christ would never dwell in a tobacco shop, or in a beer-shop. You cannot get Him to dwell inside of you, you dirty devils who are walking stinkpots, and beerpots and whiskypots, and swine's-flesh-pots, and every kind of a dirty pot that you can be.

I would not dwell in you for all the gold of Ophir, you stinkpots!

Dwell inside of you? My God, is it not enough to dwell beside you and have your stink? (Applause and laughter.)

This abominable doctrine of Luther, consubstantiation, is not distinguishable from the lie of Rome, transubstantiation. The teaching of Luther concerning Baptismal Regeneration is not distinguishable from the lie of Rome.

The teaching of a Baptism which regenerates in any form is not a whit different from the Roman Catholic formula.

The Christian Catholic Church in Zion has come to smash these false teachings.

We have the Seal of the Living God, a Real Baptism. (Amen.)

#### **A Real Baptism the Seal of the Christian Dispensation.**

What is the Seal of the Christian Dispensation?

What was the one great Seal which God put upon the Christian Dispensation when it was ushered in?

That is the question now. Consider it.

God sent Jesus Christ, born of a Virgin. Before He suffered under Pontius Pilate, He lived for thirty years a life of glorious and beautiful self-abnegation. He was conscious of His own Divinity, of His own call to the Messiahship. Yet He did His duty humbly in almost the lowest ranks of labor, the son as was reputed, although He was not, of a village carpenter.

He labored to help that Holy Blessed Virgin Mother Mary to take care of the other children whom God gave to her by Joseph. The names of four at least are given to us: James, Joses, and Simon and Jude. But alas! even the New Testament writers thought so little of women that they did not record the names of Jesus' half-sisters.

There was considerable of the miserable old Jew about the first apostles. It took a long time to rub off the prejudice and persuade them that a woman amounted to something.

They marveled when Christ talked with a woman, especially a Samaritan woman. I do not see why they should have marveled. I wish I had heard what they said after it was all over. They went into the city to buy meat, and perhaps Judas Iscariot haggled about the price of it in the meat market of Sychar.

They never brought out one Samaritan to Jesus' feet; but that woman, sinful and weary, whom Christ had blessed at that well, brought out all the men. I am sure she brought the women, too, because when a woman of her character brought out all the men, the women of the town would say, "Where on earth is that hussy leading our husbands and sons?" (Laughter and applause.) And they would follow them and see.

She was a very bad woman. She had five husbands, and she was living with a man in adultery. It was only natural that the women would want to see where this woman was leading the men.

If she had gone to the women, they never would have listened to her. But she had oftentimes gone to men and led them into sin, so when Christ put the Living Water in her heart she went to the men, and brought them to Him.

#### **God Can Use the Women Mightily for the Extension of His Kingdom.**

There are many women whom the Devil is using now to drag men down into hell in theaters and in operas, who have themselves gone down into sin.

God save them and help them to bring men to God! (Amen.)

A great many of you women have been told by the Lutheran and the Presbyterian, and the Episcopalian and the Roman

Catholic, and the Greek Church ministers that women must be silent, and must not preach or teach publicly.

How dare they say so?

Did Jesus Christ say that? He did not say it.

"Oh, Paul said it," says the Presbyterian.

I would not care a snap about Paul if he did say it, and meant it to apply to all women. I would put him aside because Jesus did not say it.

Moreover, Paul did not say or practice any such thing.

Paul was speaking simply regarding a certain class of women in the abandoned and vicious city of Corinth and other specially wicked and heathen cities.

Corinth was wholly given up to vice, and because there were women in Corinth who were harlots by religious profession, prostitutes of Aphrodite, is that a reason for keeping back the good women in the Church of God?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—Verily no. I am tired of this thing. I intend to set a whole host of women upon the Devil this year. (Laughter. Amen.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ proclaims

#### Water Baptism the Seal of Discipleship.

Where?

In two places, and in many others. Let me show you two. First, in dealing with Nicodemus. Let me give you their conversation a little at length, in order that you may understand fully the points covered.

Nicodemus comes to Jesus and says, "You are a very good Man, Jesus. You are a great Man. No man can do these signs that Thou doest, except God be with him. You are a mighty Man. The miracles are unquestionable. You are a mighty Man."

Jesus looks at him. He says: "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born anew, he cannot see the Kingdom of God."

"What do You say?" asks Nicodemus. "Did You say except a man be circumcised?"

"No, I did not."

"Did You say except a man be sprinkled?"

"No, I did not."

"What did You say?"

"Except a man be born anew, he cannot see the Kingdom of God."

"How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb, and be born?" asked Nicodemus.

Oh, he thinks himself bright, does he not?

He is like many others today.

"Nicodemus," says Christ, "that which is born of the flesh is flesh. Nicodemus, that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. I will take you further than I took you the first time. I told you the first time that except a man were born anew, he could not see the Kingdom of God. Nicodemus, except a man be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God."

What is the difference? There is a wonderful difference between "seeing" the outside of a jeweler's window, looking at the beautiful rings and costly ornaments, and being invited to "enter in" and take whatever you like.

#### There is a Wonderful Difference Between "Seeing" and "Entering In."

There is a wonderful difference, to a hungry man, between standing outside a fine bakery and "seeing" the beautiful things, and smelling the odor of a magnificent dinner, and "entering in" and eating that dinner.

It was a wonderful difference between Moses "seeing" the Promised Land from Mount Pisgah's lofty height and Joshua "entering in." God said, "You shall not enter in, Moses. You have sinned. Joshua, you shall enter in. Go up and take the land."

There is a wonderful difference between "seeing" the Kingdom of God, even when you are born of God, and "entering in" to the gladness and fulness of the Kingdom.

You never can enter beyond the pale of a mean, low first step in the Kingdom until you have been truly baptized.

Except a man be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.

Now mark what I say. I am saying it with great care:

#### Christ Himself Could Not Have Entered Into the Kingdom Unless He Had Been Baptized.

Christ Himself could not have been proclaimed as the "Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world," unless He had been baptized in water.

His was truly a Triune Baptism, the Trinity of God being at the Ordinance.

Let me point out to you the beginning of Christianity.

What is the first Seal? It is the Baptism of Jesus Christ Himself. That is the beginning of Christian Baptism.

#### John the Baptist Was a Wonderful Man, the Messenger of God's Covenant.

The priests said to him, "Who art thou?"

There are many people who come to me and say, "Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us."

I have had that question asked me in many places. Usually I decline the interview because I do not think that the mass of our newspaper friends—if they were honest, which nine-tenths of them are not—could really take it down. I do not think that there is one newspaper out of a thousand that would print this sermon.

But John was asked the question. They said, "Art thou Elijah?"

He said, "I am not."

"Art thou that prophet?"

He answered, "No."

They said, therefore, "Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?"

He said: "I am the Voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make ye ready the Way of the Lord, Make His paths straight."

He said, in effect, "I am preaching the Baptism of Repentance; preaching Righteousness."

John was wrong in saying he was not Elijah. He did not know that he was Elijah. He had not the remotest idea of such a thing. He thought he was simply the son of Zacharias, the priest, and Elizabeth, good man and woman.

He had been born in a miraculous way, because he had been born when Elizabeth was old, and had gone far beyond the time of bearing children, and when Zacharias was an old man. Indeed, Zacharias had laughed when the angel had said that his wife should conceive and bear a son. He became dumb for that laugh.

#### God Will Close the Mouths of Men Who Laugh at His Messengers.

It does not pay to laugh at a Divine Message. It never did pay.

It has not paid in Chicago for those who have laughed at the Divine Message which God has sent forth from Zion.

It will never pay anywhere. Even Zacharias became dumb.

But when the time came and they were about to circumcise the child and give him a name, they thought they would call him Zacharias, after his father. Then Zacharias called for a tablet and wrote what the angel told him, "His name is John; his name is 'By the Grace of God.'"

The moment he had done that, his mouth was opened. Then he prophesied in that wonderful prophecy declaring that John was to be the forerunner of the Christ.

But he did not know that the spirit inside that little John, that little baby, was the spirit of Elijah. Christ knew it, however, for when Christ afterwards spoke concerning John He said:

Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not arisen a greater than John the Baptist: yet he that is but little in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he. And from the days of John the Baptist until now the Kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence, and men of violence take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if ye are willing to receive it, this is Elijah, which is to come.

The last word in the Old Testament is:

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and terrible day of the Lord come. And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to the fathers; lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

John did not come before "the great and terrible day."

He came before "the Acceptable Year of the Lord," which Christ proclaimed.

That Day has reached its close.

We have come before "the Great and Terrible Day of the Lord."

I tell you, as the Messenger of God's Covenant, today, you

had better get your hearts turned to your fathers; your hearts turned to your children; your hearts turned to your God, else God will permit this earth to be smitten with a curse.

You had better get ready: for the Time is drawing rapidly nearer and nearer when the four Messengers of Destruction who are bound at the great River Euphrates will be loosed, who have been prepared "for the hour and day, and month and year, *that they should slay the third part of men.*"

Beware and Prepare!

But let us return to Elijah, when he came in the person of John the Baptist—as Jesus said he did—not forgetting that Jesus also said, "*He is to come.*"

Jesus knew better than John. Jesus said, "This is Elijah," and it is written in that glorious Gospel that they knew then that John the Baptist was Elijah.

What was the Seal in John the Baptist's ministry?

Baptism.

What was the Great Seal on Christ?

Baptism.

Christ could not have entered into His own ministry had He not been baptized.

Why? Because John was just as essential as Jesus Christ Himself, to open the gate of Divine Salvation to all the World.

**It Was as Essential That the Messenger Should Come as That the Lord Himself Should Come.**

It was as essential that the forerunner Elijah should proclaim the Christ as it was that the Christ should come.

John said, in effect, "I did not know that Jesus was the Christ. He was my Cousin. Elizabeth, my mother, and Mary, His mother, were first cousins. They loved each other before He and I were born. He that sent me to baptize with water, He said unto me, 'Upon whomsoever thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and abiding upon Him, the same is that baptizeth with the Holy Spirit.'

"One day I was at the Jordan, and a crowd of sinners were around me—penitent sinners, seeking Baptism—and Jesus stepped into the water.

"He was the beautiful Nazarene, the blameless Son of Mary whom we all loved. I saw Jesus of Nazareth; but in the moment when He approached me and sought Baptism, the heavens were opened, and I saw the Holy Spirit descending like a dove upon Him. I bowed before Him and said, 'Oh Christ of God, it becometh me that I should be baptized of Thee, and not Thou to be baptized of me. Oh, take me, a mortal man, Thou Immortal Son of God, and baptize me.' And my Saviour said to me, 'Suffer it now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness.'

"And then, when He went up out of the water I again saw the Holy Dove resting upon Him, and I heard the Voice of the Eternal Father from the heavens say, 'This is My Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.'

"I had to do it, because He commanded, and I must obey. I did it, and the Holy Spirit sealed Him, the Father sealed Him, and I saw there in Him the Son of God, the Wonderful, the Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Prince of Peace.

"The Eternal Father was in Him. The Eternal Spirit was in Him. I said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world!'

"He must increase, but I must decrease."

That was the "Seal of the Living God;" that was the Seal of the Living Spirit upon the Living Son of God.

What other Seal could the Christ Himself give than that which was prophesied of Him. The Testimony of the Old Testament was to be "bound up," finished. "Seal the Teaching among My disciples." Seal it by Baptism.

Therefore when Christ stood, in the bloodless body, on that mountain after His resurrection, when He closed forty days of instruction to His apostles, He said to them these words:

All authority hath been given unto Me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you all the days, even unto the consummation of the age.

That Baptism, when they were made disciples, was to be the Seal of Discipleship.

**A Real Baptism is the Seal of the Living God in Zion.**

We have that Seal.

After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that no wind should blow on the earth,

or on the sea, or upon any tree. And I saw another angel ascend from the sunrising, having the Seal of the Living God: and he cried with a great voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we shall have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.

Oh God, today I cry in Thy Name, to these four Messengers of Destruction who are bound at the great River Euphrates, "Hurt not the land, nor the sea, nor the trees, but in Thy mercy spare the people until the One Hundred and Forty and Four Thousand have been sealed with the Seal of the Living God." (Amen.)

In Zion we have that Seal.

May God help us to use it.

May God help us to preach it.

**I Commit That Seal to the Hands of Those Whom I Have Ordained.**

Seal not the children of the Devil.

Seal the children of God.

Seal the servants of God.

O God, swiftly accomplish the number of Thine elect, the One Hundred and Forty and Four Thousand, that they may go forth, and that there may arise "a Great Multitude which no man can number, out of every nation, and of all tribes and peoples and tongues," through the preaching of this Gospel of the Kingdom of God, and the Blessing of a Baptism which is truly "the Seal of the Living God."

May they arise and sing the Song of Salvation to Him that sitteth upon the Throne and unto the Lamb forever and ever.

Have you tasted of that Salvation?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Have you been sealed with that Seal?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Not all.

There are some who have kept back because they know that they are not ready.

Get ready now.

Repent now.

Repent a day before you die, and since tomorrow may be that day, repent now.

Believe now. Be baptized now. There will be a Baptismal Service tonight.

Have you been saved?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—Let all those who have been healed through faith in Jesus Christ, stand and tell Him. (Thousands arose from every part of the Tabernacle.)

Did God heal you?

Answer—"Yes."

General Overseer—Did I do it?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—Did I ask you to pay me anything?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—Who did it?

Voices—"God."

General Overseer—Did He use me?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—And my Teaching?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Let the Teaching be sealed. (Amen.)

I command, in Jesus' Name, all who have been saved and healed to be Baptized.

Let all who intend to obey Him fully, stand to their feet and ask God to bless them.

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.**

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. Take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be, in spirit, in soul, in body, for Jesus' sake. Give me Thy Holy Spirit, that I may do right to all whom I may have wronged; may restore, confess, do right in man's sight and in Thy sight. For Jesus' sake, the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world, take away my sin, my sickness. Make me obedient, that I may have the Seal of God in my forehead, a True Baptism, not the mere putting away of the sins of the flesh, but the appeal of a good conscience toward God. Give me a clean heart, a good conscience, that I may do right and have Thy Seal upon me, for Jesus' sake. (All repeat the prayer, clause by clause, after the General Overseer.)

Did you mean it?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Overseer Speicher has asked me to let him say something.

Overseer Speicher—"Dear General Overseer, I have had a great struggle in my heart the last two days, and I am convinced the only true, right Baptism is in Zion.

"I was baptized by Triune Immersion when I was twelve

years old. I was a Christian, I am sure. I have been saved since that time, but I was baptized by an unfaithful minister of an apostate Church. That Church taught Baptismal regeneration. I do not know that I believe that this man was even a Christian. He, probably, never was a Christian, and that Church does not teach the True Baptism. I desire to be baptized."

General Overseer—I will baptize you on Wednesday night. I never heard the Overseer say a word about his intention to have all doubts as to the validity of his baptism removed until this moment.

No one can afford to be in any doubt as to whether they have received "The Seal of the Living God," or not.

Get baptized properly.

Get the Seal of God.

Somebody has it.

Somebody has the Seal of the Living God.

I have it: for I am the Messenger of the Covenant of God.

God has given us, therefore, in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, the Seal of the Salvation and the Healing of multitudes, and the Seal of a Real Baptism. Praise be to God for the first Twelve Thousand. (Amen.)

After the Recessional had been sung, the General Overseer dismissed the Congregation with the following

**PRAYER AND BENEDICTION.**

Our Father, we pray Thee for Jesus' sake to command Thy blessing upon all servants of God who have not yet been sealed, that speedily the Twelve Thousand may become the One Hundred and Forty and Four Thousand who shall go forth to bring the multitudes from every land, and tribe, and nation, to find Salvation in Thy dear Son. Bless this company. Bless the officers of this Church and the thousands of members in every land.

God bless the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, and seal her with every Seal needed for the accomplishment of her work, for Jesus' sake.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

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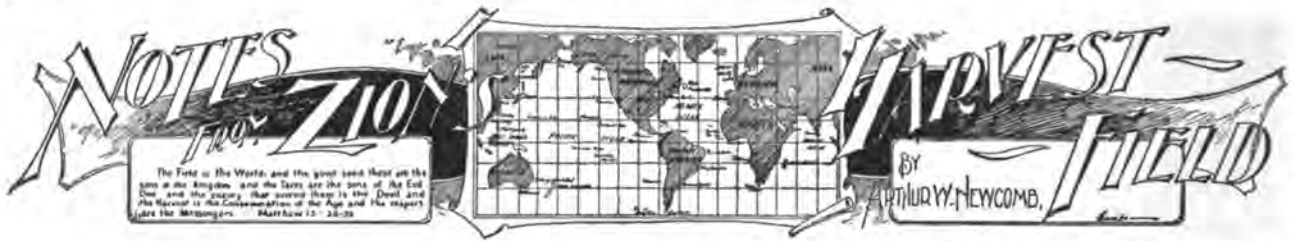
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### Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Zion is steadily gaining a foothold in every large city of the North in the United States.

In many of them there are large Gatherings of the Friends of Zion and many hundreds ready to become members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion and workers in the extension of God's Kingdom, if only a Messenger is sent to reap the waiting harvest.

It is today as it was in the time of Christ:

Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already for harvest.

Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest.

One of the places where Zion is going forward and growing strong, even without a regular Ordained Officer, is Pittsburg.

On a recent Lord's Day, Deacon W. B. Kindle and Mr. W. C. Suitt, two of Zion's loyal and earnest traveling men, held meetings with the Gathering at Pittsburg.

In writing of it, Mr. Suitt says:

Hallelujah, Zion is gaining in Pittsburg.

Deacon Kindle and I held meetings with the members and friends there Lord's Day, March 10th.

Although it was a rainy and disagreeable day, the rooms were crowded, several strangers being present.

Among them was Mr. F. J. Lord, of Tyrone, Pennsylvania, who, by the way, is a loyal Zion traveling man.

May God bless and save the traveling men. The vast majority of them need salvation.

Mr. Lord was converted and brought into Zion through reading LEAVES OF HEALING.

He had never met a Zion man until he met us here.

We are praying that the way may open for Zion in Pittsburg to have an Ordained Officer soon.

We feel that this is a great field for the Full Gospel.

### Bradford, Pennsylvania.

Deacon W. B. Kindle, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, might, perhaps, be called a Deacon-at-Large on account of his travels and work among the Gatherings of the Friends of Zion in many parts of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan and West Virginia.

His occupation as a traveling salesman gives him this valuable opportunity, and he nobly makes use of it.

He recently visited the active little Gathering at Bradford, Pennsylvania, and sends the following brightly written report of his work:

I spent last Lord's Day in Bradford, Pennsylvania.

I am glad to report that Zion is going forward in that city.

B. S. Love, who is the Conductor there, is doing faithful and effective work, and has an earnest helper in his wife.

They have a very interesting Junior Gathering.

We held an afternoon meeting and administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at close of afternoon service.

We had a blessed time.

We called on Sister Wyncoop in the forenoon and found her suffering with rheumatism.

We prayed with her, and had the joy of seeing her at both the afternoon and evening meetings.

There are several candidates for Baptism there, but Mr. Love was unable to secure a baptistry.

The Baptist Church refused outright, and the United Brethren were holding revival meetings and could not let us have their baptistry.

Mr. Love informed me that a copy of LEAVES OF HEALING which I

gave him, together with a little talk, was what turned his face toward Zion. He thinks he would be in his grave now had it not been for Zion. I give God all the glory.

### Marinette, Wisconsin.

Rev. Daniel Bryant, Elder-in-Charge. Deacon Fred Grandall, Assisting.

Elder Bryant sends us the following report of God's work in Zion in the beautiful sister cities of Marinette and Menominee.

God has honored the faithful work of Elder Bryant and his wife, and is crowning their labors with that sweetest joy: the joy of seeing sinful, sick and sorrowing men and women turn in Repentance to God and be saved, made well, cleansed and made happy.

The following is Elder Bryant's report:

Zion in Marinette, Wisconsin, is rejoicing in the Lord.

We have been busy all winter holding Cottage Meetings and other services in different parts of the cities (Marinette, Wisconsin, and Menominee, Michigan); but now for some time we have been holding services each night in our hall, which has been made very attractive by the skilful hands of our young people.

To the left, worked in letters of evergreen, is the Scripture, "I Know Their Sorrows," while to the front on the wall, over the platform, worked in a similar manner, is the next sweet revelation of Divine Love, "I Am the Lord That Healeth Thee."

The great photograph taken at the Consecration of Zion Temple Site is likewise trimmed in a frame of evergreen.

Our hall is a joy to the eye, and is lighted up with the Love of God beaming in happy faces.

But above all else we give praise to God for the saving of lost men and women.

New faces are constantly appearing and numbers are being saved.

Last Lord's Day we had our first Baptism in our new baptistry, constructed in the lawn of Stephen Pushee, 1827 Liberty Street.

The first to be baptized was a student of the High School, who feels that God has called him to the ministry in Zion and hopes to begin His course in Zion College this fall.

Six were baptized, and at least a score more, we hope, are to follow.

We desire to give notice to all in the vicinity of Marinette who have not obeyed God in Baptism and received this Seal of the Living God, to be present Sunday, April 7th, the first Lord's Day in the month, when we expect to have our next Baptism.

Baptism and the Lord's Supper will be observed the first Lord's Day of each month.

Brethren, pray for us in Marinette.

### Litchfield, Michigan.

Rev. Martin Hayden, Elder-in-Charge.

Elder Hayden sends us the following account of loss of blessing through a fear to pay God the Whole Tithe, as He commanded, and a renewal of God's favor when the brother resolved not to be a robber of God, no matter what the cost:

John Chupp, who has been working in Zion City for the last three months, returned home some days ago on a visit. Before leaving, however, he asked the brethren to unite with him in prayer that God would send some one to buy his home near Jonesville, Michigan.

Shortly after his return he visited me, and we united in prayer with the same petition.

The buyer came very soon, and a satisfactory price was agreed upon, whereupon the question of tithing came up before his mind.

But it seemed like so large a sum, and he has eight children, ten in his family, that he concluded he would just tith his wages.

The would-be buyer came back and said that on account of some hindrances, he had to give up the trade.

Mr. Chupp, without the least fear, went to God and told Him that if He would cause the same man, or some other man in his place, to come and buy his home, He should have the Whole Tithe.

The same man came back soon and renewed the purchase, and so the prayer was answered.

# ZION IN THE ORIENT.

By Rev. G. L. Mason, B. A., B. D.,  
Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in China.

## ZION MESSENGERS MUST HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT.

**E** DUCATION, power to acquire languages, eloquence, accurate business habits, tact, good nature, common sense, "a saving sense of humor," and good health, are all very useful in missionary life. But one might have all these and many other fine qualifications and yet be a dead failure as a Zion messenger (Zechariah 4:6; 1 Corinthians 2:4).

"HE SHALL BAPTIZE you in the Holy Spirit." This is the promise at the beginning of each one of the four Gospels. Not "with," but "in," as the Greek reads. As air to the bird, as water to the fish, so is the Holy Spirit to the messenger. We must live in Him, consciously, continuously (Luke 3:16).

**THE GIFT OF GOD**, the living water, is the Holy Spirit.

But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become *in him* a Well of Water springing up unto eternal life.—John 4:14.

For himself, the missionary must have within himself this everflowing fountain of the Holy Spirit; otherwise he will droop and die under the hot blasts from the Sahara of heathenism around him.

It is not enough to be in the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit must be in him, "the Fountain of Life."

**TO SAVE OTHERS**, the messenger must have the Holy Spirit.

He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. But this spake He of the Spirit, which they that believed on Him were to receive.—John 7:38, 39.

Out of the sacred center of your being, through your spirit, must flow God's Holy Spirit in mighty rivers of blessing to others.

Even the Lord Jesus could bless others only by being filled with the Spirit. He cast out demons by the Spirit of God (Matthew 12:28). How much more is it impossible for the missionary to do any lasting good, except as he is filled with the Holy Spirit? He must have the Holy Spirit. *And the Holy Spirit must have him* (Romans 8:9-14).

**TO ANSWER ADVERSARIES**, Zion messengers must have the Holy Spirit.

And when they bring you before the synagogues, and the rulers, and the authorities, be not anxious how or what ye shall answer, or what ye shall say: for the Holy Spirit shall teach you in that very hour what ye ought to say.—Luke 12:11, 12

For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father that speaketh in you.—Matthew 10:20.

Notice, the Holy Spirit is *in you*. On a later occasion the Lord repeats this promise. See Mark 13:11.

**THE COMFORTER** will be with you forever, is the sweet promise in John 14:16. And still better than that—"for He abideth with you, and shall be *in you*."

To the world this blessed Person seems only an influence. To the uninstructed Christian He is only "it." He is the Spirit of Truth whom the world or the worldly Christian "cannot receive." They do not behold Him. They do not know Him. Sin blinds them.

**TO REFRESH ONE'S MEMORY** is a work of the Holy Spirit, to "bring to your remembrance" (John 14:26) what the Lord has said. The right message comes to the lips of the messenger as the Holy Spirit repeats what Jesus has said.

The past lives again and the unborn future is revealed by the Holy Spirit.

And He shall declare unto you the things that are to come.—John 16:13.

**THE FATHER IS UNKNOWN**, and the Son is not understood by the messenger, without the Holy Spirit. Jesus sends Him from the Father. The Father sends Him in Jesus' Name. He proceeds from the Father (John 15:26; 16:13, 14).

**NATURE IS A RIDDLE** and the Bible a Chinese puzzle to him who ignores the Holy Spirit. "He shall teach you all things." He is the Spirit of Truth. "He shall guide you into all the truth." "For the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God." (1 Corinthians 2:10).

All sorts of human knowledge may be useful on the mission field. But the one thing which the Zion Messenger *must have* is not "a thing" at all. He must have the indwelling Holy Spirit (Ephesians 2:21, 22).

**THE SPIRIT IS GIVEN** in answer to prayer.

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?—Luke 11:13.

Pentecostal fire fell in answer to prayer. Then later, as new dangers and new duties brought fresh need, the people prayed again and were again filled:

*And when they had prayed*, the place was shaken wherein they were gathered together; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spake the Word of God with boldness.—Acts 4:31.

**CHINESE IN AMERICA** may be helped through Zion Tracts translated into Chinese. Write to Elder C. F. Viking, Shanghai, China, enclosing a few five-cent United States postage stamps, and he will mail you the amount in assorted tracts.

The following have been translated: "Do You Know God's Way of Healing?" "Permission and Commission," "Christian Baptism by Triune Immersion," and "The Zion Monthly."

### HEALED OF DISEASE AND BLESSED IN CHILDBIRTH.

SUMMITVILLE, INDIANA, January 11, 1901.

REV. WILLIAM H. PIPER.

*Dear Overseer*:—I feel it my duty to thank you and praise God for the blessing which I received last October.

I was suffering so that I could not be on my feet ten minutes at a time. It was caused by stooping and putting down carpet.

The day after I wrote to you to pray for me I began to get better.

The next morning I arose and cooked breakfast. I felt no more pain. After that I took the flux.

I was very ill for four days.

My husband went after C. E. Ray, a member of Zion.

He came at about 10 o'clock in the night and prayed for me.

I was instantly healed that night.

I give God all the glory for all His goodness to me.

On the 26th of December God blessed us with a nice Zion boy. I had no doctor. I trusted in God for deliverance. I was delivered in about an hour.

My breast was caked and very hot with fever. I could hardly endure the pain.

We prayed and my breast got better. It soon got well.

I am grateful to you all for your prayers, and praise God for His blessings.

Your Sister in Christ.

(MRS.) JANIE PHILYAUER.

### Healed in Answer to Prayer at All-Night Meeting.

BURR OAK, KANSAS, January 5, 1901.

REV. WILLIAM H. PIPER.

*Dear Overseer*:—I feel it my duty to write a short testimony, telling of the blessings God bestowed upon me in answer to your prayers and the many others which were offered at the All-Night Meeting.

I was wonderfully healed, for which we thank God.

May God bless you and Zion everywhere.

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) EMMA DARWIN.

# NOTES OF THANKSGIVING TO ZION'S GOD.

BY DEACON O. L. SPRECHER, PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE GENERAL OVERSEER.

THEY SHALL utter the memory of Thy great goodness,  
And shall sing of Thy righteousness.—Psalm 145:7.

EVERY day in Zion adds to the memory of God's great goodness. The singing of God's righteousness never ceases, and each day new voices join in the songs of Zion, thanking God that He has raised up a leader and a people who uphold His Everlasting Covenants.

The story goes on, and we again add to the printed part of it a few letters recorded on these pages.

## God Heals a Girl of Serious Heart Trouble and Grip.

EAST TAWAS, MICHIGAN, February 25, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER—I feel that I must tell you how wonderfully God has blessed, and that through your prayers and the prayers of our little band.

I was immediately healed of heart trouble.

A year ago last July mother took me to Dr. S. H. Addison.

He examined me and told me that it was a very bad case of heart trouble, and very near consumption.

He gave me a bottle of medicine and some pills. I grew worse under his treatment.

One day we went to the park to a picnic, about a mile from town, and the train was late, so we thought we had better walk back.

My heart got so bad that we had to stop at one of the neighbors and rest.

When we got back we stopped at Dr. Addison's again and got some more medicine.

I still kept getting worse, until I received LEAVES OF HEALING from a friend.

It told us the Way of Salvation as it is in God's Word.

About the last of May, 1900, my brother sent a request for prayer to you. He did not tell me what he had done until the day you were to pray.

As I was about to go to school, he told me to pray at half-past nine, as he had requested you to pray for me at that hour.

As I was praying, the blessing came and I felt His Holy Spirit pass all through me.

Oh, I was so happy and perfectly healed that I had forgotten all about my examples until almost time for my class.

I give God all the glory, and I thank you for your prayers and teaching.

I pray God's continued blessing to rest upon you, that your life may be spared for many years.

I am faithfully yours in Christ,

IDA V. PIERSON.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I wish to add a few words to my above testimony.

On the 6th of February, 1901, I was taken very sick with what we thought was the grip.

Our Gathering prayed for me and I became a little better; but the Devil did not leave me, and on Saturday night I was a great deal worse.

I nearly fainted, but I prayed and soon was better, but was not well.

Sunday morning Brother Steffler came over to our house, and read to me some of the promises of God and laid hands on me and prayed in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, and I was immediately healed; for which I praise God.

Yours in Jesus till He comes,

IDA V. PIERSON.

## God Cleanses Blood.

32 EAST SIXTEENTH STREET,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, March 12, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I would like to give a testimony so as to let the people know what the Lord has done for me.

About nine months ago I had a breaking out on my left limb.

A little sore formed, and it kept on getting larger until it was as large as a dollar.

Meanwhile, another sore formed, as large as a dollar.

They were raw sores and I suffered much pain at different times.

I believe that if I had gone to a doctor, I would have had my leg amputated; or, at best, the sores would not have healed the way they did if I had allowed a doctor to put any poison or knife on them.

I had people say to me that I would be sorry if I did not have it

attended to, but I told them I was having it attended to in the best way I knew how.

Then they said, "Well, my dear woman, you will lose your leg if you do not attend to it."

I took it to the Lord and asked Him to forgive the sin which caused it, and to heal it.

I had the Elders and dear Deaconess Paddock pray for me.

Both of the sores are healed and you can only see the scars now.

I am glad to have the privilege of having the Great Physician to go to for every thing, for I know He does not use any knives or poisons.

Christ's method is the best one I know of, and it is free and for all. Praise His Name!

I remain your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) ANNA HELGREN.

## Husband and Wife Blessed Through Zion.

NORTH SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT, February 4, 1901.

REV. J. G. SPEICHER.

Dear Overseer:—I praise God for what He has done for us in answer to your prayers.

Last November, the 21st, I wrote you requesting prayer for my husband, who was very sick with grip.

He had been taken with severe pain all over, especially in the head; had hard chills, followed by high fever, and could not sleep night or day.

I set Friday, the 23d, 9 A. M., for you to pray, and at the time appointed for prayer I could see a marked change in him.

From that time he began to improve.

In ten days after you prayed he was out to work.

I never saw him gain so fast from any sickness before.

I also praise God for healing my eyes.

I had worn glasses for over three years.

I took them off the day before I was baptized, which was the 10th of November, and have never put them on since.

God healed my eyes, and they are well today.

I praise God for Zion's teaching. It has been a great blessing to us.

We also received a great blessing in being baptized by Triune Immersion.

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) JENNIE F. HALL.

## God Heals Little Boy.

STRYKER, OHIO, March 8, 1901.

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

Dear General Overseer:—We wish to thank you for your prayers and the interest you have taken in us.

Our boy was a very sick boy. He had what I would call lung fever.

His lungs were swelled up and he wheezed so you could hear him all over the house.

I prayed for him as well as I could, but I was in no shape to pray for anybody, not even myself, as I had the grip in my head and could not get my mind together to pray aright.

He was helped some, but not like he was when you prayed.

He was then healed and has been running out ever since; for which we praise God.

We thank God for you and your prayers, and for the wonderful works that God has done through you.

Your prayer is that God's face will continue to shine on you and on all of His works forever.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

SAMUEL L. MALTBY.

## Baby Saved From Death.

SUMMITVILLE, INDIANA, March 8, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—We received your letter stating that you had prayed for our infant, in answer to a telegram which I sent on the first. God has heard and wonderfully delivered him, for which we praise His dear Name.

We thank all Zion for their earnest prayers.

Truly our little one was very sick with the grip.

It seemed as if the evil one had determined to take his little life, but God has given us the victory through Him who loved us.

Your Brother and Sister in Christ,

C. E. AND M. L. RAY.

## Another Baby Healed.

ARLINGTON, WISCONSIN, February 24, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—Your kind letter of February 16th was received, and I can answer with thanksgiving and praise to God that my baby was healed.

She had a very high fever and seemed in great distress.

She did not take notice of anything until 3 o'clock P. M., when Overseer Speicher prayed for her.

Then she sat up and asked for something to eat, ate two crackers and drank a cup of milk, and was much improved.

The next morning the fever was all gone and she was well.

The next Wednesday she was not so well. I wrote to you asking you to pray for her again.

She was sick until a little after 12 o'clock that night, when she went to sleep and slept until morning, and is now well.

Thanking you and Overseer Speicher for praying for my dear one, I am  
Your Sister in Christ,  
(MRS.) A. STEVENSON.

#### Methodism Fails; God Honors Zion.

MADISON ROAD, EAST WALNUT HILL, }  
CINCINNATI, OHIO, March 1, 1901. }

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I wish to thank you for your prayers of February 20th.

My husband sent a request for prayer to you, as Elder Voliva was not at home. We also sent for Deacon Yerger to pray, and, thanks be to God, I am well and able to do my housework.

I also thank God for the teaching we have received in Zion and for all the blessings which have come to my family.

I used to be a Methodist, but was not a very good Christian until I heard the preaching as it is preached in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

I have received more peace and pleasure in religion than ever before, and have understood that I have a Living Saviour and a God who answers prayer.

He is my Healer.

When I was a Methodist, I used to pray and get no answer, but now I have learned how to pray and get an answer.

I have also a leader whom I know the Lord does answer.

I pray that God will spare you and your dear wife for many years to come.

Your Sister in Christ,  
(MRS.) MAGGIE EWING.

#### Family Blessed Through Zion.

WEST LIMA, WISCONSIN, February 25, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—Enclosed please find \$5, which apply in the work for the extension of the Kingdom of God.

I have been greatly blessed by reading LEAVES OF HEALING.

My family and I have entirely discontinued the use of drugs and medicines for more than a year, and have been healed and kept by faith in Jesus.

Our children have been healed, sometimes almost instantaneously, of grip, pneumonia and other ailments, by our simple cry to God, and trusting in the simple promise of His Word.

May God bless you for the teaching.

God bless Zion.

May the Coming City be indeed a refuge for the sin-cursed of this earth.

May God so lead that my family and I may be able to gain a residence there some day.

Pray for us.

Your Brother,  
GEORGE MULLER.

#### First Timothy 2:15 Fulfilled.

MOUNT STERLING, OHIO, March 8, 1901

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—We feel that we must send you a testimony to the wonderful blessings in answer to prayer for my wife during confinement.

On February 25th I wrote you a request for prayer.

On March 4th, at 12:30 A. M., a beautiful baby boy was born to us, wife only being sick one hour, with very slight labor.

Both mother and baby are as well as can be.

We do thank and praise God that through the teaching of Zion we have been led to give up doctors and drugs and trust God for all.

After our other children were born, wife always had sinking spells for three or four days, but this time she has never been the least sick in any way. No doctor or professional nurse was in attendance.

We trusted it all with God, knowing He would answer our prayers.

May God bless all Zion.

May every one look to Jesus as their Healer, Cleanser and Keeper.  
W. H. HIGHMILLER.

#### God Heals When Fully Trusted.

EAST TAWAS, MICHIGAN, February 25, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—It is with grateful heart and thanksgiving to God that I desire to testify to the many blessings which He has bestowed upon me.

About the middle of last June (1900) I was taken very sick with what we thought was the grip, and sent a request to you for prayer.

As you prayed, the blessing came and all pain left. I began to perspire. I got up out of bed and began praising God, and I could sing better than I ever could.

I was weak and the Devil made me believe that faith without works is dead, and that I had better take some cascara and quinine pills.

I said to the Devil, "All right, I will," but did not realize that it was the enemy talking to me until I had obeyed him.

I went upstairs and got a bottle of cascara and six quinine pills, and thought when I had used all of them, I would be well.

I opened the cascara and took a teaspoonful and began doing up my morning work.

In about fifteen minutes I began to feel very ill and it began to get dark all around me.

I was afraid of falling and ran for my bed-room.

When I got to the door, I could not see anything, but ran and fell part way on the bed, and the very blackness of hell was all around me.

Then I realized it was wrong to take medicine, and I said, "Father, now I know it is wrong to take medicine. If You will forgive me I will never take any more."

Just then God came to my rescue and the Devil had to flee. I waited about fifteen minutes for my husband to come in, and I confessed to him what I had done and asked him to pray for me.

I soon got better and got up in the strength of the Lord.

On Thursday the enemy returned with a terrible fever and I was worse than ever.

Then we sent another request for prayer to you, and Sunday the fever broke and I again got up in the power and strength of the Lord.

When I got well, I burned up all the pills and medicine.

I have not thought of taking any since. I am healthier now than I have ever been.

I give God all the glory.

Thanking you for your prayers and for the prayers of Zion, I am  
Your Sister in Christ,  
(MRS.) NETTIE STEFFLER.

#### God Delivers Immediately.

1221 MILITARY STREET, }  
PORT HURON MICHIGAN, March 5, 1901. }

REV. JOHN ALEXANDER DOWIE.

Dear General Overseer:—Before I mailed the letter yesterday, asking you to pray that I might be healed of neuralgia, I was healed.

I thank God for His goodness in delivering me from the power of the evil one.

I was struck with the fact that God repeatedly honor'd you as the leader of His people by answering your prayers before you even called upon Him.

We are continually thanking God in our home for your teachings, and we pray every day that God will protect you and your loved ones from harm.

Your Sister in Christ,

MARY C. HOWARD.

#### Boy Healed of St. Vitus' Dance.

EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN, January 27, 1901.

DEAR BROTHER IN CHRIST:—I have felt it my duty for some time to write and tell you what the Lord has done for me.

It will be one year the 23d of next month since I sent in a request asking you to pray for me.

I had had St. Vitus' dance since 1897, and, praise the Lord, I was healed at the hour of prayer.

My disease was chiefly in my head.

At times my eyeballs felt as if I could not move them. Praise God, it is all gone.

I also had catarrh ever since I was four years old, caused by the grip.

Thank God, I was healed of that, too.

I thank you very much for your prayers.

Faithfully yours in Jesus,

WILLIAM B. GRAY.

#### Fever and Pains Healed by Prayer.

45 SUMMER STREET, }  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, February 26, 1901. }

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I wish to add my testimony to the many already given, to the goodness and love of God.

About two years ago I had the scarlet fever. I had the fever one day, and for two days I broke out with a rash.

Grandma and mamma prayed for me and I was healed.

I was healed also of headache, toothache and earache.

I cannot tell all I have been healed of.

I give God the praise.

I am sorry to lose Elder Adams. He prayed for me when I had the toothache, and has done much for me.  
LOUISE BAXTER (age 13).

# THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN OPENED.

**W**ILL a man rob God? yet ye rob Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with the curse; for ye rob Me, even this whole nation. Bring ye the Whole Tithe into the Storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you happy: for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the Lord of hosts.

—Malachi 3:8-12.

## God Helps Tithers to Meet Obligations.

7 CHAUCER ROAD, FOREST GATE E., March 9, 1901.

REV. H. E. CANTEL.

*Dear Brother in Christ:*—I feel I must praise God for the blessing I have received this week in connection with the payment of tithes.

As you are aware, I have only commenced paying tithes this year by monthly payments. When I received my salary on the 1st inst., I had certain obligations to meet, and the tithing money would have come in very useful for the liquidation of a part of such obligations; but I felt (although greatly tempted of the Devil) that I must meet first of all my obligation to God.

I accordingly obeyed and trusted God to help me, not knowing where the supplies would come from.

You will be pleased to hear that yesterday my son sent me a £5 note from China, asking me to pay a certain debt out of it for him, and that I was to keep the rest myself. The amount I have to keep is one shilling more than double the amount of the tithes I sent to you for the month of February.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

I should be greatly obliged if you would mail this news to Chicago when next you are writing, as Overseer Piper is asking for evidence of God's blessing through the payment of tithes; and the above instance has greatly cheered my heart and has strengthened not only my faith in God, but that of my family, who were greatly opposed at one time to the tithing question.

With best Christian regards, and looking forward to a happy and prosperous day tomorrow, I remain

Your Christian Brother,

A. H. BADGER.

## Twenty-five Per. Cent Increase in Salary for a Tither.

1635 MICHIGAN AVENUE,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, March 7, 1901.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—It is a pleasure to be able to make another report in favor of tithing.

You may remember that after paying \$6.00 back tithes, in the latter part of November, I started with twenty-five cents—out of work, but out of debt and strong in faith.

The first week of December, 1900, found me employed at a fixed monthly salary, not large, but enough to live comfortably.

The last day of February, 1901, I had a pleasant surprise in the form of a twenty-five per cent advance in wages, to take effect on February 1st instead of March 1st.

It was fifty-seven days after securing the situation.

I have found that tithing pays from a financial standpoint.

Yours in the faith,

## A Thousand Dollars' Indebtedness Paid Off and Improvements Made.

HOMER, NEBRASKA, March 11, 1901.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Overseer-at-Large:*—I wish to say to God's glory that although, when I joined Zion, I was nearly a thousand dollars in debt, I began paying tithes at once and God has so wonderfully blessed me that I have been able to wipe out that indebtedness, besides making some improvements on my property.

By the Grace of God, I expect to have a home in Zion City.

I wish also to say to the credit of Zion, and to the shame of the investigation committee from the Illinois State Legislature, that I am more than pleased to be a Zion investor.

May God bless Zion in all her branches.

Your Brother in Jesus' Name,

S. R. RENINGER.

## Never Made So Much Money as When Tithes Were Paid.

ADELINE, ILLINOIS, March 13, 1901.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—I desire to give my testimony on tithing.

It has been a great source of blessing to us, as a family, to pay tithes.

We began paying tithes in Zion before we were members of the Christian Catholic Church, as we were not satisfied with the way our money was being used in the Church of which we were members.

God has blessed us more during the past year than any previous year.

I tithe my poultry, eggs and butter, and have never made so much money from these things as I have during the past year.

I pray God's blessing upon Zion in all lands.

Your Sister in Christ,

HANNAH M. MAYBEE.

## God Bestows Many Blessings on Those Who Do Not Rob Him.

MORO, OREGON, March 12, 1901.

*DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:*—We are glad we can add our testimony in regard to paying tithes.

We have been paying tithes for the last three years, and in doing this realize that we are only paying God what belongs to Him.

We have been blessed spiritually and financially.

We have had many healings in our family.

We also trust our stock to God and use no remedies when sick. He makes them well.

Yours in the Master's service,

GEORGE AND ANNIE STRACHAN.

## Able to Save Money for the First Time When Tithes Are Paid.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, March 11, 1901.

*DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:*—To the glory of God I send you this testimony.

I came into Zion unconverted, without a cent beyond my monthly income

I had no bad habits of wasting my earnings, but notwithstanding all, do what I could, I would fail until I began paying my tenth to the Lord.

I now have \$400 in Zion stock.

Best of all, I am converted to God and rejoicing in the life.

Your Brother in Christ,

JAMES F. DAVIS.

## HEALING OF PNEUMONIA BEGINS AT TIME OF PRAYER.

On February 1st the following telegram was received by the General Overseer:

WEST BRANCH, IOWA, February 1, 1901.

*DR. DOWIE:*—Please pray for Gladys Wilson, six years old; pneumonia.

ABRAM WILSON.

One week later the following letter was received:

WEST BRANCH, IOWA, February 8, 1901.

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

*Dear Friend:*—Thy kind letter received this morn.

Excuse me for not writing sooner, for we want to return thanks to Him who hears and answers prayer, as well as to him who prayed for our sick grandchild.

It was 5:45 P. M. when I sent the dispatch, and it was not more than an hour, I think, before she was breathing more easily and sleeping.

She continued to improve all night and next day.

Again thanking thee for thy kindness, I remain

Very truly thy friend,

ABRAM WILSON.

## Woman Delivered From Tobacco Habit.

83 RAILROAD STREET,  
LAWRENCE, MASSACHUSETTS, March 11, 1901.

*DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:*—It is with grateful heart and thanksgiving to God that I desire to testify to God for deliverance from tobacco smoking, having been a smoker since the summer of 1877.

Through your prayers, thank God, I have been delivered.

I give God all the glory and thank you for your prayers.

Yours in Christ,

(MRS.) ANN WEBB.

## Granulation of the Eyes Healed.

FREEMONT, ILLINOIS, March 4, 1901.

*DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:*—Yours of the 28th was received the 2d of March.

I can answer with thanksgiving and praise to God that I am healed of granulation of the eyes.

I thank you, dear brother, for your prayers.

God bless Zion.

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) AMELIA MYERS.



# CHEERING WORDS FROM ZION'S GUESTS

NOTES FROM ZION HOME

THE regular Praise and Testimony Meeting held in Zion Home, Saturday evening, March 16, 1901, was conducted by Overseer Speicher.

After the usual opening exercises, the meeting was thrown open for testimony.

DEACONESS SPEICHER, Zion Home, said: "I am so full of praise and joy tonight that I cannot keep still. When I first came here I was in a dying condition. I had heart disease and was very weak. God healed me. It grieves me that we have to give up this Assembly Room and to think that we will never hear dear Overseer Dowie and the General Overseer speak from that platform as they used to do. I have seen many healings take place in this room. I praise God for healing me of a very sore finger recently. It was very sore, but it is now all healed."

DEACONESS HILL, Zion Home, said: "I came here five years ago a perfect wreck physically. I had injured my foot and for months I had not been able to walk without a cane. I concluded I would walk on the promises of God. I used to wonder how I would walk down one flight of stairs. I was a nervous wreck. I also suffered from weakness. I have been here now for five years and have worked hard for four years. It has been a delight to me to work.

"This last week I had an attack of grip in my eyes. They were very much inflamed and painful. I was missed at the morning meeting and prayer was offered for me. I felt my eyes get suddenly better. They feel all right tonight."

JOHN D. BURT, St. Paul, Minnesota, said: "It is just two years since I first came into the Home. I had been drinking a good deal that day. I came here merely for curiosity. I was searching for the truth at the time. I made arrangements to stay all night. I was a Freemason. I had been using tobacco for thirty-five years constantly. I had been drinking from ten to fifteen drinks a day. I think I was everything that is vile. I had read a number of copies of LEAVES OF HEALING, after which I had mailed them to my wife in St. Paul. I saw her six months after that and she was more in Zion than I was. We came here in July. We fully accepted Zion teaching.

"We immediately left the Congregational Church and settled ourselves with the world and made everything right as far as we could. Both our boys are in Zion, so I think we have a great deal to be thankful for. I rejoice in Zion."

GEORGE H. LITTLE, Monroe, Wisconsin, said: "I was a member of the Methodist Church before coming to Zion, although I was not fit to be Church with any Church. I was considered a good member because I helped out financially. I never felt I was really a Christian. I was a member of secret societies, and through LEAVES OF HEALING I found they were the wrong thing to be connected with, so God gave me grace to withdraw from these organizations. We have had several healings in our family. I thank God, therefore, for bringing me to Zion."

I. O. VAN FLEET, Topeka, Kansas, said: "I thank God that He has spared my life to stand here. I am here searching for the truth. I am thankful for Zion."

JOHN P. NEEDLES, Albany, Missouri, said: "I am thankful to God for many things, and not the least of them is that I am in Zion. It was through the teaching of a good sister in Ohio

that I came here, and it did not take me long. I have very much to be thankful for, as I have never been sick. I am now on my way to Zion City."

R. T. REEVES, Decatur, Ohio, said: "I thank God for Zion. Four years ago I was handed a copy of LEAVES OF HEALING. I was a miserable sinner and stinkpot. It set me to thinking. In a few days I was converted and I gave my heart to God. I then went into the Christian Alliance teaching, but it did not teach me to live a holy life. Finally I came to Zion and subscribed for LEAVES OF HEALING. I read it carefully, and then gave myself wholly to God. I find Zion is the only place for a Christian. I cannot testify to healing tonight, but I can testify to God's keeping power."

MRS. KATHRYN WINDLE HARNLEY, Zion Home, said: "I want to praise God for the blessings I have received since I have come into Zion. I am glad that I can teach in a school where the students are eager for the truth. I have received many blessings in spirit and in body and it is my desire to give these blessings to others. 'Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men.'"

## INSTANTLY DELIVERED FROM SEVERE PAIN

KENOSHA, WISCONSIN, January 25, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—Last summer I was taken violently sick in the night.

I had such pain it seemed I could not stand it long, and was growing worse.

After suffering about one-half hour I said, "Father in Heaven, I must go to my restaurant in the morning to get breakfast. Please take this pain away."

Just then I was perfectly easy, had no more pain, and went to sleep soon, thanking God for His wonderful goodness.

Ever since I was so gloriously converted in 1886 I have had faith that the promise, "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My Name, it shall be done," meant just what it said.

This week I had a large sty on my eye.

No sooner had I asked for the healing than it began to get well. It was entirely well very soon.

I praise God for His wonderful works in Zion.

I thank God for sending you to preach a pure Gospel, and that so many are coming to the Light.

Your Sister in Christ,

MARTHA S. FULLER

## Healed During Prayer of Consecration at Zion Tabernacle.

How wonderful is the power in the simple Prayer of Consecration which the audiences at the General Overseer's meetings repeat after him at the close!

How many, in the solemn moment when saying those simple but significant words, have received Salvation for spirit, Healing for the body and Cleansing for the soul!

We give below an extract from a letter from a lady in Iowa who was healed by the power of God's Spirit at such a time:

About three years ago I attended two services at Zion Tabernacle.

I went through curiosity, but was much impressed with the truth you taught.

In one service I was coughing very hard when you prayed that those coughing might be relieved.

The cough ceased immediately.

I arose with others for prayers, and believed that your prayer concerning me would be answered.

After a few weeks my health improved and for months following I enjoyed perfect health for the first time in my life.



ON MONDAY, March 18, 1901, the General Overseer made an important visit to Zion City Site.

He was accompanied by the following twenty officers and helpers: Overseer William Hamner Piper, Overseer John G. Speicher; Deacons Charles J. Barnard, H. Worthington Judd, Samuel Stevenson, Daniel Sloan, R. H. Harper, E. S. Anderson, Arthur G. Stevenson, Henry Stevenson, Carl F. Stern, Frank W. Cotton, and Arthur W. Newcomb; Attorney Samuel W. Packard, Engineer Burton J. Ashley, Artist Charles Champe, Photographers and Stenographers Ernest and Shirley D. Williams, and Chef George Burnett.

This happy party took the 9 o'clock Chicago and Northwestern express train to Waukegan, a private car being attached for their use.

At Waukegan a local passenger train picked up the car and quickly switched it to the site of the Coming City.

As has always been the case when the General Overseer has visited Zion City Site, the day was a perfect one.

Not a cloud obscured the beautiful blue of the sky. A balmy breeze, warm with the promise of springtime, breathed from the southwest.

The storms and snows of the previous week were over. The golden beams of the sun bathed all nature with a gentle radiance, so that the broad acres of that charming site seemed to smile their welcome as the party alighted from the car.

Conveyances were kindly provided by the loyal Zion people now living upon the land, and a little procession was formed from the passenger station to the Lace Operatives' Home.

Here a number of Zion people and their children had gathered. They warmly welcomed the General Overseer and party, and were lovingly greeted in return.

The party then began a tour of inspection of the Home.

The spacious dining room, the convenient kitchen, the sunny parlor, the neat, clean rooms, the ample heating apparatus, the small but pretty Zion Tabernacle in the third story, all came in for commendation. The furnishings for the Home have all been purchased, and some are already in the building and can be placed at once.

The Zion Tabernacle, however, is neatly and prettily furnished and tastefully decorated.

Here, in the first permanent Zion building on Zion City Site, in the first Zion Tabernacle on that site, an officer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion proclaims the wonderful Message of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living each Lord's Day.

After inspecting these rooms, the General Overseer and those with him went out upon the roof. Here Deacon Charles J. Barnard, General Financial Manager; Mr. Frank Peterson, Superintendent of Road Building in Zion City; Burton J. Ashley, Chief Engineer of Zion City; Deacon R. H. Harper, Superintendent of Construction of Zion City; Deacon Samuel

Stevenson, General Manager of Zion Lace Industries; Deacon H. Worthington Judd, General Manager of Zion Land and Investment Association, and others were called in consultation with the General Overseer, and many important matters were considered and decided.

Rev. Cyrus B. Fockler, the Elder at present ministering to Zion in Waukegan and Zion City, joined the party at this place.

The General Overseer gave directions for the expenditure of many thousands of dollars in an extension of Zion Lace Operatives' Home, in the building of a road along the line of the main boulevard to the lake, in additions to the power-house for Zion Lace Industries, and in other important improvements.

From Zion Lace Operatives' Home, the little procession moved on to Zion Freight Warehouse, which is built almost directly east, for over a hundred feet along a switch track of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway. The north end of this building was found to be well filled with freight of many kinds, including great boxes of patterns for Zion Lace Industries and supplies for Zion Lace Operatives' Home.

The south end is a large, light, clean room and was empty. It is to be used temporarily as a finishing room for Zion Lace Industries. Here the General Overseer gave direction for the building of an addition 100 feet in length.

Zion Planing Mill and the offices and yard of Zion City Lumber Association were next visited.

There are lumber sheds, a sash and door house, a lime and cement house, coal sheds, the planing mill and the office in this little cluster of buildings.

The planing mill is equipped with a boiler and a handsome engine, and will have a full complement of fine machinery. Some of the machinery is already in the building, but not yet installed.

In the office of Zion Lumber Association, Manager John Johnson greeted the party, welcoming them into a handsome, well-lighted and commodious room, finished in natural wood, and having a very comfortable as well as convenient and businesslike appearance.

In front of the door of this office run the swift waters of one of the feeders of the drainage channel, which can be seen stretching away east to the lake. This drainage channel was carrying a large quantity of water with a rapid current.

From all directions the feeders came with their contributions; from the north, all along the first terrace; from the south a large stream flows in the ditch which runs parallel to the railroad track, and from the west, streams gather from as far as Sheridan Road.

This channel thus drains a large area very effectively, and will greatly increase the value of thousands of acres of land. The next place visited was Zion City Artesian Well.

This is now complete, and the flow is controlled by a system of valves.

It was surprising to note the high pressure and great volume of the flow as Deacon R. H. Harper turned wide open a valve, making an opening eight inches in diameter.

Zion Lace Industries factory building, the most interesting place on the entire site, was the next place visited. A spur track runs from the railway to the factory.

Part of the foundations of this great building are laid and the inner shell of a part of the factory itself is practically complete.

Bitterly cold weather and storms have greatly hindered in this important work, but with the coming of milder weather it is being rapidly pushed. Within the building are the cut stone piers upon which the lace machines will stand.

When this was over, it was noon. The fresh air, the invigorating sunshine and the busy sightseeing had whetted the appetites of all, so that it was with pleasure that the General Overseer's invitation to dinner in his Zion City residence was accepted.

This house is owned by the General Overseer, and will be furnished and used by him as a residence and office during his visits to the site while Zion City is being built. It is what was known as the Nelson Cole residence, on Sheridan Road.

When the party arrived at the house, it was found that Deacon Cotton and Chef Burnett had prepared a most excellent dinner, which was partaken of with great relish.

Dinner over, the photograph of the party which appears on



GENERAL OVERSEER AND PARTY AT GENERAL OVERSEER'S RESIDENCE, ZION CITY, ILLINOIS, MARCH 18, 1901.

To the west and adjoining is the power house, which is now fully equipped but for the installment of the dynamo which will generate the electricity for the individual motors which will furnish power to the lace machines.

Since the General Overseer's visit, he has paid many thousands of dollars' duty upon this machinery, which has been stored in bonded warehouses, in Chicago, and it is being shipped to Zion City. There many skilful hands are taking it from the packing cases and setting it up in the temporary factory of Zion Lace Industries.

Nearly 200 tons of machinery are thus being put in place and made ready for their beautiful work of lacemaking.

The General Overseer held an important conference with the heads of financial, construction and industrial departments at the Lace Industries Building.

this page was taken by Photographers Ernest and Shirley D. Williams.

Then the party returned to the Zion City station and boarded the private car. A special locomotive drew it to Waukegan, where it was attached to the southbound express train. The return home was a pleasant social ride.

On the whole, the visit was a very delightful one to all who were so fortunate as to be included in the party.

Zion City Site is charming, refreshing, unexcelled as a part of the beautiful territory of the North Shore, but it has for those in Zion a peculiar beauty, a deeper significance.

There is a constant feeling when upon it that one is upon God's land.

The wondrous promises of God concerning His cities fill the mind and heart.

The true Zion man sees not only the broad, rolling acres, the trees, the streams and the lake; he sees not only the little group of buildings on either side of the railway; he sees, with a heart full of joy, the Coming City with its wonderful Zion Temple, schools, colleges, stores, factories and, above all, homes, fair, happy, godly homes, shining with the radiance of love and health and purity and consecrated service.

In the inspiration of a visit to that site, Zion's glorious motto for 1901 takes on a new meaning: "Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the Lord our God." A. W. N.

AND YE shall rejoice in all that ye put your hand into, ye and your households, wherein the Lord thy God hath blessed thee.

IF YOU are seeking a safe investment;

If you are seeking a profitable investment;

If you are seeking a clean investment for Christian people, you do not need to look further, for these are just the kind of investments Zion is furnishing.

ZION CITY BANK, Zion Land and Investment Association, and Zion Lace Industries are conducted on purely Christian, business principles, and God in His most wonderful way has blessed these institutions to thousands of His people since their organization.

WE ARE constantly receiving expressions of joy and thanksgiving from our investors whom God has prospered since transferring their investments from the world to Zion. Their only regret is that they have not more to invest.

ZION CITY GENERAL STORES now runs a handsome wagon with the interesting legend, "Zion City General Stores, John Alex. Dowie, Zion City, Illinois." This neat wagon attracts a great deal of attention wherever it goes on its business rounds.

THE FURNISHING of Zion Lace Operatives' Home has begun, and within a few days it will be filled with workers for Zion Lace Industries.

DEACON SAMUEL STEVENSON, General Manager of Zion Lace Industries, will make the Operatives' Home his headquarters while at Zion City.

AN ADDITION 16x30 feet has just been added to the building occupied by Zion City General Stores. This will help to provide room for the surplus stock necessary to be kept for an ever-increasing population.

## NOTES OF THANKSGIVING TO ZION'S GOD

### Instantly Healed When Apparently Dying.

5440 BUTLER STREET, CHICAGO, February 1, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—It is with extreme pleasure and gratitude to God and to you, His faithful servant, that I send this, my testimony to my healing.

I am happy to state that I never for a moment doubted either you or your mission, and always listened gladly to your words.

I also thank God that all of my family are in Zion.

My two last babies were born without the aid of either doctors or human help of any kind. In fact, the very presence of the Lord seemed in the room when my little girl Sybil (now three years old) was born.

On the 4th of July, 1898, I had what seemed to be a paralytic stroke commencing at my feet; a numbness, hard indeed to describe, slowly enveloped my entire body.

My family tell me that the awfulness of death settled over my features.

My husband telephoned to Zion Home to you.

The answer came that you would pray at once (1:45 P. M.)

At 2 P. M. every vestige of sickness left me.

I arose entirely free from any trouble, with the full consciousness that God had healed me in answer to your prayers.

Our house is a house of prayer. We take all our troubles to God, thanks to your teaching.

We thank God for Mrs. Dowie also, whose living words have turned many into God's Way of Healing.

May many years be yours until all the earth shall know Jesus, the Healer of His people.

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) LIZZIE JOHNSON.

### God Heals as Soon as Prayer is Requested.

On February 6, 1901, we received the following letter:

PAXTON, ILLINOIS, February 1, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I received your letter of January 23d, stating you had prayed for me.

I could not express my thanks to you in taking time to write me a few lines with all you must have had on your mind to do, immediately after your return from Europe.

You do not know the good it does us country folks to receive a few kind words personally.

The very day I sent the request for prayers, January 21st, I was healed of the cough even before you received the letter; because I had obeyed God in sending the request.

I thank God for His loving kindness, and you for your prayers and patience in teaching Salvation, Healing and Holy Living.

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) JULIA M. OSTROM.

### Little Daughter Healed.

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, March 8, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—Yours of the 4th, stating the reception of telegram, received.

My little daughter's fever began to abate from time of prayer, March 2d, and by Monday morning she was well and able to go to school; for which I praise God. I thank you for prayer.

Your Sister in His Name,

(MRS.) M. W. CALVERT.

## ZION LAND AND INVESTMENT ASSOCIATION

1300 MICHIGAN BOULEVARD, CHICAGO.

One of the Financial Departments of ZION, formed February 22, 1899, for the purpose of managing and conducting all business in connection with the improving and permanent establishment of ZION CITY, which God's Word plainly declares is to be a City of the Lord, a City not forsaken, whose Maker and Builder is God.

This Association is under the personal direction of the General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, who expects soon to announce that Zion City's Gates are open.

Special advantages are to be obtained by those who become immediate Stock Investors before the 6400 acres of this beautiful land we have secured is placed on the market for disposal. Shareholders will be given first choice and a reasonable time to select their lots from plats to be mailed to them, with prices marked thereon, after which prices will be advanced to all subsequent purchasers.

The Certificates of Stock issued by this Association will be accepted in payment for land, with eight per cent interest added; or they can, if desired, be retained by the Shareholder as an interest-bearing investment.

We are now in possession of and hold the record title to nearly 2000 acres of the most valuable part of the 6400 acres purchased, and this includes two and one-half miles of frontage along the shore of Lake Michigan, and

For further information in connection with this department address

DANIEL SLOAN,

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THEY that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

Though he goeth on his way weeping, bearing forth the seed;

He shall come again with joy, bringing his sheaves with him.—Psalm 126:5, 6.

**SPRINGTIME** has come again, and the farmer is preparing to sow his fields for another harvest.

He is thinking what kind of seed to sow, where to sow it, and when to sow it.

Let us see in God's Word something about spiritual farming.

**SEED TO USE**—Luke 8:11:

The seed is the Word of God.

**WHEN TO SOW**—Ecclesiastes 11:6:

In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not which shall prosper, whether this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.

**WHERE TO SOW**—Isaiah 32:20:

Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters.

**HOW TO SOW**—2 Corinthians 9:6:

But this I say, He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

**CLOTHING**—Isaiah 61:10:

For He hath clothed me with the garments of Salvation, He hath covered me with the Robe of Righteousness.

First Peter 5:5:

Yea, all of you gird yourselves with humility, to serve one another.

**SHOES TO WEAR**—Ephesians 6:15:

And having shod your feet with the Preparation of the Gospel of Peace.

**SPRING MEDICINE**—Proverbs 17:22:

A merry heart is a good medicine (margin, causeth good healing).

Nehemiah 8:10:

For the joy of the Lord is your strength.

Daniel 11:32:

But the people that know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

**ATTITUDE TOWARD NEIGHBORS**—Romans 12:18:

If it be possible, as much as in you lieth, be at peace with all men.

Philippians 2:3:

Doing nothing through faction or through vainglory, but in lowliness of mind, each counting other better than himself.

**INSURE THE CROP**—2 Corinthians 9:8 and 10:

And God is able to make all grace abound unto you; that ye, having always all sufficiency in everything, may abound unto every good work.

And He that supplieth seed to the sower and bread for food, shall sup-

ply and multiply your seed for sowing, and increase the fruits of your righteousness.

Philippians 4:19:

And my God shall fulfil every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

**PROMISE OF GUIDANCE**—Psalm 25:9:

The meek will He guide in judgment:

And the meek will He teach His Way.

**MORNING PRAYER**—Genesis 24:12:

Send me, I pray Thee, good speed this day.

Psalm 119:18:

Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold Wondrous things out of Thy law.

**EVENING PRAYER**—Psalm 4:8:

In peace will I both lay me down and sleep: For Thou, Lord, alone makest me dwell in safety.

**SURE HARVEST**—Psalm 126:6:

He shall come again with joy, bringing His sheaves with Him.

He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed:

Let him know that as he soweth to the sinners need, so he'll reap.

**CHORUS**—Sowing now, sowing now, but reaping by and by; Weeping now, weeping now, rejoicing by and by.

He that goeth forth and weepeth, trusting in the Lord: Let him know that as he soweth of the precious Word, that he'll reap.

He that goeth forth and weepeth, all aglow with love: Oftentimes just while he soweth hearts begin to move, so he'll reap.

He that goeth forth with weeping, Christ he never leaves, Doubtless shall return rejoicing, bringing home his sheaves, thus he'll reap.

#### GOD ANSWERS PARENTS WHILE THEY PRAY.

LISBON, NORTH DAKOTA, March 5, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I wish to tell you how the Lord heard and answered prayer.

On February 27th our little son, two years of age, was taken very suddenly ill and had all the symptoms of lung fever.

At noon he had a very high fever and could not take a long breath.

He was suffering intensely.

My husband and I immediately asked God to raise him up, and while we were yet praying, the Lord heard and answered.

In three hours he was around playing and wanted something to eat. Praise the Lord!

Ever your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) D. H. GLEASON.

### Morning Song.

F. A. G.  
Moderato.

F. A. GRAVES.

1. Lord we come with morning songs, Praise from us, to thee belongs;  
2. Through this day may we be kind, Serving thee with willing mind;  
3. May our lives, and fac - es, be Shining wit - ness - es, for thee;

Thanks for rest, and quiet night, Thanks for life, and morning light.  
Quick to learn, and to o - bey, Prayerful, cheerful, all the day.  
Lov - ing, gen - tle, as a dove, Filled with faith, and hope, and love.

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## ZION'S BIBLE CLASS.

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## MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS LESSON, APRIL 3d or 4th.

## The Unfailing Word of God.

- Prophecy proves it.*—Matthew 5:17-20.  
God's Word is yet being fulfilled.  
God's truth will yet shake the earth.  
The Spirit of truth magnifies the prophecies.
- Experience proves it.*—Joshua 23:8-14.  
To rely on it, one finds it never fails.  
The most enjoyable bible is that written in the heart's experience.  
God's promises are ever good for face value.
- Judgment proves it.*—Luke 16:23-31.  
This man lived as though he did not believe it.  
What Moses said is to be obeyed today.  
Christ confirmed what Moses said.
- The Gospel proves it.*—1 Peter 1:20-25.  
The Gospel makes the life clean.  
The Gospel saves from corruption.  
The Gospel is an everlasting truth.
- Miracles prove it.*—Hebrews 2:1-4.  
If there were miracles in the past, there must be today.  
Signs confirm the call of a God-sent minister.  
Prayer is ever answered in miracles of blessing.
- Worldwide blessings prove it.*—Isaiah 55:8-13.  
God's plans work out according to His thoughts.  
God's thoughts are of universal blessing to mankind.  
God's thoughts take the thorns out of life.
- The suppression of the Devil proves it.*—Ephesians 6:10-18.  
The Devil yet flees from God's truth.  
One must be clad with Divine armor to use the sword.  
The man in the armor must be a redeemed creature.  
*The Lord Our God is a Word-Establishing God.*

## SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS LESSON, APRIL 7th.

## What God's Word Does.

- It warns of transgressions.*—Psalm 19:11-13.  
One who disobeys it sins against his own soul.  
To get into faults is to transgress.  
What one covers up is a transgression.
- It converts the soul.*—Psalm 19:7-10.  
It changes the course of a life.  
It helps one to see aright.  
It becomes a staff to life.
- It rejoices the heart.*—Jeremiah 15:15, 16.  
Search for this hidden treasure constantly.  
No sorrow overwhelms those anchored to it.  
What does your joy come from today?
- It leads to success.*—Joshua 1:8, 9.  
You will win in life's battles when you do what it says.  
You must obey God's laws of life.  
They are for social, business and domestic life.
- It fills with assurance.*—1 John 5:13, 14.  
You doubt when you do not cling to the truth.  
Knowledge comes from the word spoken.  
Faith comes from knowing God's Word.
- It causes hope to never fail.*—Psalm 119:49-56.  
It will keep one above engulfing waves.  
It shines brightly when dark clouds lower.  
It should ever cause you to hope on.
- It prepares for usefulness.*—2 Timothy 3:14-17.  
Those who know God's Word in truth will be useful.  
The full value of God's Word, however, must be seen.  
Truth revealed to one must be held fast to.  
*God's Holy People are a Bible-Relying People.*

## DAILY SCRIPTURE TEXTS FOR APRIL.

## To Memorize and Meditate Upon, Morning, Noon and Night.

PARENTS: "Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."—Deuteronomy 6:7.

CHRISTIANS: "Thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."—Joshua 1:8.

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| 1. Monday—Psalm 60:4; l. c.            | 16. Tuesday—1 Corinthians 15:31; l. c. |
| 2. Tuesday—Romans 10:15; l. c.         | 17. Wednesday—Romans 6:23; l. c.       |
| 3. Wednesday—2 Corinthians 5:15; l. c. | 18. Thursday—Psalm 46:5; m. c.         |
| 4. Thursday—Acts 8:8; w. v.            | 19. Friday—Psalm 122:2; w. v.          |
| 5. Friday—Micah 6:8; l. c.             | 20. Saturday—Psalm 49:10; m. c.        |
| 6. Saturday—Matthew 11:27; l. c.       | 21. Sunday—Isaiah 45:11; l. c.         |
| 7. Sunday—Acts 26:18; m. c.            | 22. Monday—1 John 2:28; m. c.          |
| 8. Monday—2 Corinthians 9:8; l. c.     | 23. Tuesday—Galatians 6:9; m. c.       |
| 9. Tuesday—Luke 16:15; m. c.           | 24. Wednesday—Luke 11:35; w. v.        |
| 10. Wednesday—John 12:16; l. c.        | 25. Thursday—Revelation 18:4; m. c.    |
| 11. Thursday—Proverbs 23:26; l. c.     | 26. Friday—Revelation 21:6; m. c.      |
| 12. Friday—Isaiah 40:11; l. c.         | 27. Saturday—Philippians 4:5; l. c.    |
| 13. Saturday—Isaiah 14:32; m. c.       | 28. Sunday—2 Thessalonians 2:7; l. c.  |
| 14. Sunday—Luke 4:2; l. c.             | 29. Monday—Isaiah 12:6; l. c.          |
| 15. Monday—Psalm 39:1; m. c.           | 30. Tuesday—2 Timothy 2:18; l. c.      |
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## MOTHER WONDERFULLY BLESSED AT TIME OF PRAYER.

MADISON, WISCONSIN, February 20, 1901.

REV. G. L. MASON.

Dear Overseer:—I desire to thank you for offering prayer for my mother on the afternoon of February 9th.

You may remember that my husband told you of her illness and that she had started for home, and requested prayers for her.

She had a great deal to say when she came home about the sudden and complete relief which she experienced after she had been on the train for an hour.

Of course we did not know how to account for it until my husband came home the next evening.

It is with praise to God and a grateful heart that I look back to June 27, 1900, when, in answer to your prayer, I received my healing.

For four months I had been suffering with nervous prostration, until it seemed as if every organ in my body was nearly at a standstill.

My weight went as low as ninety-two and one-half pounds. Since that time I have been steadily growing stronger, and since August 15th have been doing my own housework.

I feel that I cannot praise God enough for His wonderful goodness.

Please accept my thanks for your kindness and prayers.

Your Sister in Christ, (MRS.) NETTIE HARGRAVE.

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Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Evangelist Fisher.....	3	29	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder Voliva.....	12	12	41
Total Baptized since March 14 1897.....			9745

The following-named twenty-six believers were baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle, Chicago, Wednesday evening, March 20, 1901, by the General Overseer:

Blossom, W. W.....	5806 State Street, Chicago, Illinois
Cacer, Mrs. Amanda.....	163 Larrabee Street, Chicago, Illinois
Clemons, Mrs. M. T.....	1434 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Coppins, Miss Flora Hazel.....	1552 Gordon Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin
Coppins, Master Edward.....	1552 Gordon Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin
Duekering, Herman F.....	118 Ainslie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Gillespie, Hugh S.....	1327 West Van Buren Street, Chicago, Illinois
Gray, Miss Myrtle.....	6213 Wentworth Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Kistner, H. N.....	978 South Avers Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Kistner, Mrs. A. M.....	978 South Avers Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Linquist, Miss Hilda M.....	6416 Union Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
McLachlan, D.....	239 West Sixty-sixth Street, Chicago, Illinois
McLachlan, Mrs. Annie.....	239 West Sixty-sixth Street, Chicago, Illinois
McLachlan, Miss Bertha.....	239 West Sixty-sixth Street, Chicago, Illinois
McVean, James R.....	436 East Forty-seventh Street, Chicago, Illinois
McVean, Mrs. Jennie S.....	436 East Forty-seventh Street, Chicago, Illinois
Noteboom, John.....	Hawarden, Iowa
Powers, Mrs. Hattie E.....	1632 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Reiff, Miss Anna C.....	1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Roseboom, Ryer.....	Orange City, Iowa
Shreve, Albert.....	7229 Stewart Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Sommerlatt, Robert.....	779 West Twenty-first Place, Chicago, Illinois
Speicher, Rev. John G.....	1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Stetsel, Mrs. Annie.....	116 Diversey Street, Chicago, Illinois
Storey, Ralph.....	Viola, Illinois
Walter, Mrs. Louisa.....	1344 North Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

The following-named twelve believers were baptized at Cincinnati, Ohio, Lord's Day, March 17, 1901, by Elder W. G. Voliva:

Baldwin, Mrs. S. E.....	Corner Chase and Mad Anthony, Cincinnati, Ohio
Combs, Martha.....	Newport, Kentucky
Estler, Hattie.....	Garden Hotel, Fifth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio
Harvey, John A.....	837 Putnam Street, Cincinnati, Ohio
Hopperton, Mrs. Arthusia.....	632 Saratoga Street, Newport, Kentucky
McNeal, Richard W.....	Hartwell, Ohio
McNeal, Mrs. R. W.....	Hartwell, Ohio
Myer, Master Rudolph John.....	1437 Hunt Street, Cincinnati, Ohio
Robinson, Mary J.....	1566 Hartman Street, Covington, Kentucky
Sams, W. J.....	St. Bernard, Ohio
Williams, Mrs. L. J.....	London, Kentucky
Wolf, Mrs. P.....	1008 Ludlow Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio

The following-named six believers were baptized at Seattle, Washington, Lord's Day, March 10, 1901, by Elder August Ernst:

Bachman, Miss Mary.....	Fremont, Washington
Bachman, Master Fred.....	Fremont, Washington
Ernst, Miss Clara.....	610 First Avenue North, Seattle, Washington
Knopf, Herman E.....	110 Mercer Street, Seattle, Washington
Knopf, Mrs. Lydia.....	110 Mercer Street, Seattle, Washington
Priestley, Mrs. Elizabeth.....	722 Warren Avenue, Seattle, Washington

The following-named three believers were baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle, Chicago, Lord's Day, March 17, 1901, by Evangelist E. P. Fisher:

Faught, Mrs. Mary.....	729 Massachusetts Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana
Johnston, William.....	3744 Elmwood Place, Chicago, Illinois
Van Fleet, Isaac O.....	Topeka, Kansas

The following-named twenty-three believers were baptized at Stanningly, Leeds, England, on Wednesday, March 6, 1901, by Evangelist H. E. Cantel:

Ashmore, Mrs. Sarah Jane.....	19 Oxford Street, Ardsley, England
Clarke, William.....	Main Street, Ardsley, England
Clarke, Mrs. Florrie.....	Main Street, Ardsley, England
Dean, Mrs. Mary A.....	121 Oak Place, Gilroy, Morley, England
Fielding, Thomas Henry.....	Lofthouse, Wakefield, England
Fielding, Miss Lillian M.....	Lofthouse, Wakefield, England
Hanson, James Charles.....	4 Upper Accommodation Road, Leeds, England
Hopton, William.....	Leadwell Lane, Rothwell, England
Hopton, Mrs.....	Leadwell Lane, Rothwell, England
Jewitt, T. H.....	11 Beechwood View, Leeds, England
Lingwood, Charles F.....	14 Simpson Street, East Ardsley, England
Lunn, Joseph.....	Westgate, Lofthouse, Wakefield, England
Nicholas, Mrs. Marie C.....	The Falls, East Ardsley, England
Nichols, Harry.....	7 Oakley Street, Thorp, England
Pearson, Mrs. Lottie.....	83 Maidstone Street, Bradford, England
Pinder, Mrs. Mary A.....	East Ardsley, Yorkshire, England
Wood, Robert William.....	9 Ingham's View, Pudsey, England
Wood, Helenor Agnes.....	120 Green Farm, Pudsey, England
Wood, Ellen E.....	120 Green Farm, Pudsey, England
Whitehead, Gladstone.....	45 Ashenhurst, Huddersfield, England
Whitehead, Mrs. Emily.....	45 Ashenhurst, Huddersfield, England
Whitehead, Mrs. Susannah.....	8 Station Square, Stanningly, England
Wilson, Ethel Emma.....	Perseverance Street, Waterloo, Pudsey, England

The following-named eleven believers were baptized at Ashbourne, Derby, England, on Wednesday, February 27, 1901, by Deacon H. E. J. Taylor:

Baugh, Miss Mary E. P.....	Market Place, Ashbourne, England
Biggins, Mrs. Jane.....	Victoria Terrace, Compton, England
Colbourne, Miss Marie.....	Highfield House, Ashbourne, England
Kirkham, Miss Dora.....	King Street, Ashbourne, England
Louendes, Mrs. Mary.....	Buxton Road, Ashbourne, England
Moon, Miss Mary Ann.....	Old Hill, Ashbourne, England
Newnham, H.....	48 South Street, Ashbourne, England
Swinson, Miss Mary.....	21 South Street, Ashbourne, England
Woodward, Arthur.....	Clifton Road, Ashbourne, England
Woodward, Miss Fanny.....	Clifton Road, Ashbourne, England
Woodward, Miss Mary A.....	Clifton Road, Ashbourne, England

The following-named seven believers were baptized in the Regent Road Baths, Salford, Manchester, England, on Friday, March 8, 1901, by Evangelist H. E. Cantel:

Calligan, Mrs. Ellen.....	105 Coral Street, Chorlton-on-Medlock, Manchester, England
Cosgrove, John.....	18 Moorcroft Street, Droydsden, England
Dawbarn, Mrs. Edith C.....	11 James Street, Moss Side, Manchester, England
Hurst, Mrs. G.....	112 Sandy Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, England
Hulme, Mrs. Mary Anne.....	62 Sandy Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, England
Hulme, Walter.....	62 Sandy Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, England
Hulme, Mrs. Lydia M.....	62 Sandy Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, England

The following-named seventeen believers were baptized at Blue Earth, Minnesota, Wednesday, March 13, 1901, by Deacon J. H. Paxton:

Chaffee, Dwight F.....	Blue Earth, Minnesota
Fisher, Albert E.....	Lake Mills, Iowa
Fisher, Mrs. Mamie.....	Lake Mills, Iowa
Hall, C. C.....	Ledyard, Iowa
Hall, Mrs. Sarah F.....	Ledyard, Iowa
Hall, Miss Lillie.....	Ledyard, Iowa
Oulman, Walter.....	Ledyard, Iowa
Pettit, Mrs. Lucetta A.....	Ledyard, Iowa
Rendall, John F.....	Elmore, Minnesota
Rendall, Mrs. Arda S.....	Elmore, Minnesota
Rendall, Miss Minnie Ellen.....	Elmore, Minnesota
Rendall, Miss Esther.....	Elmore, Minnesota
Rendall, Miss Faith.....	Elmore, Minnesota
Rendall, Miss Eva Lewis.....	Ledyard, Iowa
Rush, Miss Ida E.....	Lake Mills, Iowa
Trimble, Francis.....	Ledyard, Iowa
Trimble, Mrs. Alice Victory.....	Ledyard, Iowa

The following-named ten believers were baptized in Zion Tabernacle, Shanghai, China, Friday, February 16, 1901, by Elder C. F. Viking:

Cossum, Rev. W. H.....	Shanghai, China
Cossum, Mrs. C. Stillman.....	Shanghai, China
Cossum, Miss C. Marie.....	Shanghai, China
Cossum, Master Wilford W.....	Shanghai, China
Loh, Mrs. Ng.....	Shanghai, China
Sz, Rev. Peter.....	Shanghai, China
Sz, Mrs. En.....	Shanghai, China
Tsiang, Mr. Veng-Tsae.....	Shanghai, China
Tsiang, Mrs. Wong.....	Shanghai, China
Ye, Mr. Dzong-Yuo.....	Zong-pah, Hu Chau, China

The following-named sixteen believers were baptized at Bethany Chapel, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Wednesday March 13, 1901, by Elder E. B. Kennedy:

Andrew, Miss Agnes J.....	93 Charles Street, Toronto, Ontario
Andrew, Miss Maggie.....	49 Alexander Street, Toronto, Ontario
Andrew, Miss Mary.....	3 Czar Street, Toronto, Ontario
Burgess, Miss Amy E.....	276 Westmoreland Avenue, Toronto, Ontario

Close, J. E. ....	15 Gerrard Street, W., Toronto, Ontario
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Harrison, Miss Lena. ....	55 West Lodge Avenue, Toronto, Ontario
Lake, Mrs. Harriet. ....	236 King Street East, Toronto, Ontario
Marlatt, William H. ....	11 Norfolk Street, Toronto, Ontario
Shields, Mrs. Hattie. ....	239 Broadview Avenue, Toronto, Ontario
Shields, Master Edwin. ....	239 Broadview Avenue, Toronto, Ontario
Thompson, Andrew J. ....	10 Sword Street, Toronto, Ontario

The following-named two believers were baptized at Wichita, Kansas, Lord's Day, March 10, 1901, by Elder D. A. Reed:  
 Fuller, F. T. .... Wichita, Kansas  
 Michael, Abraham S. .... 117 Washington Avenue, Wichita, Kansas

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He sendeth His word

and healeth them.



# LEAVES OF HEALING

I am the Lord that healeth thee.

And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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## GOD'S WITNESSES TO DIVINE HEALING.

GOD LEADS DENOMINATIONAL MINISTER INTO ZION AND WONDERFULLY HEALS HIM AND HIS FAMILY.

HATH ANY OF THE RULERS BELIEVED ON HIM?

The Pharisees asked that question about Christ.

Modern Pharisees ask the same question about His work in Zion. The answer is the same in both cases. The Word says that the common people heard Christ gladly.

But it also says that "a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith."

So in Zion, the common people hear the Message of God's Messenger gladly.

There is also "a great company" of God's true ministers who "are obedient to the faith."

They find the Message to be in exact accordance with the inspired Word of God.

They see the "signs following."

They see people saved, healed, cleansed, made prosperous and happy.

Such a work they recognize as the work of God. They are honest with God and with themselves. Hence they must believe.

This Witness was a Congregational minister.

He was trained in University and Theological Seminary.

Yet he had never learned that God meant what He said

when He proclaimed, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." He had never been taught that disease, like sin and every other evil thing, was the work of the Devil.

He had never learned from his theological professors that since Christ came to destroy the works of the Devil, He came to destroy disease. When he was attacked by disease, they advised him to seek "unto the physicians."

They did not teach him that God has not said one word in favor of physicians or drugs; but, on the contrary, in many places in His Word has denounced them.

He had a terrible experience with physicians and surgeons, in which he received no permanent benefit.

His wife had suffered much from disease and physicians who failed to cure her.

Such was his condition when God sent him a Message by the Little White Dove.

With an honest purpose he searched the Scripture, with every aid which his education had taught him to use, to find whether the Message were true.

He became convinced of its truth. He was attacked by pleuro-pneumonia and rapidly went down to the very point of



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death. The physician said he would die. He prayed for life. God quickly raised him up.

His wife was dangerously ill.

He prayed for her, and God heard.

Incontrovertible facts had been given in support of the truth.

He began to preach the truth which God had shown him through Zion's Message.

But he found that he could not preach the truth in the Congregational Church.

He had to preach what the members wanted him to.

The members, not God's minister, ruled the Church.

Hence he became, at the call of God's Messenger, the General Overseer, a member and Elder in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

God has greatly blessed him in that ministry.

In answer to prayer of the General Overseer, he and his faithful wife have been perfectly healed of all their diseases.

Their children have often been healed, and are healthy and happy, growing up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Without fear he proclaims with boldness the truth as it is in the Word of God; for in Zion God rules, and not the people.

His call to Repentance is heard and many are saved.

With a sincere faith, he lays hands upon the sick, praying for their recovery, and God keeps the promise, made by His Son:

These signs shall follow them that believe: in My Name they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

His good wife, Evangelist Adams, is a faithful, efficient helper, and God blesses her work among the women.

How much better to be in Zion, healed and kept well by the power of God, than to be in the hands of the doctors and growing worse!

How much better to be in Zion, working for God and having His blessing upon the work, than to be in a denominational Church, doing the bidding of the members, and with no results!

May God bring all His true ministers out of the bondage and fruitlessness of the apostasy into the glorious liberty and blessed fruits of Zion.

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#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF REV. JAMES R. ADAMS.

410 NORTH IONIA STREET,  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, February 19, 1901. }

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

*My Dear General Overseer:*—My wife and I have been in Zion now over a year and a half. We cannot refrain longer from bearing witness to the many blessings which have come to us, all undeserved, in Zion, especially through your teaching of the Word and prayers.

In 1888 I decided to devote my life to the ministry, and began study the same year.

My pastor, the Rev. Joseph Wild, D. D., of Bond Street Church, Toronto, gave me much help and encouragement.

Next year I went to McGill University, Montreal, where I studied two years.

While there, you came to Toronto and held a Divine Healing Mission in the Bond Street Church, it being one of the largest in the city, and the largest Congregational Church in all Canada.

To this day I regret missing your God-given Message at that time. However, it was not altogether loss to me, for I received some of Dr. Wild's published sermons afterwards, which were strongly flavored by your teaching.

Thus, many years ago, I received in this diluted form my first help toward believing and trusting in God for healing in answer to prayer.

To me it was the first far-away echo of that Voice to Zion which we now love to hear and to obey.

About this time I began to notice a difficulty in breathing through the right nostril. It increased until I could breathe only with difficulty, and many times not at all, through the affected side.

Supposing it to be catarrh, I took various specifics and washes for that disease.

One of these was a mixture of weeds ground up like smoking tobacco and used in the same filthy way.

This treatment did absolutely no good. On the other hand, it distressed me and produced headaches, besides being so repulsive that I soon abandoned it and concluded that my trouble was not catarrh, whatever else it might be.

In the meantime I had studied in Chicago Theological Seminary, 81 Ashland Boulevard, for one year, and returned to Toronto in the spring of 1892.

I was urged to consult H. H. Moorhouse, M. D., our family physician, who made light of the affliction, but gave me a prescription.

Being convinced that he did not understand the case, I threw away the prescription.

The learned professors in the Chicago Theological Seminary had nothing to say about the Great Physician. They had a room in the Presbyterian Hospital for sick students. Their time was taken up subjecting the Bible to higher, lower, historical and literary criticism, and the history of theological wrangling.

Instead of telling us to preach as did Elijah, Jeremiah, John or Stephen, they gave us Demosthenes and other heathen orators as models of pulpit rhetoric.

Instead of telling us that we must "lay hands upon the sick and they shall recover," and how to pray "the prayer of faith," they took the trouble to give us reasons why German critics rejected all the New Testament books but four.

Being so led astray, I turned again to man for help, for the trouble in my head became so persistent that I had no rest day or night. In fact, I could for days at a time think of nothing else.

Finally I consulted Dr. Aikens, corner Church and Wilton Avenues, Toronto.

He was highly recommended to me as a surgical expert and a member of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Toronto.

Dr. Aikens examined me, and said that a large polypus had grown on one of the right turbinated bones.

He recommended an operation.

A day was appointed, and I prepared for the knife and chloroform by fasting beforehand in accordance with the surgeon's suggestion.

This left me weak, but I went on in my ignorance, asking God to bless the doctor and grant a successful outcome.

On regaining consciousness, I found that five polypi had been torn from the air passages of my head, one being over an inch and a quarter long, having attached to it three-quarters of an inch of the turbinated bone.

My stomach was nearly filled with blood, which ran down my throat from the wounds.

The assistant surgeon administered to me during the operation over six ounces of pure chloroform.

This so poisoned me that intense and prolonged nausea resulted, from which I suffered severely.

The wounds continued to bleed profusely.

The surgeon plugged the approaches with drug-soaked sponges to check the hemorrhages.

These remained about a week before being removed.

After about three weeks, when the scabs came away, I found that I was in a worse condition than ever, for new growths appeared where the polypi had been.

These "adhesions" grew across the nostril, drew both sides together and deflected the septum very badly.

Of course I was much discouraged.

The butchery caused much suffering, expense and waste of time.

I "was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse."

Then I returned to my studies in the Seminary at Chicago, where I heard of Dr. Carwin, a specialist in diseases of the head and throat, who made special rates to the students and was approved by the faculty.

I went to him.

He advised more operations on an improved and scientific plan.

At his hands I suffered ten more operations through the winter of 1892-1893.

He cauterized the parts by cocaine and then burned them by a red-hot metal cautery, while I sat propped up and held a bowl to receive the hemorrhage.

It was awful!

Between operations my head was packed with rolls of cotton steeped in iodoform to prevent septicæmia.

The specialist hoped by these tortures to destroy the growths caused by the first operation, and restore the septum to its normal position.

Although the adhesions were partly burned out by the red-hot platinum, I felt no better, nor could I breathe more freely.

I had to lie constantly upon my left side in order to get any sleep, and always awoke dull and weary.

Then it was that I abandoned all hope of human help, but did not turn to God for healing, not knowing clearly how to do so.

I graduated from the Congregational Seminary in 1894, in a far lower



spiritual condition, and with smaller hold on God, than when I entered three years before.

Although I took second prize in Hebrew and was crammed full of dead theology, modern sociology, Biblical criticism, sacred elocution and up-to-date methods of "reaching the masses," what I sorely needed was a thorough Zion sermon on "Repentance toward God and Faith toward our Lord Jesus."

Soon I received a call to become assistant to my former pastor, Dr. Joseph Wild, in the First Congregational Church at London, Ontario.

In one of his sermons in that Church, he exhibited a copy of Volume I of LEAVES OF HEALING, and commented upon a picture of yourself standing beside the crutches, braces, etc., "captured from the enemy" and nailed to the walls of Zion Tabernacle No. 1.

Seeing that the statement made was in perfect harmony with Scripture, I gladly believed what Dr. Wild said of your work, and stored away the information for future use in anti-infidels debate.

Even then I failed to apply the truth of Healing to all and to myself as a universal provision of the Atonement, but rather considered those early Miracles of Healing (1892-1895) as a wonderful curiosity of answered prayer; an unusual showing of God's power.

Two years passed, and my eyes were still holden that I should not see Him as my Healer as well as my Saviour.

In August, 1897, I passed through Chicago to fill a preaching engagement in Detroit.

Going along Twelfth Street, the word ZION in large gilt letters caught my eye.

I stopped, wondering what it might mean, being impressed with the clean, homelike appearance of the building, and especially by the snowy whiteness of the lace curtains.

But I did not know that the Divine Healing Homes had been moved down town.

Surely it was the Devil who then whispered into my questioning heart: "Schweinfurth or some other false Christ, no doubt."

With a shudder at the thought, I hurried on, caught my train and was soon far away.

Again I had come so near to Zion and yet missed it!

In a few months we went to Colorado, then to Wyoming in December, 1898.

Though I knew it not, God was leading me Zionward.

More and more I was interested in prayer.

I preached on "Hezekiah's Answer" at the beginning of my pastorate.

On the next day I was down with the grip. It rapidly developed into pleurisy, and then pleuro-pneumonia. At the same time the weather grew colder until it reached fifty-six degrees below zero.

This brought me into the fatal stage of that swift mountain fever.

Dr. F. Denebrink told the druggist that it was too bad about the new preacher; he would probably not last another day. I knew I was dying.

Copious discharges of copper-colored decomposed blood indicated the approaching end.

My wife went out with some ashes. The intense cold made her violently seasick, so she was for some time unable to replenish the fire.

The thermometer mercury went down into the bulb and froze solid.

Again I thought of Hezekiah, and turned my face to the wall and prayed: "O God, it cannot be Thy will that I should die here in this strange place, and leave this woman and our babies alone and helpless so far from home. Deliver me, and make me well to take my place, for Jesus' sake."

I know not if I said "Amen," so quickly did God answer, and I fell asleep.

Next morning when I awoke the terrible scourge was gone.

Before noon the same doctor called, and expressed surprise and pleasure at the sudden change in my condition. He said I needed no medicine, and reported to friends down town that the pneumonia was past.

Immediately the Devil brought lumbago upon me.

Somehow I neglected to pray for that, but in spite of it so rapidly regained strength and vitality that in a few days I was out walking in the snow at a temperature of thirty-five degrees below zero. The next Sunday but one I preached in the church.

Soon after this, Mr. and Mrs. James Colley began to give us odd copies of LEAVES OF HEALING. I was now ripe for the whole doctrine of Divine Healing. Yet many of your declarations were so startling and your teaching so new to me, that I challenged their accuracy or scholarship.

So I hunted out my Hebrew Bible and Greek Testament, and a half-dozen lexicons, dictionaries, etc., "to investigate Zion."

Frequently I spent half the night in "searching the Scriptures whether these things were so."

I humbly thank God that He gave me grace and grit enough to accept and practice Zion teaching when I saw that it was according to His Word.

When you showed me that drugs were not only useless, but foes of God's Healing, I gathered my arms full of our family medicine bottles and

threw them into the creek. This was done with much joy and was followed by quiet and sweet peace of mind and heart.

When you proved from the Bible that swine's flesh was a disease-producer, I left my study to see if we had any in the kitchen or pantry.

A piece of bacon was put in the stove; the lard was melted and poured out. None has been in our house since, and I have never had the slightest sign of bilious fever since that day, although I had several attacks each year previously. Praise God.

But your teaching found its way into my preaching and caused uneasiness among the sinners whose hired man I was.

The trustees suggested the difficulty of raising my salary if I preached against popular sins.

Bluntly put, it meant "Preach to please us, or no pay."

After prayerful consideration, I released the church from its obligation to pay me a stipend, so I should be entirely free to preach what God bade me.

So I fired away at the Devil and God filled the pantry.

Some thought I was going crazy.

The Church was full of dancers, playgoers, secretists, swine-eaters, some infidels and an adulterer, and a few earnest Christians. I wanted to clean up.

But Congregationalism vests its authority in the membership. A majority vote on any matter is necessary before the pastor can move.

I could not get rid of a notorious tough if the other members declined to vote against him.

I was troubled. At last I saw that Zion's new wine could not be put into the old Congregational bottle.

Such a church polity must be evil and unscriptural.

In my perplexity I thought of writing to you for counsel and started to go downstairs to consult my wife about it. I met her half-way coming up.

I said: "Bessie, what do you think of our writing to that Dr. Dowie in Chicago and asking him for advice?"

Smiling, she replied: "Why, Papa, I was just coming up to tell you to do that very thing."

We did so, and you replied kindly, inviting me to become a member of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

Again you wrote, asking me to come to Chicago.

Since giving up my salary, God had provided for every want, but I had nothing ahead. The trip to Chicago would cost about \$100.

I saw no way of getting it, but prayed earnestly for the means of going as a "Gideon's fleece," to prove that you and Zion were of God and that I was not foolish but wise in heeding your behest.

Very soon God opened the way, gave me the time and provided the funds for the trip; all in such a wonderful way that it would be the deadliest unbelief in me any more to doubt but that God had borne witness in the strongest and clearest manner to His approval of Zion and her General Overseer.

*Vini, Vidi, Victus sum!*

"I came. I saw. I was conquered!"

As soon as I saw Zion I loved it, and the last trace of attachment to the denominational ministry died out of my heart.

The day you granted me an interview, received me into fellowship and ordained me an Elder, was up to that time the happiest of my whole life.

At that time you prayed three times for my healing of the old polypoid growths and the results of the surgical operations in my head. But I was too full of myself to get the blessing sought for.

Although a little disappointed, I determined to go on with God's work and leave that trouble in His hands.

Then I forgot all about it for over a year, when one day I suddenly realized that I had been sleeping on my *right* side many months with much comfort, and that I awoke every morning feeling bright and fresh, although working harder and sleeping fewer hours than ever before.

I also realized that I could breathe quite freely and evenly through both nostrils, and that my heart was strong and regular in its action, for the constant sleeping upon the left side had seriously affected it.

This I have put to many severe tests, such as fast cycling for long distances and climbing hills.

When I thought more of getting a blessing for others and a little less for my own precious carcass, then God blessed me.

I went about my Father's business, doing His Will, and, like the ten lepers, as I went I was cleansed.

I praise God and thank you for your prayers of faith.

God has been very good to us in Zion, and we have been surprised and delighted with your generosity and patience.

About a year ago I was smitten with grip and was very sick all day. The same evening I was due to conduct a Zion meeting at 1204 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago.

On my arrival there I had to lie down, being unable to stand.

At five minutes to meeting time, Deacon Post arrived with his daughter

Ethel, who was to give her testimony to healing of osteo-sarcoma through your prayers.

I called the Deacon into a side room and asked him to lay hands on me and pray.

He did so, I joining silently. Immediately I opened the meeting and conducted it for two hours.

Before closing the meeting, I asked any one who had perceived hoarseness or any sign of illness in me to raise the hand. Not one went up. It was an instant answer to the prayers of two agreeing.

In conclusion, I desire to say that on January 25, 1901, I took sick with bronchitis. The next day, Saturday, my voice was gone and the pains in my chest were very severe.

At 6 P. M. I telegraphed to you to "Please pray for my healing of bronchitis. Voice gone."

Within an hour I was improving. By morning the pain had ceased. Although hoarse, I personally conducted the four regular Zion Tabernacle services, without any distress or weakness.

I am now quite well, and thank you most earnestly for your God-honored teaching and prayers.

I give praise to Him whose is the power and the glory forever. Amen.  
In Jesus the Coming King, faithfully yours, JAMES R. ADAMS.

#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF MRS. S. ELIZABETH ADAMS.

410 NORTH IONIA STREET,  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, February 19, 1901. }

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

*My Dear General Overseer:*—It is with great joy and gratitude to God and to yourself that I write this testimony of simple facts relative to my coming into Zion and the many blessings I have received thereby.

I was the only child of sickly parents. While yet a young woman, my mother died of hereditary heart disease and paralysis.

As a natural consequence I was very delicate until I reached womanhood.

Being left an orphan, I gratified a desire to see something of the New World and left my native land, England, fifteen years ago.

I settled in Chicago.

When the grip was epidemic in 1889 I became one of its victims and suffered inexpressibly for seven weeks, being bedfast all the time. When I was able to get up, I moved about more dead than alive.

My body was wrapped in cotton batting. Turpentine in the form of poultices was used so much that my skin was so blistered and raw that I could not endure any part of my clothing to touch me.

But with time and strict obedience to the laws of nature I recovered sufficiently to resume my duties, although far from being strong.

Being in this weak and susceptible condition, I became subject to periodic kidney disease, and occasionally neuralgia of the heart.

In 1894 I married Rev. James R. Adams, and with him went to London, Canada, where we lived one year.

While there I realized that my old enemies, the post-grip troubles, were returning.

I consulted Dr. Moorhouse and two other physicians, whose names I have since forgotten.

None of them could give me any help or do me any good.

Then we left London and removed to Bevier, Missouri, where my husband was pastor for two years.

The locality was low and damp.

I contracted malarial-typhoid fever, and during our residence there I suffered everything any human being can suffer without losing life or limbs.

The physicians there advised change of climate.

My husband then gave up his charge and we removed to the famous Creede District, Colorado, to an elevation of 10,000 feet above sea level. Here the high altitude affected my heart unfavorably, although the malarial tendency was lessened.

The two doctors whom we employed advised a lower altitude.

Leaving my husband at his ministry in Creede, I went to the San Luis Valley and remained at Del Norte most of the summer of 1898. No sooner had I returned to our charge than my health was as before.

I confess I was discouraged, and so was Mr. Adams.

All through these years we had served the Master faithfully according to our light and training. As might be expected, the results were meagre and unsatisfactory.

From beginning to end of the year it was dinned into my ear that "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth."

I thought it meant to make sick, and hoped I would soon be perfect if that sickness would do it.

My husband thought otherwise.

However, the Lord was leading us all the way.

Soon we left Colorado and went to Sheridan, Wyoming.

There, among the dreary foothills near the Custer battlefield, we found the desired haven.

While looking through a house with a view to renting it, I found in a closet some leaves of a periodical which had been used for shelf paper. I gathered them together for waste paper, and in so doing the picture of a girl's face, horribly drawn and distorted by disease, caught my eye and riveted my attention.

The otherwise sweet-faced girl seemed to be suffering the very tortures of hell from that foulest of diseases, cancer.

Forgetting all else, I read about her, thinking, "Can it be possible we are created in the image of God, and yet He sends these diseases to destroy His own likeness and make us like devils?"

But I read further on, and found that the dear child was suffering not from the loving hand of God, but from the cruel fingers of Satan.

I read, "Disease is the Devil's work."

Then I found that you prayed the prayer of faith for the poor sufferer, and God's power was present to heal.

The dismembered leaves, I found, were pages of LEAVES OF HEALING of September 25, 1897, and the pictures were those of Ethel Post.

My husband read with equal interest all that could be found of that wonderful Story of the power of Him whose Name is "Wonderful."

Together we compared notes and exclaimed, "What powerful evidence of the willingness of God to heal now as He did in the past."

Soon after, my husband took sick with pleuro-pneumonia.

He trusted in God and was healed as he says in his testimony.

I am sure that our confidence and faith in God were much strengthened by our precious discovery in the empty house.

When my son William was born, I almost died.

The labor continued two whole days without progress. I was utterly exhausted.

The doctors chloroformed me and I am sure used instruments, for I did not fully recover for years.

Now we were learning to trust God even in childbearing. Although I had engaged a physician, I prayed that God would deliver me and manifest His power in my body, that I should not have to submit to the butcheries of the accoucher, and He did.

Had it not been for my husband's telephone call and the doctor's fast horse, Baby Margaret would have been born when he was a mile away.

God graciously fulfilled His Word, "She shall be saved through the childbearing."

I hardly know why I had a physician, having lost all confidence in his skill.

Doubtless I was a coward, and afraid of what people might say.

The child was born while the doctor was talking to the nurse, after a very brief sickness.

We give God all the glory.

I was indiscreet and left my room too soon, and as a result I caught cold, which developed into acute neuralgia of the face and neck.

I suffered intensely for over two weeks, day and night, getting very little sleep.

The baby also nursed from me the trouble, and became thin and fretful. Even then I used liniment without relief, having little faith and not being fully taught as to the evils attending the use of drugs.

I used so much chloroform to ease the pain that I sometimes feared for my reason.

On the following Sunday, when my pain seemed, if possible, to be worse than ever, my husband came home from church and found me groaning and moaning.

He knelt beside my bed, and taking my hand in his, he said, "Bessie, I have studied up this matter of Divine Healing very closely since you have been ill, and I am now convinced that what you are doing is wrong, and that sickness and medicine are not according to God's will. Let us prove Him.

"He will heal you through prayer and obedience."

I am not sure that I quite understood all he said, I was so stupefied by pain and drugs, but I agreed to it.

He then laid his hands upon my head and asked God to heal me.

He then went out and got some milk for me, and when he returned, in a short time, I was sound asleep.

I drank the milk he brought, feeling much refreshed, though very weak.

We then prayed together, asking God to do a perfect work.

I again fell asleep and did not awake until the next morning, having slept naturally ten hours.

It was a perfect healing, for which I thank God from my heart.

I did not know at the time that during my confinement and subsequent illness my husband was receiving A VOICE FROM ZION from Deaconess Hill, and LEAVES OF HEALING from the only two Zion members then living in Sheridan, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Colley.

I believe that my healing is directly due to your teaching published in

Zion Literature, and to the loving sympathy of the faithful members who provided us with it.

We continued to read the LEAVES as regularly as they came, and were soon better informed on Zion teaching.

My husband then gave up his salary as a Congregational minister, in order to be free to preach all the truth.

God most wonderfully opened up the way and provided the means for us to accept your gracious invitation to come to Chicago.

In August, 1899, we were in Zion Home.

I was never so happy in all my life as when there.

I could not think an unkind thought.

The whole atmosphere seemed to be charged with peace and love and harmony.

Very soon we entered into the fulness of this glorious work, and have been blessed in every effort we have put forth in the proclamation of the Full Gospel of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living.

Concerning my old diseases of the heart and kidneys, and the effects of grip and malaria, I am glad to testify that since giving up doctors and drugs altogether, and trusting in God alone for healing, I have had the best health of my life.

While ailing my weight never exceeded 110 pounds.

You laid hands on me and prayed for me in Zion Home in September, 1899.

Since then no symptoms of the old troubles have manifested themselves. I now weigh 150 pounds and enjoy good health.

As an example of what God has done for me in Zion, I will say that I do all my own housework and care for a family of five, assist my husband in his street meetings until near midnight, telling the good news and selling LEAVES OF HEALING, and next morning attend the first services in Zion Tabernacle with the children, the baby not yet being weaned.

In conclusion, I will tell of my latest healing of an accident.

While housecleaning, just before last Christmas, I stood upon a box which was placed upon a chair in order to reach some curtains I wished cleaned.

The baby pulled my skirt to gain my attention to something.

The box slipped away from under my feet and I lost my balance.

As I fell forward, the chair back tilted upwards so that I struck full weight upon it with such violence that for a time life was suspended.

I could not breathe.

The agony was such that the power of thinking left me.

I fought desperately a few seconds for my life.

When my thoughts returned, I prayed to God, and could after that breathe in little gasps when I grew calmer.

The Elder being away from home, I thought my time had come to die.

My lungs were badly crushed.

I could not rise from the floor, but was bent double.

Before he returned, I was enabled to creep into the study and lie down, by slow and painful degrees straightening out my form.

My husband came home to supper.

He laid his hands upon me and prayed, "In the Name of the Lord Jesus," for my healing.

In a few minutes I was breathing freely, then arose and prepared supper and ate as heartily as ever I did.

Next day, Wednesday, I resumed my housecleaning.

In the evening we held a Cottage Meeting at our home, and I had the pleasure of publicly testifying to God's mercy and goodness in giving me such a speedy deliverance.

Surely the old prophecy is being fulfilled in Zion: "Before they call I will answer; and while they are yet speaking I will hear."

With earnest thanksgiving to God and His Messenger, I am

Sincerely yours in Jesus, (MRS.) S. ELIZABETH ADAMS.

#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF REV. JAMES R. ADAMS, TO HIS CHILDREN'S HEALINGS.

410 NORTH IONIA STREET,  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, February 20, 1901.

MY DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—The oral testimony concerning my son William's healing of scarlet fever is in LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume VI, Number 23, March 31, 1900, on page 729.

To the above I wish to add that he was then excluded from school because of non-vaccination.

However, the School Board issued a permit for readmission minus the virus, provided he passed medical examination.

The medical inspector from the Board of Health came to the school. His teacher presented William to him with, "Here is a little Dowieite for you, Doctor."

He laughed and at once admitted him without examination. Was not his action a testimony to the thoroughness of God's work in Zion?

Was it not also a tacit admission that he had no confidence in the alleged preventive powers of filthy vaccine matter? Victoria's healing of scarlet fever was very rapid. She did not lie abed even half a day.

The scaling off of the scarf-skin was complete in both cases.

About that period a number of children, their companions, gained admittance to the house without our knowledge, being admitted by the children themselves.

We prayed that God would keep them from taking the plague. Not one has taken it, even in mild form, to this day, so far as we know.

Again our Father made good the promise, "He shall deliver thee . . . from the noisome pestilence."

On my first visit to Zion Home I was much impressed with the everywhere evident love of the children for yourself and Mrs. Dowie, believing that the true Christ-spirit was universally attractive to the little ones.

General Overseer, for thee we pray,  
Long may'st thou live to lead the way  
To victories in holy fray.

In Jesus the Coming King, faithfully yours, JAMES R. ADAMS.

#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF MRS. SARAH ELIZABETH ADAMS TO THE HEALING OF HER LITTLE DAUGHTER.

410 NORTH IONIA STREET,  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, February 13, 1901.

REV. JOHN ALEXANDER DOWIE.

Dear General Overseer:—With great joy and gratitude to you I write this testimony to the power of God to deliver even from the jaws of death.

Some weeks ago on a Friday our three little ones were as usual playing in their room upstairs, when our baby, not yet two years of age, fell the full length of the stairs to the bottom.

I was in a distant part of the house at the time.

I heard the sound and ran to learn what it could be, when to my horror I found my dear child lying white and limp at the foot of the stairs.

I gathered her in my arms and ran with her into the study, where I knew my husband was.

I was terribly frightened.

He took her from me with some mild words of reproof for my giving way to fear.

We together knelt down and asked God to deliver her from the power of the enemy, death, in the meantime laying hands upon her according to God's command.

She then sat up and began to moan.

I took her and nursed her, when she soon fell asleep.

She slept soundly and well for some time, when she awoke and came to me in the kitchen, laughing and asking for a cookie.

I took her up, praising God in my heart for His goodness.

I noticed when I put my arms around her that she cried a little. I then examined her body and discovered that she had broken a rib on the right side and it was protruding almost through the skin.

Her head was badly hurt and a large lump formed on the right temple.

We prayed again and asked God to perfect His work and heal that little broken body, which He did.

In a short time the bone went back into place, and from that time to the present she has never shown the least sign of sickness or soreness.

We give God all the glory, and thank Him for giving us the victory.

We praise God for His goodness to us, and pray that we may be of greater use in His service.

Your Sister in Christ, (MRS.) SARAH ELIZABETH ADAMS.

#### Cousin Immediately Healed of Grip.

PLAIN CITY, OHIO, January 30, 1901.

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

Dear General Overseer:—I write in praise to God.

I was at my cousin's, Anna Frazell's.

She had a severe pain in her neck and shoulders, and said to me, "I wish Dr. Dowie were here to heal my neck and shoulders."

I said, "Do not say that, for Dr. Dowie cannot heal you; God doeth the work."

I asked, "Do you believe that God can take all pain away?"

She said, "Yes."

We asked God, for Jesus' sake, to destroy the Devil's work, take that pain all away, break up the grip, and make her every whit whole.

She went to writing, and in about two minutes she said, "I am astonished!"

"That pain is all gone."

I said, "Praise the Lord," and she cried for joy.

We give God all the glory.

Your Brother in Christ,

SANFORD FRAZELL.



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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, MARCH 30, 1901.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

ARISE YE, AND LET US GO UP TO ZION  
 UNTO THE LORD OUR GOD.\*

WE REJOICE that we are now enabled to make the Announcement which has been so long eagerly waited for by tens of thousands in Zion.

ON MONDAY, JULY 15th, a very large section of Zion City will be open for selection.

WE HAVE GIVEN orders to put an additional number of Survey Parties at once into the field to stake out lots, streets, avenues and boulevards. Several square miles have been already surveyed in outline.

WE HOPE in a short time to be able to send out, through Zion Land and Investment Association, detailed Plats of the Land thrown open in this large and important portion of the city.

THE EAGERNESS with which this Announcement will be received is already evidenced by the fact that shareholders desiring land, who have already taken hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of stock, have intimated their intention to avail themselves of their right of choice.

It is estimated that APPLICATIONS FOR SIX THOUSAND LOTS have already been made in this manner.

THIS IS, as far as we are aware, a most unprecedented fact, and points to the early erection of thousands of homes in Zion City.

SUPPOSING that only one thousand persons were to select their lots and begin building their homes this year, it is probable that the aggregate investments of such persons in Zion would amount to, at least, from Two to Three Millions of Dollars.

This is a very low estimate.

Indeed, in our judgment, it is probable that the number of persons who will select with a view to immediate building will, at an early date, number at least five thousand, and an average investment of only two thousand dollars in land and house, which is a low estimate, would mean an Investment of Ten Million Dollars in Zion City.

IT WILL be seen that this will give a greatly added value to the rest of the lots, and we shall be justified in asking a very much larger price for the land in the second subdivision.

WE HAVE now acquired title to nearly 2000 acres, and arrangements have been made to secure title to 270 acres on Monday next. Further arrangements are being made to make our total holdings under title and in full possession, fully 3000 acres by the middle of May.

We shall have, God willing, in full possession, nearly five square miles by the first of June, and possibly more before the land is opened; for we have paid a very large sum already upon the other five square miles.

WE HAVE GONE far beyond our contracts when we agreed to purchase the land at the beginning of last year.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made for the rapid establishment of many profitable Zion Industries.

THE SPIRITUAL and moral tone of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion is most excellent.

This present week has shown great vigor in all the three great departments of the work: Ecclesiastical, Educational and Commercial.

VERY LARGE Investments have also been made this week through Zion's Financial Institutions.

There is every prospect of a very great increase in Zion's Onward Movement this Spring.

WE HAVE AGAIN and again declined, within the last few days, offers to lend us large sums of money on our bonds for the more rapid development of the City.

WE HOPE that Zion's people and Zion's friends will make this entirely unnecessary, for again we say, as we have often said, that it is our intense desire that Zion shall reap where we have sown, so that the extension of the work of God in Zion shall be promoted in this way.

WE SHALL, probably, have some very Important Announcements to make next week in connection with the work in Chicago and a new Zion Home for Zion College and for Guests.

THIS HAS BEEN a most important week in connection with the business arrangements of every kind for the better organization and effectual working of the three great divisions of God's work in Zion.

WE HAVE every reason to give thanks and praise to God who has so wonderfully provided for us.

His good counsel and direction have given us glorious successes in ways which we do not think it well, at present, to discuss.

WE EARNESTLY direct attention to the discourses published in this issue.

We have revised them with as much care as our time permitted.

Following up our recent utterances on the Seal of the Living God, we have especially dealt with God's Purposes in a Real Baptism.

It has been a great joy to know that these discourses have been especially blessed to many thousands of Zion in Chicago, and we trust they will be to Zion everywhere.

BRETHREN, PRAY FOR US.

## GOD'S WAY OF HEALING.

BY THE REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

### God's Way of Healing is a Person, not a Thing.

Jesus said, "*I am* the Way, and the Truth, and the Life," and He has ever been revealed to His people in all the ages by the Covenant Name, Jehovah-ropi, or "*I am* the Lord that Healeth thee." (John 14:6; Exodus 15:26.)

### The Lord Jesus Christ is Still the Healer.

He cannot change, for "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yea and forever"; and He is still with us, for He said, "Lo, *I am* with you alway, even unto the end of the world." (Hebrews 13:8; Matthew 28:20.) Because He is Unchangeable, and because He is present, in spirit, just as when in the flesh, He is the Healer of His people.

### Divine Healing Rests on Christ's Atonement.

It was prophesied of Him, "Surely He hath borne our griefs (Hebrew *sicknesses*), and carried our sorrows: . . . and with His stripes we are healed"; and it is expressly declared that this was fulfilled in His ministry of Healing, which still continues. (Isaiah 53:4, 5; Matthew 8:17.)

### Disease Can Never be God's Will.

It is the Devil's work, consequent upon Sin, and it is impossible for the work of the Devil ever to be the Will of God. Christ came to "destroy the works of the Devil," and when He was here on earth He healed "all manner of disease and all manner of sickness," and all these diseases are expressly declared to have been "oppressed of the Devil." (1 John 3:8; Matthew 4:23; Acts 10:38.)

### The Gifts of Healing are Permanent.

It is expressly declared that the "Gifts and the calling of God are without repentance," and the Gifts of Healing are amongst the Nine Gifts of the Spirit to the Church. (Romans 11:29; 1 Cor. 12:8-11.)

### There are Four Modes of Divine Healing.

The first is the direct prayer of faith; the second, intercessory prayer of two or more; the third, the anointing by the elders with the prayer of faith; and the fourth, the laying on of hands of those who believe, and whom God has prepared and called to that ministry. (Matthew 8:5-13; Matthew 18:19; James 5:14, 15; Mark 16:18.)

### Divine Healing is Opposed by Diabolical Counterfeits.

Amongst these are Christian Science (falsely so-called), Mind Healing, Spiritualism, Trance Evangelism, etc. (1 Timothy 6:20, 21; 1 Timothy 4:1, 2; Isaiah 51:22, 23.)

### Multitudes Have Been Healed Through Faith in Jesus.

The writer knows of thousands of cases and has personally laid hands on scores of thousands of persons. Full information can be obtained at the meetings held in Zion Tabernacle, 1621-1633 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, and in many pamphlets which give the experience, in their own words, of many who have been healed in this and other countries, published at Zion Publishing House, 1207 Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

### "Belief Cometh of Hearing, and Hearing by the Word of God."

You are heartily invited to attend and hear for yourself.





# ZION'S LITERATURE

## MISSION

By DEACONESS SARAH E. HILL

AND YOU did He quicken, when ye were dead in your trespasses and sins.—Ephesians 2:1.

THE FOLLOWING LETTER from Spain was written by a gentleman who was

### Blessed Through Reading Leaves of Healing.

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

*My Dear Friend:*—From far-away Madrid I send Zion greeting.

Though a stranger in a strange land, it is very gratifying to find in every inn and hotel "crumbs of comfort" from LEAVES OF HEALING.

Yesterday I was with the dead. Today I am with the living.

God has been kind to me in dropping in my lonely path pearls of priceless value.

My dear friend, I thank you in His Name for what you have unconsciously done for me.

I was walking in a dark and lonely path with no light to guide, when you met me on the way and spoke words of good cheer.

The dawn of a new morning seemed to break upon me.

I have been ill. I have been friendless.

I have lost all of my worldly goods.

You have refreshed me. You have befriended me. You have given me treasure that cannot fade.

I thank God for the General Overseer, and the General Overseer for LEAVES OF HEALING, which is found the world over.

The letter which follows shows the

### Cleansing Power in Leaves of Healing.

RIFLE, COLORADO, February 26, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I will now confess to you and to God what a stinkpot I was. I chewed and smoked, and drank whisky. I would plan to steal from some one.

About a year ago I came to Mr. Beebe's house.

He handed me a copy of LEAVES OF HEALING and told me to read it carefully, which I did.

That visit brought me to know God and to know that He was the Healer and Keeper of His people.

I am thankful to you and to God for the blessings I received from reading Zion Literature.

Your Brother in Christ,

ELLIS LIEURANCE.

### How Zion Teaching Stirred the Devil in London.

The following letter is from a gentleman in London, who writes:

The case of Zion Literature arrived safely.

I am sure you have put us to work to stir up Satan.

He will rage as a lion.

This place is in a sad state of wickedness—too bad to mention.

Will you not make it a matter of special prayer?

I had been praying for months for our Father in Heaven to send some one to stir up London and poor Bermondsey.

To my surprise, it came from America.

When I heard of the dear General Overseer coming to London to have meetings, I looked forward to getting a blessing, and I got one.

But the Devil went for me. He would have liked to put me aside; but I still plodded on, trusting our Father in Heaven to keep me firm in the faith that I might not be moved.

When I heard that the General Overseer was to return to London, I prayed that God would send him to Bermondsey, and He did.

He upset the Devil, who raged in a fearful manner.

I was so ashamed of the people I worshiped with, that I went home and sent a letter of resignation to the leader.

They did not like that.

I do hope God will open up Bermondsey for us.

It is a long distance to Evangelist Cantel's meetings.

We go there and get a taste when we can.

When the General Overseer spoke about swine's flesh in Holborn Town Hall, I rejoiced. I never heard any one so bold.

It made me feel that I had been a perfect coward.

God has given me the light on this subject for fourteen years. I had been trying to spread it in my way.

Ministers and so-called Christians would have put this light out if they could, but God would not have it so.

I am thankful to God that two of my little children have never tasted swine's flesh.

May our Father's blessing rest on all Zion, for Jesus' sake.

The letter which follows, from a native in India, tells of a gentleman who was

### Blessed When He Stopped Medicine and Trusted God for Healing.

REV. JOHN ALEXANDER DOWIE.

*Dear Brother in Christ:*—I received your letter with joy.

I am so happy to know that I have Zion's prayers, and more so, to be remembered by God's chosen Messenger.

God answered my prayers most wonderfully the other day.

My brother was taken very sick at an out-station. He is a fireman.

The doctor gave him a month's leave.

His sickness pains all through his body. The pains bent him double.

He tried medicine only to get a short relief, and then get worse again.

I poured out my heart to God during the night when he was groaning with pain, but all to no effect.

I then advised him to stop all medicine and trust God as he did once before.

He did so, and the following morning he told me all the pain had gone.

He enjoyed his food, and there was a great change in his face, smiling all day.

How I thanked God for this!

He is now well.

A little baby was also healed by God through prayer.

It was suffering with fever, and was always peevish and cranky. But ever since it has been very cheerful and looks healthy.

What a real joy it is to know that Christ is just the same today.

I have served the Devil all these past years, and he has recompensed me with misery, pain and disease.

Three times he brought me near death, but God wonderfully spared me, through Zion's teaching.

By the Grace of God through Jesus Christ, I shall hit the Devil as hard as he has been hitting me.

I am a member of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, and God wants His people to hit the Devil hard.

Please pray for a lady who wishes to come into Zion.

Her prayers used to be "Blessed Master" and "Precious Jesus."

There is a great change since I gave her Zion Literature on Prayer.

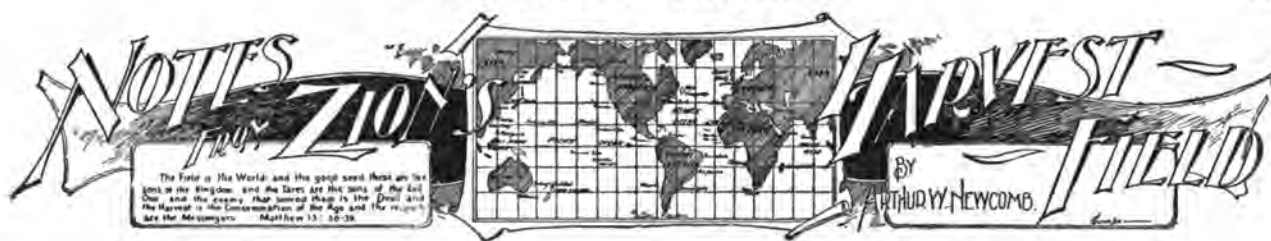
Her prayers are answered.

She has resigned her mission work.

We invite our readers to help Zion Literature Free Distribution Mission, as God has blessed and prospered you, to send out Zion Literature, which carries so much blessing to others.

**Zion Literature Sent Out From a Free Distribution Fund Provided by the Friends of Zion. Report for the Week Ending March 23, 1901.**

4390 Rolls to	.....	Various States of the Union.
1465 Rolls to	.....	Hotels of the World.
778 Rolls to	.....	Germany.
348 Rolls to	.....	Various Foreign Countries.
110 Rolls to	.....	India.
Number of Rolls for the week	.....	7,091
Number of Rolls reported to March 23, 1901	.....	974,367



### Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

Deacon John G. Lake, in Charge.

The following enthusiastic and encouraging letter is from Deacon Lake.

It relates how wonderfully God is blessing the earnest and energetic work of the Gathering of the Friends of Zion in Sault Ste. Marie.

It tells of difficulties overcome in preparing a baptistry and a mighty outpouring of God's Spirit when the Ordinance was administered.

Sinners repented, the sick were healed, and all present received a great blessing.

God has continued to bless His work in Sault Ste. Marie since that Sealing with "the Seal of the Living God."

Deacon Lake writes under date of March 18, 1901:

In compliance with your request in letter of recent date, we made preparations to hold a Baptismal service by announcing and conducting services in Zion Tabernacle every evening, commencing Lord's Day, March 3d, and ending Lord's Day, March 10th.

The Power of God to convict, to convert and to heal was manifest.

Twelve joyfully followed their Lord in Baptism by Triune Immersion.

Some time ago we thought of asking for the use of the baptistry of the First Baptist Church, but the Deacon to whom we spoke about it advised us not to make any formal request for the baptistry, as he did not believe our request would be granted.

We prayed about the matter, and then started in to get one of our own.

We found that our Tabernacle was not large enough to accommodate all who would be likely to attend, so we first looked for a suitable place.

No public hall was available, the Secret Society (a very numerous one here) having a monopoly on all public halls.

We finally settled on the home of Brother and Sister Sipes as best answering our purpose.

They willingly gave us the privilege of constructing our baptistry in their home and conducting our service there.

We ordered our lumber, built the baptistry and got tinsmiths to line it with galvanized iron.

Then the problem arose as to how to heat the twenty-five barrels of water necessary to fill the baptistry.

After some consultation on methods, we requested our Brother Luke Riley to bring his threshing engine to the rear of the house. We then brought the hot steam into the baptistry through a line of hose.

The water was splendidly heated, which made our service very pleasant, notwithstanding the thermometer registered ten to twenty degrees below zero.

God gave us wonderful power and liberty from self in delivering our discourse.

The power of God was wonderfully manifested.

Sinners wept for their sins.

Several wonderful testimonies of God's power to save and heal were given.

Then twelve candidates came forward and were baptized; not alone in water, but their testimony and faces have shown since that their Baptism was into the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Several were healed while in the baptistry.

We also received four applications for membership.

We have captured from the enemy since last Lord's Day one Lady Maccabee insurance certificate for \$1,000, two Forester policies for \$1,000, some Forester badges, one Knight of Maccabee policy for \$1,000, and some Orangemen's badges.

As we bend our renewed energies to press the work for God yet more, we experience every day this glorious truth, that "one with God shall chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight."

I have received seven applications for Baptism in the last four days.

### Blue Earth, Minnesota.

Deacon Joseph H. Paxton, of Forest City, Iowa, recently conducted a Baptismal service in the Baptist Church in Blue Earth.

Miss Anna Oestreich, who has been a faithful witness for God and for Zion in Northern Iowa and Southern Minnesota, writes as follows, telling of the interesting meetings held and the many blessings received:

We had a blessed service the 13th and 14th.

Zion people gathered from Ledyard, Elmore, Granada, Lake Mills and Forest City.

The Baptist Church had been engaged for the Baptismal service to be held in the afternoon.

While we were waiting for Deacon Paxton to arrive, the following testimonies were given:

Mrs. Lucilla Pettit, of Ledyard, Iowa, said: "I am so thankful for Zion teaching.

"Six months ago Mr. Rendall gave me a copy of LEAVES OF HEALING.

"I was lame and had been so for twenty-two years.

"I was treated by a great many doctors.

"They at last told me I could never be healed.

"I wore a bandage on my limb for twenty years.

"I kept reading LEAVES OF HEALING, and soon saw that God would heal me.

"Now my limb does not need a bandage. I do not need my cane.

"I can walk and do my work. I am getting better right along.

"I am here today to obey Him in Baptism."

Miss Minnie Rendall, of Elmore, Minnesota, said: "When Miss Oestreich came to our home last fall and told of her healing, I said that if the Lord healed her, He would heal me.

"Miss Oestreich has been a blessing to us all."

Misses Esther and Faith Rendall testified to the healing and keeping powers of God. All three sisters were healed of weak eyes in answer to their own prayers.

The mother, Mrs. Adra Rendall, confirmed the girls' testimonies.

Mrs. Rendall, of Ledyard, Iowa, told a touching incident of how her little girl came to her when she was suffering with a headache.

The little one, she said, came and said: "Mamma, you sick? Shall I p'ay?"

She prayed. God only knew the words, but ended with "Amen." "It will be better now, Mamma. Does you feel better now, Mamma?"

"Yes, darling," answered the mother.

The headache was gone. The Heavenly Father understood the little child's petition, and healed.

Mr. Trimble, of Ledyard, Iowa, praised the Lord for Zion teaching. He said that he had learned more in the two months, since studying Zion Literature and attending Zion meetings, than he had learned all his life in the churches.

Mrs. C. C. Hall, of Ledyard, Iowa, told what LEAVES OF HEALING had done at their home.

She told of her daughter, nineteen years old, who was at her side.

She had never in her life stood on her feet until Elder Excell prayed for her this winter. She had been deformed with a curved spine and deformed feet.

"She was sick in many ways," said her mother, "and in pain almost constantly. She had dropsy. She is well today, and has been for a number of months. She has no pain."

Many others testified.

It was such a blessing to us to see their shining faces, as they told of what the Lord had done.

Seventeen joyfully followed their Lord in Baptism.

There were, I think, about forty present to witness the Baptism. The power of the Lord was manifest.

Another blessed service was held in the morning, after which Deacon Paxton prayed with the sick. The power of the Spirit of God was present to heal.

All went home, I believe, with renewed zeal to work for God and Zion.







# A VOICE TO ZION AND GOD'S PEOPLE IN EVERY LAND.

O thou that tellest Good Tidings to Zion, Get thee up into the High Mountains, Lift up thy Voice with strength: Lift it up, be not afraid: Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

Isaiah, XL: 9.

## THE SEAL OF THE LIVING GOD.

*Report of Meeting held in Central Zion Tabernacle, Wednesday Evening, March 20, 1901. Sermon: "What Constitutes a Real Baptism?" Baptism of Twenty-Six Candidates by Triune Immersion.*

*Report of Meeting held in Chenilworth Hall, Oak Park, Illinois, Lord's Day Morning, March 24, 1901. Sermon: "The Gospel of the Kingdom of God."*

*Report of Meeting held in Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Afternoon, March 24, 1901. Sermon: "The Purpose of a Real Baptism."*

REPORTED BY S. D. W., E. W., O. L. S., I. M. S. AND A. W. N.

FOLLOWING the solemn proclamation of a Real Baptism by Triune Immersion, in Zion, as the Seal of the Living God, God's Messenger delivered a number of most critically important addresses bearing upon that most momentous subject

These addresses were principally to the people whom God had given him, the members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

The first of these, the General Overseer gave on Wednesday evening, March 20, 1901, when he conducted the regular weekly Baptismal Service at Central Zion Tabernacle.

The man of God spoke with more than human power and authority upon the mighty significance of the Ordinance which he was about to administer.

On Lord's Day morning, March 24, 1901, the General Overseer visited Oak Park, Illinois, for the first time since the memorable night of October 31, 1899, during Zion's Holy War.

On that night, a howling mob, frenzied with unreasoning hatred, had broken the windows in Zion Tabernacle, when the General Overseer was speaking to an audience which crowded the room, and had been prevented only by Zion's brave guard from rushing into the hall, and severely injuring, or murdering, him.

Then many of the rabble slunk away to their homes and all seemed quiet; but a sullen and determined band of several hundred men was found to be skulking in the shad-



ows, waiting for the General Overseer to appear. Not wishing to expose his people to violence, which they would surely have suffered in protecting him, the man of God remained patiently in the Tabernacle, conducting a never-to-be-forgotten all-night meeting.

At three o'clock in the morning, the loud clang of the police patrol gong was heard.

Then came the sudden appearance in the Tabernacle of a Sergeant of Chicago police, who stated that he had come, with a detachment of officers, to escort "the Doctor" home.

Mayor Harrison and Chief Kipley had strained a point of law to send Chicago police to rescue the General Overseer from murderers at Oak Park, which is a part of the town of Cicero, an entirely separate municipality from Chicago.

On this Lord's Day morning, how different was the scene! A crowd surrounded the hall when the General Overseer arrived; but it was a quiet, orderly, respectful crowd.

The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity, and hundreds stood patiently and quietly, listening to every word from the lips of the speaker.

The General Overseer spoke briefly, but with marked effect, upon the Kingdom of God as the great subject of the Gospel, fearlessly smiting the error of exalting the Church and ignoring the Kingdom.

He vigorously called to Repentance those who had sinned against God by going into the world with the apostate churches.

God's Spirit blessed the Message His Messenger brought, and the meeting closed amidst the united prayers of almost every one present for a real Salvation and entrance into God's Kingdom.

God had vindicated His servant, and had given Him a glorious victory in Oak Park.

Clearly, unmistakably, authoritatively, God's Messenger set forth the marvelous significance of a Real Baptism, on Lord's Day afternoon, March 24, 1901, in Central Zion Tabernacle.

Never before did his people, over 2000 of whom were present, although the day was rainy, get such a clear conception of the

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mighty import and power of the Ordinance with which by far the greater part of them had been sealed.

As the General Overseer developed his Message, point by point, many a heart was lifted to God with praise and thanksgiving that He had sent His Messenger to Zion with this Seal.

Then all joined in earnest prayer that God would, by His Spirit and the power of that Seal, make them "dead to sin, alive unto God, and quickened into newness of life, with power for service."

### WEEK-NIGHT BAPTISMAL SERVICE.

Central Zion Tabernacle, Wednesday Evening, March 29, 1921.

After singing, reading the Word of God and prayer, the General Overseer said:

#### INVOCATION.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, be profitable unto this people, and unto all to whom these words shall come, in this and every land, in this and all the coming time, till Jesus come, for His sake.

#### TEXT.

Jesus came to them and spake unto them, saying, All authority hath been given unto Me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and, lo, I am with you all the days, even unto the consummation of the age.

Beloved friends, on last Lord's Day I delivered a most important sermon declaring a Real Baptism to be the Seal of the Living God upon His disciples.

I pointed out that the Seal did not make disciples any more than the stamp of the United States mint makes a nickel eagle have a gold eagle value.

If any Church pretends that by the Seal of Baptism it can impart Salvation, and that by baptizing in water it can regenerate the person who is baptized, that Church is a diabolical apostasy, a disgraceful mass of lies. It is not a Real Church at all.

The Baptism of such a False Church is a sham, a delusion, and a snare.

#### Baptism Can No More Make a Man a Christian Than the Seal of the United States Can Make a Piece of Nickel Gold.

If you were to stamp a piece of nickel five dollars, if it were only a nickel in value, saying that it was five dollars would not make it five dollars.

It is a very important thing, nevertheless, to have a Seal which officially and properly declares value. The government acknowledges it and takes it in payment of taxes, and every good citizen throughout the country accepts it without question, if the United States Mint Seal is put upon the proper metal.

This Seal of Baptism is like all other seals: everybody is not qualified to use it.

No one dares use the Seal of the United States Mint, except the Master of the Mint or his deputies.

If any one were to use the United States Seal, even upon the true value coin, or to imitate or steal that seal, he would be sent to prison and punished severely.

The offense of using the Seal without legal right would be called forgery and fraud, and would be severely punished.

#### Counterfeiting is Both Lying and Stealing.

It is stealing, whether it is putting the seal upon the wrong metal or the wrong quantity of metal, or upon the right metal or the right quantity of metal, without proper authority.

The Seal can be rightly used only by the person who has the right to use it. Any one else who uses it commits a crime. That is a fact in law.

The Seal of the President of the United States can only be rightfully used by the command of the President, upon certain documents.

The Seal of the United States Supreme Court is held in the custody of the Court.

I have a Seal of this Church, with which I stamp very important documents. I sometimes touch the Seal and say to my secretary, "Put the Seal of the Christian Catholic Church upon this document." If he were to put the Seal upon it without my authorization, it would be forgery. It would be criminal.

That Seal is the Official Seal of this Church, and it would be very wrong indeed upon the part of any one, no matter how high his office, to use that Seal, unless I specially deputed him, as I always do when even my private secretary uses it.

The Seal of a corporation, whether it is the seal of a municipality or a business corporation, or any other Seal, to be rightly used, must be used by proper authority.

#### What Constitutes a Real Baptism?

If that is the case in business, then apply it to Baptism. If any man is not a true Christian himself, and, therefore, not a true minister, who professes to be a minister of the Gospel; if he has not been truly converted, and if he himself has not been truly baptized, he has no right to stand up and preach a sermon upon Triune Baptism and to perform that Ordinance.

He is a sham. He has not the Seal of the Living God. It is a Seal which looks like it, but it is a forgery. It is a counterfeit seal.

Even if the Ordinance is properly administered, even in triune form, it does not become a Real Ordinance, unless two fundamental conditions are fulfilled:

First, the participant, the person who is to be baptized, must be a truly converted, penitent believer. We have no right to put this Seal upon any one else. "Seal thou the Teaching among My Disciples," is the command.

Jesus said: "Go ye therefore, and make Disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." But you will notice that they must first be Disciples.

Do not baptize the nations in their ungodliness and rejection, heathenism and infidelity!

If there is a person in this house who has been baptized, even by Triune Immersion, who was not a disciple at the time, who was not really penitent and not a believer, then he has not been baptized at all. Although he may have tricked me or whoever baptized him, he could not trick God.

Second, the administrator,

#### The Man Who Administers the Ordinance, Must be a Real Minister of God.

It takes three to make an effectual Ordinance—God, the Administrator and the Disciple.

God will not bless any one usurping the functions of the truly converted and qualified Christian minister in that Ordinance. You know very well that this is the case in common things.

If any man should deceive a woman and get some one dressed up in the dress of a minister to go through a bogus ceremony of marriage, that marriage would not be good in law, because the man administering the ordinance would not be qualified. The man who tricked the woman into the marriage and the man and who performed the bogus marriage would be punishable.

In the same way, if any one should administer this Ordinance of Baptism who is not properly baptized by one who has authority, then the Baptism would be invalid, even if the person baptized were perfectly honest.

The Christian Catholic Church in Zion is not a Church which permits every member to administer the Offices of the Christian Ministry at his own sweet pleasure.

I love the people. They know it, and I want them to be as useful as they can be; but we will not permit the people to usurp the functions of the ministry. Only Ordained Officers can exercise the functions of the ministry.

I think you will see that this is a good order. It has been so from the Apostolic Church.

Can a man make himself an Apostle by saying, "I am an Apostle"?

Can a man make himself a Prophet by saying, "I am a Prophet"?

Can he make himself an Overseer by saying, "I am an Overseer"?

Can he make himself an Elder by saying, "I am an Elder"?

Can he make himself an Evangelist?

Can he make himself a Deacon?

Where does a man get his authority in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion to be an Overseer, an Elder, an Evangelist,

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or a Deacon? He gets it from my hands, under God, and from no other person in this Church.

**Ordination to Office in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion a Call to the Ministry From God.**

I believe that God has called these officers whom I have ordained. They also believe He has, yet they would not be permitted to assume, or to exercise, the offices they hold unless they had been properly ordained.

In this Church, I claim the right to ordain Overseers, and give them the power to ordain Elders, Evangelists, Deacons and Deaconesses.

I claim the right to ordain Overseers and Elders, and give them power to ordain Deacons and Deaconesses under certain circumstances, when they are properly authorized. Hence there is good order.

Every man who holds an office in this Church was ordained to that office in an orderly manner. He got it directly from my own hands, or indirectly by those whom I commissioned.

Titus was put in Crete by the Apostle Paul for that special purpose, when the Apostle said to him:

For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that were wanting, and ordain Elders in every city, as I gave thee charge.

The Apostle Paul himself could not go through that island, He had to go on and do something else, but he left Titus, whom he had appointed himself, his own son in the faith, and whom he had ordained. He gave him a distinct apostolic commission to ordain others.

Now I cannot ordain officers in Australasia. I therefore gave Overseer Wilhide the power to ordain. He has ordained a number of most valuable godly men and women, Deacons and Deaconesses, whom God is using in various parts of New Zealand and in various parts of Australia.

I cannot go to China in body, but I send Overseer Mason and I give him power to ordain the persons who are, in his judgment, fitted for these offices.

I shall expect to be consulted about the ordaining of Elders and Evangelists on other Continents, but in ordaining Deacons and Deaconesses I give a large discretion, always reserving the paramount rights of my office under God.

This is an illustration of how the ministry is used in this Church. I think you will all agree with me in this matter that it is a right and good order.

I believe that Zion is here, and everywhere, of one voice in this matter.

Audience—"Yes."

**Terrible Confusion and Ruin Which Follows Lack of Proper Authority.**

General Overseer—If we were to allow the people to go about and say, "I do not care what the General Overseer says, I am an Elder, I am an Evangelist; God has called me to be an Overseer," we would soon be in disastrous confusion.

You know how the churches are. People start up and claim to be qualified for various things, and to know as much as their minister—and more, too. The consequence is that you have no order, no discipline, no progress, no power, no purity, no anything. You have, instead, a wretched mass of shocking disorder, where every man, as in the days of the Judges, does "that which is right in his own eyes."

When there is no rule and no authority, the people are in despair. When that is the political situation, what do they do? They call for a King, or throw themselves into the arms of a Military Dictator. That has been the history of the world through all the ages.

**The Man on Horseback.**

During the French Revolution monsters like Mirabeau, Danton, Marat and Robespierre formed what they called a Republic, and that Republic became a murderous abomination and a horrible mass of iniquity.

They cut off the heads of the very best people in France. They destroyed the institution of the Christian Sabbath, making one day in ten their day of feasting, and called it a festival.

They declared that the Name of God should never be used, and counted men criminals who would name the Name of God.

They took a harlot, put her upon a triumphal car, dressed her up as the Goddess of Reason, drove her through the streets

of Paris and bowed before her as personifying the Goddess of Reason.

For a time they executed men and women for no offense whatever, except that they were godly people.

Robespierre and other political monsters of that time loved to see blood run down the streets of Paris from the guillotine.

What was the Nation to do in order to preserve its existence? They found a Napoleon, and they threw themselves into the arms of the "Man on Horseback."

They said, "Rule us; put down the mob, put down these monsters, and be our Emperor."

He did.

He got cannons and put them in angles of the streets and swept them off with grapeshot. He marched into the Halls of Legislature, cleaned out the Revolutionists and proclaimed a Republic under himself as the first Consul. Shortly afterwards he became Emperor.

The result is the same in a disorderly Church, where it gets into such a condition that the Christian Endeavor—that is, "Christian Try-to-do-its"—want to run the whole concern—minister, choir and everything. The consequence is that the only thing to be done is to do what I am doing. I make short work of the Christian Try-to-do-its. I give them grapeshot. (Laughter.)

The idea of a Church being ruled by conceited little puppys!

They think that a man who has gray hairs is not up-to-date. (Laughter.) They want a man up-to-date, after their own juvenile pattern.

I am a younger man than any of these Christian Try-to-do-its. Up-to-date? It takes considerable time to get up-to-date. It takes more than eighteen or twenty or twenty-five years of life to get up-to-date. I am not up-to-date myself yet, but I am getting there.

I say these things to impress upon your minds this principle of Authority in the Church of God.

**The Church Which Christ Established was Established by Authority.**

Authority does not mean power.

Power may be in the hands of a rebel.

Power may be in the hands of a bad man, who has no right to have it at all, who is a usurper.

There was a great deal of power in the Southern States when Jeff Davis was President of the Confederacy. He had power in Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas and other States.

He, and those who acted with him, assumed—false traitor and rebel that he was—the right to replace the National flag with the miserable Confederate rag. He claimed that, for the first time in the history of the world, a proper foundation had been laid for a Nation; namely, the denial of the black man's rights to equal citizenship with the white, the denial of the black man's freedom, and the declaration of the right of the white man to enslave him from the cradle to the grave.

That was a horrible lie.

They had passed it in a convention, and so informed the United States of America, from which they claimed the right to secede.

The United States of America formed large armies of soldiers and marched them down there. The loyal citizens of the United States who lived in the South had to hide the flag of the United States in their bosoms, or bury it in the earth. They were oftentimes treated cruelly, and sometimes were shot by that traitor and rebel, Jefferson Davis, and his men.

But the National Authority marched on, fought battle after battle, year after year, until at last it crushed the Rebellion. Then the False Authority was destroyed and True Authority was established.

There were years, however, in which all the power in thousands upon thousands of square miles of territory was in the hands of the rebels.

**Power is Not the True Measure of Righteousness.**

A great many bad men in this city have power.

A great many bad men in this country have power.

Power is not a test of truth or righteousness.

The Roman Catholic Church has power. It has infernal power. It has bad power over the hearts and consciences of its people, threatening them with hell and damnation unless they believe and practice horrible and abominable lies.

In a recent procession—the Feast of Corpus Christi in Vienna—the Emperor Frances Joseph of Austria walked behind a bit of bread and bowed, at the behest of Rome. I cannot believe he believed it was God, but he was, and is, a politician, and it was desirable for him to do it.

Power in the Church may be in the hands of bad men for the time being, but Authority in the Church will be like Authority in the United States, finally triumphant over the rebellion.

Jesus did not say all "Power" had been given unto Him. He said, "All Authority hath been given unto Me in heaven and on earth." That is power, and more than power. All the Authority of heaven is back of Jesus Christ in fighting to overcome the kingdoms of the world, the flesh, and the Devil.

God says that "the kingdom of the world is become the Kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ."

I intend to fight for that Kingdom.

I will not fight with guns. That is a poor, miserable way to fight. It does not change any man's mind, if you blow his head off. You will never convince a man if you say, "If you do not believe what I tell you, I will knock your head off."

It is easy for you to say, "You are a very wicked, bad fellow," but calling a man that does not convert him. Injuring a man does not convert him. Doing right, teaching him patiently will win him to God as far as your obligation in the matter is concerned. But, sometimes, you have to correct him.

#### **The Baptism Which Our Lord Jesus Christ Commanded Was a Baptism of Authority.**

He said, in effect, "All Authority hath been given unto Me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore, I give you Authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall in anywise hurt you. I give you this authority. I am behind you, and all the powers of heaven are on your side. Go and make disciples."

They were a poor lot to go. They were nearly all fishermen, with one honest taxgatherer.

If you can find one good, honest taxgatherer in America, I think you might make him an Apostle without further investigation.

These men whom Christ sent out were uneducated for the most part. They had no political and no social rank, until Christ took them in hand. They did not know very much until He took them in hand for three years.

It was astonishing what He made of them. They did not realize their mission until the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost and brought to their remembrance the things which Jesus had said, and showed them the meaning of Jesus' words after He had arisen from the dead, when, on the mountain side of Galilee, He gave them Authority to go and make Disciples.

#### **A Messenger With Divine Authority Can "Make" Disciples.**

A man said to me once, "You talk as if you could *make* people believe."

I said, "I can; of course I can. You give me a chance at you, and I will make you believe before I am through."

He said, "You will never make me believe."

I said, "Will you come and attend services at Zion Tabernacle for ten consecutive Sundays, and see if I cannot?"

"Yes," he said, "I will, but you will be just as far away from it at the end of the ten weeks as you were at the beginning."

I looked for that man every Sunday, and I studied him from every point of view. I got to know all about him. I got to know all his meannesses. I got to know the wickedness he had done. I "spanked" him for about five consecutive Lord's Days.

I had him writhing in his seat and swearing under his breath, and wondering who had given him away. Every now and then I would look at him from this platform and say, "I will have you yet."

He was wondering what I meant; but he was fast breaking up.

After about five weeks he did not know that he would come any more. But on the sixth Lord's Day I forgot about him and did not know whether he was in the place or not. That day I said, "There are some of you whom I have been pounding, and I suppose you have about come to believe there is no hope for you anywhere on earth or in hell." Suddenly I saw him and said, "There is hope for you. You are a mighty hard case, but

I will have you today. You will be a disciple today. Dare you to put it off any longer?"

When I said "Stand," I saw that fellow try to sit when thousands arose, but he could not.

Before the ten weeks were up he said, "Doctor, I surrender."

I said, "All right; come and be baptized next Sunday."

God enabled me to make him a "Disciple."

Every true man has creative power. We may procreate good children if we are wise and clean and good husbands. A man may create a Disciple if the Spirit which is in him is the Right Spirit. That Spirit has a regenerative power. It creates a new birth, and will create a new birth through a faithful man's words, and sometimes by the shrug of the shoulders.

A man said to me, "You got me by looking at me and saying, 'You dirty stinkpot, you dirty dog.' You looked at me straight and I could not get away from that. I found myself saying it when I got home. (Laughter.) I found myself thinking of it. I tried to eat, and drink my tea, and I heard you say, 'Why don't you quit, you dirty stinkpot?' I went for my tobacco and it tasted like soapsuds. I could not smoke. I said, 'Why don't you eat, you dirty stinkpot?' I turned to my wife and said, 'Do you believe the Doctor was right in saying that awful word "stinkpot" today?'

"Well," she said "what do you think yourself?"

"I said, 'I think he was right.'"

#### **When a Man Becomes a Disciple, He is Not a Master.**

There are some disciples who think they can be Teachers, Prophets, and even Apostles, at once. They say the Apostle Paul was converted one day and began preaching as if he had authority right away. They do not know what they are talking about.

The Apostle Paul, after he was converted, went away into Arabia. There is no record as to what he did for three whole years after his conversion.

After he came up to Jerusalem, the Christians would not receive him. They were afraid of him. They knew he had been a Rabbi and a persecutor. There were only two of the Apostles who would give him a kind word. One was that dear old fellow Peter, who knew the value of a kind word because he had been a sinner himself, and the other was the Apostle James, the brother of our Lord, who became an Apostle some time after Christ died.

Paul went away off to Antioch, and there at Antioch labored as a humble member of the Church for, as near as we can tell, about eight years.

One day he and a number of the Christians met together at Antioch. His name was then Saul. Barnabas was one of the number. He was the "rich young ruler" who used to be called Jose, and had rejected Christ when He was in the flesh, as is the historic statement, but had accepted Him after His crucifixion. He was a man of Cyprus—a very able man.

Simeon, who was called Niger, and Lucius, of Cyrene and Manaen, the foster-brother of Herod the Tetrarch, were with them.

These five were waiting upon God to reveal Himself to them when God, the Holy Spirit, by the voice, no doubt, of one of the prophets, said, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away as Apostles.

Out of that little band of prophets and teachers these two apostles were called, Barnabas and Saul, whose name was changed to Paul. Their fellow-prophets and teachers laid hands upon them and ordained them to the apostolic office.

Paul did not become an Apostle until eleven years after his conversion. Some of you cannot wait eleven weeks, until you want to be in the highest offices.

When you talk about the Apostle Paul becoming an Apostle at once, you talk nonsense. It was the Principle of Authority in the Church that restrained him. He could only exercise official powers when he was officially recognized.

#### **The Principle of Authority is Essential in Zion.**

If this Baptism which I am to celebrate tonight is a Baptism in which I have no Authority, then you will not be baptized. If you are not truly penitent for your sins, then you will not be truly baptized.

It takes Two on earth and One in heaven to make a Real Baptism.

It takes a Triune God and a faithful, penitent person, who is a true believer, and a faithful minister, who has a right to use the Seal, and who has himself received the Seal of the Living God.

We have that Seal, and, therefore, this Baptism is valid.

I therefore very deeply sympathize with those who, believing that this Baptism would be valid, have come to be baptized now, having been previously baptized by a false and invalid form of Triune Immersion. They have been perfectly conscientious and have lived for years as if it were a Real Baptism, but they have had the courage to say, as Overseer Speicher, Deaconess Clemons, Deaconess Reiff, and perhaps others among these about to be baptized, "The Baptism which we received was not a genuine Baptism, for various reasons." Dr. Speicher and his sister now know that the minister who baptized them was probably not a faithful man. He has been since sent to the penitentiary for his crimes. It is just possible, however, that the man may have been a genuine disciple like Judas Iscariot, and afterwards have fallen. They feel, therefore, that they did not receive the Seal of the Living God at his hands. They wish to forever settle every doubt on the subject, and, therefore, be baptized tonight, and to receive that Seal in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

Judas was a thief, first of all. That was the beginning of his downfall.

Many a man has gone to the Devil through first robbing God.

Pay your tithes faithfully and God will bless you, not only spiritually, but financially.

You may not get your reward at once; but keep on.

Saturday night will come and you will get your wages.

Saturday night does not come on Thursday.

God is watching you and noting your progress.

#### I Have Watched the People in Zion.

I know you, and I can tell from the reports of my valued helpers and from my own observation, sometimes with just one look into your eyes, how you are doing.

Many a time I have looked into a man's eye, and have said, "That fellow will have to be sent away. He is afraid to look at me. He shuffles behind the door. He gets away from talking with a lady when he sees me. Why, if he was doing right?"

When I am going down the street and I see a member who knows I am coming go down the first turn, then there is something wrong.

I had only one smoker in my Church at Melbourne. He loved me very much. He never smoked any on Saturday night, or on Sunday morning. He said, "Sure as fate, our pastor will smell me if I do."

He used to take peppermint so that I would not smell the filthy nicotine.

I was told by his wife that smoking was the one meanness of which he was guilty.

Several times he saw me in the distance when he had a pipe in his mouth, and he would go down the first turn. I happened to be going down the street one morning and I saw this old fellow in the distance. I was sure he was smoking. He went down the first turn. I went down the nearest lane, went around the block and met him.

"O, good morning, Mr. —," I said. "Where is that pipe?"

"Oh!" he said, "did you see me?"

"Yes," I said, "and I smell you. Where is it?"

He had it in his hand. The pipe had burned his hand.

I said, "Come up to your home."

He said, "You caught me."

I said, "God has caught you, you old sinner. Do you think you can escape God that way?"

"No," he said, "and I do not think I can escape you either."

He handed over the pipe.

They kept a little shop, his aged wife and he together. They had no need for assistance; it was not a very big business.

We went into the house, and I got Mrs. — to shut the shop and I told her to let no one in, no matter who came. We got into the back room and prayed. I never heard a more earnest prayer than that dear old man prayed. That sin was keeping him back from Baptism. He had never presented himself for Baptism.

I said, "Pray, 'Give me a Baptism of Thy Spirit,'" and he prayed it.

"Give me cleansing from every sin." and he prayed that.

"Give me grace to go right up tomorrow night and be baptized."

He said, "I can't."

I said, "Say, 'God forgive me, for Jesus' sake,'" and he said it.

I said, "Do you repent?"

"Yes," he said.

"Do you mean it?"

"Yes."

"Then," I said, "I believe God forgives you."

"Now pray, 'I vow to Thee that I will go up tomorrow night to the Tabernacle and be baptized.'"

He said, "I can't say it."

"Then," I said, "you are an old hypocrite as well as a sneak. You told me you had repented."

He said, "I have."

"And you said that you believed."

He said, "I do."

"Then God forgives you."

He said, "I believe that, and I believe I hate tobacco, too. I am going up tomorrow night to be baptized."

When I saw him the next morning he said to me, "Pastor, I passed a tobacco shop on the way here, and I assure you it nearly made me sick. I hate it so much that I said to my wife, 'I must get my very best clothes when I go to the Tabernacle; those that have no tobacco on them. I cannot wear a thing that smells of tobacco.'"

I baptized him.

That man lived a very consistent life and a long life after that. I heard a little while ago that he had passed away.

Friends, there is no question that this is a practical thing. A Real Baptism is a real Power. If some dirty, devilish, sneaking bad habit is keeping you back, then I demand, in God's Name, that you will repent, get baptized at once, and sin no more.

#### Charge to Candidates for Baptism.

Candidates for Baptism, please arise

My brethren and my sisters, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, in accordance with the will of God our Heavenly Father, in the conscious presence of the Triune God and of these witnesses, I charge you that you will answer me, every one of you, no matter what your rank in the Church may be, the questions that I will now ask you, and upon your truthful answers only can a True Baptism be administered. So far as you know your own hearts, have you truly repented all your sins? Can you say, I have?

Candidates—"I have."

General Overseer—So far as you know your own hearts, have you trusted in God our Father through faith in Jesus Christ His Son, and in Him alone, for Salvation from all your sins. Can you say, I have?

Candidates—"I have."

General Overseer—So far as you know your own hearts, are you determined to do right, no matter what the cost? Can you say, I am?

Candidates—"I am."

General Overseer—So far as you know your own hearts, are you determined, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to trust in God for a perfect healing in spirit, in soul, in body? Can you say, I am?

Candidates—"I am."

General Overseer—Are you determined, by God's Grace, to live a consistent and, as He shall give you grace, a Holy Life? Can you say, I am?

Candidates—"I am."

General Overseer—Do you desire me to baptize you by a Triune Immersion, into the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost? Can you say, I do.

Candidates—"I do."

General Overseer—Will you ask God to give you in this Baptism what the water cannot supply, the power of the Holy Spirit, to make that Baptism effectual? Can you say, I will?

Candidates—"I will."

General Overseer—There is nothing more that could be said. Be faithful unto death, and God will keep you and give you the Crown of Life.

All who desire God's blessing, stand. Say with me:

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. Take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be, in spirit, in soul and in body. Give me

power to do right, no matter what it costs. Give me Thy Holy Spirit, that I may trust Thee in spirit, in soul, in body. Bless those about to be baptized. Help us to do our duty lovingly, immediately that we see it, for Jesus' sake. Amen. (All repeat the prayer, clause by clause, after the General Overseer.)

After a brief intermission, the General Overseer administered the Ordinance of Believers' Baptism by Triune Immersion to twenty-six candidates.

The large audience, with spirits awakened to the great thought that God's Messenger was in this Ordinance sealing Disciples with the Seal of the Living God, witnessed the Baptism with prayerful hearts.

The spiritual power of the Ordinance was manifest upon all present: administrator, candidates and spectators.

### MORNING SERVICE.

Chenilworth Hall, Oak Park, Illinois, Lord's Day Morning, March 24, 1901.

The meeting was opened by singing Hymn Number 44:

Oh, wondrous Name, by prophets heard  
Long years before His birth;  
They saw Him coming from afar,  
The Prince of Peace on earth.

CHORUS—The Wonderful! The Counsellor!  
The Great and Mighty Lord!  
The everlasting Prince of Peace!  
The King, the Son of God!

The General Overseer then read from the Word of God in the book of the Prophet Malachi, in the third chapter, also in the first chapter of the Gospel according to St. Mark and the eleventh chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew.

He then commented as follows upon the twelfth verse of Matthew eleventh:

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the Kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence, and men of violence take it by force.

The marginal reading in the revision is preferable. It reads: "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the Kingdom of Heaven is gotten by force, and they that thrust men."

#### The Kingdom of Heaven Gotten by the Sword.

If you imagine that the Kingdom of Heaven can be gotten without the use of a Sword, you are terribly mistaken.

Jesus said, "Think not that I came to send Peace on earth: I came not to send Peace, but a Sword."

The Sword of the Spirit is the Word of God.

That Sword is the most tremendous power that can ever be wielded.

"Stronger than steel is the Sword of the Spirit."

"Greater than Anger is Love."

The dynamic power of Truth and Love in combination in the Kingdom of God is irresistible.

Those forces are not mere sentimentalities.

You cannot make war upon the World, the Flesh and the Devil with eau de cologne or rose water. You must take something stronger.

"The Kingdom of Heaven is gotten by force, and they that thrust men."

You must attack the Devil violently. Take him by the very throat and crush the serpent. You must attack evil violently.

"There is no peace, saith the Lord, unto the wicked."

You must tread the Devil under foot. God has given His Spirit for this purpose, and the forces of Divine and Human Law which can be used to suppress vice and promote virtue; to suppress evil and extend good; to destroy the kingdom of error and darkness and establish the Kingdom of God.

The forces of Righteousness, the forces of Law, the forces of Justice, the forces of Eternal Truth, the forces behind which are all the powers of heaven throughout the Universe, are the mighty forces which the Church of God should wield.

#### The Church Should Never Make Any Pretense of Being at Peace With the World, the Flesh or the Devil.

We are at war; war to the very uttermost; war to the hilt.

We will make no peace except on terms of absolute and unconditional surrender. Such are the only terms that humanity will ever get from God or from a True Church.

"The Kingdom of Heaven is gotten by force, and they that thrust men."

He kills the evil thing and He makes alive every good thing, and the Sword of the Spirit destroys the work of the Devil in every heart into which it is thrust.

For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if ye are willing to receive it, this is Elijah, which is to come. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. But wherunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the marketplaces, which call unto their fellows, and say, We piped unto you, and ye did not dance—

#### The World Wants the Church to Dance to Its Piping.

Why did you not dance to our piping?

That is what the world says to us.

Why do we not dance to your piping? We will make you dance to God's piping. (Amen.) We will never dance to your tune. Never! We are here for a very different purpose.

The Church has been too often ready and willing to dance to the World's piping.

We wailed, and ye did not mourn.

Children playing at marriages or at funerals complain, "The other children did not play rightly. They did not mourn at the proper place, and did not dance at the proper place."

That is the trouble between the World and a True Church, but it is not the trouble between the World and the Mah-hah-bone Masonic-Methodist, Masonic-Baptist and other churches.

They piped to the world's dancing.

They piped to the goat's prancing. (Laughter.)

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say—

"They say!"

"They say!" O how numerous the "They says" are.

Look down the pages of the accursed press which is perpetually defiling our city and you will see the "They say."

Rumor and Liar and the "They says" are always "Where-asses."

They say, he hath a devil. The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold, a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners!

What is the end of it all?

#### "Wisdom Is Justified by Her Works."

Eternal wisdom justifies her.

The world justified Pilate, Herod and the murderous priests of the apostate Jewish Church, but wisdom justifies John the Baptist, the Christ and the noble army of martyrs, and execrates the memory of the murderers.

Yet when Christ said those words, they smiled. They never thought the day would come when the word Pharisee would be a by-word, meaning hypocrisy at its worst.

They never thought that the day would come when Herod's name would be a synonym for murder, and when Pilate's name would be a synonym for cowardice and cruelty and time-serving wickedness.

But that day came!

"Wisdom is justified by her works."

So it will be tomorrow with all who are truly in Zion, if it is not today.

May God bless His Word.

Prayer was then offered by Overseer Piper; also by the General Overseer presenting to God the petitions for prayer which had come into his hands from over all the earth.

After the announcements had been made, the tithes and offerings were received.

### THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM.

The General Overseer delivered the following discourse:

#### INVOCATION.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, profitable unto this people, and unto all to whom these words shall come, for the sake of Jesus. (Amen.)

I will place in the front of what I have to say, the portion of the Word of God which is found in the first chapter of the Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth and fifteenth verses:

#### TEXT.

Now after that John was delivered up, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the Gospel of God, and saying, The Time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe in the Gospel.

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**When Jesus Preached, He Preached the Gospel of the Kingdom of God.**

He did not preach the Gospel of the Church of God.

One of the saddest things in connection with that which is called modern Christianity, is the fact that it has degenerated into "Churchianity," that the Gospel is no longer the Gospel of the King, but the Gospel of a Church—and what a Church!

What a mass of "confusion worse confounded" the so-called Church of today is!

Dr. Horatius Bonar said, "I seek for the Church, and I find it in the World. I seek for the World, and I find it in the Church."

Sweeter Christian poet than Dr. Horatius Bonar never lived or sung. No railing accusation was his.

**The Church Found in the World, the World in the Church.**

No railing accusation is it today to say that if you want to find many members of the Church in Oak Park, you will find them in the clubs.

You will find the so-called "Church" in the theater.

You will find it in the dancing saloons, and the dancing parties of the humbler or the better classes.

You will find it at the card table.

You will find it in the abominable uses into which the church parlors are turned.

If you want to find the World on the first day of the week, you will find it in the Church.

If you want to find the Church for six days of the week, you will find it nearly always in the World.

That is not railing accusation. That is a matter of fact.

There are exceptions, I know, but the old Latin maxim, *exceptio probat regulam*, "the exception proves the rule," applies here.

You cannot find the Church away out in the field, lifting the Banner of Christ and fighting for it to death.

These Churches compromise everywhere.

You cannot find it pressing the battle to the gate, as a rule. That is the fact with regard to the great majority of churches today. True, there are exceptions. If there were not, if there were not some salt, the carcass would rot entirely. It was just because of the little righteousness in Sodom that Sodom was so long spared.

It is just because of the mercy of God, and the good hand of God behind His people, that He never leaves Himself without a witness anywhere.

**There Are Some True Children of God in Every Church.**

Thanks be to God, in every Church, no matter how apostate, whether it is the Greek Orthodox, the Roman Catholic, the Episcopalian, the Mah-hah-bone Masonic-Methodist, or the Congregationalist, that "valley of dry bones" out of which I narrowly escaped with my life, or whether it is the Baptist Church, which is only a little worse because the dust down there is turned into mud, you will find good, godly people.

But what has the Church become? A mass of hypocrisy, not found fighting God's battles.

Seek for its ministers and its elders, and you will find them in the Lodge Room bowing at the shrine of Baal, and taking the accursed oaths of the Secret Society, muttering the "omnific word," Mah-hah-bone, vowing that they will be faithful to the ridiculous, abominable and disgusting secrets of Masonry, or of the Elks, or of the Buffaloes, or of the Red Men, or of some other idiotic order.

The women swear eternal fealty to the "Maccawasps," or Maccabees. I do not call them "bees" at all. They are wasps, all of them. (Laughter.)

I am glad that the Gospel is not the Gospel of a Church.

It is not the Gospel of any Church.

Christ never preached a Gospel of a Church.

Let me just call your attention to one fact, those of you who are honest.

**The Great Mass of People Are Not Honest.**

They are not honest with themselves

They are not honest with their own hearts.

They are not honest with their God. They will growl and snarl and kick and smash our windows or pelt our people with eggs and decayed vegetables in this "devil's nest" at Oak Park.

I heard that Oak Park was called Saint's Rest. The last time I was here it looked like a devil's nest. (Laughter.)

I tell you I do not care a snap of my finger for the Church, as a first thing. I have no reverence for the Church.

The Church in every age has been an abomination, for the most part. It has been a hindrance to the extension of the Kingdom of God. The Jewish Church was continually so.

Look at the first high priest of the Jewish Church! Moses had only disappeared for a short time. He was away out on the mountain receiving the law, and these wretched people had just been saved with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm from Egypt. Yet they said, "We do not know where this fellow Moses is. Aaron, you are our High Priest, and we have much gold here. We made the Egyptians give us their gold. We are tired of worshipping an unseen God.

"Aaron, make us a calf of gold, and let us reestablish the worship of the golden calf. We want Isis. We want Osiris. We want the various gods of Egypt. We like them.

"Aaron, you do what we tell you. We are the majority, and we vote that you shall do what we tell you."

They do the same thing in the churches today. The poor wretched minister has to do what they tell him, or go.

**Terrible Apostasy of Aaron, First High Priest of the Jewish Church.**

These children of Israel said, "Make a calf, and make it exactly as we tell you, after the Congregational model, or the Baptist model, or some other model."

Aaron does as they tell him, the High Priest of Israel, the first High Priest of God. The coward becomes a High Priest of Baal and makes the golden calf. He leads the very priests of God to become priests of that unclean and abominable worship of the procreative forces of nature. Horrible and disgusting is his apostasy.

The Masons have the same worship today. They deny the Lord Jesus Christ, and will not permit His Name to be mentioned in their lodges. Their emblem is "the Point Within the Circle," the worship of Baal, and that is Phallic worship.

The whole people go into idolatry. They are only a very short time out of Egypt. Moses has disappeared, and they go into idolatry. When Moses comes down, he finds that the whole Church has gone to the Devil. He takes these Tables of Stone which God has given, and in his anger he breaks them

**Longsuffering Patience of God.**

"What! this people who would have been honored by the Law of God, gone into idolatry!"

"O God," he is almost ready to pray, "destroy this people."

But God is a God of longsuffering and of mercy.

Nevertheless, that people had to drink their god.

God made Moses have that golden calf ground up and made them drink it.

You will have to drink your god by and by. You can make a god. You can make a creed after your own fashion, but you will have to drink it. You will find it is a very poor thing to drink. It is written concerning that miserable golden calf (Exodus 32:20):

And Moses took the calf which they had made, and burnt it in the fire, and ground it to powder, and strewed it on the water, and made the Children of Israel drink of it.

The "gold cure" was not much account that day. (Laughter.) We hear of people having the "gold cure." You can have it mixed with chloride, but you will find that it does not change the heart. It will not change the passions. It may turn the drunkard into something else that is bad, and kill him a great deal more quickly.

But the Gospel of the Church has never existed, thanks be to God. The Church has always been ready to backslide.

The people were rescued by the hand of God. Aaron was rebuked and, with few exceptions, the remains of that whole generation perished in the wilderness, Aaron included. Moses died on the verge of it, on Mount Pisgah. He could not enter into the Promised Land. Joshua, and the children of these people who had learned something in the desert, were the ones who entered the Promised Land.

It would be better for us to be led out into the desert to be alone with God, than to perish amidst the abominations of Babylon or Egypt.

The Church which goes out into the wilderness of the world witnessing for God, is a Church which God can bless.

**The Word Church Appears but Twice in the Four Gospels.**

You talk about the Gospel of the Church? There is no such thing. Let me show you how little Christ spoke of the Church.



Read the Gospel according to St. John, from the first word to the last, and if you can find the word "Church" in all that Gospel, I cannot. The Lord Jesus Christ in the Gospel according to St. John never mentions the word "Church" once.

Take the Gospel according to St. Luke. Read it from the first word to the last, and if you can find the word "Church," tell me where to find it. You cannot find it. The fact is, it is not there.

Take the Gospel according to St. Mark. Read it from the first word to the last, you people who talk so much about Church, and if you can find the word Church in that Gospel, I cannot find it. I know it is not there.

In the Gospel according to St. Matthew the word "Church" is mentioned only twice. That is in connection with the establishment of a tribunal to which something shall be told.

If a brother commits an offense, you are to go and tell him alone. If he does not repent, you are to take two more with you; then if he does not repent, you are to tell it to the *ecclesia* (*ἐκκλησία*). There is nothing said about the *ecclesia* having been established. The *ecclesia* has simply to be told. There is no voting as to whether the report shall be received or not.

#### Voting Has No Place in the Kingdom of God.

This miserable voting business belongs to Democracy, not to Theocracy.

It does not belong to the Church of God. In the true Church of God, the people are ruled. They do not rule. The sheep are ruled. They do not rule the shepherd. They are ruled by the shepherd. It is a very poor business in which the workmen and the apprentices are permitted to rule the manager and owner of the business.

It is a very unhappy home in which the children run the father.

It is a very poor country in which the drinkers in saloons, and the smokers, run the government.

#### Rule Can Never Come From Below. Rule Must Come From Above.

He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.

He must be appointed thereto by God. You must find your ruler. You say you can find him by election.

You all know you cannot. Your elections are a farce. You have no choice except to confirm the choice of one of the two candidates of the two great political parties presented to you by the "bosses."

You have the choice of two evils for the most part, because they are chosen for you by the manipulation of your ridiculous primaries. You can vote for one of two, and they are very much alike in the majority of cases.

What is the rule of God? It is not the rule of a Church at all.

What does the word Church mean? Get some sense into you.

If you would read fewer novels and less in the newspapers, and play progressive euchre less, and fool around clubs and dances less, and talk ridiculous nonsense less, and read your Bibles and understand, you might know something. If you do not, you will be a "devil's nest," getting worse and worse.

#### The Meaning of the Word Church.

What does the word "Church" mean? It is very easy to understand. Any one who knows the first thing about Greek could tell you that the word "Church" simply means a number of persons who are "called out."

Called out from where?

"Oh, from the world," you say.

If the Church is only a company of people called out from the world, then I do not wonder that it is as it is in the Congregational, the Baptist or the Methodist Church; for you have the world there.

#### Out of What is the Church to be Called?

The Church is to be called out of the Kingdom of God.

No one can enter the Church except they have first entered the Kingdom. The Church is a company of believers who have been born of God; who have been born into the Kingdom of God; who have been regenerated by the power of the Holy Spirit; who have repented of their sin and forsaken it; who believe in their Lord Jesus Christ, and live their belief; who have consecrated themselves to God to extend His Kingdom.

Therefore, the Kingdom is the most important thing, not the Church.

When Christ came, He preached the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. Find me one place where it says that He preached the Gospel of the Church of God.

It is not there.

Jesus preached the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, not the Gospel of a republic; not the Gospel of an oligarchy; not the Gospel of a limited monarchy; not the Gospel of the politician; not the Gospel of the merchant as he now does his business for the most part, but the Gospel of the Kingdom which was to rule everything.

His Gospel was to bring people into His Kingdom.

Where is the Kingdom? Who preaches the Kingdom outside of Zion? Where is the preaching of the Kingdom today? Who demands that you shall realize that you are in the Kingdom of God, that you have been born into the Kingdom of God?

Who demands that you shall realize that you are a citizen of the Kingdom of God, first, last and all the time?

#### Those Who Have Been Born Anew Will Lead New Lives.

"Except a man be born anew, he cannot see the Kingdom of God."

You say, "I have been born anew."

Then why do you not live new lives? Why do you not show it?

Some of you do show it. Then why do you not "enter into" the Kingdom?

"It is enough to enter into the Congregational, or the Baptist, or some other denominational Church," you say.

No, it is not. You have to "enter into the Kingdom." There are many of you who have not entered into the Kingdom, although you are saved.

Jesus said, "Except a man be born anew, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." When Nicodemus questioned about that, Jesus said, in effect, "I will say more. You wonder how a man can be born when he is old. You ask me if a man can enter the second time into his mother's womb and be born. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born anew. Except a man be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God."

#### A Real Baptism is by a Triune Immersion.

That is the trouble with some of you. You have never been baptized.

Do you mean to tell me that having a little water sprinkled on your nose when you were a baby, was Baptism? That is a lie.

Perhaps you had one dipping. Your one dipping is of no more use than the sprinkling.

In the first seven centuries of the Christian era, there was only one bishop of the whole Christian Church who baptized with one immersion. Who was he? Eunomius, a heretic, who denied the Divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Spirit. To support his contention, he baptized by one immersion. You one-immersionists know nothing about Baptism.

"But," you say, "we believe what Paul said, 'All we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death,' and He only died once, therefore that is all there is in Baptism."

Is that all there is in Baptism?

That is the reason why you Baptists are so dead. You have been baptized into death, and there you stay—*dead*.

Is there nothing more in Baptism than being baptized into death?

#### There is Infinitely More in Baptism Than Being Baptized Into Christ's Death.

Much as I love to be baptized into His death, and to be dead to sin, it is a poor business merely to be dead to something.

Can you not be alive to something? Does not Paul go on to say: "For if we have become united with Him by the likeness of His death, we shall be also by the likeness of His resurrection."

Is not that another dipping into His life?

Then has Paul not told you something more than that? Does he not say that you are to "walk in Newness of Life"? Is that not an endowment with Power for Service?

Why can you not see it? You are to be baptized first into the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy

Ghost—into the Death of Christ, into the Life of Christ, and into the Service of Christ.

Then you will be dead to sin, alive to God and endowed with power for service. You need not one dipping, but three.

That is the trouble with some of you Baptists. You have not been dipped enough.

Christ commanded Baptism into the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. There was nothing else known in the Christian Church for 700 years but Triune Immersion.

The Apostolical Canons declared that any archbishop or presbyter who would dare to baptize in any other way than by Triune Immersion, that is the primitive, apostolic and Christian Baptism, should be excommunicated.

May God give you that Baptism. (Amen.)

#### A Real Baptism is the Seal of the Living God.

You will never enter into the Kingdom until you get it.

Some of you see the Kingdom, and talk about it, and love it, and are born of God, and you get others to see it; but you are staying this side of the Jordan.

Get into the Jordan and get dipped three times. Get into the water, or else you will die on Mount Pisgah or in the wilderness. You will never "enter in."

Those enter into the Kingdom who are "born of water and of the Spirit."

Baptism is a Divine Reality. May God make it so.

Baptism is into the Kingdom, not into the Church. It is into God the Father. It is into God the Son. It is into God the Holy Spirit. It is into a Life of Salvation and Healing and Holy Living. It is Death to sin. It is Life in God. It is Power for service.

He preached the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, therefore He baptized. He baptized multitudes—so many, it is written, that when the Jews heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John, John's disciples came to him and said, "Rabbi, He that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou hast borne witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come to Him."

John said, "He must increase, but I must decrease."

Before He ascended into heaven, He established Triune Baptism, and you cannot "enter into the Kingdom" without it.

#### The Need for Repentance.

He preached the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. He said, "The Time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe in the Gospel."

A great many people have never repented.

Do you think you will ever be able to believe until you have repented? Never.

Some of you men will have to tell your wives all about it, you liars.

Some of you women will have to tell your husbands You are not all angels. Some of you are mean liars.

I know a number of women who married men on false pretenses. You would have thought they were so amiable and so sweet! It was all put on to get the man, and afterwards there was "the Devil to pay." (Laughter.)

Many a man has found that the complexion of his beloved was purchased in a paint shop (laughter), and that her splendid form was mostly padding. Do you who were guilty of that deception think that you can escape the damnation of God? You acted a lie.

The men are not all liars, nor the women always, but I think most of them are; men more than women. That ought to be true; because you women led us out of paradise and you ought to lead us back. (Laughter.)

You were first in the transgression, and you ought to be first in salvation.

Thanks be to God, that through a holy woman, Christ came

#### God Give Us Holy Mothers.

Women who are holy can bring forth children who are not full of damning lust.

Do you think that a woman can read dirty novels and go and hear a play like "Faust," where Mephistopheles, the Devil, and Faust, the doctor, and Marguerite, the harlot, are the three great characters, and can bring forth children who will not become partakers of her sin?

If that child is full of the vice of Faust and the vice of Marguerite and the damning power of Mephistopheles, you are

to blame, you mother, you father who fed upon that food when that child was not yet in the world.

You have given to that child the damning thought of your filthy reading of novels, and your dirty plays, and your abominable Macca-wasp business.

May God make you repent. (Amen.)

Repent, you sinners; you dirty sinners; you foul sinners.

A young lady wrote to me this morning: "Pray for me, General Overseer. I have three devils in me. One is pride, one is jealousy, and the other is selfishness." I prayed at once.

If every woman would speak out the truth, there are multitudes who have these three devils. There are some of you like Mary of Magdala, who had seven. And if the women have three and sometimes seven, how many have the men?

I think some men must be like that demoniac at Gadara: they must have a whole legion of devils. It seems as if they must number thousands.

There are many men whose eyes are full of lust, whose hearts are full of sin, who run eagerly in the ways of Baal and sin in the foulest manner, who want their wives and daughters to be clean while they live like devils.

They will reap what they sow.

"He that soweth unto his own flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption."

"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Unless you get forgiveness, and the tares taken out of your heart, and the Good Seed of the Kingdom put there today, and unless you begin to sow to the spirit, you will never reap Life Everlasting.

#### "The Kingdom of God is Righteousness, Peace and Joy in the Holy Ghost."

You will never have Peace until you do right. You will never have Joy until you are at Peace with God. This is the Kingdom of God.

This is what Christ preached.

You have no right to enter into the Church until you have been born into the Kingdom, and you will never enter into the Kingdom until you have entered into it in Christ's own way, by a Real Repentance, a Real Faith, a Real Baptism, a Real Obedience, and a life of Real Devotion to God.

May God in His Infinite Mercy grant that this shall be your profession.

Every one in this place who desires to do that, and to let God rule in his heart and life, stand up with us and tell Him so.

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. Take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be, in spirit, in soul, in body. Give me the power to do right, no matter what it costs; to repent, to restore to my fellow-man, and in Thy sight to do right, O my God and Father. Give me Thy Holy Spirit, that I may be truly Baptized, not only in water, but in the continuous Baptism of the Holy Spirit; that I may be dead to sin, alive to God, and endowed with power for service. Cleanse my spirit, my soul, my body. Help me at all times and everywhere to be a Christian who will not compromise with Satan or sin, with disease or death, or with any power of hell. Give me Thy Full Salvation. Give me Thy Full Healing. Give me Thy Life. Lead me to heaven, when life here is over, for Jesus' sake. Amen. (All repeat the prayer, clause by clause, after the General Overseer.)

Did you mean it?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—Live it.

#### BENEDICTION.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; and Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

#### AFTERNOON SERVICE.

Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Afternoon, March 24, 1901.

The service was opened by Zion Choir and the congregation singing Hymn Number 348, after which the Apostles' Creed was recited.

The General Overseer then read the sixty-eighth Psalm, and the sixth chapter of Romans.

Zion Boys' and Girls' Choir of 118 voices then sang the beautiful but simple melody of "The Beautiful Bright Sunshine."

Their little faces shone and their voices rang with the glad-

ness of pure and happy childhood as they praised their Creator and Saviour.

The singing of the children was an inspiration.

Not only were their hearts in what they sang, but there was an ease and naturalness which made every tone smooth and even in quality; a careful training which made the pitch perfect, and every word of the glorious hymns which they sang was heard and understood by the great congregation.

It was wonderful singing for so large a choir of little boys and girls.

It was very deeply effective upon the audience, which sat and listened without a movement until the children's voices ceased in a reverent Amen.

Prayer was offered by the General Overseer.

Announcements were made by Overseer Speicher.

The tithes and offering were received, Zion Boys' and Girls' Choir singing "Brightly Gleams our Banner," very sweetly.

#### THE PURPOSE OF A REAL BAPTISM.

The General Overseer then said:

##### INVOCATION.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, be profitable unto this people, and unto all to whom these words shall come, in this and every land, in this and all the coming time, till Jesus come. Amen.

##### TEXT.

We were buried therefore with Him through Baptism into Death: that like as Christ was Raised from the Dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in Newness of Life. For if we have become united with Him by the Likeness of His Death, we shall be also by the Likeness of His Resurrection.—Romans 6: 4, 5.

Because Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God; being put to death in the flesh, but quickened in the spirit; in which also He went and preached unto the spirits in prison, which aforetime were disobedient, when the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls, were Saved through Water: which also after a True Likeness doth now save you, even Baptism, not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the Interrogation (or appeal) of a Good Conscience toward God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.—1 Peter 3: 18-21.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, especially you who are members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, I am almost glad that, in consequence of the inclement weather, those now present, though numbering between 2000 and 3000, are principally members of this Church, because I desire to speak to you and, through LEAVES OF HEALING, to the Christian Catholic Church in Zion throughout the world, following up the discourse of last Lord's Day.

In that discourse I spoke in very solemn and earnest language concerning what I believed to be the Seal of the Living God.

I said that we had that Seal, and that at least the first Twelve Thousand had been sealed in Zion with the Seal of the Living God, a Real Baptism. But the time did not permit me to speak more fully as to what a Real Baptism was.

I do not, for one moment wish any one to suppose that the outward form of Triune Immersion in itself constitutes a Real Baptism.

I made that, I think, fairly plain and clear last week, but I again state it:

**The Seal Can Only be Placed Effectively Upon That Which is Worthy of Being Sealed.**

If you could get access to the seal which is used in stamping a twenty-dollar gold piece—if you could steal it, for you would have to steal it—and should stamp a piece of nickel corresponding in size to a twenty-dollar gold piece with the seal of the United States, saying that was twenty dollars, it would not be twenty dollars because you sealed it. It would be a fraud, and would be very quickly detected, and very severely punished.

No seal of the United States could make nickel gold, or give that the value of gold which was only nickel. Therefore, even if we have a Real Baptism, we must also have real subjects for Baptism.

Baptism does not make a man a Christian, but Baptism seals a Christian openly, boldly, before all the world.

That Seal is placed upon him because he has really repented,

believed, been really converted, and is real gold, a real Christian, a real Disciple, one who desires to be more and more real every hour and every day.

Baptism can no more create a man a Christian than the seal, even if it be the right seal, can give twenty dollars' value to a piece of nickel.

**If the Seal of Baptism is to be Rightly Given, It Must be in the Proper Hands.**

It is perfectly clear to any one who thinks for a moment, that God does not put His Seal into every hand.

God will not permit every one to baptize.

God has given this Seal, in these latter days, to Zion, that there may be reality in this Baptism, in this Seal of the Living God, and a preparation by the separation of the One Hundred and Forty and Four Thousand Servants of God, that they may be Messengers of God in Zion and through Zion to bring the Great Multitude "which no man can number, out of every tongue, and tribe, and people, and nation to stand before the Throne and before the Lamb."

That is not a Scene in a distant and remote Heaven.

It is a Scene on Earth.

People have been erroneously, in my judgment, putting it away in heaven at some distant time.

We stand before the Throne of our Father in Heaven *now*.

We stand before the Lamb *now*.

We praise God in the Spirit *now*.

We sing with a Great Voice *now*:

Salvation unto our God  
Which sitteth upon the Throne,  
And unto the Lamb.

We do not need to wait for a distant time or place to stand before God and sing the Song of Salvation.

#### What Should be the Effect of a Real Baptism?

What does this Sign and Seal imply?

What Special Blessing does God give in this Real Baptism?

Is it simply to state the value of the coin, or is it to impart to that coin some peculiar power?

There is no doubt whatever that power is imparted by the Seal.

When a document has been prepared for the signature of His Excellency, the President of the United States, and when he has signed that document, it is not valid and not effective until the Seal of State is affixed. It is then a Commission under God.

The power of that document is not merely that the document itself is valid, but that it imparts a power to an otherwise weak citizen which he would not have unless that valid document were in his hands.

Such a document would enable an attorney to seat himself on the bench of the Supreme Court of the United States as a Judge in the highest Court in the land. The decisions of which he is a partaker become such that he, as a member of that Court, can call upon the Executive, the President himself, upon the Legislature, and, if necessary, upon the Army and Navy, and upon every citizen throughout the United States, to support and to help to execute his mandates as a Judge.

#### The Power of a Document.

Therefore, you see, a Commission bestows a Power. If it were a mere document, valid as it might be, it would not be a power. But you can see that throughout all this land public officers are powerful in performing public duties because they have been given power through these documents.

Some of them have a right to arrest criminals.

Some of them have a right to detain criminals in prison.

Some of them have a right to put criminals to death.

I do not preach a Baptism which has no Power attached to it.

The world is weary, the Church is weary and tired out, tired to death, of mere words which do not bring Power with them.

A Church which is a Church if you like to believe it, and is not a Church if you do not like to believe it, a Church which you may obey or not obey just as you like, is no Church at all.

It is not the Church which God has established.

You cannot create, you cannot permanently hinder, and you cannot destroy a True Church.

It exists because God created it—called it out from His own Redeemed ones in His Kingdom.

It stands firmly and goes forward to victory because God maintains it.

It is indestructible, because it is a part of God Himself, His offspring, and therefore eternal as Himself, and it is folly to talk of destroying it.

We are God's Witnesses to that fact, and all the world is getting to know it.

**God Has Established a Church, and He Has Given Power to That Church.**

The powers of that Church are tremendous.

The powers far exceed anything that a Legislature, an Executive, or a Judiciary could impart.

Behold, I have given you Authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over All the Powers of the Enemy: and nothing shall in any wise hurt you.

Think of the tremendous sweep of that.

Then think again of these words:

All Authority hath been given unto Me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore (with this authority which I delegate to you), and make Disciples of All the Nations, baptizing them into the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them (with authority) to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I (who have all power in heaven and earth) am with you all the days, even unto the Consummation of the Age.

That is either a reality or it is mere trashy words.

If it is a reality, whatever Church possesses that reality, possesses a power compared to which the powers of Parliament and Congress, the powers of the Presidents and Kings, the powers of armies, is as nothing: for these powers are the supreme powers of the Almighty God, before which eventually everything must bow.

Therefore, this Baptism must be a real thing.

What does it bring?

**A Real Baptism Brings to the Real Disciple Three Things.**

First, buried with Christ in Baptism by the power of the Holy Ghost, he may and ought to become Dead to Sin.

Second, buried with Christ in Baptism, he ought to be planted in the Likeness of His Resurrection—my text in Romans six—and rise with Him to Newness of Life, and have within him the Life of God.

Third, being now dead to sin and alive unto God, it is his privilege to walk with God in Newness of Life, and therefore to be endowed with Power for Divine Service.

Every minute, hour and day should see a New Life with a New Power. He should realize that the Power of God is upon him and in him, so that he shall be what Peter speaks of, "saved through Baptism"; not regenerated through Baptism. Having been regenerated, a man has a great deal of saving before him. Many a man who is regenerated, many a woman who is regenerated, knows very little about a Full Salvation.

Regeneration and Full Salvation are two different things. There is between them the difference between a baby, a child, and a full grown man with a large experience, capacity and intelligence which make him a strong power to do God's service, whatever it may be.

"After a True Likeness," this Real Baptism saves the man from many things. It saved the Apostle Paul, after his conversion. When Ananias said to him that God had called him to be His servant in all the earth, he said, "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins."

With that the healing came, and the sightless eyes of the Apostle saw the Messenger of Christ, a mortal man. He saw that the Salvation was Real; that a Real Healing had come, and a Real Cleansing power. He submitted at once and was baptized. That was a Real Baptism—it was the Seal of the Living God.

But he quietly went away to Arabia for three years before we hear of him again.

He received in that Baptism a complete assurance that his sins were washed away. Dead to sin, the old man Saul was swept away at that Baptism.

Alive unto God, Paul, the new man, was equipped in Newness of Life with power for a Divine Service which made him who had started last in the race first of all, greatest of all the apostles, so that he has stamped his name and individuality and the power of God upon the nations as no other man of all the apostles did.

Starting eleven years after the call of the other Apostles, he was not behind any or all.

This is the Power of a Real Baptism. It will not be the same in all persons, for all persons are not qualified and not prepared to act upon the same high plane; but it will be the same in kind.

**The Appeal of a Good Conscience.**

I therefore proclaim today that not the mere putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the Appeal of a Good Conscience toward God, enables a man to say as Paul did constantly, in effect, "In all good conscience I stand here today, knowing that every word I say is true. I am dead to sin. I am alive to God. I am endowed with Newness of Life and Power for Service. I make this 'appeal of a good conscience' to God, to man, to angels, to devils, to the age which now is, and the age which will succeed me. I appeal to the great White Throne of God that this is true."

It was true.

The generation then living, the generations which have succeeded, the present generation, now says, "Paul, God witnesses for you that your Salvation, Healing and Cleansing were real; that your Baptism was really the Seal of the Living God; and that your apostolic Commission was real: for God constantly bore you witness by the Holy Spirit!"

**Tremendous Cleansing Power of a Real Baptism.**

In your degree this is what a Real Baptism means: That you shall have Power over your members which have been unrighteous.

The Lust of the Eye, the Lust of the Flesh, and the accursed Pride which makes this life so full of misery, selfishness, jealousy and devilry shall be broken forever.

You shall be dead to these passions.

Your body shall henceforth have eyes that see for Christ, a tongue that speaks for Christ, a mind that thinks for Christ, ears that hear for Christ; yea, and palate that tastes for Christ, and a hand that handles for Christ.

You shall have every power procreative and otherwise, used for God.

You shall live a Holy Life under the Law of God, so that sin shall have no dominion; so that you shall be free from the damning power of hellish passion. Love and Lust are poles asunder.

Oh, I beseech you, "as pilgrims and strangers, to abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul."

Dead to sin, the body becomes a servant to righteousness, a bondservant to Christ.

Everything within you, spirit, soul, body, passions, aims, wishes, thoughts, desires, will be purified. But that can only be when you have taken the second dip into a Real Baptism. You must be "united with Him by the Likeness of His Resurrection."

You must rise with Christ. You must in Christ rise superior to the throbbing of that blood which we inherit, which is so full of the poison of sin and disease.

You must have your blood cleansed.

The word in the book of the Prophet Joel must be fulfilled in you: the last verse of that great prophet of this Holy Ghost dispensation:

And I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed: for the Lord dwelleth in Zion.

**Only in Zion Can That Blood Cleansing Come.**

Hence, planted with Him in the Likeness of His Resurrection, after a True Likeness, you have to receive not only forgiveness from sin, and power over sin, but new life, a Divine Life, which, when you stand upon your feet, enables you to say, "I live, yet not I but Christ liveth in me, and the life that I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me, who gave Himself instead of me. That life has taken possession of all my being."

Just as Jesus Christ arose from the dead without any blood in His body, just as the Holy Spirit was His Life, so must we have the Holy Spirit for our life.

The Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead must be in our mortal bodies and quicken us and deliver us, who through fear of death have been all our lifetime in bondage. That Spirit must give to us deliverance from corruption, and deliverance that shall lead us into powerful service.

Not the possession of life alone, not the deliverance from

death alone, but the endowment for service, Newness of Life, is the third thing in the Real Baptism.

#### Newness of Life.

New Life toward wife and children, New Life toward the maiden and the youth, New Life toward the brother and the sister, New Life toward the poor sinners who are perishing in their sins, and New Life which makes you look with new eyes upon all humanity, with the eyes of Christ who died for them, is a result of a Real Baptism.

Newness of Life makes you seek for their Salvation, their Healing, their Deliverance, their Real Baptism, their Real Cleansing, their Real Sealing with the Seal of the Living God.

It is this Newness of Life more and more that we want in Zion. (Amen.)

We want not death, not idleness, not passivity, but Life which gives us power to rest, and gives us power to work with the unceasing continuity of a God who is forever at rest and forever at work.

This is what is needed, a New Life.

No man that breathes with human breath,  
Whatever crazy sorrow saith,  
Hath ever really longed for death.  
'Tis life, not death, for which we pant;  
'Tis life of which our nerves are scant.  
More life, and fuller, that we want.

We want a Life which not only lives today and tomorrow, but projects itself into the unborn generation, and is an active generating power in the ages to come; a Life which never dies, a Life which shines brighter, and lives purer and more glorious, "shining more and more unto the Perfect Day."

We want a Life like that which "speaketh" down through all the ages from Abel, the first martyr for the Living God, till now.

Oh, for that Life.

God give it to us (Amen.)

All who desire that Life, arise and tell Him that you want it. (Apparently all arose.)

Bow your heads and pray.

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. Take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be, in spirit, in soul, in body. Give me a perfect deliverance, Thou God of deliverances, from sin.—True Repentance, simple Faith, willing Obedience, that I may live for Thee, and if need be die for Thee. Give me a Real Baptism, that I may be dead to sin, alive unto God, and a Newness of Life, endowment for service, that I may have the "appeal of a good conscience" that I am Thine wholly, Thine forever, Thine for Jesus' sake. (All repeat the prayer, clause by clause, after the General Overseer.)

Did you mean it?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—Live it. Seek for its enlargement continually. Ye who have been baptized by a right form, seek for the Power of a Real Baptism.

After the Recessional had been sung, the hundreds of the White-robed Choir and Officers passed solemnly out between the standing and deeply impressed people. Then the service was closed by the General Overseer pronouncing the

#### BENEDICTION.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

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## ZION IN ZURICH.

By Deaconess *Marie Brieger*,  
Translator and Assistant Editor of *Blätter der Heilung*.

FEAR NOT, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.—Luke 12:32.

ON the shores of the lovely waters of the Lake of Zurich, in far-away Europe, there is a little flock of Zion people prospering and growing like a tree planted by the rivers of water.

Wonderfully rapid had been the gathering of this little flock. God had sent His Messenger with the power of the Triune Gospel, and much had been wrought in the short period of four days.

Hearts which had been thirsting for the Living Water readily opened to receive the new life, and found what they had been longing for—a Full Salvation and Freedom in Christ from sin and its fruit: disease; and for innumerable others the way thereunto has been opened.

Those whose hearts the Lord opened, as He once did unto Lydia, have united in common work for the Glory of the Lord, increasing in strength and carrying to their fellowmen in ever-widening circles the blessed truth by word and deed, in spite of the objections of Christian and worldly adversaries.

As flowers turn toward the light of the sun, the human heart longs for the light and life from God. And yet, when John came and bore witness unto the Light, there were many who loved darkness, or their own twilight, rather than this Light.

He who is Himself the Light, came, but His own received Him not.

And again today it is His own who refuse to receive His message and who, blind and obstinate, endeavor to hinder those who long for it. "But as many as received Him, to them gave He the right to become children of God, even to them that believe on His Name," and they may receive of His fulness, grace for grace.

The sacred fire which the Son of God came to kindle on earth is burning brightly. Visible from afar, it is spreading with irresistible power!

Zion sees and hears it, and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice because of Thy judgments, O Lord. Light and joy everywhere enter the hearts of the righteous.

But scattered about are those who know not how to rejoice. Alarmed and annoyed, they keep blowing into the flames with all their might. They would smother them. But vain, foolish hope! The light is only shining brighter.

The children of Zion have long ceased to fear their impotent effort. They have experienced and experience still more gloriously that Immanuel is here!

His Spirit moves and life enters the dry bones.

Hosts awake to knowledge and Repentance.

His Word has still the same power.

He commands, and spirits of infirmity depart.

His arm is stretched out over His people in mighty power, leading them onward victoriously in the Old as well as in the New Continent.

Our dear people in Zurich experience much joy, as those who have been healed by laying on of hands and prayers of the General Overseer put in their appearance one after another. Scarcely half of their number have appeared so far, owing to the fact that after the close of the meetings and the departure of the General Overseer, most of them, with joy in their hearts, hurried back to their respective homes in more or less distant parts.

We are not permitted to make known the names of those healed, which have already come to our knowledge, until they

themselves by spoken or written word have praised the Lord by acknowledging His glorious deeds.

We rejoice and praise God with a joyous heart for every one of those who, through a full consecration and childlike trust, has made it possible for Him to glorify Himself in them by forgiving sins and healing sicknesses.

Among them is a woman who had been suffering from heart disease for many years. She declares that she has been perfectly healed through the prayer of the General Overseer. She has testified to her healing publicly in a meeting held in one of the suburbs of Zurich.

Her testimony has been corroborated in public by her husband, who says that a miracle has been wrought in his wife. He says that he had been expecting her to die of an apoplectic stroke at any moment.

She had been suffering thus for a long time, and only with great difficulty could she attend to her domestic duties.

A friend who called at her house was told by her that she did not know how to thank and praise God for the wonder that had been done to her, spiritually and physically. She had been very miserable, hardly able to speak, and now her voice for speaking and singing had been restored to her.

Since finding her peace, she had received such a measure of spiritual strength and joyfulness of heart as never before in her life.

Another woman was instantly healed of cancer in the throat. She is now rejoicing in the Lord.

A man who had been suffering from kidney disease for two years had been treated by six physicians without obtaining relief. After prayer and laying on of hands he began to feel much better, and his healing has been progressing ever since.

A woman, after much physical and mental suffering, now praises God for her complete delivery and for the fact that her husband does not persecute her any longer. He now reads *Blätter der Heilung*. She gladly brings her tithe out of her weekly earning to the Lord.

The son of a minister, deformed and scrofulous from early childhood, upon whom all medical skill was lost, is now raised by the Lord in answer to the prayer of His servant, the General Overseer, and his healing is progressing.

A woman was healed of melancholia within a few days.

A man who had been suffering for years from kidney trouble, weakness of the heart and sleeplessness, whom the doctors had given up to die, was almost completely healed in the General Overseer's meeting. He and his wife are happy and thankful and ready to serve the Lord.

A woman, chlorotic from early youth and suffering from weak eyes, attended only one meeting, accompanied by her husband. Hands were laid upon her and she was healed entirely within a few days. Both are very happy and grateful to the Lord.

A woman who had been sick in bed for six months with cancer of the stomach, without hope of recovery, has been healed through reading *Blätter der Heilung* and through the General Overseer's prayer in London. Last New Year's Day she got up for the first time with the joy of Zion in her heart and full of gratitude to God.

A young man who had been suffering from melancholia for three years, attended one meeting and is now happy and well.

These and other healed ones in more distant places are the living testimonies that Jesus Christ is still the same Healer as nineteen centuries ago, and that His Word is a life-creating power.

May none of those who have experienced His mercy through a restoration of their spirit and body, and none of those who have received great spiritual blessing, hesitate to confess Him openly as their Saviour, just as He is not ashamed to call them His children and beloved, to whom He has shown Himself so wonderfully gracious and merciful.

May this demonstration of His faithfulness awaken in them a holy desire to glorify Him in all things through obedience, and to be a blessing to other afflicted ones through the fruit of their lips, giving thanks to His Name.

Zion prays for her distant brothers and sisters, that their spiritual life in God may be deepened, in order thus to keep them from losing the blessings received, and that He may make them overcomers of all difficulties and adversities through the Blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony.

Mrs. Hofer, who conducts the little Zion Gathering in Zurich, gladly devotes her time and energy to the service in the glorious work, and we have every reason to be thankful for her efforts.

May she pardon the liberty we are taking, without being able to first ask her permission, in relating a few details regarding her experiences, contained in her last writing. It is to the glory of God that we publish it.

Our dear sister writes:

Every day new friends appear, who joyfully tell me of the great blessings they have received in the meetings; how much they would like to have listened to the General Overseer until midnight, and how sadly they had felt when he was seen to leave the hall for the last time.

A woman said to me, a few days ago, that she had been delivered from heart disease of long standing, simply through hearing the truth proclaimed by the General Overseer. She did not even find it necessary to have hands laid on her.

On the other hand, men were very busy endeavoring to drag down the work of God, throw suspicion upon it and destroy it.

A political journal with a so-called "Christian tendency," the Zurich *Freitagzeitung*, misrepresented and reviled the visit of Dr. Dowie, but everybody capable of forming an opinion of his own, and all who had attended the meetings, could not but recognize the work of the Devil in the article published.

Minister Kradolfer, of the local Baptist Church, set about at once to defeat the enemy and make the truth known in his periodical, *The Christian Guide (Der Christliche Wegweiser)*, of which paper 10,000 copies were printed and distributed all over Switzerland and Germany.

Ministers Kradolfer and Schenk also championed from their pulpits the Scriptural truth as proclaimed by the General Overseer.

Inquiries by letter come pouring in from all sides, people asking for particular information and an opinion upon Dr. Dowie and his work. Others, and among these a good many friends, give me warning and tell me what this or that "man of God" has been saying about Dr. Dowie, etc.

I reply: "Too late! Too late!

\* Such alarms come too late: we have seen and heard for ourselves.

"Healings have been performed before our eyes and the power of God has been shown following the prayers and laying on of hands by Dr. Dowie. We have incontestible proofs that God is with him, that he is His servant and Messenger. It would be well for those men of God to accept the truth proclaimed by Dr. Dowie and to lead their sheep to a better pasture."

The teaching is spreading and there is an urgent demand for a good Elder.

Many who are not members of Zion yet, declare that they do not care for their churches any longer, since they have heard the General Overseer preach.

We have little meetings with a good attendance.

It is our principal aim now to be firmly established in fellowship with God and in His Word.

We were very glad last Lord's Day to hear a brother from Zion speak, Mr. Berchtold, who is here on a visit. He has been in Chicago for ten years and in Zion for the last two years. It was very interesting for us all to hear from the lips of an eye-witness about the work in Zion and about Zion City.

I find great joy in visiting the sick and the healed ones.

We have some glorious experiences, and I feel so thankful, when I hear these healed ones give expression to their praise and love for God, who has been so gracious and merciful and has glorified Himself in them.

How they love the dear General Overseer, this wonderful instrument of God!

They all tell me that they are homesick for his sermons.

Many long for healing, and are thoroughly tired of the lukewarm condition of the churches and the meaningless display of words.

I greatly enjoy every step which these sick people make toward recovery. My last prayer at night and my first prayer in the morning is for them. One sick person has recently been healed of appendicitis in answer to my prayer.

I was with her for nearly two hours, while she confessed to me the condition of her heart, and repented.

We had prayed together, and when I returned the following evening, the woman was well.

You may imagine our joy and happiness that God had heard our prayers.

I often meet people who received laying on of hands in the meetings, but no healing. It is soon found that they were not prepared spiritually. They came to seek relief at the hands of the instrument of the Helper in the hall of the Court House without having fulfilled the conditions necessary for a healing.

These I visited three times a week, or daily if possible, read to them from the Scriptures and from *Blätter der Heilung*, prayed with them and, praise God, they progressed satisfactorily. Two of them have since received healing.

Most of them lacked a real and genuine repentance, most particularly in the case of the so-called believers.

The old Adam is so deep-seated in them that the outward healing cannot proceed until the old natures have been fully mortified.

My daughter also visits the sick, and Mr. Wiederkehr, whose wonderful healing was reported in *Blätter der Heilung*, in Volume I, Number 12, page 282, has to go here and there, testifying before the sick, who, as he did, are seeking the path to the Great Physician and feel greatly blessed in their distressed hearts by his words.

I consider it a great privilege to be permitted to devote my whole time and all my energies to this glorious work.

My daily prayer is that we may be filled with the Holy Spirit for the Glory of God and for the benefit of our fellowmen.

We all love Dr. Dowie, who is truly a man full of love and humility! And how he loves his Lord!

May God make our dear brothers and sisters there of greater blessing, and keep them, like branches, ever dependent upon the Lord Jesus Christ in humility, purity and strength, and soon send them an efficient Elder.

God grant that those who are in sympathy with Zion, and yet are not fully convinced, may cease hesitating and asking, like John, "Should we wait for another?"

May they give heed to the facts which are loudly speaking for themselves, testifying to the power of God and, as in the days of John, give the same answer: "The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk: . . . blessed is he whosoever shall not be offended in Me."

How frail are the arguments and criticisms of those who are constantly offended at the man of God, the General Overseer, who constantly seek to represent him as a false prophet, and all this in view of the great things which God is doing through him everywhere and in spite of the wonderful blessings which his unselfish activity brings to humanity.

Whosoever reads *Blätter der Heilung* with a sense of sobriety and not absolutely prejudiced, examining the obvious facts, cannot help acknowledging in the sight of God that such blessings cannot possibly be the work of a false prophet, and that God must be in this work and with this man.

He who confesses Jesus Christ and proclaims Him to be the Son of God come in the flesh; he who denounces sin as any prophet ever did, leading thousands to God to be saved and healed, devoting his whole life to the service of the Lord—*is he a false prophet?*

They who suffer from aberration of judgment cannot possibly lead the sheep committed to them to the good pleasure of the Lord. May God set the sheep at liberty and have mercy upon the shepherds, "for they know not what they do."

"When the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?"

If His coming is so near, and yet His Messenger, who is called to prepare His way, is misunderstood in such a way, how

sad are the conclusions which we must necessarily draw. "Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute?" is Stephen's accusation in Acts 7:51, 52.

In the cry of "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" scribes and Pharisees and the rabble were united in their judgment against the Holy Son of God. What a sad thing to see a part of the scribes of today take the stand of an unqualified Zurich *Freitagszeitung!*

Zion praises her Lord that He constantly hears her faithful prayers and delivers scores of His sheep, who are ready to listen to the truth, from that obstinate and fatal influence.

We praise Him for the open doors which He gives us, for the thousands who, led by His Light and by His Truth, are saved, healed and blessed, thanking Him for the deliverance from those who revile and slander God's blessed instrument.

Zion will never cease to care lovingly everywhere for the oppressed sheep of the Lord, who are suffering the tortures of hell under the false teaching, that the loving hand of God is upon them and that they simply have to submit themselves.

Zion will faithfully teach them and bring them in prayer to the God of Mercy, so that, according to His faithful promises which thousands and tens of thousands have experienced in themselves, He may not only forgive their iniquities, but heal their diseases and crown them with lovingkindness and tender mercies, and renew their youth like the eagle's, and make their lips bring forth joyous songs to the praise of His wonderful grace, which has been hidden from them so long by erring shepherds.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God hath shined forth.

Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound:  
They walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance.  
In Thy Name do they rejoice all the day:  
And in Thy righteousness are they exalted.  
Blessed be the Lord for evermore!

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## DO YOU KNOW GOD'S WAY OF HEALING?

BY THE REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

Let it be supposed that the following words are a conversation between the reader [A] and the writer [B].

A. What does this question mean? Do you really suppose that God has some especial way of healing in these days of which men may know and avail themselves?

B. That is exactly my meaning, and I wish very much that you should know God's Way of Healing, as I have done for many years.

A. What is the way, in your opinion?

B. You should rather ask, WHO is God's Way? for the Way is a Person, not a thing. I will answer your question in His own words, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; no one cometh unto the Father, but by Me." These words were spoken by our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, who is both our Saviour and our Healer. (John 14:6.)

A. But I always thought that these words only referred to Him as the Way of Salvation. How can you be sure that they refer to Him as the Way of Healing also?

B. Because He cannot change. He is "the same yesterday and today, yea and forever." (Hebrews 13:8.) He said that He came to this earth not only to save us but to heal us (Luke 4:18), and He did this when in the flesh on earth. Being unchanged, He must be able and willing and desirous to heal now.

A. But is there not this difference, namely, that He is not with us now?

B. No; for He said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world"; and so He is with us now, in Spirit, just as much as when He was here in the flesh.

A. But did He not work these miracles of healing when on earth merely to prove that He was the Son of God?

B. No; there was still a greater purpose than that. He healed the sick who trusted in Him in order to show that He came to die not only for our sins, but for our sicknesses, and to deliver us from both.

A. Then, if that is so, the atonement which He made on the Cross must have been for our sicknesses as well as our sins. Can you prove that is the fact from the Scriptures?

B. Yes, I can, and the passages are very numerous. I need quote two only. In Isaiah 53:4, 5, it is written of Him, "Surely He hath borne our griefs (Hebrew *sichnesses*), and carried our sorrows; and with His stripes we are healed." Then in the Gospel according to Matthew, this passage is quoted and directly applied to the work of bodily healing, in chapter 8, 17th verse. "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our diseases."

A. But do you not think that sickness is often God's will, and sent for our good, and therefore God does not wish us to be healed?

B. No, that cannot possibly be; for diseases of every kind are the Devil's work, and his work can never be God's will, since Christ came for the very purpose of destroying "the works of the Devil." (1 John 3:8.)

A. Do you mean to say that all disease is the work of Satan?

B. Yes, for there had been no sin (which came through Satan) there never would have been any disease, and Jesus never in one single instance told any person that sickness was God's work or will, but the very contrary.

A. Can you prove from Scripture that all forms of sickness and infirmity are the Devil's work?

B. Yes, that can be done very easily. You will see in Matthew 4:23 and 9:35 that when Jesus was here in the flesh, He healed "all manner of disease and all manner of sickness among the people." Then if you will refer to Acts 10:38 you will see that the Apostle Peter declares that He [Jesus] "went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the Devil." Notice that all whom He healed, not some, were suffering from Satan's evil power.

A. But does disease never come from God?

B. No, it cannot come from God, for He is pure, and disease is unclean; and it cannot come out of Heaven, for there is no disease there.

A. That is very different from the teachings which I have received all my life from ministers and in the churches. Do you really think that you are right, and that they are all wrong in this matter?

B. It is not a question as between myself and them. The only question is, What does God's Word say? God has said in all the ages to His Church, "I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26), and therefore it would be wicked to say that He is the defiler of His people. All true Christians must believe the Bible, and it is impossible to believe that good and evil, sickness and health, sin and holiness could have a common origin in God. If the Bible really taught that, it would be impossible to believe our Lord Jesus Christ when He says, "A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit." (Matthew 7:18.)

A. But even if I agree with all you say, is it not true that the Gifts of Healing were removed from the Church, and are not in it now?

B. No, they were never withdrawn, and can never be withdrawn, from the true Church of God; for it is written, "The gifts and the calling of God are without repentance." (Romans 11:29.) There are nine gifts of God to the Church (enumerated in 1 Corinthians 12:8 to 11), and all these are in the Holy Spirit. Therefore, so long as the Holy Spirit is in the Church, all the gifts must be there also. If they are not exercised, that does not prove that they do not exist, but that the faith to exercise them is lacking in God's servants. The gifts are all perfectly preserved; for the Holy Spirit, not the Church, keeps them safely.

A. What should a Christian then do when overtaken with sickness?

B. A Christian should obey God's command, and at once turn to Him for forgiveness of the sin which may have caused the sickness, and for immediate healing. Healing is obtained from God in one of four ways, namely: First, by the direct prayer of faith, without any aid from the officers of the Church, praying as the Centurion did in Matthew 8:5 to 12; second, by two faithful disciples praying in perfect agreement, in accordance with the Lord's promise in Matthew 18:19; third, by the anointing of the elders and the prayer of faith, according to the instructions in James 5:14 and 15; and fourth, by the laying on of the hands of them who believe, and whom God calls to that ministry, as the Lord commands in Mark 16:18, and in other places.

A. But are people healed in this way in these days?

B. Yes, in thousands of cases. I have myself laid hands upon many hundreds of thousands of persons, and I have seen the Lord's Power manifested in the healing of great numbers, many of whom are living witnesses in many countries, who have testified publicly before thousands, and who are prepared to testify at any time. This ministry is being exercised by devoted Christians in many parts of America, Europe, Australasia and elsewhere.

A. Is it not the same as Christian Science, Mind Healing, etc.?

B. No. Divine Healing is diametrically opposed to these diabolical counterfeits, which are utterly anti-Christian. These impostures are only seductive forms of Spiritualism.

A. These impostures are also a more recent form of this delusion, and it deceives many.

B. But how shall I obtain the necessary faith to receive healing, which faith I am at present conscious I do not possess?

B. It is written, "Belief cometh of hearing, and hearing by the Word of Christ." (Romans 10:17.) Our Missions are held for the express purpose of teaching fully the Word of God on this matter, and I very heartily invite you to attend the meetings which are announced for Zion Tabernacle. All are welcome and there are no charges of any kind made, for all God's gifts are free gifts. Salvation is the first of these, without which you cannot be healed through faith in Jesus. All the costs of this work are covered by the free-will offerings of the people who attend these meetings, and others whom the Lord leads to help; but the poorest who have nothing to give are as heartily welcome as the richest.

A. Do you see the sick and lay hands upon them in this Mission?

B. Yes; after we feel satisfied that they are fully resting in the Lord alone for the healing, we see privately, so far as time permits, those who attend; but under no circumstances do we claim the power to heal any; for "power belongeth unto God."

A. Have you any writings upon this subject which can be purchased?

B. Yes; these can be obtained at the office of Zion Publishing House, 1207 Michigan Avenue, Zion Tabernacle, 621-1633 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill. But the best book on Divine Healing is the Bible itself, studied prayerfully and earnestly.

We extend to you a hearty invitation to attend the meetings, which are free to all. Our prayer is that you may be led to find in Jesus Christ our Lord and God, your present Saviour from sin, your Healer from sickness, your Cleanser from all evil, your Keeper in the way to Heaven, your Friend in all for Time and Eternity. We pray that these words may help many who read, and that our little conversation may bear fruit in leading many readers to look to Jesus only.

"The Healing of Christ's seamless dress

Is by all beds of pain;

We touch Him in life's throng and press,

And we are whole again."



# ZION IN THE ORIENT.

By Rev. Geo. L. Mason, B.A., B.D.  
Overseer of the C.C.C. in China.

**A SAD DEFEAT.**—A missionary leader, known and loved throughout the world, the author of "The Ministry of Healing," Rev. Dr. A. J. Gordon, might not have passed away in the noonday of his strength, had he cherished a deeper conviction that it was sinful to defile with poison medicines the body which had become the Temple of God's Holy Spirit. Dr. Gordon had never taken a bold stand against drugs. He only maintained that for himself he knew a better way of healing. Here was the weak spot in his armor, and Satan knew it.

The story of his sickness and death is told in his own paper, *The Watchword*, February, 1895, from which we quote significant extracts, the italics being ours:

And he had many personal experiences of deliverance from severe sickness in answer to the prayer of faith. But at this juncture, *out of consideration for the opinion of others* whom he felt it was right to consult, and in order that no reproach might come upon those who were caring for him, he consented to avail himself of the medical skill of the doctor, and asked him to prescribe for him as he would for any one else. The disease seemed to yield to the treatment, and the doctor was very hopeful of his recovery. But there came upon him *a recoil of conscience, and a great spiritual struggle*, because, in his loyalty to Christ, he almost feared he had "turned his back on the Lord," who had so repeatedly healed him of physical infirmity.

He called the physician to his bedside and emphatically *reasserted his faith in Jesus alone as the Divine Healer, and repudiated all dependence upon medicine*. Then requesting that all should leave the room that he "might be alone with God," he was absorbed for some time in prayer and committed himself anew with thrilling fervor into His hands who is Saviour of soul and of the body also. From that time his mind seemed to be at rest on this subject.

*Nevertheless it was decided to continue the treatment* already begun, and on Thursday night, January 31st, the testing of temperature and pulse showed such a decided improvement, that letters were sent to absent members of the family stating that the crisis had passed and there was every hope of convalescence and recovery.

Monday he was taken with the grip. Wednesday he sought unto the physicians. That night, or Thursday, he repented of this weakness and "reasserted his faith in Jesus alone," for healing. But, in spite of this, somebody "decided to continue the treatment." If it was Gordon, he again went against his conscience and sinned. If others went against his conscience, they sinned. Friday afternoon the man was dead.

Though the spirit was saved, yet the body of him who through the Prayer of Faith had been the means of rescuing many, was ignominiously allowed to perish in the hands of the doctors (Isaiah 48:18).

**SILENCE** regarding Divine Healing was advised as one of the conditions which would insure peace, if we remained a Baptist missionary. A veteran missionary wrote us in these words:

To remain as at present would seem to demand, however, some sacrifice on your part, viz, *silence*; i. e., that you cease from publicly enforcing your views both before the Christians and the public. Beyond a simple statement of your views of the merits of Divine Healing, say nothing either here or there, except when asked for explanation. Have your faith in this

matter to yourself, or, at the farthest, enjoy it with those of like persuasion as a thing precious to yourselves!

This was written in all seriousness by a Doctor of Divinity (Acts 4:18-20).

**MEDICINE** has become a great god in some missionary circles. The Baptist Sunday School Lesson Paper used in Chekiang Province, China, says:

In the present time Jesus uses this method. He wants us to use medicine and help ourselves, not that medicine has any great power; the power is only in Jesus' hands. But those who are unwilling to take medicine certainly add to their own trouble, because they do not wish to use the method of Jesus. Sometimes Jesus heals them, but generally those who get healing take medicine. Jesus also constantly heals unbelievers because they use the method of Jesus.

What a jumble of nonsense! "Sometimes Jesus heals them" without medicine. But if He does, it is contrary to His "method." If you are not ready to repent and believe in Jesus, you may help yourself by swallowing arsenic and nux vomica, "altee samee Melican man." Pretty stuff to teach the Chinese!

**MEDICAL MISSIONS** are unscriptural and harmful. This is shown by many facts stated in *LEAVES OF HEALING*, Volume VI, Number 22. And various current falsehoods, in defense of Christianization by drugs, are answered in *LEAVES OF HEALING*, Volume VII, Number 7.

**BAPTIST LOSSES.**—*The Independent* of January 3, 1901, reports a numerical gain among the colored Baptists in the United States. But the white Baptists, who have more wealth and education, had no gain whatever in a year. All their prayers and preaching resulted in a net loss of 4438 members. We suggest that they open medical missions in every city and village, dispense morphine, mercury and cowpox pus free to the crowds, and sandwich in a little preaching. This method would surely result in an increase—of the losses (Haggai 1:6-8).

**ELDER VIKING** writes the following vigorous letter to a missionary who had written, in a kindly spirit, criticising the Christian Catholic Church in Zion:

ZION, SHANGHAI, CHINA, February 21, 1901.

I am glad to know that you have looked over our Zion Monthly. I take this opportunity to answer your objections.

The native brother in writing about Luke, "the beloved physician," does not say that *the Bible says* that Luke put away his medical practice.

The Bible does not say that Matthew or Mark gave up the doctrine and practice of circumcision, but we are, all the same, right in saying that they gave it up. That would not be any "unwarranted dealing with Scripture," would it?

Among the Jews, as soon as a man believed in his heart that Jesus was the Messiah, and determined to obey Him because he knew from the Old Testament Scripture that the mission of Christ was to save and to heal, he had no more use for the sacrifice of bullocks.

To a converted Jew or Gentile, in the early times, the Gospel of Isaiah was a Real Gospel. It ought to be as real to you and to me; and more so, as we have the New Testament writers, and especially quotations from Isaiah by Christ, to strengthen its truths.

If Jesus was not the Healer in Luke's time, then Isaiah was a liar. If Jesus is not the Healer now, then Isaiah is a liar still.

But, praise God, Jesus is "the same," and so Isaiah's Message is true. Luke, "the beloved physician," had no use for his medical practice after

he had repented and received deliverance through faith in the Risen Christ.

On his journeys with Paul, it was Paul who, according to the Acts of the Apostles, laid hands on the sick, and the sick recovered (see chapter 28:7-10).

If Luke continued his practice as a physician after he believed, then he was a hypocrite, because it was just as impossible *at that time* to be a Christian and a physician, as to be a Christian and a robber.

Paul calling him "the beloved physician" does not mean that Luke, as a physician, was beloved, or that his art was a beloved art, and therefore could be called "beloved"; but it means Luke the physician, and not Luke somebody else *as a person*, was beloved.

Some weeks ago I wrote a letter to a very dear friend of mine in Chicago.

He practiced as a physician for ten years.

Then he gave up that practice and got healing of cancer in the throat through faith in Jesus. He does not now practice medicine.

When I wrote to him I addressed him like this: "My Dear Doctor Speicher." I could have written "Rev. J. G. Speicher, M. D., My Dear Doctor," etc.

Suppose the Captain on a Shanghai steamer resigns his position and becomes a business man. He still would be called "Captain" all his remaining life. So with officers who retire from the army. So with ministers of the Gospel who retire from preaching. Many are addressed as "Reverend" who do not now preach.

The idiom in Greek is, "Luke the beloved physician," but translating it into idiomatic English, you would be right in saying "the beloved physician Luke," or, more up-to-date, "the beloved Doctor Luke," or "the Dear Doctor Luke."

The native brother you refer to is perfectly right in saying that Luke repented of his false doctrines, and I add to this that Luke also put away his medical practice.

We rejoice to be in a Church where we have freedom to preach a Full and Free Gospel.

Jesus died on the Cross in order to redeem us from sin, sickness and all the powers of death and hell.

Zion's voice in this matter is not uncertain, and God greatly blesses where we take an uncompromising stand, no matter what friend or foe says.

In the second point in your letter, you say that we produce "heartburnings and divisions" by trying "to build up a Church out of the saved already gathered into other churches."

God has established Zion for the afflicted of His people.

One of the great truths for which Zion stands is the Holy Spirit in our bodies, oil in the vessels. It is impossible to have the Spirit filling our bodies when we reject Divine Healing. This truth is bound to disturb existing organizations.

It is the Eleventh Hour, 5 o'clock P. M., in God's vineyard. A new set of laborers is called in. The old set will get their pay. The new set does not grumble about that.

The day closes at the Twelfth Hour, or 6 o'clock P. M.

There is only one hour's work remaining. This hour's work will cover every part of the vineyard. The new laborers are the workers in Zion.

I call your attention to the fact that the mission of Zion is larger than you anticipate. There is no public Church organization or private secret order which will escape its sickle.

The whole field will be reaped.

The time of harvest has come.

Your view of Zion has been limited by reason of not knowing Zion's mission.

Take a broad view.

It is not only a few Church members here and there who will be drawn in.

As to Shanghai, we intend by the Grace of God to turn it upside down, as it is downside up now.

Our Gospel is a Gospel to every individual in Shanghai, and to every individual we shall go.

Dear brother, we know the many objections to our work which are brought up; but we are willing to be misunderstood, lied about, persecuted, hated and what not, for a time. It shall not be so long.

Christ is coming back at the end of the day to pay off the workmen. We shall all then get our pay. Praise the Lord!

Woe unto us if we have not done our work!

The cry that Zion has no love is groundless. We take no notice of that. These fellows will get sore throat before they are through.

I call your attention to the development of Zion in America. Watch the movement from now on for one year. Do not be afraid to investigate.

Read LEAVES OF HEALING regularly.

I write to you as to a brother who ere long will be working hand in hand with us.

You may not see it today, but you will have a good time when that day

comes. Then you will see the Devil squirming around in rage because of Zion disturbing his strongholds. Then all heartburnings will be gone. Then there will be victory following victory in your own life.

Praise God for Zion!

Zion is the only organization which has the power and authority to unite all God's true people. That building up and uniting is accomplished, in the first place, by breaking up the things in the different churches which hinder unity.

May God bless you out of Zion.

I am yours sincerely,

C. F. VIKING.

### SAVED FROM BAD HABITS AND HEALED OF NERVOUS PROSTRATION.

MODENA, WISCONSIN, January 13, 1901.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—I feel it my duty toward God and man to testify, in as few words as possible, to God's power to heal today, as nineteen centuries ago.

Through reading LEAVES OF HEALING and studying my Bible carefully, I learned that God was the Healer.

I continued a faithful servant of the Devil.

I was a swine-breeder and consumer for the majority of my days.

I was a slave to tobacco for eight years, and about ten years a tippler of spirituous liquor.

I was a partaker in general in all kinds of sin.

I was an Entered Apprentice in the Masonic Order and a member of the Modern Woodmen, carrying a life insurance policy of \$3,000.

All of these things I continued to the glory of the Devil and to the dishonor of God, up to February, 1898.

About the 15th of December, 1897, I was stricken with nervous prostration, or heart failure, as our physician pronounced it.

I continued to grow worse until the last week in January, 1898.

I became alarmed and told my physician that I did not care to have him experiment on me longer, and that if he could not furnish a remedy that would relieve me of my disease, I would on the following day go to St. Paul, Minnesota, to be treated by a specialist.

His reply was that he had solved the problem. He handed me a bottle of nux vomica and said, "I think that will fix you all right."

I have no doubt but that, had I taken the contents of the bottle, it would have been the death of me.

Instead of taking all, I only took about one-quarter of the contents.

I discovered that my stomach was being ruined from taking the medicine and that instead of gaining in strength and vitality I was rapidly growing worse.

I finally concluded that there was only one way out of my miserable condition: namely, to accept God's Way of Healing.

An Evangelist named W. L. Thompson was holding a series of meetings in the Methodist Church here.

I made inquiry of him how he felt regarding Divine Healing.

His reply was that his wife had been healed a great many times through the prayer of faith.

We finally induced him to preach several sermons on God's Way of Healing.

It was at one of these meetings I accepted Christ as my Saviour from sin, Healer of disease, and Keeper.

This was the end of my nervous prostration.

We give God all the praise, and also thank the General Overseer, who has been so wonderfully used in advancing God's work in every way, teaching Salvation, Healing and Holy Living.

My continuous prayer is that God will spare him and all his co-workers for many years to come, that they may complete the work they have undertaken in every capacity.

Yours in Jesus' service,

H. O. BROWN.

### God Heals of Indigestion and Stomach Trouble.

SYCAMORE, ILLINOIS, February 4, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I feel it my duty as well as privilege to write you my testimony.

I had the very worst form of stomach trouble and indigestion.

My stomach was so very bad I could neither eat, drink nor sleep. I had to sit nearly upright in bed and take tincture of cactus to keep my heart beating.

I had been troubled with indigestion since a child.

I am now entirely healed of that disorder.

I am also healed of my stomach trouble.

I wrote you asking you to pray for me, and directly after you prayed for me, I began to get better.

I thank you and Mrs. Dowie and the Elders for your and their prayers.

I pray our Heavenly Father every day that He will bless you and your dear wife and spare you to us for many years.

Faithfully your Sister in Christ, (MRS.) MARY LOUISE SHEPARD.



# ZION COTTAGE MEETINGS.

By REV. JOHN G. SPEICHER, OVERSEER FOR CHICAGO IN THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ZION.

IN ORDER to keep the Cottage Meeting work before the members and friends of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, we again present a list of the Cottage Meetings in Chicago.

There are at this time Three Hundred and Twenty weekly Cottage Meetings in twelve different languages. There has been a constantly increasing interest and attendance in these meetings. Large numbers of persons are being baptized who were first brought to Zion through the Cottage Meetings.

One new feature of the work is that of the meetings for the children who are picked up from the streets—the poor little waifs who seem to have no one to care for them, and who know almost nothing about the Word of God and of the love of Christ.

This movement has been inaugurated by Deaconess M. T. Clemons, who has been doing very excellent work. Large numbers of children are being taught in this way who otherwise would never know of God.

There are many who can help in this work, in gathering together the children from the streets, who would perhaps not care to help in any other department in the work. We would be glad to have all such correspond with Deaconess Clemons, whose address is 1434 Michigan Avenue.

We are thankful to note an ever-increasing interest in the Cottage Meeting work among the branches outside of Chicago. May this year see a great increase in their number and in their efficiency.

Let every Leader of Cottage Meetings see that Zion Literature is on hand for sale. Let the time of the meetings be devoted largely to prayer and testimony. What teaching is done, let it be on the line of the plain and simple Gospel truths as taught in Zion.

Let those difficult and controversial subjects such as Freemasonry and all political questions, and the difficult interpretations of Scriptures, be left for the General Overseer in Central Zion Tabernacle.

Teach the Fundamental Truths of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living, such as True Repentance, Restoration, Forsaking of Sin, Obedience toward God in Baptism, the Paying of Tithes, etc.

We ask a continued interest in the prayers of all who love the Lord in Zion.

### Central District.

South of River to Fort-seventh Street.

Rev. Cyrus B. Fockler, Elder-in-Charge of Cottage Meetings

Central Zion Tabernacle, 1621-1633 Michigan Avenue.

REV. JOHN ALEXANDER DOWIE, GENERAL OVERSEER.

NAME.	ADDRESS.	TIME.	LEADER.
M. J. Henrich	3233 Canal St.	Monday evening	E. S. Clark.
Ludius Rades	3607 Lincoln St.	Monday evening	Elder Richard.
Julia F. J. Richert	2800 Fifth Ave.	Monday evening	Elder Richard.
Mrs. E. L. Shreffler	3606 Vernon Ave.	Monday evening	Dr. R. T. Aiston.
Mrs. A. Taylor	2723 Ash Ave.	Monday evening	Supply.
Mrs. Pauline Weck	2901 Wallace St.	Tuesday evening	Miss M. Stanton.
Mrs. E. Sisson	1425 Michigan Ave.	Tuesday evening	Deaconess Reakirt
George A. Baumgartner	1105 23d St., Flat 43	Tuesday evening	Deacon Burnett.
Mrs. Dahlman	2008 Wentworth Ave.	Tuesday evening	Mrs. M. T. Jackson
Mrs. Bazelle	1320 Indiana Ave.	Tuesday evening	Supply.
T. J. Anderson	2723 Ash Ave.	Tuesday evening	Supply.
Miss Bessie A. Copeland	4145 Langley Ave.	Tuesday evening	Evang. Fisher.
Mrs. W. M. Sheridan	1628 Michigan Ave.	Tuesday evening	Deacon Kibbey.
Mr. Webb	2815 State St.	Tuesday evening	Ellis Miller.
Fleming Williams	439 Swann St.	Tuesday evening	C. E. Clark.
Mrs. H. Gawell	4420 La Salle St.	Tuesday evening	Dr. R. T. Aiston.
Working Girls' Home	16 East Sixteenth St.	Tuesday evening	Deacon Fogwill.
Mrs. H. L. Harvey	1818 Armour Ave.	Tuesday evening	Mrs. H. Fockler.
Mrs. E. Washington	248 Armour Ave.	Tuesday evening	Mrs. H. E. Powers.
Mr. Duzzi	177 Plymouth Court	Tuesday evening	R. P. Boccassini.
Mrs. White	454 Thirtieth St.	Tuesday evening	H. W. Hullinger.
Mrs. E. Zepferrick	1718 Indiana Ave.	Tuesday evening	C. B. Fockler.
Mrs. Jones	453 Dearborn St.	Tuesday evening	Miss Coleman.
Mrs. Mary Gleaves	1012 Dearborn St. top 3	Tuesday evening	Wm. F. Brown.
Frances Kesling	3655 Broad St.	Wednesday 3 P. M.	R. M. Butler.
Mrs. F. H. Miller	4112 La Salle St.	Wednesday evening	Deacon Angell.
Mrs. Morton	2532 Dearborn St.	Wednesday evening	E. J. Witte.
L. Simon	3678 Lock St.	Wednesday evening	Ch. Garbitz.
Miss Nettie Deirup	1451 Michigan Ave.	Wednesday evening	Mrs. S. C. Burnett.
Mrs. C. F. Marshall	4652 Indiana Ave.	Wednesday evening	Thomas Shirley.
Mrs. Johnson	251 Twenty-sixth St.	Wednesday evening	William Green.
Mrs. S. Davenport	374 Elmwood Ave.	Wednesday evening	Miss Myrtle Sisson
Mrs. J. M. Watt	124 Adams Ave.	Wednesday evening	Will Tucker.
Mrs. Aton	308 Dearborn St.	Wednesday evening	H. W. Hullinger.
Mrs. Martha Claybee	3535 Dearborn St.	Wednesday evening	Louis Cullin.
Mrs. Roth	2360 Cottage Grove Ave.	Wednesday evening	E. J. Witte.
Mrs. A. Moening	1535 Michigan Ave.	Wednesday evening	Mrs. H. E. Powers.
Mrs. Reich	2310 Princeton Ave.	Wednesday evening	Fred Hoefler.
Mrs. A. Hord	425 Armour Ave.	Wednesday evening	Evangelist Fisher.
Wm. Hogue	4526 Wentworth Ave.	Thursday evening	C. Thauer.
H. H. Silver	1619 Michigan Ave.	Thursday evening	Mary A. Bevel.
J. C. Carr	1311 Michigan Ave.	Thursday evening	Deacon Kibbey.
Mrs. Ellen Nelson	68 East Sixteenth St.	Thursday evening	Ellen Nelson.
A. L. Parker	3524 Wallace St.	Thursday evening	Mrs. W. Parkison.
Mrs. J. Newsome	425 Armour Ave.	Thursday evening	Supply.
Mrs. McDonald	2256 State St.	Thursday evening	John W. Fiddis.
Mrs. L. DeVerza	2522 Calumet Ave. Flat E	Thursday evening	Dea. ss M. Farland
Mrs. Conrad	2737 Loomis St.	Thursday evening	Deacon Berthold.
Home of Hope	18 E. Sixteenth St.	Thursday evening	Dea. ss Hertrich.
Mrs. M. A. Hunger	414 Michigan Ave.	Thursday evening	Supply.
Herman Fabry	3600 Fifth Ave.	Thursday evening	Deacon Dow.
Mrs. Mary Wright	1511 Armour Ave. rear 3	Thursday evening	George Maston.
A. A. Fox	38 E. Sixteenth St.	Thursday evening	A. A. Fox.
Mrs. T. Covington	3026 Dearborn St.	Thursday evening	Supply.
Mrs. Anna Williams	3226 Dearborn St.	Thursday evening	T. H. Kettell.
Mrs. Julie Hill	3247 State St.	Friday evening	Miss McCoy.

NAME.	ADDRESS.	TIME.	LEADER.
Elizabeth Lee	1903 Michigan Ave.	Friday evening	Deaconess Hill.
A. J. Connor	48 Twelfth St.	Friday evening	Mrs. Mason.
Amelia Green	2931 Dearborn St.	Friday evening	J. H. Harney.
Mrs. C. Foster	273 East 42d St.	Friday evening	William McMahon
C. C. Marquis	3536 Rockwell St.	Friday evening	S. C. Burnett.
M. Hartfield	458 Armour Ave.	Friday evening	H. P. Miller.
Mrs. E. Aiston	4502 Emerald Ave.	Friday evening	Elder Fockler.
Mrs. Henderson	4647 Armour Ave.	Friday evening	Supply.
Mrs. C. M. Rose	37 East Sixteenth St.	Saturday evening	Ellen Nelson.
Mrs. H. E. Powers	1632 Michigan Ave.	Saturday evening	Mrs. H. E. Powers.
Mrs. Clayborn	3535 Dearborn St.	Sunday morning	H. P. Hullinger.
Mrs. Ausley	3543 Dearborn St.	Sunday morning	H. P. Hullinger.

### Southeast District.

South of Forty-seventh Street, between Cottage Grove Avenue and Lake Michigan.

Rev. W. J. Stith, Elder-in-Charge of Cottage Meetings.

NAME.	ADDRESS.	TIME.	LEADER.
Robert Murdock	6939 Kimbark Ave.	Monday evening	Evang. M. B. Stith
Mrs. I. Ludwigson	8727 Buffalo Ave.	Monday evening	A. C. Stocker.
Mrs. A. C. Hendricks	6011 Madison Ave.	Wednesday 2:30 P. M.	Mrs. A. C. Stocker
James Meas	741 E. 5th St.	Wednesday evening	Dea. Wm. C. Leas.
E. A. Parsons.	128 76th Place	Wednesday evening	Deacon Kessler.
A. C. Stocker	6914 Cregier Ave.	Wednesday evening	Elder Stith.
Mrs. Caskin	1069 E. 56th Street	Wednesday evening	J. W. B. King.
J. Richards	7833 Woodlawn Ave.	Wednesday evening	W. B. Walker.
Mrs. A. H. Taylor	7123 Union Ave.	Wednesday evening	C. H. Johnson.
Thos. N. Dobrella.	225 Ninety-second St.	Wednesday evening	E. A. Rissius.
Mrs. Gregory	7741 Reynolds Ave.	Friday evening	Miss Barnard.
P. W. Zoller	617 E. 55th Street	Friday evening	Elder Graves.
Wm. Bihler	617 East Seventieth St.	Saturday evening	J. B. Walker.
Thos. N. Dobrella.	225 Ninety-second St.	Sunday 10:30 A. M.	Deacon Kessler.

### South Side District.

South of Forty-seventh Street and West of Cottage Grove Avenue.

Rev. S. H. Stokes, Elder-in-Charge of Cottage Meetings.

NAME.	ADDRESS.	TIME.	LEADER.
Mrs. L. A. Johnson	4915 State St.	Sunday 9:30 A. M.	Evang. Moody.
George McArroyd	242 110th St.	Sunday 10 A. M.	A. E. Johnson.
Mrs. L. A. Johnson	4915 State St.	Sunday evening	Evang. Fisher.
D. W. Hawkins	4817 Champlain Ave.	Monday evening	Evang. Moody.
Mrs. W. Orbin	5306 State St.	Monday evening	John H. Shaw.
E. W. Foculist	225 Bishop St.	Monday evening	Mrs. Wm. C. Pelton
E. W. Osborn	6723 Rhodes Ave.	Monday evening	A. E. Johnson.
Mrs. Huntley	618 West 61st Place.	Monday evening	Miss L. Hardin.
Mrs. Taylor	5111 Armour Ave.	Monday evening	M. Moulton.
Moy Soon	1292 75th St.	Monday evening	G. S. Hong.
Mrs. H. Taylor	5944 Union Ave.	Monday evening	Jas. Walker.
A. Mace	7637 Lowe Ave.	Monday evening	Charles Kaiser.
Mr. Baker	4904 Dearborn St.	Monday evening	J. Caldwell.
Harvey O. Thomas	6010 Princeton Ave.	Monday evening	J. Atkinson.
Mrs. E. Gentleman	5433 Bishop St.	Tuesday evening	W. W. Blossom.
A. C. Jensen	6626 Vincennes Road.	Tuesday evening	A. C. Jensen.
Mrs. Mary Andrews	6612 Veron Ave.	Tuesday evening	George Seigler.
Mrs. S. P. Fisher	5451 Dearborn St.	Tuesday evening	Evang. Fisher.
Mrs. Robinson	5016 Dearborn St.	Tuesday evening	J. H. Bowley.
Mrs. L. A. Johnson	4915 State St.	Wednesday 3 P. M.	Mrs. John Shaw.
Mr. Schmidt	11836 Gano St.	Wednesday 3 P. M.	Supply.
Mrs. Cotton	4853 Armour Ave.	Wednesday evening	James Brister.
Y. C. Garby	6323 May St.	Wednesday evening	C. C. Marquis.
E. de Jonge	6007 Carpenter St.	Wednesday evening	L. M. Townsend.
E. Hollatz	5365 Bishop St.	Wednesday evening	Elder Richard.
David McMaster	5233 Center Ave.	Wednesday evening	C. Johnson.
N. C. Jensen	6626 Champlain Ave.	Wednesday evening	Supply.
Mrs. W. Row	6422 Union Ave.	Wednesday evening	Wm. C. Pelton.
Mrs. W. Rowe	727 West 62d St.	Wednesday evening	Mrs. Isbell.
Peter Anderson	1347 72d Place.	Wednesday evening	Evang. Moody.
George McArroyd	242 West 110th St.	Wednesday evening	A. E. Johnson.
B. P. H. Reynolds	6745 Marshall Ave.	Wednesday evening	John M. Fiddis.
John H. Shaw	7936 Normal Ave.	Wednesday evening	Elder Stokes.
U. D. Lave	8243 South Halsted St.	Thursday evening	Supply.
O. C. Pugh	59810 Carpenter St.	Thursday evening	Evang. Moody.
Peter Olding	5948 Throop St.	Thursday evening	N. C. Jensen.
Mrs. Ellen D. Cullen	330 West 47th St.	Thursday evening	John H. Shaw.
Fred Hoefler	5015 Carpenter St.	Thursday evening	Felix Berchthold.
U. D. Lave	8243 South Halsted St.	Thursday evening	Evang. Moody.
James Marshall	5615 Indiana Ave.	Thursday evening	P. W. Zoller.
Mrs. Streeter	6012 Wentworth Ave.	Friday evening	Supply.
E. A. Klowann	341 Fulton St. Pullman	Friday evening	Elder W. O. Dinius
James Smith	6920 Carpenter St.	Friday evening	W. W. Pelton.
George Siegler	6528 Evans Ave.	Friday evening	Evang. Moody.
Deacon Peterson	6112 Sangamon St.	Friday evening	W. A. Strrett.
R. Paulsen Sloth	6436 South Wood St.	Friday evening	N. C. Jensen.
J. A. Barbaret	5147 Armour Ave.	Friday evening	J. Atkinson.
A. D. Manweiler	120 West 72d St.	Friday evening	C. C. Pugh.
L. M. Townsend	502 West 61st St.	Friday evening	Miss G. Pummill.
W. C. Hilley	6106 Fifth Ave.	Friday evening	A. A. Higley.
Walker Woolman	1521 N. Washington St.	Friday evening	Dea. Wm. C. Casey.
Mr. Bergman	1104 Washab Ave.	Friday evening	A. E. Johnson.
Mrs. M. Schram	6018 Union Ave.	Friday evening	Elder Stokes.

### West Side District.

All West of River.

Zion Tabernacle, corner of West Madison and South Paulina Streets.

Rev. G. F. Stevens, Elder-in-Charge of Cottage Meetings.

NAME.	ADDRESS.	TIME.	LEADER.
Mrs. Ecklund	752 N. California Ave.	Sunday 9:15 A. M.	Wm. Valknaar.
J. Black	1019 N. 43d Av., children	Sunday 9:30 A. M.	C. E. Robinson.
Mrs. E. Rossow	1019 N. 43d Av.	Sunday 10:30 A. M.	C. E. Robinson.
E. Garner	1521 N. California Ave.	Sunday 10:30 A. M.	Dea. A. H. Lamond
John Cullen	884 West 13th St.	Sunday 7 A. M.	T. R. Becker.
Mr. Hall	107 South Paulina St.	Sunday 7 P. M.	Elder J. A. Inouye.
Mr. Hemchack	1168 South Turner St.	Sunday evening	John Cullen.
Mrs. Brown	1053 Washington Bldg.	Monday 3 P. M.	Mrs. J. Boetcher.
Mrs. Rosa Portz	741 N. Washington St.	Monday 4 P. M.	Miss E. A. Hosken.
Paul A. Popajorn	508 N. Artesian Ave.	Monday evening	E. J. Witte.
Mrs. John Hargrave	Berwyn	Monday evening	Elder Stevens.
Mrs. M. J. Waterhouse	85 Fortieth Court	Monday evening	Mrs. K. Tooke.
H. Clauson	675 Carroll Ave.	Monday evening	Mrs. Richert.
Mrs. A. Rossow	711 West 28th St.	Monday evening	Deaconess Reid.
T. R. Becker	883 Washburn Ave.	Monday evening	Deacon J. H. Sayers.
L. E. Oakes	273 Park Ave.	Monday evening	Miss J. Gurnee.
Mrs. Ecklund	752 N. California Ave.	Monday evening	Elder Armstrong.
Evangelist Fowler	548 West Thirtieth St.	Monday evening	Evangelist Reeder.
James Williams	180 Campbell Ave.	Monday evening	Deaconess Mueller
Mrs. Anna Paulson	126 West Huron St.	Monday evening	Mrs. Sweichler.

West Side District—Continued.

NAME.	ADDRESS.	TIME.	LEADER.
Mrs. T. Carlson	1509 West Congress St.	Monday evening	Dea. J. F. Peters.
J. H. Dahl	361 South Robey St.	Monday evening	Jesse L. Ogden.
Mrs. Bartholomae	313 Cornell St.	Monday evening	Deacon Thomas.
Mrs. Walter	182 W. Jackson St.	Monday evening	Deacon Brister.
A. Johnson	1003 North Kedzie Ave.	Monday evening	E. L. Stone.
H. R. Boyles	187 North Ave.	Monday evening	M. Cullen.
Martin Hrebout	521 West 21st St.	Monday evening	F. Studney.
L. Garner	737 Girard St.	Monday evening	G. A. Walter.
Mrs. E. Sammler	618 N. Avers Ave.	Monday evening	Mrs. E. Garner.
David Green	19th and Halsted St.	Monday evening	Mrs. Gillespie.
Mrs. Brown	1050 Washington St.	Monday evening	Mrs. J. Boetcher.
D. Rheim	751 Albany Ave.	Monday evening	Elder Stevens.
Mrs. Rahloff	213 North Wood St.	Tuesday 3 P. M.	Mrs. A. Patterson.
Mrs. C. Smith	1038 W. Adams St.	Tuesday evening	Deaconess Huber.
James Craig	2025 West Adams St.	Tuesday evening	H. P. B. Stanley.
Mrs. H. Gillespie	1327 W. Van Buren St.	Tuesday evening	John Johnson.
Mrs. Buxton	1225 West 21st St.	Tuesday evening	M. Studney.
Gus Anderson	1121 S. Oakley Ave.	Tuesday evening	Deac'ss Burklund.
Mrs. L. Rossow	741 West 21st St.	Tuesday evening	Deacon Thauer.
Mrs. Rosa Peetz	741 N. Washtenaw Ave.	Tuesday evening	C. E. Robinson.
J. C. McQueen	120 South Peoria St.	Tuesday evening	E. L. Stone.
M. Rice	207 North 44th Ave.	Tuesday evening	B. M. Rice.
Mr. Green	585 W. Fourteenth St.	Tuesday evening	E. Garner.
Jesse L. Ogden	1250 W. Lake St.	Tuesday evening	Deac'ss Disbrow.
J. Black	1019 North 43d Ave.	Tuesday evening	L. W. Kilbourn.
Mrs. L. C. Comolla	200 N. Artesian Ave.	Tuesday evening	T. K. Becker.
John Miller	2208 West Huron St.	Tuesday evening	August Ehrhart.
Mrs. Buxton	148 Ogden Ave.	Tuesday evening	Wm. Luckins.
Mrs. Madden	149 Frey St.	Tuesday evening	Mrs. Haunschild.
Charles Granso	1050 W. Nineteenth St.	Tuesday evening	Deacon Hamilton.
Mrs. C. Johnson	26 West Huron St.	Tuesday evening	Dea. Kristoffersen.
Mrs. G. Venning	692 W. Fifteenth St.	Tuesday evening	H. N. Kudsik.
John Murdoch	1035 N. Oakley Ave.	Tuesday evening	G. W. Sengle.
Mrs. M. Johnson	14 Lowell St.	Tuesday evening	Deacon Chambers.
Edward Brabec	607 West 20th St.	Tuesday evening	Dea. A. L. Angell.
Mrs. Jackson	Walnut and Clarkon Ct.	Wednesday 1:30 P. M.	Deaconess Peters.
William Jaus	1204 Milwaukee Ave.	Wednesday 3 P. M.	John Murdoch.
H. Riebert	775 W. Van Buren St.	Wednesday 3 P. M.	James Williams.
Mrs. Owens	117 W. Van Buren St.	Wednesday 3 P. M.	Mrs. J. Boetcher.
Mrs. Fields	615 Park Ave.	Wednesday 3 P. M.	Deaconess Peters.
John Whitaker	870 West North Ave.	Wednesday 3 P. M.	Mrs. Rosa Peetz.
Mrs. Norries	13 S. California Ave.	Wednesday evening	Deaconess Peters.
Mrs. Cora Donchy	586 Park Ave.	Wednesday evening	Mrs. S. J. Williams.
Deaconess Huber	1333 Jackson Bld.	Wednesday evening	Deaconess Huber.
Mrs. F. Kemmerle	1333 Jackson Bld.	Wednesday evening	Mrs. Houldsworth.
John Edgar	19 Van Buren Place	Wednesday evening	Deacon Thomas.
E. Garner	1501 N. California Ave.	Wednesday evening	Deac'ss N. Huber.
G. W. Smale	1204 Milwaukee Ave.	Wednesday evening	Fider Stevens.
Mrs. Nellie Williams	715 Mozart St.	Wednesday evening	Dea. Ferguson.
Alex. Chesney	741 West Fifteenth St.	Wednesday evening	Walter Sisson.
Wm. H. Disbrow	169 South Western Ave.	Wednesday evening	Deacon Mueller.
Mrs. Basta	915 West 19th St.	Wednesday evening	Deacon Mathaus.
John Shultz	1517 South 1st Ave.	Wednesday evening	Dea. J. Schultz.
Henry Keller	529 N. Ridgeway Ave.	Wednesday evening	A. W. Chambers.
Mrs. A. Sternberg	1050 Cleveland Ave.	Wednesday evening	Mrs. R. McDaniels.
A. J. White	2275 West Van Buren St.	Wednesday evening	E. J. Witte.
Mrs. C. Reid	209 West Polk St.	Wednesday evening	Deac'ss K. Reid.
Charles Davis	2134 West Lake St.	Wednesday evening	Dea. J. H. Lamond.
Mrs. Lena Soeth	179 North 18th St.	Wednesday evening	Deac'ss Hertrich.
Z. McNew	1848 Halsted St.	Thursday 3 P. M.	J. McNew.
Mrs. Ed Ogden	128 North Humboldt St.	Thursday 3 P. M.	James Williams.
Mrs. Williams	1487 West Polk St.	Thursday 3 P. M.	Mrs. J. Boetcher.
Mrs. B. Buxton	838 W. Thirteenth St.	Thursday evening	Mrs. M. Johnson.
C. W. Schweichler	599 North Lincoln St.	Thursday evening	Deaconess Corkey.
John Nimmo	1324 Mozart St.	Thursday evening	Miss E. Richert.
Mrs. Hughes	195 Armitage St.	Thursday evening	Evang. Darms.
Max Goldschmit	20 West 17th Placet.	Thursday evening	G. A. Walter.
Mrs. A. L. Hessling	822 N. Artesian Ave.	Thursday evening	Dea. Kristoffersen.
Mr. Westfall	1037 West 22d St.	Thursday evening	John Cullen.
G. N. Peterson	865 W. Crystal St.	Thursday evening	F. H. Chamberlin.
Mrs. A. Desrosiers	624 North Ave.	Thursday evening	Deac'ss N. Huber.
E. V. Hanas	786 North Ave.	Thursday evening	C. E. Robinson.
R. McDaniels	472 Oakley Bld.	Friday 3 P. M.	Deac'ss Disbrow.
Mrs. Winchester	141 South Halsted St.	Friday 3 P. M.	James Williams.
G. T. Johnson	344 1/2 Fulton St.	Friday evening	G. A. Walter.
W. Bussian	843 Burlington Ave.	Friday evening	Deac'ss N. Huber.
R. McDaniels	472 Oakley Bld.	Friday evening	Deac'ss Anderson.
M. A. Franklin	286 N. Trumbull Ave.	Friday evening	Miss E. Jenkins.
Deacon Wm. Hamilton	627 Ashland Ave.	Friday evening	Elder Stevens.
Mrs. Anna Paulson	166 West Huron St.	Friday evening	Dea. Kristoffersen.
Wm. Valknaar	818 North Alman Ave.	Friday evening	E. R. Kolson.
J. Adams	624 North Ave.	Friday evening	Deac'ss Thomas.
Mrs. K. Tooke	1914 Washington Bld.	Friday evening	Deacon H. Kessler.
Deacon A. F. Mueller	1053 West Adams St.	Friday evening	Mrs. L. Van Horn.
Deacon J. F. Peters	682 Park Ave.	Friday evening	Dea. J. H. Sayrs.
E. L. Stone	211 Fulton St.	Friday evening	A. F. Lee.
M. A. Cartwright	1573 Monticello St.	Friday evening	J. H. Lamond.
Mrs. Muth	1059 West 18th Place	Friday evening	Charles Mathaus.
A. J. Randolph	1080 West Polk St.	Friday evening	M. R. Van Horn.
Mr. Sunburg	822 West 22d St.	Friday evening	Deac'ss Burklund.
Mrs. Maud Fox	207 S. Desplaines St.	Friday evening	C. E. Clark.
A. A. Kristoffersen	445 Burlington Ave.	Friday evening	T. K. Becker.
B. J. McGee	2206 West Huron St.	Friday evening	Mrs. F. Stevens.
Mrs. Tobin	244 Ewing St.	Friday evening	Deac'ss K. Reid.
Mrs. Anna Smith	540 S. California Ave.	Friday evening	Mrs. Tony Carson.
John Kanera	509 Throop St.	Saturday evening	John Kanera.
Mr. Castle	984 West 18th Placet.	Saturday evening	Deacon Mathaus.

North Side District.

North and East of the River to Lake Michigan.  
Rev. A. W. McClurkin, Elder-in-Charge of Cottage Meetings.  
Zion Tabernacle, corner of Belden and Lincoln Avenues.

NAME.	ADDRESS.	TIME.	LEADER.
Mr. Klinberg	224 Sedgwick St.	Sunday, 10:30 A. M.	Elder Armstrong.
M. E. Kasch	361 North State St.	Sunday, 10:30 A. M.	Thos. Thauer.
Mr. Nelson	111 Milton Ave.	Sunday evening	Elder Armstrong.
Mrs. L. D. Offner	415 Cuyler Ave.	Monday evening	Evang. Darms.
M. N. Doose	163 Larrabee St.	Monday evening	Edmond Ronayne
P. K. Dibelbiss	34 Diversey Court.	Monday evening	C. J. Westwood.
G. W. Rogers	236 Burlington Ave.	Monday evening	Deaconess Huber.
Mr. Wandshaft	1290 Dayton St.	Monday evening	Deacon C. Thauer.
Mrs. Anna C. Bennett	32 Grove Place	Tuesday, 2:30 P. M.	Mrs. Richardson.
Mrs. D. M. Kohler	116 Diversey Ct.	Tuesday, 2:30 P. M.	Mrs. Chas. Raiser
Mrs. Ellen Smith	455 Wolfram St.	Tuesday, 2:30 P. M.	Deaconess Post.
Mrs. Lundgren	1122 Melrose St.	Tuesday evening	Mrs. Kuhlman.
Mrs. Alsop	209 N. Halsted St.	Tuesday evening	Deacon R. M. Koetz
Mrs. Mary Brewer	358 Sedgwick St.	Tuesday evening	Mrs. Kasch.
Mrs. Mary Schloen	229 Mohawk St.	Wednesday, 2:30 P. M.	Mrs. E. Kasch.
Mrs. K. C. Remmen	105 Cleveland Ave.	Wednesday evening	Edmond Ronayne.
George J. Blonn	1140 George St.	Wednesday evening	Deacon R. M. Koetz
John W. Swanson	946 N. Hermitage Ave.	Wednesday evening	Evang. Darms.
Peter A. Johnson	285 N. Halsted St.	Wednesday evening	Mrs. Lena Lee.
F. H. Forshall	250 Burling St.	Wednesday evening	Deacon C. W. Post.
Mrs. Kerhemker	404 Clibourne Ave.	Wednesday evening	Mrs. Kasch.
A. H. Drummond	67 Goethe St.	Wednesday evening	Evang. Darms.
Mr. Lundstrom	1429 Washington St.	Wednesday evening	Evang. Darms.
Maggie Paul	151 Albany Ave.	Wednesday evening	Mrs. Lena Lee.
Mrs. A. S. Lasey	533 Seminary Ave.	Thursday, 2:30 P. M.	Deac'ss Hertrich.
Mrs. J. J. Wall	217 Kedzie St.	Thursday, 2:30 P. M.	Deac'ss Culbertson

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Mrs. M. N. Doose	163 Larrabee St.	Thursday evening	Elder Armstrong.
Mrs. Thompson	1106 Southport Ave.	Thursday evening	Deaconess Piehl.
Charles Kelling	1515 Simpson, Evanston.	Thursday evening	Evang. Darms.
Mrs. Schmalgameier	109 Best Ave.	Friday, 2:30 P. M.	Deac'ss Culbertson
Mrs. Ernestine Kasch	301 Orchard St.	Friday evening	Deacon C. Thauer
C. Friese	501 Wolfram St.	Friday evening	Deaconess Huber.
J. W. Ries	471 Summerdale Ave.	Friday evening	C. J. Westwood.
G. L. Ray	396 Webster Ave.	Friday evening	Deaconess Huber.
E. P. Fiehl	908 Belleplaine Ave.	Friday evening	Deacon Fogwill.
Mrs. W. A. Biggott	260 Garfield Ave.	Friday evening	Deaconess Huber.
Mr. Launbranch	104 Irving Park Blvd.	Friday evening	Elder Armstrong.
Mrs. Shultz	743 Belmont Ave.	Friday evening	Deacon R. M. Koetz
Mrs. Roy	535 Burling St.	Friday evening	Deacon C. W. Post.
Mr. Canore	1117 Somerset, Evanston.	Friday evening	Evang. Darms.

Oak Park.

NAME.	ADDRESS.	TIME.	LEADER.
Mrs. M. Hafner	403 Chicago Ave.	Monday evening	Deacon Will.
Mrs. A. Knaus	106 Lake St.	Monday evening	Mrs. M. C. Smith.
Deacon Will.	106 Lake St.	Wednesday evening	Peter Peterson.
R. Jaun	838 Bellfort Ave.	Thursday evening	Miss E. Hafner.
August Mittelaedt	1213 Euclid Ave.	Thursday evening	Mrs. E. Will.

Melrose Park.

NAME.	ADDRESS.	TIME.	LEADER.
Alex. Fleming	81 Fifteenth Ave.	Wednesday evening	A. Fleming.

Austin.

NAME.	ADDRESS.	TIME.	LEADER.
Ed Scheleter	5811 Sophia St.	Thursday evening	Mrs. Saulsbury.

Children's Meetings.

NAME.	ADDRESS.	TIME.	LEADER.
Mary T. Clemons, Deaconess-in-Charge.			
West Side Tabernacle	Madison and Paulina Sts.	Tuesday 3 P. M.	Deac'ss Clemons.
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Mrs. J. L. Reeves	32 East 10th St.	Tuesday evening	Dea'ss Waddington.
Mrs. Northrup	1329 Wabash Ave.	Wednesday 3 P. M.	Miss McCoy.
Elder Matthews	1243 Michigan Ave.	Wednesday evening	Elder Matthews.
Zion College Home	1306 Michigan Ave.	Wednesday evening	Ass't Dea's McColl
George Stahlman	1432 Michigan Ave.	Wednesday evening	Miss Morris
Deacon Carpenter	South Harvey, Illinois	Wednesday evening	Ass't Elder Tindall
Deacon Hamilton	627 Ashland Ave.	Thursday 3 P. M.	Mr. Stahlman
Mrs. Wagner	1616 Wabash Ave.	Thursday evening	Ass't Mrs. Stahlman
Junior Schoolroom	1245 Michigan Ave.	Friday 3 P. M.	Deacon Carpenter.
Mrs. Yeiser	1915 State St.	Friday evening	Mrs. Hamilton.
			Ass't Mrs. Peters.
			Deaconess Hill.
			Ass't D's Kennedy
			Deac'ss Starratt.

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO WITNESS FOR HIM.

HARRIETTE, MICHIGAN, January 19, 1901.

REV. JOHN G. SPEICHER.

*Dear Brother in Christ:*—I feel to praise the Lord more tonight than ever before; not so much for what He has done for me, but for others.

One day last summer I visited in a neighboring town, and before I started I went to my room and asked the Lord to give me something to do that might glorify Him.

When I got on the train I found it crowded. I had to take a seat with another lady.

She began to tell me of her poor health; said she once had a cancer that had been removed and was yet suffering from many other diseases. She also said she had a daughter who was bedfast for several years; had to be lifted out and laid on another bed while they changed hers, which caused her great suffering.

While lying in bed she had to be in such a position that her lower limbs were higher than her body.

Her affliction was female trouble in a very bad form, and she was considered a hopeless case.

I told her of God's power and willingness to heal, and told her of my own healing. I gave her the General Overseer's address, and advised her to write to him for prayers.

On my return home I sent her copies of LEAVES OF HEALING I prayed for them for a long time, but did not hear from them until a few days ago, when I received a letter, which I enclose herewith.

It was wonderful.

God's hand was in it, because I asked Him for something to do. With Christian love and fellowship, I am faithfully

Your Sister in Christ Jesus our Lord, (MRS.) S. J. DOTY.

The following is the letter to which Mrs. Doty refers:

EVART, MICHIGAN, January 15, 1901.

MRS. S. J. DOTY, Harriette, Michigan.

*Dear Friend:*—I suppose you have forgotten me, but I have not forgotten you.

I am the Mrs. Way you met on the train and told of Dr. Dowie.

I sent to him for prayers, and am so glad, for I have had the best of health since.

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#### Where the Devil Is Now.

- He is in a high estate above, but will not always stay there.*—Revelation 12:7-12.  
The battle on earth is not yet finished. The Devil accuses the saints before God. When the earth is his only abode, terrible things will take place.
- Jesus saw the end of the age from the beginning, and saw Satan fall from heaven.*—Luke 10:17-24.  
Seventy evangelism will end the age. To them is given power over the enemy. They are into the secret of God's plans.
- Great glory will come to Christ when the Devil is completely subjugated.*—John 12:27-34  
Christ will soon again be seen in glory. The Everlasting Gospel of the Kingdom is being preached. Many will yet see Christ as Saviour and Lord.
- Satan fell from his office with God through corrupting worship.*—Ezeikel 28:11-19.  
Backsliding begins when pride enters the heart. God abominates all who are filled with it. Pride destroys by bringing into fellowship with demons.
- In the Day of Judgment the Devil will be cast down, not only from his high estate, but from earth as well.*—Isaiah 34:1-10.  
The Devil has a place prepared for him. He has no rights here on earth. God is determined to destroy all things that offend.
- Now this wicked spirit is in heavenly places, contending against spiritual conquests.*—Ephesians 6:10-13.  
The secret of the Devil's strength is in getting people to believe a lie. A day is coming after the light is gone which will try all on the earth. The Devil ever seeks to get an advantage over one by filling him with fear.
- He is in the upper world with power over the elements, but cannot harm God's own.*—Ephesians 2:1-7.  
A life of resurrection is a life of power. He who loves this world walks to please the Devil. The Devil enters into the elements through storms and cyclones. *The Lord Our God is a Devil-Conquering God.*

### SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS LESSON, APRIL 14th.

#### Christ an Example of Fortitude Under Trial.

- When accused of being an enemy of public good.*—John 11:47-54.  
The Devil fears miracles of healing. He hates those who teach Divine Healing. The world cannot defeat God's plans.
- When charged with having no preparation and authority for His ministry.*—Matthew 13:53-58.  
The Devil does nothing but destroy lives. God creates and heals the bodies of people. When the Devil is vigorously attacked, it is a sign the work is of God.
- When accused of being given to high living.*—Matthew 11:7-19.  
The Devil's own are restless and curious. The Messenger of God's Covenant points to Christ. Some always quibble about a God-sent man.
- When charged with being in league with the Devil.*—Matthew 12:22-30.  
The work Christ did, pleased God. True teaching ever brings people to God. A true ministry makes many mad, then glad.
- When threatened with destruction for reproving impiety.*—Luke 4:23-32.  
God raised up Christ's body from the tomb. His death could not take place until His work was done. All who truly know God receive what they seek from Him.
- When branded as a pretender for not gratifying curiosity.*—Matthew 27:30-49.  
Christ did not heal to prove that He was God's Son. He would not come down from the cross to prove it. Christ never did anything for show or display.
- When accused of associating with sinners, thus reflecting upon His own character.*—Luke 15:1, 2.  
Jesus came to save sinners. He sought to save them by meeting with them. His presence with them was a call to repentance.
- When caviled with under the guise of honest question.*—Matthew 22:15-22.  
The Devil tries to confuse people in their conversation. He always wants to raise or ask some question. He likes to claim that which belongs to God.
- When under indignities, scorn, reproof and smiting, He was silent.*—Matthew 27:24-33.  
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Tillman, Julius.....	6092 Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois

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Roberts, Herbert R.....	471 Mission Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C.

The following-named three believers were baptized at Marion, Ohio, on Lord's Day, March 24, 1901, by Elder Archibald McFarlane:

Dunham, Oretus.....	Sunbury, Ohio
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Shumaker, Ruth Naomi.....	Marion, Ohio

The following-named two believers were baptized at Marion, Ohio, on Tuesday, March 26, 1901, by Elder Archibald McFarlane:

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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

"THEY SHALL COME AND SING IN THE HEIGHT OF ZION."

THE ANNOUNCEMENT, in our last issue, of the Opening Day for the Selection of Lots in Zion City on July 15th, has had a most remarkable effect.

FROM ALL PARTS of the country, congratulations have reached us, and large Investments have been made this week, especially in Zion Land and Investment Association stock.

GOD'S PEOPLE are eager to enter into their Inheritance in Zion City.

WE HAVE, as we indicated was our intention last week, obtained title to another portion of 270 acres, and we shall probably take title to at least 117 acres more in the coming week.

We are also arranging for another block of 354 acres, which we shall take probably within a month.

It is likely that we shall have very much more than three thousand (3000) acres under title, therefore, on July 15th, including all the most expensive portions of the land.

ON OUR weekly visit to Zion City last Monday, we gave instructions for the grading of the great Boulevard from Zion City Depot, on the Chicago and Northwestern Railway, to the Observatory Tower, in Shiloh Park, on the site of Zion Temple.

This work is going forward rapidly.

We have also made a temporary road of more than two miles to the Lake Front, including return.

ORDERS HAVE also been given for the preparation of plans for Zion Land and Investment Association Offices and for Zion Hotel accommodation near the railway depot.

ZION LACE INDUSTRIES machinery is now on the ground and will be shortly put in place in the first section of the Lace Factory.

Our large staff of laceworkers are housed, and being housed, in Zion Lace Operatives' Home in Zion City, in many buildings in Waukegan and other surrounding towns, and in some of the farm-houses on Zion City Site.

ZION LUMBER ASSOCIATION, under the management of Mr. John Johnson, and Zion City General Stores, under the management of Deacon Held, are doing excellent business.

Stocks of Store Supplies and of Lumber are being rapidly increased.

APPLICATIONS for many new Industries are before us, and some of these will be acted upon at an early date.

**GREAT ACTIVITY** prevails on every side. Our hearts are filled with gratitude to God, and we are Going Forward with joyful confidence in Him, leaning upon no man.

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**MEANWHILE** we are attending strictly to the work of God at Headquarters Offices, and making provision for the future housing of Zion College and Zion Divine Healing Home.

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**WE HAVE** secured the transfer of the lease of a very large hotel at the Northwest Corner of Michigan Avenue and Thirteenth Street, a block from our present Zion Home, and three blocks from Central Zion Tabernacle.

We have also purchased the furniture for Nine Thousand Dollars cash.

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**THE HOUSE** is in very good condition, and can be used immediately we get possession.

It has 150 Guests' Rooms, besides many Large Rooms on the ground floor.

Some of these can be used for Zion College, and others for Divine Healing Assembly Rooms.

It is on the other side of the street from our large building, 1300 Michigan Avenue, in which Zion City Bank, Zion Land and Investment Association, Zion College, and Zion Printing Works have hitherto been located.

That building will now be occupied entirely by Zion Printing and Publishing House, and our new paper, **THE ZION BANNER**, will soon be added to **LEAVES OF HEALING**, **BLÄTTER DER HEILUNG** and **A VOICE FROM ZION**, which are now printed there.

A photo-engraving of the new building, which God has given us on this fine boulevard in Chicago, appears on page 737.

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**WE FOUND** upon inquiry that the many boarding-houses conducted by members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion were entirely inadequate to receive the large numbers of persons who are known to be coming to the Special Gatherings in May and July.

So we saw that the Divine Healing Home must not be given up, even for a time.

Accordingly, one-half of this beautiful new house will be occupied for this purpose, and the other half will be occupied by Zion College.

The building is really in two parts, connected by large and well-lit passages across a court-yard.

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**THE EXTENSIVE** alterations in Zion Building, at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Twelfth Street, fitting it for the use of Zion City Bank and Zion Land and Investment Association, and for the ever-extending Headquarters Offices of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, are going forward rapidly.

This magnificent building, which we have used for five years, is being entirely transformed.

We are making it our own personal residence during this transition period, and it will also continue to be the residence of many of our most important officers.

It would very much surprise many of our readers if they could see the great hive of busy workers who are housed there. It will now be known as Zion Building.

We have completed the payment of \$50,000 to purchase it for Zion purposes. Our final payment of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) was made last Monday.

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**THE COMPLETION** of the purchase of this Zion Building, and of large additional acreage in Zion City, and the taking of the large Hotel on Michigan Avenue, heretofore known as the Hotel Norwood, for Zion College and Zion Divine Healing Home purposes, has created much interest in the city.

It has been a topic of very general comment among business men, and in the secular newspapers, which, without any exception, have spoken in moderate, and even kindly, terms of these recent operations.

In fact, it is now generally felt that Zion is too powerful a factor in the life of Chicago to be treated in the manner which has for so many years disgraced the newspaper press.

However, whether it be through good or evil report, Zion Goes Forward, overcoming every foe without and within.

The latter are few indeed, but never for a single moment does the solitary disaffected one who withdraws here or there affect the Onward March of Zion.

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**THE INTEREST** in the Spiritual Work of Zion is deepening, broadening, and strengthening on every hand.

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**WE HAVE** just closed a long series of Lord's Day Morning Special Services in many of the suburbs or distant points of Chicago.

The immense congregations which have gathered, overflowing the buildings in every case, have shown the widespread interest of the people in our Message from God.

In many of those places we spoke for the first time, and, as was the case at Pullman, last Lord's Day, it was delightful to see hundreds upon hundreds of persons, whose faces we had never seen before in our meetings, rise at the close, and reverently repeat the Prayer of Repentance, Confession, and Consecration to God.

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**WE HAVE** reason to praise God, and we heartily thank the many thousands who heard us for the first time for their kind reception at all these places.

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**ZION SEVENTIES** constantly report progress in house-to-house visitation; and all the Elders and Evangelists who minister in the many Zion Tabernacles in and around Chicago, and in the hundreds of Cottage Meetings held weekly in the city, report a constant Stream of Blessing in Salvation, Healing and Holy Living.

It is this which above all other blessings brings us solid comfort and increases our joy in and gratitude to God.

No material blessing would compensate for the absence of continuous spiritual progress.

God gives us both.

And these blessings are also reported from every continent.

Evangelist Cantel sent over forty applications for membership from England this week.

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**AMID ALL THESE** toils, God continues to keep us in vigorous health and to maintain our strength.

We felt, however, the necessity of leaving the constant pressure of official duties in Chicago for three days' quiet work at "Ben MacDhui."

Accordingly we left the city by the midnight train on Tuesday night, and arrived here on Wednesday morning.

God willing, we shall return on Saturday morning early, and take up our work in the city again.

IN THESE brief absences we do not cease to work.

With the assistance of our esteemed private secretary, Deacon O. L. Sprecher, we attend to large masses of correspondence, to our duties as Editor of this paper, revising our sermons for publication, and to many other matters connected with Zion's worldwide work.

BUT THE PERFECT QUIET of this delightful home by our "little Galilee" acts as a splendid tonic and spiritual invigorator, and especially at this season of approaching Spring.

The ice is melting rapidly on the lake, the first little blades of grass are springing up all over our beautiful lawns and terraces, and we find continuous cause to rejoice with God, and men, and angels in the Annual Miracle of the Resurrection of Nature from its long winter's sleep under the deep white snow.

WHILE THE EARTH remaineth,  
Seed-time and Harvest,  
And Cold and Heat,  
And Summer and Winter,  
And Day and Night  
Shall not cease.

THIS WAS the beautiful promise of God to Noah, when He established His Covenant with him and with his seed after him, and with every living creature which came out of the Ark with him, the fowl, the cattle, and every beast of the earth, "for perpetual generations."

EVERY TIME we see the Rainbow in the sky, we remember that this was the token of God's Covenant between Him and the earth, and all that dwell therein.

GOD SAID:  
And the Bow shall be in the cloud,  
And I will look upon it,  
That I may remember  
The Everlasting Covenant  
Between God and every living creature  
Of All Flesh that is upon the earth.

AND SO IT HAS ever been in our Spiritual Life.

When clouds and darkness have overshadowed Zion, then, suddenly, the Bow of God's Promise, with inexpressibly bright and glowing colors, has suddenly sprung out into the heavens, and shone above our heads.

BUT ALAS for the millions who never see "The Bright Light in the Clouds."

Alas for those who faint, and falter, and fall into doubts and fears and transgressions, consequent upon their failure to see that Bow of Promise in all things, which God has given as a token of that Everlasting Covenant, of which it is our joy and delight to be His Messenger in these days of darkness and peril to all the earth, at the beginning of this Twentieth Century.

BRIGHTER AND yet brighter do God's glorious promises to Zion shine forth every hour and day.

These days are but the beginning of the "Times of the Restoration of All Things, which God hath promised by the mouth of all His Holy Prophets since the world began."

THE EASTER GLORY gilds again the morning skies of the First Year of this strangely distracted World in this Unknown Century when many hearts are failing for fear.

But Zion hears the Words of Him who is, in All the Ages, "the Resurrection and the Life":

"BECAUSE I LIVE, YE SHALL LIVE ALSO."

NOW IS CHRIST risen from the dead,  
And become the First Fruits of them that sleep.  
For since by Man came Death,  
By Man came also the Resurrection from the Dead.  
For as in Adam *all die*,  
Even so in Christ shall *all be made alive*.

GLORIOUS WORDS of Promise for even the vilest who have lost all love for God.

This Bow of Hope arches the heavens, no matter how dark the clouds may be.

It tells of an Infinite Mercy and Love, from Everlasting to Everlasting.

That Love is Unending and will continue to operate in the Glorious Work of Universal Redemption until "Death and Hell shall be cast into the Lake of Fire," and forever cease to be.

All the dead shall live again.

All the lost shall be found.

GLORIOUS WORDS of Promise, telling of Universal Death in Adam, and of Universal Life in Christ.

WHO SHALL limit, when God does not limit?

Who shall despair, when God has given us a Universal Hope?

Who shall speak of defeat when God promises Universal Victory?

THEN COMETH the End,  
When Christ shall deliver up the Kingdom to God,  
Even the Father:  
When He shall have abolished  
All Rule and All Authority and Power.  
For He must reign,  
Till He hath put all His enemies under His feet.

That God may be All in All.

AND WHAT are we but those who were "enemies under His feet" whom He hath, by His Infinite Love, transformed into Children in His Home, and given a place in which to labor in His Glorious Service?

UNDER HIS FEET!  
What better could we be?  
Under His feet!  
His mercy now we see.  
Under His feet!  
We wish no other place.  
It is the Footstool  
Of Our Father's Throne of Grace.

AND SO, at last, our God is "All in All."  
And so, at last, before His face we fall,  
And join the Universal Song of Love:  
The Song He sent us from His Throne above.

ALL THINGS are New.  
He makes them so;  
And He is "All in All."  
Forever and forever.  
Hallelujah.

DO YOU KNOW GOD'S WAY OF HEALING?

BY THE REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

Let it be supposed that the following words are a conversation between the reader [A] and the writer [B].

A. What does this question mean? Do you really suppose that God has some one especial way of healing in these days of which men may know and avail themselves?

B. That is exactly my meaning, and I wish very much that you should know God's Way of Healing, as I have done for many years.

A. What is the way, in your opinion?  
B. You should rather ask, WHO is God's Way? for the Way is a Person, not a thing. I will answer your question in His own words, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; no one cometh unto the Father, but by Me." These words were spoken by our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, who is both our Saviour and our Healer. (John 14:6.)

A. But I always thought that these words only referred to Him as the Way of Salvation. How can you be sure that they refer to Him as the Way of Healing also?

B. Because He cannot change. He is "the same yesterday and today, yea and forever." (Hebrews 13:8.) He said that He came to this earth not only to save us but to heal us (Luke 4:18), and He did this when in the flesh on earth. Being unchanged, He must be able and willing and desirous to heal now.

A. But is there not this difference, namely, that He is not with us now?  
B. No; for He said, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world"; and so He is with us now, in Spirit, just as much as when He was here in the flesh.

A. But did He not work these miracles of healing when on earth merely to prove that He was the Son of God?

B. No; there was still a greater purpose than that. He healed the sick who trusted in Him in order to show us that He came to die not only for our sins, but for our sicknesses, and to deliver us from both.

A. Then, if that is so, the atonement which He made on the Cross must have been for our sicknesses as well as our sins. Can you prove that is the fact from the Scriptures?

B. Yes, I can, and the passages are very numerous. I need quote two only. In Isaiah 53:4, 5, His Sufferings of Him, "Surely He hath borne our griefs (Hebrew *sicknesses*), and carried our sorrows: . . . and with His stripes we are healed." Then in the Gospel according to Matthew, this passage is quoted and directly applied to the work of bodily healing, in chapter 8, 17th verse. "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our diseases."

A. But does not sickness in often God's will, and sent for our good, and therefore God may not wish us to be healed?

B. No, that cannot possibly be; for diseases of every kind are the Devil's work, and his work can never be God's will, since Christ came for the very purpose of destroying "the works of the Devil." (1 John 3:8.)

A. Do you not think that all disease is the work of Satan?

B. Yes, for if there had been no sin (which came through Satan) there never would have been any disease, and Jesus never in one single instance told any person that sickness was God's work or will, but the very contrary.

A. Can you prove from Scripture that all forms of sickness and infirmity are the Devil's work?

B. Yes, that can be done very easily. You will see in Matthew 4:23 and 9:35 that when Jesus was here in the flesh, He healed "all manner of disease and all manner of sickness among the people." Then if you will refer to Acts 10:38 you will see that the Apostle Peter declares that He [Jesus] "went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the Devil." Notice that all whom He healed, not some, were suffering from Satan's evil power.

A. But does disease never come from God?  
B. No, it cannot come from God, for He is pure, and disease is unclean; and it cannot come out of Heaven, for there is no disease there.

A. That is very different from the teachings which I have received all my life from ministers and in the churches. Do you really think that you are right, and that they are all wrong in this matter?

B. It is not a question as between myself and them. The only question is, What does God's Word say? God has said in all the ages to His Church, "I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26), and therefore it would be wicked to say that He is the defiler of His people. All true Christians must believe the Bible, and it is impossible to believe that good and evil, sickness and health, sin and holiness could have a common origin in God. If the Bible really taught that, it would be impossible to believe our Lord Jesus Christ when He says, "A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit." (Matthew 7:18.)

A. But even if I agree with all you say, is it not true that the Gifts of Healing were removed from the Church, and are not in it now?

B. No, the "Gifts of Healing" were never withdrawn, and can never be withdrawn, from the true Church of God; for it is written, "The gifts and the calling of God are without repentance." (Romans 11:29.) There are nine gifts of God to the Church (enumerated in 1 Corinthians, 12:8 to 11), and all these are in the Holy Spirit. Therefore, so long as the Holy Spirit is in the Church, and the gifts must be there also, if they are not exercised, God does not prove that they do not exist, but that the faith to exercise them is lacking in God's servants. The gifts are all perfectly preserved; for the Holy Spirit, not the Church, keeps them safely.

A. What should a Christian then do when overtaken with sickness?

B. A Christian should obey God's command, and at once turn to Him for forgiveness of the sin which may have caused the sickness, and have for immediate healing. Healing is obtained from God in one of four ways, namely: First, by the direct prayer of faith, without any aid from the officers of the Church, praying as the Centurion did in Matthew 8:5 to 12; second, by two faithful disciples praying in perfect agreement, in accordance with the Lord's promise in Matthew 18:19; third, by the anointing of the elders and the prayer of faith, according to the instruction in James 5:14 and 15; and fourth, by the laying on of the hands of them who believe, and whom God calls to that ministry, as the Lord commands in Mark 16:18, and in other places.

A. But are people healed in this way in these days?  
B. Yes, in thousands of cases. I have myself laid hands upon many hundreds of thousands of persons, and I have seen the Lord's Power manifested in the healing of great numbers, many of whom are living witnesses in many countries, who have testified publicly before thousands, and who are prepared to testify at any time. This ministry is being exercised by devoted Christians in many parts of America, Europe, Australasia and elsewhere.

A. Is it not the same as Christian Science, Mind Healing, etc.  
B. No. No. True Healing is diametrically opposed to these diabolical counterfeits, which are utterly anti-Christian. These impostures are only seductive forms of Spiritualism. Trance Evangelism is also a more recent form of this delusion, and it deceives many.

A. But how shall I obtain the necessary faith to receive healing, which faith I am at present conscious I do not possess?

B. It is written, "Belief cometh of hearing, and hearing by the Word of Christ." (Romans 10:17.) Our Missions are held for the express purpose of teaching fully the Word of God on this matter, and I very heartily invite you to attend the meetings which are announced for Zion Tabernacle. All are welcome and there are no charges of any kind made, for all God's gifts are free gifts. Salvation is the first of these, without which you cannot be healed through faith in Jesus. All the costs of this work are covered by the free-will offerings of the people who attend these meetings, and others whom the Lord leads to help; but the poorest who have nothing to give are as heartily welcome as the richest.

A. Do you see the sick and lay hands upon them in this Mission?  
B. Yes; after we feel satisfied that they are fully resting in the Lord alone for the healing, we see privately, so far as time permits, those who attend; but under no circumstances do we claim the power to heal any; for "power belongeth unto God."

A. Have you any writings upon this subject which can be purchased?  
B. Yes; these can be obtained at the office of Zion Publishing House, 1207 Michigan Avenue, or at Zion Tabernacle, 1621-1623 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill. But the best book on Divine Healing is the Bible itself, studied prayerfully and earnestly.

We extend to you a hearty invitation to attend the meetings, which are free to all. Our prayer is that you may be led to find in Jesus Christ our Lord and God, your present Saviour from sin, your Healer from sickness, your Cleanser from all evil, your Keeper in the way to Heaven, your Friend, and your All for Time and Eternity. We pray that these words may help many who read, and that our little conversation may bear fruit in leading many readers to look to Jesus only.

"The Healing of Christ's seamless dress

Is by all beds of pain;  
We touch Him in life's throng and press,  
And we are whole again."

"SEED-TIME and harvest shall not fail."

This is the time of sowing. Harvest comes—and then Home at last, earth's labor's done.

HE THAT GOETH forth and weepeth,  
Bearing precious seed,  
Let him know that as he soweth  
To the sinners' need,  
So he'll reap.

Sowing now,  
But Reaping by and by.  
Weeping now;  
Rejoicing by and by.

BRETHREN, PRAY FOR US.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS TO BLATTER DER HEILUNG.

GENERAL OVERSEER'S OFFICE,  
ZION,

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, March 31, 1901.

TO OUR DEAR BRETHREN, THE GERMAN SUBSCRIBERS TO  
BLATTER DER HEILUNG, AND TO OUR GERMAN FRIENDS  
OF ZION.

Beloved Brothers and Sisters:—I have earnestly requested our beloved Sister, Deaconess Brieger, to desist from her labors as Translator and Assistant Editor of BLATTER DER HEILUNG for three months, so that she might rest, and in accordance with my wishes she has gone for a little while, with her dear mother and one of our Deaconesses, to a milder climate in the Southern States.

We trust that she will fully recover her strength, which has been overtaxed by her arduous labors.

Under the circumstances I have, therefore, suspended the issue of BLATTER DER HEILUNG until July, when, God willing, it will be resumed once more under her Editorship.

Our beloved Deaconess Brieger greatly regrets this interruption, but I have felt that it was absolutely necessary that she should have the rest; and as it seemed to be best that the translation and Editorship should not be undertaken by another, even for a short time, I have concluded that it would be in the best interest of BLATTER DER HEILUNG to suspend the publication for the period mentioned.

Subscribers will receive the full number of copies to which they are entitled for a year, and I earnestly trust that the prayers of all interested will ascend to our God and Father in Heaven for our dear sister, that her strength may be fully restored and that she may live long to continue this labor of love which God has already so greatly blessed to Germans in all parts of the world.

I am Faithfully Your Friend  
and Fellow-Servant in Jesus,

*John Alex. Dowie*



*But for the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and fornicators, and sodomites (paganus = phariseus, anchor for with drugs = Youngs Analytical Conscience), and idolaters, and all liars, their part shall be in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." Rev. XIII: 8.*

*"... For with thy SORCERY (Sappancia - pharma hix. enchantment with drugs. - Youngs nations deceived. - Rev. XVIII: 23. "Thus saith the Lord: that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart de- Lord." Jeremiah. XVIII: 5.*



IN THE GRIP OF THE DRUG MONSTER.

# A VOICE TO ZION AND GOD'S PEOPLE IN EVERY LAND.

O thou that tellest Good Tidings to Zion, Get thee up into the High Mountain Lift up thy Voice with strength: Lift it up, be not afraid: Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Isaiah, XL: 9.

## THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL PROCLAIMED.

Report of Meeting held in Arcade Hall, Pullman, Illinois, Lord's Day Morning, March 31, 1901. Sermon: "The Beginning of the Gospel."

Report of Meeting held in Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Afternoon, March 31, 1901. Sermon: "Blessed Are They That Wash Their Robes."

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**"REPENT!"** "Give up your filthy habits." "Turn to your God in Faith and Obedience." "Let Him cleanse you from your sins, and heal you from your sicknesses."

The words came with startling directness from the lips of God's Messenger.

They flew straight into the hearts of the fifteen hundred people listening.

The effect was electrical.

Strong men paled under the fierce but loving denunciation of their sins.

Careless and indifferent hearers were stirred.

Some sneered and scoffed until, stung beyond endurance by the merited rebuke of God's Messenger, they were compelled to leave the hall.

But most listened intently and respectfully.

The ringing Call to Repentance and Consecration brought them to their feet with tear-dimmed eyes and and prayerful voices.

The scene was Arcade Hall at Pullman, Illinois.

It was the occasion of the General Overseer's first visit, on Lord's Day morning, March 31, 1901.

The day had dawned clear and bright, with a cool but pleasant breeze, after the snowstorm of the Saturday.

A large number of Zion's White-robed Choir, Zion Robed Officers, Zion Guard, and many members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion in Chicago, accompanied the General Overseer on a special train.

As at all other points where the General Overseer has held his Lord's Day morning suburban missions, the hall, which

would seat about fifteen hundred people, was filled to its utmost capacity, and hundreds of people gathered outside, unable to get in: for all the standing room was occupied.

## MORNING SERVICE.

Arcade Hall, Pullman, Illinois, Lord's Day Morning, March 31, 1901.

The service was opened by the General Overseer pronouncing the Invocation, after which Hymn Number 151 was sung.

After the Apostles' Creed had been recited, the General Overseer read from the third chapter of Malachi.

Behold, I send My Messenger, and He shall prepare the way before Me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple; and the Messenger of the Covenant, whom ye delight in, behold, he cometh, saith the Lord of Hosts. But who may abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand when He appeareth? for He is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: and he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver; and they shall offer unto the Lord offerings in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in ancient years. And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers,—

### God is Witnessing Against the Pharmacists and Physicians.

The word translated "sorcerers," is in Hebrew *kashaph*, and the Greek equivalent, always translated "sorcerers" in the New Testament, is *pharmakoi* (*φαρμακοί*).

It is simply the modern word for pharmacist, and means a maker, dealer or vender of deadly poisons.

The Word of God always strikes at the traffic in, the making of, and the use of deadly poisons in the human stomach.

They destroy the brain, excite the passions, and damn the man.

Narcotic poisons are the very brewing of hell. All the deadly drugs which curse humanity, whether alcohol, nicotine, morphine, laudanum, strychnine, or any other deadly poison, are accursed by God.

—and against the adulterers, and against false swearers; and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not Me, saith the Lord of Hosts. For I the Lord change not; therefore ye, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.

From the days of your fathers ye have turned aside from Mine ordi-



nances, and have not kept them. Return unto Me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of Hosts. But ye say, Wherein shall we return? Will a man rob God? yet ye rob Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with the curse; for ye rob Me, even this whole nation. Bring ye the Whole Tithe into the Storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of Hosts. And all nations shall call you happy: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of Hosts.

**They Who Do Not Pay Tithes Into God's Storehouse Are Robbers of God.**

Will you do what God tells you?

Will you fear God, serve Him, repent, believe, and give Him what belongs to Him?

One dollar out of every ten is God's, and you are a thief if you keep it back from His Storehouse, whence it will be used by His Servants in His Service throughout all the world.

You are to bring the Whole Tithe into God's Storehouse.

It does not belong to you at all, any more than the rent of your house belongs to you, if you rent from a landlord. It is a positive debt.

That is the Word of God.

It does not matter what you think.

It is what God says.

What you think is immaterial. The only thing which should concern you ought to be to find out what God thinks. This Universe is run by God, not by your opinions.

The thoughts of God are supreme.

You had better think what God thinks, or you will think wrongly, and get into all kinds of trouble.

Tithing began before the Jewish Dispensation.

Abraham gave tithes to Melchizedek, King of Salem, the High Priest of God, long before Isaac or Jacob or Moses had being.

As you know, who know your Bibles—the most of you do not; you know the newspaper better—your Bibles tell you that Jesus Christ is a High Priest forever after the order of Melchizedek, not after the order of Aaron.

Christ did not belong to the Tribe to which Aaron belonged. Aaron was a member of the Tribe of Levi, the priestly Tribe.

Jesus was a member of the Tribe of Judah, the kingly Tribe. He is King and High Priest as Melchizedek was, to whom Abraham paid tithes.

This is a very serious matter. It does not matter what the people say. It only matters what God says.

**Great Blessing Has Come Through Tithing.**

I may say to some of you here who know so little about the work in which we are engaged, that the blessing which God has given to Zion has been because year after year, for many years past, Zion people have given their tithes to God. They are better, richer, healthier, stronger, happier, because they have paid their tithes.

I will ask that question of all here who are in Zion. Have you been weaker or poorer since you paid your tithes to God? Voices—"No."

General Overseer—Any one who has been poorer say Yes. I would like to investigate that case. I have never heard of one.

My people man for man are healthier, stronger, richer, better, and the whole organization has power because we do not steal from God.

God gets His tithe, and there is a greater blessing with the other nine-tenths.

When a man is a thief and robs not only his fellowman but his God, he is the meanest kind of a thief.

Your words have been stout against Me, saith the Lord. Yet ye say, Wherein have we spoken against Thee? Ye have said, It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept His charge, and that we have walked mournfully before the Lord of Hosts? And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are built up; yea, they tempt God, and are delivered.

I never believed in walking mournfully before the Lord.

Whenever I see a mournful Christian, I believe that he is, with few exceptions, four-fifths hypocrite, and always a fool.

"Serve the Lord with Gladness!" is the Command in all the ages.

**A Christian Ought to be the Happiest Man on God's Earth.**

A mournful Christian is, in my judgment, a disgrace to his profession.

The Lord Jesus Christ came to make us happy. If we are not happy, we ought to be.

I cannot understand a Christian being unhappy.

"The Kingdom of God is . . . Righteousness and Peace and Joy in the Holy Ghost."

Jesus said, "These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be fulfilled."

Christ came to give us Gladness.

The only persons who ought to mourn are those who are living in sin and fighting God, and going as they please and doing as they like. They may well mourn, for they will come to a bad end.

And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are built up; yea, they tempt God, and are delivered. Then they that feared the Lord spake one with another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard, and a Book of Remembrance was written before Him, for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon His Name. And they shall be Mine, saith the Lord of Hosts, in the day that I do make, even a peculiar treasure; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. Then shall ye return and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not. For, behold, the Day cometh, it burneth as a furnace; and all the proud, and all that work wickedness, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of Hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. But unto you that fear My Name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in His wings; and ye shall go forth, and gambol as calves of the stall. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I do make, saith the Lord of Hosts.

Remember ye the law of Moses My servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, even statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and terrible day of the Lord come. And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers; lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

The General Overseer also read the following from the seventeenth chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew, tenth to thirteenth verses:

And His disciples asked Him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elijah must first come? And He answered and said, Elijah indeed cometh, and shall restore all things: but I say unto you, that Elijah is come already, and they knew him not, but did unto him whatsoever they listed. Even so shall the Son of man also suffer of them. Then understood the disciples that He spake unto them of John the Baptist.

May God bless His Word.

Let us pray.

**PRAYER BY THE GENERAL OVERSEER.**

Our Father who art in the heavens, grant a blessing upon Thy work. Bless the words of Jesus which we have read, and the words of Divine Inspiration through the Prophet Malachi, who closed that sacred record of the Old Testament.

Let that wondrous prophecy come with power today.

Let the words of Jesus come with power today. (Amen.) Let us remember that the same Elijah who came was to come again and restore all things, and prepare for the coming of the King.

O God our Father, prepare the way speedily for the coming of the King. (Amen.)

Bless this assembly.

Thank Thee for the sight of so many strong, hearty, earnest workmen this morning in this workmen's town; men of skill who put their brains in their fingers, and think as they work.

God bless these men. (Amen.)

Bring them into the fulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord with a true Repentance and an humble Faith, and a sincere and willing Obedience that they may receive the Holy Spirit, and be fathers, husbands, friends and good citizens who shall be a blessing to the land.

Bless us today, and bless where'er Thy people meet. O God. May they behold Thy mercy seat o'er all the earth, in every nation and o'er all the seas today as the Sabbath sun shines from shore to shore. Where'er they seek Thee, be Thou found. Let every spot of earth, and every place upon the sea, be hallowed by Thy presence today, as men seek Thee.

O God, we thank Thee that this journeying will not always be a journey, that we shall arrive home at last in that land where there is no sickness, no sin, no sorrow, no disappointment, no broken hearts and weary lives, no winter, and no night. So lead us that we shall obey Thee, serve Thee, love Thee, enjoy the fulness of Thy presence here and hereafter, be a blessing while we live, and leave a blessing when we have passed away.

Grant, O God, a blessing this day upon all who bear rule and authority; that if they are bad they may be removed, that the people may be wise and then Thou wilt give them wise rulers.

God bless Thy people in their strivings for a better life, that they may have a better life on earth, that their children may be better and wiser than they, that they may be able to fulfil the mission which Thou hast given to them in this great Nation. Help us to do our little part in this great matter.

Give us a good morning and blessing according to our necessity.

Help us, that with one heart and voice we may pray as our Lord Jesus

in the days of His flesh taught us when He said, "After this manner therefore pray ye."

The congregation joined in chanting the Lord's Prayer. Elder Dinius then made the announcements.

#### THE BEGINNING OF THE GOSPEL.

After the tithes and offering had been received, the General Overseer delivered the following address:

##### INVOCATION.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, be profitable unto this people, and unto all to whom these words shall come, in this and every land, in this and all the coming time, till Jesus come. Amen.

In the first chapter of the Gospel according to St. Mark you will find the words which I now read:

##### TEXT.

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Even as it is written in Isaiah the prophet, Behold, I send My Messenger before Thy face, Who shall prepare Thy Way; The Voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make ye ready the Way of the Lord, Make His paths straight; John came, who baptized in the wilderness and preached the Baptism of Repentance unto remission of sins.

And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in the Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water—

Not straightway after a few drops had been sprinkled upon Him. That is not Baptism, and never was.

The most stupid thing in the world is to call the sprinkling of a little water upon a baby's face, Baptism.

The word *Baptismos* (*βαπτισμός*) never meant anything but dipping. Anybody who says otherwise is either not a good scholar, does not understand the language in which the New Testament was written, or else he is not honest, and that is worse.

*Baptidzo* (*βαπτίζω*) means to immerse repeatedly. It is used commonly in the Greek language, among its other uses, in speaking of a woman washing pots, who keeps dipping the pot into the water, rinsing and rubbing it, until at last she has it clean. It takes more than one such dipping to cleanse a pot.

**Baptism is Triune Immersion Into the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.**

For seven centuries there was no other Baptism acknowledged in the Christian Church as valid.

The "Apostolical Canons" threatened the excommunication of any archbishop or bishop or priest who would dare to baptize in any other way than by a Triune Immersion; that is, by three immersions, into the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. The Greek Orthodox Church baptizes in that way to this day.

There is no one who can question, honestly or intelligently, about the form.

The form is immersion. Christ went down into the water and came up out of the water.

—and straightway coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens rent asunder, and the Spirit as a dove descending upon Him; and a Voice came out of the heavens, Thou art My beloved Son, in Thee I am well pleased. And straightway the Spirit driveth Him forth into the wilderness. And He was in the wilderness forty days tempted of Satan; and He was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto Him.

Now after that John was delivered up, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the Gospel of God, and saying, The Time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe in the Gospel.

**Repentance, and Not Faith, is the Basis of a Christian Life.**

Faith is impossible to the impenitent. Unless a man has truly repented and brought forth fruits meet for Repentance, he is a hypocrite if he says "I believe." No man can believe in "God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord," and in the Holy Ghost, and in the fact that Christ died for his sins according to the Scripture, rose again from the dead and is the Advocate with the Father for sinful man, unless he has repented.

It is a sham, a delusion, a snare, and a lie to tell a man that all he has to do to be saved is to believe.

To say to a man, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved," is to lead him to damnation, unless the man to whom these words are said has repented.

Those words were spoken to the Philippian jailer by Paul and Silas after the Philippian jailer had repented of his sin;

had been awakened to a sense of his wickedness by an earthquake. It takes an earthquake to wake up some people.

It seems to me that it would take almost an earthquake to awaken the masses in this city to believe that there is a Living God.

That drunken jailer thought that he had these apostles just where he wanted them in the inner prison.

He was going to stamp out Christianity!

He was like some people in this city who were going to stamp out Zion.

Where are they?

Many of the men are dead who fought Zion throughout a whole year of Persecution by the Municipal Authorities of Chicago, in 1895. And the Republican Party in Chicago lost power, municipally, at the next election, and has never regained it. The editors and controllers of these papers who tried to crush Zion in 1895 are all either dead or out of their editorial chairs.

Their mouths are stopped.

Six feet of earth lies above them, and into their lying mouths the earth is pushed today. The worms are digging out their eyes.

#### It Does Not Pay to Fight God.

These were the men who were going to crush Christianity.

"Aha!" they said, "we have Paul and Silas in the inner prison there in Philippi. We have their feet fast in the stocks. We have scourged them. Now where is their God? Where is their God?"

I hear the thick, drunken tones of that jailer at Philippi, as he sits at the revel and drinks to the gods, and curses his Christian prisoners—

"I say, what was that? The voice of a song ringing through the prison? Who is singing?"

"Go out and see who is singing in the prison.

"I never heard that song before. What is that song?"

"That song is ringing through the prison. What is it?"

"He that dwelleth in the Secret Place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my Refuge and my Fortress; My God, in whom I trust."

Yes, oh cruel heathen foe of God, a voice thou canst no longer refuse to hear is saying:

"What is that they are singing? They are singing the Song of Triumphant Faith that has come down through the ages, the song of Salvation and Healing and Holy Living, to the prisoners."

Then the earthquake comes, and the prison trembles.

The jailer leaps out as he sees every door open.

"I had better kill myself," he cries. He takes his sword, and the very voice which has been singing tells him not to do it: "Do thyself no harm, for we are all here."

Then he repented.

Then he fell at the feet of his prisoners.

Then he acknowledged God, who answers by His overruling Power, even when the Powers of Evil burst forth in fire and earthquake and storm; God, who defends His people, and will sweep His enemies away as chaff before the wind; God, who hears and answers prayer, and in His own time brings forth the righteousness of His true servants.

He confessed his sin. He brought them out. He washed their stripes. He set food before them, and in his own house he said, "What must I do to be saved?"

There was no use preaching Repentance to that man; because he had repented. He showed it. The next thing was Faith, and therefore they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and thou shalt be saved, thou and thy house."

#### A Truly Saved Man Will Get His Family Saved.

He then did what a great many people do not do when they get saved: he brought in his family.

When some people get saved, they shout hallelujah and praise God, but they do not go for their wives and families and get them saved.

I do not take much stock in the salvation of a fellow whose wife and children are at home on this lovely Sabbath morning, cooking for his disgusting belly.

If any of you have your wives at home cooking a hot dinner for you, you wretches, may the Lord have mercy upon you, and make you sick when you eat it. (Laughter.)

I have kept house for thirty-three years, and I have never

ordered a hot Sunday dinner in my house. I would not allow it. My servants have as much right to their Sabbath as I have. Thank God, there are many servants from Zion Home in this meeting this morning. They are not at home, slaving over a hot dinner.

Some of you have wives at home cooking a hot dinner, and pig at that. Oh, you disgusting fellows! The unspeakable pig which God Almighty not only forbade you to eat, but to touch! You have much to repent of.

This man repented. He went and got his wife and his children. He set them before the apostles. He said, "These men have a Message from God."

They also repented and believed. They were all baptized before the morning light.

There might have been some babies there. If so, they were babies old enough to repent and believe.

#### **The Lie of Infant Baptism.**

They were much older than the little baby whom you bring to a minister or a priest. Any decent baby would do what it does. The moment it feels that water on its eyes or nose it cries.

The ridiculousness of it! The abomination of it!

What a lie to say that baby sprinkling is Baptism!

How much worse to say that the child is regenerated and its heart changed by the Ordinance!

It is a still bigger lie for a man to stand up as a godfather, and a woman as a godmother, and renounce the World, the Flesh and the Devil on behalf of this child. The World, the Flesh and the Devil are in full possession of them, oftentimes as you can tell by smelling their breath; especially the godfather's. It stinks, in tens of thousands of cases, the dirty stinkpot!

#### **The Vile Filthiness of the Tobacco Habit.**

He just put down a cigar, or threw away a quid, to say the words of the ceremony.

The dirty dog goes up and down this earth (laughter) chewing tobacco and squirting it out. Then the sun dries it, and the air takes it up, and we have to breathe your dirty tobacco and catarrh, you dirty dogs!

Be clean!

It is a dirty, filthy, vile habit. You are chewing a deadly narcotic poison, and you are smoking poison.

You will get amaurosis, and paralysis, and dyspepsia, and ulceration of the stomach and bowels, and cancer. You deserve it all, you dogs! (Laughter.)

The only trouble about it is that your wives and families have to suffer for it.

Now you quit! Do you hear? You quit, and quit quick, at once.

God's command is, "Abstain from every form of evil!"

The next time you take a smoke, may you be sick over it.

May the next quid of tobacco taste like soapsuds, or worse. (Laughter.)

You dirty gogs! (Laughter.)

You call yourselves Christians, do you? Do you ever imagine a Christian could come and put down his pipe and his tobacco, and kneel here and ask God to bless him? "O God, bless me in chewing this plug. (Laughter.) O God, bless me in smoking this 'Cavendish.' Help me to spit and spew it out everywhere like a dirty buzzard (laughter), for Thy glory. Help me to smoke for Thy glory. And, as it is a good thing, help my wife to chew and smoke for Thy glory. (Laughter.) Help my children to do it. Let the baby learn to chew as soon as it can suck."

#### **You Do Not Want Your Families to Chew and Smoke.**

You dirty dogs! You do not pray that prayer. You do not want your wives to smoke. You do not want them to drink. You do not want them to chew.

Why not? If it is good for you, you gander, is it not good for the goose? (Laughter.)

You do not often catch it like this, you dirty dogs. (Laughter.)

You sweat it out at night until your body has sweat out the deadly poison of the nicotine drug. You infect your wives with that poison by inhalation, and also by absorption through the skin, until they are poisoned literally to death with the dirty, nasty, filthy odors and sweats which come from your dirty, nicotinized and demoralized body.

You do not know how your wives, who once loved, now loathe you.

You promised to love them. Is that loving them, to stink them out of their lives?

You promised to love them. Is that loving them, to get drunk?

There is not a real good Christian woman in this house who is not on my side. Are you not, women?

Women—"Yes."

General Overseer—You hear that, you dogs. (Applause. Laughter.)

I am in earnest about this thing.

Lives are being made miserable by this filthy nicotine habit.

You do not know how your wives are disgusted with your filthiness. You wonder why your wife does not kiss you as she used to when you kept your mouth clean before you married her. Who would kiss you now, you stinkpot? (Laughter.)

Who wants to kiss your dirty mouth? Your throat is like an open sepulcher. Ugh, you dirty dog, how you stink! (Laughter.)

No man has a right to be a walking nuisance like that.

When you go out in the morning, do you know what happens? Your wife goes to the window, flings it up and says, "Thank God, the fellow is gone. We can have some fresh air now." (Laughter.) That is a fact.

You have to repent! Do you hear?

#### **Repentance Means Giving Up Your Disgusting Habits.**

It means giving up your filthiness, learning to be clean, keeping your vows to God and to your wives, making your homes sweet and your lives happy.

By the way, there are some of you women who are not angels in this matter. (Laughter.) I hear there are some women who snuff. Oh, you dirty creatures! (Laughter.)

You are a dirty woman if you snuff. There are not many who do, but now and then I find one. I may just as well let you know that all women are not angels. But men are worse.

You men are smoking and chewing six hundred million dollars' worth of God Almighty's money every year in the United States of America alone. You are giving to your sons and daughters shattered constitutions in every nerve.

They are crying out against you, because you have given them a wretched constitution full of nicotine poison.

God help you. My brothers, God help you, every one of you, to be clean. (Amen.)

Repent! Do the right thing.

Quit your meanness, your bad habits, and ask God to forgive you of all your other sins.

You have told many lies to your wives. Confess them all.

What liars many of you men are!

#### **The Lies and Sins Fostered by the Secret Lodge.**

You told your wife when you married her that her society would be the joy of your life, and now, you scoundrel, you belong to every society in town except the Home Society.

You lodge everywhere. You lodge with the Red Men, and you lodge with the Elks and the Buffalos. (Laughter.) You lodge with the Mah-hah-bones, the Freemasons. You lodge everywhere except at home.

You only come home to say to your wife, "Hurry up with supper and give me my apron." It would be a good thing if you went out to do honest work with your apron, rather than to get drunk, and eat and spew, and go into lodges where you have the goat prancing around.

What right have you to go to Secret Lodges and call yourselves Christians? Did not Jesus Christ say, "In secret have I said nothing"? What do you need of a Secret Society?

Walk in the light.

Take care of your wives and families.

Save your money.

Do right in God's sight, and leave the saloon alone; because it is very close to the lodge-room.

Leave the lodge-room alone, for on one side of it often is a saloon, and on the other side the house of her whose house is the gate of hell.

Take care! I warn you in God's Name to take care! You are digging the grave of this Nation with the wine-cup, with the beer-cup, with the tobacco and with the lodge.

Be clean! Repent and do right before God.



There is **no** mistake about that being sound Gospel. Every last man here knows it.

Repentance is the first thing. Do right.

Faith is the next thing. "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and thou shalt be saved."

With a penitent heart come to your God, but do not forget to go to your wife and those whom you have wronged, and confess your sins one to another. Then pray one for another, and you will be blessed.

Confess to God. Then trust Him. Trust your God.

#### God Loves You.

I wonder that He does love such a dirty lot as we, by nature, are.

What a miserable dirty set of people we are! To think that we should be so full of uncleanness by nature, when we know what God is by grace!

But He loves us: for below all our uncleanness there is a spirit that came from Him. He put it there. It is an undying spirit. The Lord Jesus Christ came to save the spirits, the souls and the bodies of men. Let Him do it.

How will He do it?

He will do it by a belief that means something. An abstract belief, a confession of faith, is nothing unless it takes practical realization.

If you believe in God, you will do what God tells you.

If you believe in Jesus Christ, you will do what Jesus Christ tells you. If you do not obey, you will have no right to say that you believe at all. You have no right then to say, "I believe on the Lord Jesus Christ," or in the Holy Spirit, or in the forgiveness of sins. Your sins are not forgiven when they are resting upon you with all their weight. You must get them forgiven before you can say truly, "I believe in the forgiveness of sins."

I call you to believe to the saving of your spirits, to the saving of your souls, to the saving of your bodies: for when Christ came to this earth, He taught men that He had come to save them to the uttermost.

Jesus said:

The Spirit of Jehovah is upon Me;  
Because He anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor.  
He hath sent Me to proclaim release to the captives,  
And recovering of sight to the blind,  
To set at liberty them that are bruised,  
To proclaim the Acceptable Year of the Lord.

#### This is Still the Acceptable Year of the Lord.

Jesus did not read the next words, when He read those I have quoted, in the synagogue of Nazareth. The next words are:

And the Day of Vengeance of our God.

That day has not come. But it is coming. Beware!

Thank God, my brothers and my sisters, that we are in the Acceptable Year of the Lord, and that "faithful is the saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world," as the Apostle Paul said, "to save sinners; of whom I am chief."

That greatest of all the Apostles confessed his sin as the chief of sinners, and God blessed him.

When a man says, "I have no sin to confess," then either that man is a liar, or God is a liar; for God hath said that "all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God."

Confess your sins! Forsake your sins, and turn unto your God.

For, behold, the Day cometh, it burneth as a furnace; and all the proud, and all that work wickedness, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of Hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

#### The Earth to be Destroyed by Fire.

The astronomer tells you what the prophet tells you, that the day will come when this earth, which was once destroyed by water, shall be destroyed by fire.

A very small change in the chemical proportions of the water and of the air would make them fiercely combustible.

Lake Michigan will on that day be a rolling Lake of Fire. The mighty oceans will be rolling Oceans of Fire. The elements shall be dissolved.

Then every man shall stand a naked spirit beto. God, on that day when the heavens and the earth shall pass away.

May you so live that you will stand before God, and hear

the Great Judge of all, the Saviour whose Gospel I preach, tell you that your name is written in heaven, and that you are His.

Then there will come a new heaven, and a new earth.

This earth will pass through the cleansing fires. No one will be able to say which was their corner lot, nor will they want to; for it will be "a new heaven, and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."

In that great Day the poor will not be differentiated from the rich, or rather if there is more wealth or power in one, it will mean more love for the other.

The strong will help the weak. The archangel will be the servant of the weakest as Christ Himself has said, "He that is greatest among you shall be your servant."

This Gospel is an Everlasting Gospel.

Whatever else may perish, this will not perish.

#### The Love of God is From Everlasting to Everlasting.

His love will never change. God our Father will seek these spirits of ours until He finds them by His Son and until He brings them back.

You cannot flee from God. Why do you desire to? Seek God. Seek Him now.

Every one in this room who wants to be right with God, and seek God with all his heart, stand and tell Him so.

Every one who wants God's blessing upon him, stand and ask God for that blessing. (The greater portion of the audience arose.)

Pray with me.

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. Take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be, in spirit, in soul, in body. Give me power to do right, no matter what it costs. Give me Thy Holy Spirit that I may repent, and restore to my fellowman, and do right in Thy sight. For Jesus' sake, "the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world," take away my sin. Give me Thy Spirit, that I may be clean in spirit, soul and body, for Jesus' sake. (Amen.) (All repeat the prayer, clause by clause, after the General Overseer.

Did you mean it?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—Then live it. God will give you all you ask Him. He is our Father, and He loves us.

After the Doxology had been sung, the service was closed by the General Overseer pronouncing the

#### BENEDICTION.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who will also do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere forever. Amen.

#### AFTERNOON SERVICE.

Central Zion Tabernacle was crowded on Lord's Day afternoon, March 31, 1901.

The end of the storm and the coming of the bright sunshine had made traveling pleasant, and thousands had embraced the opportunity to hear the General Overseer.

God blessed the stirring Message which He had given to His fearless Messenger.

The blessings which God had promised to those who should Wash the Robes of their Spirits, namely, their souls and their bodies, formed the theme for the discourse.

The services began with the impressive scene of the Processional of Zion's White-robed Choir of over 200 voices and scores of the resident officers of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

It was an act of solemn, reverent worship. The audience sat with hearts lifted to God as the joyous song rang out:

Go Forward, Christian soldier,

Beneath His banner true;

The Lord Himself, thy Leader

Shall all thy foes subdue.

His love fortells thy trials;

He knows thine hourly need;

He can with bread of heaven

Thy fainting spirit feed.

Go Forward, Christian soldier,  
 Fear not the secret foe;  
 Far more o'er thee are watching  
 Than human eyes can know.  
 Trust only Christ, thy Captain;  
 Cease not to watch and pray;  
 Heed not the treacherous voices  
 That lure thy soul astray.

Go Forward, Christian soldier,  
 Nor dream of peaceful rest,  
 Till Satan's host is vanquished  
 And heav'n is all possessed;  
 Till Christ Himself shall call thee  
 To lay thine armor by,  
 And wear in endless glory  
 The crown of victory.

Go Forward, Christian soldier,  
 Fear not the gath'ring night;  
 The Lord has been thy shelter;  
 The Lord will be thy light.  
 When morn His face revealeth,  
 Thy dangers all are past:  
 Oh, pray that faith and virtue  
 May keep thee to the last.

Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Afternoon, March 31, 1901.

The services were opened by singing Hymn Number 63:

"For God so loved!" Oh wondrous theme!  
 Oh, wondrous key to wondrous scheme!  
 A Saviour sent to sinful men—  
 Glory to God the Father!

CHORUS—Glory to God, the Father!  
 Glory to God, the Father!  
 Glory, glory,  
 Glory to God, the Father!

The Apostles' Creed was then repeated by the General Overseer and congregation.

#### Scripture Reading and Exposition.

The General Overseer then read from the Inspired Word of God in the book of the Prophet Ezekiel, the forty-seventh chapter; also the last book of the Bible, the Revelation of Jesus Christ which God gave to His servant John, the twenty-second chapter:

And he shewed me a River of Water of Life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the midst of the street thereof. And on this side of the river and on that was the Tree of Life, bearing twelve manner of fruits, yielding its fruit every month: and the Leaves of the Tree were for the Healing of the Nations. And there shall be no curse any more: and the Throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein: and His servants shall do Him service; and they shall see His face; and His Name shall be on their foreheads. And there shall be night no more; and they need no light of lamp, neither light of sun; for the Lord God shall give them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

And he said unto me, These words are faithful and true: and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel to shew unto His servants the things which must shortly come to pass. And behold, I come quickly. Blessed is he that keepeth the words of the prophecy of this Book.

And I John am he that heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. And he saith unto me, See thou do it not: I am a fellow-servant with thee and with thy brethren the prophets, and with them which keep the words of this Book: worship God.

And he saith unto me, Seal not up the words of the prophecy of this Book; for the time is at hand. He that is unrighteous, let him do unrighteousness still: and he that is filthy, let him be made filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him do righteousness still: and he that is holy, let him be made holy still. Behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to render to each man according as his work is. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Blessed are they that Wash their Robes, that they may have the right to come to the Tree of Life, and may enter in by the Gates into the City. Without are the dogs the sorcerers,—

Sorcerers is just the word that you see over every drug store, pharmacists. The Greek word is *pharmakoi* (φάρμακοί), - and the fornicators, and the murderers, and the idolaters, and every one that loveth and maketh a lie.

I Jesus have sent Mine angel to testify unto you these things for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the bright, the Morning Star.

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And he that heareth, let him say, Come. And he that is athirst, let him come: he that will, let him take the Water of Life freely.

I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this

Book, If any man shall add unto them, God shall add unto him the plagues which are written in this Book: and if any man shall take away from the words of the Book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Tree of Life, and out of the Holy City, which are written in this Book.

He which testifieth these things saith, Yea: I come quickly. Amen: come, Lord Jesus.

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with the saints. Amen.

Prayer was offered by Elder McClurkin; also by the General Overseer.

The announcements were then made by Overseer Speicher.

The General Overseer then said:

Before the offering I desire to say a few words. My Editorial Notes in yesterday's issue of LEAVES OF HEALING have the important announcement that

**A Very Large Section of Zion City Will be Opened for Selection on Monday, July 15th.**

Plats of this will long before that time be put into the hands of all who desire them.

In connection with this, I desire to say what is most encouraging, that, so far as we can estimate, Six Thousand Applications for Lots have been received. We know that from the fact that shareholders desiring land for purchase, have taken hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of stock, and have intimated to the Association that they desire to avail themselves of their right of choice of lots which we still give to our shareholders.

A large portion has already been paid on these lots, yet all this has been done before a single lot was really surveyed.

That is a very remarkable thing. I do not think it has ever occurred before in real estate transactions. People have put money into our Zion Land and Investment Association stock even before we have had the title to the possession of the land.

The land is thrown open a little earlier than we expected, perhaps.

I would like to have laid out all our main boulevards and main avenues and some of our principal streets, and to have made them strong enough for heavy traffic, before putting any land on the market. But the cry from all parts of the United States and Canada, Germany and England is, "Do not wait any longer, General Overseer. Let us go on the land this year. We are aching to come."

Many have sold their farms and their business enterprises and are ready now to come to make their investments, and many have taken houses near Zion City and others are living in Chicago.

This is the cry which has reached me for months, through Zion City Bank and Zion Land and Investment Association. At last I have yielded, a little prematurely almost, as I think, to the plan. I hope, nevertheless, to be able to get some of our streets graded before wet weather comes in the fall, so that the building operations will not be impeded.

**At Least Four Million Dollars Will be Invested in Zion City This Year.**

I know not how many will build; but from statements made to me, it seems that at least 2000—some say at least 5000—will build this year.

If 2000 persons build, they will invest, probably, an average of \$2,000 each in lands and buildings. That is a low estimate.

That amounts to, at the least calculation, Four Millions of Dollars which will be laid down in Zion City this year.

What does that mean to you, my brothers and my sisters who buy land?

It means that the land is enriched by \$4,000,000 worth of property upon it.

If 5000 persons should build, which is not an impossibility, there would be Ten Millions of Dollars invested and placed upon Zion City land.

How that will increase the value of the land!

We do not intend to give the land away. We will get as much out of this land for Zion as we can, and yet dispose of it at a price which is sure to advance steadily to very high figures, year by year.

#### How the Revenues From Zion City Will be Used.

The object of this City is not only to settle our people upon the land, but by our combined Industries, and by adding to the value of the land and labors of our people, to produce large funds for the building of schools and colleges; for the building of orphanages and old people's homes; for the building of

libraries, and for the building of Zion Temple to seat many thousands.

I said first that Zion Temple would seat 20,000. I have gone up to 25,000, and I am really seriously considering whether I ought not to make it 30,000. If the City grows as rapidly as it certainly promises to, then Zion Temple ought to be able to seat as many as we can make hear our Voice. We want, also, money to mission these large cities: Chicago, St. Louis, Philadelphia, New York, London, Paris, Berlin, St. Petersburg, Vienna, Stockholm, Rome, Cairo, Bombay, Peking, Yokohama, and many other great cities. We want funds for Zion Printing and Publishing House. We want funds for Messengers to be sent to China, Japan, India, Africa, and the Islands of the Sea.

Zion Messengers have begun to be sent out and their missions are beginning to cost a great deal; for, although we cannot tell you all of the story, the work is constantly going on in distant continents: in Japan, in China, in Australia, and in all parts of the world.

If we charge a fair price for the land, we are even then giving you a great bargain, because we will put back upon the land a great part of what we get out of it, and, eventually, a great deal more than we received for it. This is utterly unlike other real estate dealers, who take out all they can, and put back into city sites only what they must. Not only will the people build houses, but it is my policy to put back on the land the millions which God will give us. That will, in its turn, increase the value of your possessions.

I want God's people under my overseership to be healthy, to be happy and to be wealthy.

Poverty is a curse. It is written that our Lord Jesus Christ, "though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might become rich."

#### Jesus Came to Make His People Rich.

If you say that is only in the life to come, then you forget the Lord Jesus Christ said, "There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or mother, or father, or children, or lands, for My sake and the Gospel's sake, but he shall receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come Eternal life."

I made that my plea before God when I started this matter. I said, "I have left mother, father, friends, business, given you my life, and I have had the persecutions; now, Lord, I present my little bill. I want a hundredfold more." (Laughter.)

I got it. I am getting it, and I believe I shall have a thousandfold more.

I do not want it but to do good with it. I have always done that with every talent which God has given me. I can say that honestly.

Anybody who says the opposite is a liar and a wicked falsifier. I have used every talent for God all my life to the extent of my power, except the unavoidable mistakes which all men make even when they do their best.

I have given more than money. I have given that which money cannot buy. I have given life, and I give it still.

I care nothing for what the World or the Flesh or the Devil, or the papers or the parsons say. God has vindicated me, and those who are criticising Zion today and saying that Zion has become rich are the very people who sneered at Zion when they thought she was poor.

It does not matter whether they sneer at our poverty or cavil at our wealth, Zion goes on, and Zion will win. Zion has won.

#### Those Who Have Money to Invest Should Invest It at Once.

I feel happy about this announcement. You had better get in quickly.

If I were you, I would. If I were an investor, I would not know a better place to invest my money. Indeed, it is a fact that I put all that I can control into Zion City land, sure that there is no better investment in the world; for God is with us.

The public believe that, too. The sneers which met us a year ago, the contemptuous prophesies that the whole thing would fizzle out, and that we could never accomplish the purchase of so large an area of land, have all passed.

What have they to say, now that I shall have the absolute title to nearly five square miles of that site by the first of June?

I hold, in behalf of Zion, the title to the lake shore for two and one-half miles, and right back for four miles. I have all the best of that land in my hands and under title. I have paid

a large part of the purchase price on the remainder of it, and am in a position to take it under title whenever I require it.

No one can take it out of my hands. The foes who lied about us and endeavored to make the people think that their investments were in hands which would never be able to carry the project through, are silent now.

It is a simple fact that scarcely a day passes over my head but I have to say, "No; not now at any rate," to men who are offering to lend Zion millions of dollars upon my bonds.

The enemy is put to rout in every way, and still they growl. Now it is a low whine, which you can hear only now and then.

#### God is Good to Us, and I Rejoice in This Announcement.

Zion Lace Industries are good, but do not let anybody run off with the thought they will be our only Industries. There is more than Zion Lace Industries. I have already begun Zion City General Stores and Zion Lumber Association in Zion City. We shall not fail to establish every industry, in its turn, that can be made useful to Zion, and we are planning for many.

Pray that the God of all grace who gave us this land, and from whom it shall never be alienated, will give us the grace and wisdom to carry it through.

I will never sell an inch of the land. The Word of God makes that plain. "The land is Mine," God says, "forever."

We asked God to give us the site of Zion City.

God has answered in the face of all the nations.

We, therefore, hold this land on the same tenure that Israel held the land of Canaan (Leviticus 25:23, 24).

There God said:

And the land shall not be sold in perpetuity;

For the land is Mine:

For ye are strangers and sojourners with Me.

And in all the land of your possession

Ye shall grant a Redemption for the land.

I shall lease it. I am not quite sure just how many years, but probably for 1100 or 1200 years. I may lease it for 3000 years.

#### The Tenure of the Land Will Depend upon the Keeping of the Covenants of the Leases.

You will not be able to do with that land anything that you covenant not to do in the lease. Any one who wants to build a whisky shop or a pharmacist's joint upon it will find that every bone in his commercial body will be broken. (Laughter and applause.) Zion will simply step in and say, "You only obtained a lease on condition that neither pig, nor pill, nor tobacco, nor alcoholic liquors, nor theatrical performances, nor any other vile thing should be tolerated upon the land."

If you violate the covenant in your lease, Zion will say, "We terminate your lease. Here is the valuation of your property—get, get, GET! Quickly, too."

They will have to get out. You may depend upon it. We will allow no man to say he can do what he likes with it; for it is God's from the surface to the center of the earth. It is Zion's only because it is God's forever.

We only lease it to you. We give you a long lease, which will endure for your children and your children's children for a hundred generations, perhaps, if the world should last that long. You will never be able to break that lease, however, without being turned out of Zion.

You desire that these conditions be made, do you not?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—They will be made whether you want them or not. (Laughter.) But I greatly value your hearty assent and devoted cooperation in helping me to carry out God's purposes.

#### Those Who Want to be Filthy Need Not Come to Zion City.

No stinkpot need apply (laughter), if he wants to make a stinkpot manufactory.

No maker of liquid fire and distilled damnation need apply, if he wants to make his accursed liquor there.

No druggist need apply, for we will take none of his hellish poisons, and we will not let him sell one single drop of it.

If we need any alcohol or any other poison in the manufactory or arts, they will be sold as any deadly poison would be, under severe restrictions, and used only for external application. We would soon be able to find out if a fellow had been taking it inside, because even now, in any of our Zion homes, you can always tell when a stinkpot has been there by the smell he leaves behind him. (Laughter.)

Pray for us.

O that God would put upon this land thousands and tens of thousands of men and women whose children shall be educated in Zion schools and colleges, and eventually in Zion University, where they shall get an education of which God is the Alpha and the Omega; in a City where God is owned in every part of it; whose government is such as God can approve.

May God grant it.

Audience—"Amen."

General Overseer—Thank you for your confidence.

This involves an immense amount of work.

Pray for my officers, noble and good men. Pray that every man will do what he is told.

There are, however, some men who come into Zion and say, "I will go where You want me to go, dear Lord, but You must send me where I like to go." (Laughter.) They say, "I will do what You want me to do, but then, Lord, I will do it in my own way, and Dr. Dowie must not interfere with me."

#### No Man Can Run Zion. Zion is Ruled by God.

If any man thinks he can run Zion without me, he is mistaken. (Laughter.) If any man thinks that he can run me, he is mistaken.

My hand is gentle, but if any man wants to run me, he will find that it is as firm as steel.

I give that notice to some who may think that they can run Zion, or any department in Zion, just as they want it to be. I know what the result will be if any man tries to run Zion. He will be run out. I say that frankly. You have plenty of room in Zion to do right, but you have no right to control.

God gave me the control. This people gave me the control, did you not?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—You will stand by me, will you not?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—There shall be no elections in Zion or in Zion City. I will not have Peter Jones running against George Smith and ripping up his back at the election of the Sixteenth Ward.

#### There Will be No Municipal Elections in Zion City.

Zion City can be ruled in your interests and God's without voting at all. The capital city of the United States of America—the City of Washington, and indeed the whole District of Columbia, is so ruled. There is not a single vote cast by any taxpayer or citizen there, and that district and city are better managed and kept than any other city in this country.

Has the Christian Catholic Church in Zion been ruled by votes?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—I do not know where any have been taken. I have never taken any. You have been kind and true to me, and you have prospered, and Zion has been established under my personal control, as God's Servant, from the beginning.

May God help us. May He establish His own government in Zion (Amen): a Rule of Love, but a Rule of Omnipotent Power.

I say this, because there are some people who think that they can do what they like because they have eighteen pence more than other people. There is no man indispensable in Zion, not even myself.

When I think that I am indispensable, God will do without me; and it will be time, too.

If any other man thinks that he is indispensable, we will do without him very quickly. When you have a servant who thinks he is the hub of the wheel, and that it cannot be run without him, then it is time to get rid of that servant.

I say this frankly.

Do not let any one come into Zion with the thought that he can alter the Theocratic policy upon which Zion has been founded.

God shall rule, and He shall rule in the way He has been ruling.

This is a plain intimation to any before they take a single lot in Zion. If you cannot stand the rule of God, then you had better go to Waukegan, where I guess the Devil rules, judging by the number of saloons, and other kindred shops of the Devil, which are found there, although there are many good, honorable and upright men and women there. Waukegan is neither worse nor better than other cities of its size and kind;

but I would cut off my right hand sooner than sign a license to sell liquid fire and distilled damnation.

#### Zion City Will be Built and Conducted by and for God.

I am determined that we shall keep ten square miles of God's green earth for God, and two and one-half miles of lake front for God. I think we can do it by law. We will trust in the Lord, and we will do it. (Amen.)

I do not believe in the "try-to-do-it" business.

I love this people. They love me.

The snows of winter are beginning to gather on my brow. I do not know how many years I may have, but every year I have shall be given to God, in the Extension of His Kingdom, for which purpose we formed the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

I long to see Zion City established, and the Dome of Zion Temple rising higher than any dome in Chicago, sending out its light by day and by night across the waters of Lake Michigan.

May God grant it. (Amen.)

#### Zion's Far-Reaching Light.

May Zion's be a light which shall go across the Continents and the islands, and shall be an inspiration to multitudes.

Oh may we live to see a Zion City near Philadelphia, Zion City near Boston, Zion City near London, Zion City near Constantinople, Zion Cities by the side of all great cities; that we may take some part in the restoration of beautiful Jerusalem, the Zion City of the Great King. (Amen.)

God help us.

We will go ahead on the lines upon which we started.

When I find any man wanting to tamper with these lines, I am steel: a steel that can bend, but it will not break, God helping it. Do not make any attempt now.

There has been an attempt made this last week. I put my foot upon it at once. I will pay out every man who wants to interfere with the government of God in Zion. (Amen.)

I say this because I love this people. I have given my life for this work, and I desire to lay the foundation so strong that no successor of mine at any future day shall say, "The first General Overseer of this Church allowed something to be done that has caused a Calamity."

The stones of the City of God are flashing jewels, but they are stones. That city is 1500 miles four square, and these stones, albeit that they are jewels, as beautiful as heaven itself, are hard as adamant.

If any of you think that you have to deal with a weak man, you had better stop right now, because you have not. God has given to me a Divine strength for this work, and I think I have more of that within me now than I ever had in all my life. I am glad of it.

I say this, because, as the time approaches, the enemy tries in various ways to get in somewhere and make us alter our policy.

#### Zion Will Never Alter Her Policy.

Insidious attempts have been made to get me to alter the Agreements. A man proposed to give me a large sum of money upon his investments if I would alter the Agreement to suit him. I will do no such thing. There is not enough money in the treasury at Washington, although there are \$525,000,000 of gold there, to tempt me to alter the Agreement.

The Agreement which is made with the poor man will be the same as that made with the rich. (Applause.)

I will not make one Agreement in the light and another in the darkness.

I will not put one branch of my work in one position and another in another. Every branch of it shall be in the same position, without any distinction.

I will have no favorites in this work. I will administer Zion without fear, without favor, and I hope with perfect love.

Pray for all the officers connected with all the Branches of the Church, with all the Educational Institutions, and with all Zion's Financial Institutions and Industries.

May God grant that some of you who do not understand everything, will go on like good soldiers, even when you do not understand. Was it possible for Grant to explain to every private soldier in his army his plan?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—Would it have been wise?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—Can you trust me?  
Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—All right. It will not make any difference if you do not, we will go on. (Laughter.) I thank you that you do trust me, however, and your loyalty is a constant inspiration to serve you as God's Messenger should; for the proudest title in the world does not compare with this title—"A Servant of God and of His Servants." I want to prove my claim to this title above all other titles.

I want Zion City to be a success from the very start. I intend to do all I can to make it so, lovingly, wisely. I will be tender and considerate to the fullest extent of my power with all who do right; but I have no tenderness at all for those who want to do their own will, and who foolishly threaten to withdraw from Zion if they don't get it.

"I will go where I want to go, dear Lord," they sing.

"I will be what I want to be."

"I will say what I want to say."

Then such a person will have to go to the Apostate Denominations. He cannot do that in Zion.

The tithes and offering were then received.

### "BLESSED ARE THEY THAT WASH THEIR ROBES."

#### INVOCATION.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, be profitable unto this people, and unto all to whom these words shall come, in this and all the coming time, in this and every land, till Jesus come. (Amen.)

#### TEXT.

Blessed are they that Wash their Robes, that they may have the Right to come to the Tree of Life, and may enter in by the Gates into the City.—Revelation 22:14.

The old rendering is, "Blessed are they that do His commandments."

The revised reading is as I have spoken it, "Blessed are they that Wash their Robes, that they may have the Right to come to the Tree of Life, and may enter in by the Gates into the City."

#### Wonderful Blessings for Those Who Obey God.

The blessings which God has given to those who obey Him are without number.

To the poor in spirit, He gives the Kingdom of Heaven.

To those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, He gives the Divine fulness.

To those who are merciful, He gives the glorious title that they are the children of their Father in Heaven, who is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil, and He says they shall obtain mercy.

He says that the mourner who mourns for sin, and over the sins of the world, shall be comforted.

He says the meek shall inherit the earth. Moses was the strongest and meekest man in all the earth. The word meek is not spelled w-e-a-k.

There are some people who think that meekness means weakness.

Moses was a meek man, but he marched up the steps of Pharaoh's throne and demanded that the Crowned Heathen Oppressor should let God's people go.

#### Weakness and Meekness Never Existed in the Same Character.

A man to be Divinely meek must be Divinely strong. A weak man is never meek. A weak man is always a coward, vain, foolish, not meek at all, but boastful, and full of insufferable self-conceit.

"Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth."

He tells us that there are blessings for those who are persecuted, "for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven." He gives blessings to those whom men revile, persecute, and say all manner of evil against falsely; for great is their Reward in Heaven. No other Rewards are eternal.

It seems to me that the most blessed of all the beatitudes is given to the pure in heart; for He said, "Blessed are the Pure in Heart: for they shall see God."

Here is another Blessing at the very end of the Book, at the very end of all the Blessing, spoken from Heaven itself for us upon whom the ends of the earth have come:

Blessed are they that Wash their Robes, that they may have the Right

to come to the Tree of Life, and may enter in through the Gates into the City.

#### Soul and Body the Robes of the Spirit.

This spirit, the wonderful spirit which God puts within us, is robed in two beautiful and wonderful garbs.

One is bright red. What is redder than blood? There is nothing; it is the warm and brilliant red of the soul.

The other in us of the Caucasian race has an outer skin of whiteness. It is the Body of Flesh, the second and outside Robe of the spirit, whatever the color of the skin may be.

God has given to all mankind the same soul, the same blood; made of one blood all men, made of one flesh all men. If there is anything that my spirit hates, it is the accursed abomination which makes race hatred, because of diabolical pride of race distinction.

I know no race distinction. The Lord Jesus Christ tasted death for every man. He said, "One is your Master, even the Christ; and all ye are Brethren."

I see no wrong in the mixing of the races. God has "made of One Blood every Nation of Men to dwell on all the Face of the Earth."

This was the inspired declaration of Paul, an apostle of our Lord, on Mars' Hill at Athens, about eighteen and a half centuries ago.

It is just as true today.

The man who protests against the Chinaman because he is yellow, and the African because he is black, has a yellow stripe in his spirit and a great black spot on his heart.

This spirit of ours has two garments, the garment of blood-red soul, and the garment of the body. The man who hates a negro because he is a negro, because the skin which covers him is black, and who refuses to eat with a man because of his color, is a cur and a coward and a wicked man, and neither a Christian nor a good citizen.

#### Lynching a Horrible Crime Against the Victim, the Law and Against God.

I hate to see what I see in this country.

If I were President of the United States for the twenty-four hours, when the next lynching takes place in the South, I would put a cordon around that district.

I would hang a hundred of them, if hanging is a good thing. I would shoot a hundred of them, if shooting is a good thing.

If blood for blood is to be the law, then the officer at the head of this government should take the blood of the lyncher; because he is the most horrible of all criminals. He slays the law itself. He strikes a deadly blow at the government of the Nation; yea, at the existence of the Nation itself.

A nation which tolerates murderous lynching is fast proving that it has no right to national recognition amongst the nations of the world.

It is time that it were controlled by a law-abiding power: for its existence is a menace to civilization.

Why do not this people see it? I care not what the crime is, this government is strong enough to punish the criminal to the full extent of the law.

Worthy of cannibals are the horrible things which we hear are carried on in the South, and sometimes in the North.

One would think that no rape was ever committed by a white man, from what you see and hear.

If every man who has defiled his neighbor's wife or daughter who wears a white skin were to be lynched, I wonder how many would be lynched before midnight in Chicago?

If it is right to lynch a black man who commits some unspeakable crime, why do they not set to work to lynch the white man?

You Southerners, either in Chicago or in the South, hear a Voice today telling you that God will require this blood at your hands.

As sure as you live, these eight million negroes will one day burst loose. If it is to be blood for blood, then woe to you in the Black Belt!

Have a care!

You Southerners, with your rebellious pride still left, you who lynch the poor negro, why do you not execrate the memory of your fathers for the similar crimes they committed upon their own slaves?

#### The Negroes Have Suffered Violation of Their Wives and Daughters by Their White Masters.

The South has tens of thousands of mulattoes. Where did they come from? They came from your fathers' lust.



There is one Voice that will speak, if all others are silent. (Applause.)

When the time comes, we will do more than speak: for we shall hope to be powerful enough to demand, and to obtain, Justice for the American-African at Washington.

God will judge you, you whited sepulchers who strain at a gnat and swallow a camel.

He will judge you who murder, burn, destroy, and tear to pieces the dead flesh of the wretched, uneducated and illiterate negro, whose brutal condition is the consequence of your fathers' crime.

Many of these mulattoes have your fathers' blood in their veins. They are your own brothers and your own sisters. You are murdering your own flesh and blood!

If I were a negro today, I would make you pay for the lynchings. I would lead my people in such a manner as would put the meshes of the law around you, and the hangman's rope around your neck, and make the counties, cities and States pay heavy damages to the families of the victims, or else deprive such communities of their privileges as citizens until they did pay such damages.

Have a care, you men at Washington who are afraid to execute the law!

"Righteousness exalteth a nation," but partiality and sin in the administration of the law "is a reproach to any people."

I have been told that I have lost friends in the South because of what I have said in the North.

I never had them as my friends. They were never worthy of my friendship. I repudiate the friendship of any man or woman who encourages murder. Such persons are neither Christians nor good citizens.

If they wish to get my friendship at the price of silence concerning their crimes, they will never get it!

**The Christianization and Education of the Negro the Solution of the Problem.**

I hate this wickedness. I hate the crimes of these poor illiterate negroes, committed under the influence, usually, of the damning drink which you sell them for revenue. They commit these crimes, also, under the influence of the ignorance in which you have kept them for your own evil purposes that they should not exercise the franchise.

You want to keep them in ignorance. You want to keep them poor. You want to keep them drunken and illiterate. You are creating a Frankenstein, a monster who will turn upon you and rend you.

May God forbid that crime should be added to crime.

I would God today that this Nation were wise enough to tell the legislators at Washington that they must at once create a United States Department of Education: take the education of the present and future citizens out of the hands of cities, counties and States, take it into the hands of the government, and see that every one is educated throughout the whole land. (Applause.)

That is what is wanted. Give every child born under the Stars and Stripes a chance. The Nation is rich enough to afford it; and it would soon result in a great increase of national prosperity and wealth. No better Investment could be made than a System of National Education which should be Compulsory and Free to all. It is a crime to leave National Education to Charity, Church or Chance. It is a National Duty.

Negroes have a right to Education. They were wronged and robbed of their liberty, and now you are robbing them of their franchises, and robbing them of their lives.

I hear the march of eight million Ethiopians. It will be an awful day when they burst forth in the Black Belt.

May God avert it.

I come back to my main subject.

"Blessed are they that Wash their Robes."

White man, black man, yellow man, red man, brown man,

**We Have All the Same Father, the Father of Our Spirits.**

We all have the same kind of a soul, the red blood of our lives. We have all the same kind of flesh.

Blessed are they that not only have their spirits washed, but their souls and bodies.

We have been talking about that, a Real Baptism, which will wash away Sin, which will give Life and Power for Service. Wash your Robes.

A great many people seem to think that piety is a synonym

for ignorance and dirt. Dirt and ignorance are absolutely inconsistent with piety.

If your hearts are to be sprinkled from an evil conscience, your bodies must be washed with pure water, and there is plenty in Lake Michigan, you dirty fellows!

The spirit in man comes from God, the Father of Spirits.

The soul is that which comes from your father, your mother, the same as any animal's soul.

A living soul was given to every bird and beast and fish. Only man has a spirit.

This soul, the animal life, must be cleansed.

The last word in the book of the Prophet Joel is the Word of Hope for Zion, "And I will cleanse their Blood that I have not cleansed: for the Lord dwelleth in Zion."

Thank God for that word. (Amen.)

O God, come and cleanse our life-blood that it may flow free from the pollution which has come down to us, by hereditary transmission, or by our own transgression.

O God, come, and in Thine own Zion cleanse the blood of all Thy people.

They have not only a soul, but a body.

"Blessed are they that Wash their Robes."

**There is Only One Fountain in Which You Can Wash Your Robes.**

That is the "Fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for Sin and for Uncleanness," whether that Uncleanness be in spirit, soul or body.

All uncleanness can be washed away in that Fountain open for the sinner and the sick in the house of David.

Christ is that Fountain.

I say to you, Come, and let Him who cleanses your blood heal your body, that the Robes of flesh and blood that you wear, your soul and body, shall be such that God Himself can use.

A clean man, a clean woman will be a Temple for His Spirit. The River of Living Water will flow through you. For this is what Jesus said.

When did He say it?

Let me try and give it to you?

**Scene at the Feast of Tabernacles.**

It was the last, the great day of the Feast of Tabernacles.

Gathering around Jerusalem upon all its hillsides and all its mountain tops, and down into its valleys, there were thousands and tens of thousands of tents, booths made of leaves, under which the people lived.

As John says in the seventh chapter of his Gospel, "the Last Great Day of the Feast, the Seventh Day, had come."

The High Priest had gone down the side of the Temple Mountain in the presence of multitudes assembled on Mount Zion, Mount Moriah, Mount of Olives, and all up and down the hillsides around, looking upon the Temple.

He had gone down in his sacred vestments with the golden vessel, accompanied by all his high officials, priests and scribes, the Temple Guard, the Herodian Guard, the Roman Guard, and all the panoply and pride of heathen display, as well as of Jewish ceremonial.

Down he had gone to the stream that flowed under the Temple Mountain. There the High Priest had filled his vessel with the waters of the stream that flowed, and that flows still, under the Temple Mountain. Then, turning his back to that stream, he had gone up the hill singing the song in Isaiah twelve:

Behold, God is my Salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and song; and He is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw Water out of the Wells of Salvation. And in that day shall ye say, Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon His Name, declare His doings among the peoples, make mention that His Name is exalted. Sing unto the Lord; for He hath done excellent things: let this be known in all the earth. Cry aloud and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

Then came a great clash of instruments, and the trumpets sounded, amid the shout of multitudes over all the hills, as the high priest took the water and poured it on the altar, in the very center of the Temple, where the smoking sacrifice was wont to be.

As he poured out that water, they shouted with joy.

"Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the Wells of Salvation."

In that moment there sprang in the front of the altar a Man, the only Man this planet has ever seen worthy altogether of being called a Man, the Man Christ Jesus.

He sprang into the front, and His trumpet Voice echoed through all the Temple Court, and over all the hills around as He cried:

**The Wonderful Words of Jesus at the Feast of Tabernacles.**

If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink. He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow Rivers of Living Water.

Then the Evangelist adds: "This spake He of the Spirit which they that believed on Him were to receive: for the Spirit was not yet given; because Jesus was not yet glorified."

The Holy Spirit came.

The Holy Spirit is here.

God is saying to us today that that River which flowed from the Throne of God and the Lamb must flow in Zion. Therefore, it must flow in us.

May God grant that it shall be so that the power of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus shall set us free from the pollution of filthy lust and unclean bodies, and make us Temples of God through whom He can flow to a sin-stricken and disease-smitten humanity.

May God grant it. Therefore, "Blessed are ye that Wash your Robes."

Wash them, make them clean; for you will then have the Right to come to the Tree of Life.

You will have the Right, in prayer, to take these "Leaves of the Tree that are for the Healing of the Nations" and put them on the bleeding hearts and broken, bleeding bodies of humanity. You will be able to enter in, through the Gates, into the City even now.

By and by when life is past, and you come up, they will sing:

Fling open wide those Golden Gates,  
And let the victors in.

You will be victors over sin and disease and death and hell; victors over the contemptible hypocrisy of the apostate churches; victors over the accursed wickedness which would keep back Salvation and Healing from humanity; victors over the pride which mocks at God, and seeks to wrest Him from His very Throne.

**God Give Us Humility, the Faith, the Hope, the Love, the Wisdom and the Knowledge, the Strength and the Purity to Wash Our Robes.**

God help us to make them white and clean in the Blood of the Lamb; to enter in through the Gates into the City; to take all these words of God which are the Leaves of the Tree, and carry them to humanity everywhere.

For that purpose, and that purpose alone, God has established Zion.

God has raised me up, and raised you up, for that work. May we fulfil His Purpose.

All who desire to fulfil that Purpose, stand and tell God so. Pray.

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.**

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. Take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be, in spirit, in soul, in body. Give me grace to do right, that I may truly repent, fully believe, be fully saved, and have my robes washed in the Fountain for sin, for all uncleanness; that I may have the right and the power to take of the Tree of Life, and enter in through the Gates into the City in spirit now, in spirit by and by, forever, for Jesus' sake.

Give me power to live, that this prayer may be answered, in Jesus' Name, and for His sake. Amen. (All repeat the prayer, clause by clause, after the General Overseer.)

During the Recessional of the Choir and Robed Officers, the people stood in silent prayer.

The service was then closed by the General Overseer pronouncing the

**BENEDICTION.**

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

Let members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion who are competent to teach either Preparatory or College Branches, and who wish employment in Zion College the coming year, apply at once to Rev. William Hamner Piper, Vice-President Zion's Educational Institutions, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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### Ackworth, Iowa.

Zion is at perpetual war with impurity.  
 She is at war with impurity in thought.  
 She is at war with impurity in word.  
 She is at war with impurity in deed.  
 She is at war against impure reading, impure pictures and impure plays.

She is at war with impurity or defilement of the body.  
 Hence she fights the damning poisons, alcohol, nicotine, opium, cocaine, morphine, chloral, and all the filthy drugs of the pharmacist.

Hence she fights against the use of impure foods: disease-breeding swine's flesh, oysters, and all other foods proscribed by the Word of God.

In this fight she is bold, fearless, uncompromising.  
 She witnesses against a man calling himself a Christian and a true servant of God and at the same time breeding, feeding, selling or eating unclean swine's flesh.

Zion's way is to utterly destroy the swine.  
 Wherever Zion's teaching has gone, there has always been a "cleaning up" of homes, bodies, souls and spirits.

In many places in the United States and Canada this "cleaning up" process has included the destruction of whatever swine the man who had received the teaching owned.

The Devil has often howled and threatened in an ungovernable fury at the destruction of his hogs, but Zion has carried on her Holy War against all impurity, strong in the consciousness of God's Almighty hand guiding, strengthening and protecting.

And Zion has always had the victory through Christ.  
 In the following letter, Mrs. Clara Haworth, of Ackworth, Iowa, tells of the destruction of hogs on her husband's farm and how the Devil objected:

About four years ago my husband became convinced that swine's flesh was not fit for food, and made up his mind not to raise any more hogs.

But standing alone, and not thinking that the hygienic laws of the Old Testament applied to the people of today, which we now clearly see, he was inclined to buy some more.

We felt condemned about it.  
 The longer we kept them, the heavier the burden became.  
 After joining the Christian Catholic Church in Zion it became unbearable.

We felt as if we could not be loyal to the Church and keep them.  
 We knew that the Lord had led us into the Church and would lead us into all truth.

We began to study the Word of God on the subject, and found that only such commandments in the Old Testament are done away as are done away in Christ, and that the swine are still "unclean."

We also took into consideration the diseases caused by eating swine's flesh and the absence of these diseases in those who did not eat it.

We saw how wise and sanitary was God's command—"of their flesh ye shall not eat, and their carcases ye shall not touch."

Having learned this truth, the next question was, "What must we do with them?"

My husband thought to sell them; but the Lord showed me very plainly that we would be seriously crippled if we did.

Then the thought came to him, give them away. We saw that our responsibility would not end there.

There was nothing to do but destroy them. This was hard to do and might have been avoided had we obeyed God at first.

We had eleven head worth over a hundred dollars; but we have learned to obey God, no matter what the cost.

We killed them and took them to the back of the pasture, intending to bury them as soon as the ground thawed enough to dig a pit.

A man came and stole them away, however, before we could bury them. We suffered great persecution. The like had never been known in this neighborhood.

My husband's own father was very angry and thought him crazy. They threatened to have us arrested. I almost wished they would. We could have given a testimony in the Name of Jesus, and some might have believed who do not now know the truth.

I send you a clipping taken from the *Indianola Record*, copied from the *Milo Motor* at that time.

You can see how utterly false it is, like all the enemy's charges against Zion.

The following is the clipping to which Mrs. Haworth referred:

Norman Haworth, who lives near Ackworth, while in an addled state, killed about \$200 worth of fat hogs Friday of last week and just left them lay. He had previous to this day received a blank sheet from a religious freak at Chicago, to be filled out as to his religious views, etc., and one question was, "How many swine have you?" Upon receiving an answer to the blank filled out from this Chicago man, Mr. Haworth was told to get rid of all his swine—but not to sell or give them away—this he did.

### Toledo, Ohio.

Rev. J. C. Reiff, Elder-in-Charge.

God constantly places the stamp of His Divine approval upon the work of Zion in all parts of the world.

The promise to "those that believe" that "they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover," is every day fulfilled in the ministry of Zion's faithful Elders.

What a glorious privilege to work for God in a Church where the daily signs that the work is His are such blessings to the spirits, souls and bodies of God's children!

Elder Reiff sends us the following wonderful record of God's saving and healing power manifested in Zion, in Toledo:

We thank God for LEAVES OF HEALING, the mouthpiece of God's Messenger and of "His Witnesses" in Zion throughout the world.

Continually the manifold love and power of God are being exercised toward His children in Toledo, in witness whereof we briefly narrate the following among many other blessings:

A brother healed of asthma.

An aged sister healed of catarrh in the head.

An old lady quits smoking after reading LEAVES OF HEALING.

A sister healed of heart trouble and shortness of breath; most distressing. Another healed of a severe attack of the grip and attendant kidney trouble.

An aged sister healed of bunion and corn in answer to her own prayer. A man delivered from chewing, smoking and drinking, after having defiled himself nearly forty years. Tobacco smoke now makes him sick.

A child dying of lung trouble, and for a time believed to be dead, raised and perfectly healed in answer to the prayer of faith.

A sister was made violently sick by sewer gas. Her husband hurried to the writer; we prayed, and at that moment the wife at home was delivered from all pain and sickness.

A few weeks' old babe, accidentally exposed, contracted serious lung trouble and was on the verge of being suffocated by phlegm. Death seemed very near. In answer to united prayer, God delivered and fully healed.

A neighbor's child of about the same age contracted the same disease, but, we are informed, not so badly. A physician was called, and soon the babe was dead.

A twelve-year-old boy recently had his left arm fearfully wrenched and manifestly dislocated at the elbow. When the writer arrived, a few hours after the accident, the arm was so swollen that he could not positively determine its real condition; but after prayer God took away all pain and, according to the testimony of the boy himself, readjusted the bones. The swelling has disappeared, and the arm is healing rapidly.

A woman who had suffered from a chronic and aggravated stomach

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trouble, together with other infirmities, for a period of fifteen years, having tried many physicians and all kinds of medicines, was wonderfully healed in answer to prayer. She was free from pain and growing in strength from day to day.

A month had elapsed since her healing; she had not yet taken a stand for God in her home, where the Devil held sway. The moment came for her to decide either to serve and obey God or man. She weakened, through fear, refused to walk in the light and obey God, and that very day her old diseases returned worse than ever (2 Peter 2:20-22).

A few months' old babe recently had an exceptionally severe attack of dysentery. The mother almost despaired of its life, yet she fully trusted, and God was faithful to His promise, and kept that which we committed unto Him, and soon the babe was well again.

The mother of the babe first heard of Zion through reading some lies in the secular press. She at once called on the Elder, attended our services, came into fellowship, and was baptized, at which time she realized much blessing.

Zion's teaching regarding pork was new to her. On one occasion, after she had the truth, she bought some pork for her husband, to satisfy his unholy desire. She soon had an old stomach trouble back. She repented, determined to touch pig no more, and God speedily healed her.

She has also been healed of the grip, constipation, neuralgia, and falling of the womb since coming into Zion.

Several months ago one of our young sisters was asked to join our Saloon Seventies. She expressed herself willing, but said that tobacco smoke always made her sick, and more than that, for seven years she hadn't ridden on the street cars, without each time thereafter suffering from a week's severe headache.

We assured her that if she would trust God, He would keep her from all evil.

She trusted Him; we prayed; and since then she has proved one of our most faithful and successful workers.

Although the saloons be dark with the fumes of nicotine, it has no effect on her. Since then she rides street cars at her pleasure without any headache or sickness therefrom. To Him be all the praise.

One of our brothers, J. J. Smith, working for the American Bridge Company, was recently helping build a bridge over a swollen Ohio river, when he was accidentally pushed off into the "raging torrent." But God was there to deliver.

In writing of it he says: "I fell about twelve feet into the river, and it was very high, a raging torrent.

"God provided a stick for me to cling to until I met a boat, which took me ashore. . . . I was laughing all the time. Another man fell in just a couple of days before I did, but he was an expert swimmer. He got out all right, but he has been sick ever since. I was not sick at all. The Lord has been very good to me since I came into Zion."

#### Waterloo, Iowa.

Rev. James R. Adams, B. D., Elder-in-Charge. Evangelist S. Elizabeth Adams, Assisting.

Elder Adams, for several months in charge of the Branch of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion at Grand Rapids, Michigan, was transferred about March 1, 1901, to the work in Waterloo, Iowa, and vicinity.

At the end of his first month's work, he sends us the very encouraging report which is given below.

God is reviving His work in these Iowa cities under the faithful ministrations of Elder and Evangelist Adams, and many are finding Salvation, Healing and Cleansing through the Message of the Everlasting Gospel which they bring.

Elder Adams also sends some testimonies to God's healing power, manifested in answer to prayer in Grand Rapids:

I am happy to report that thirteen applications for membership have been sent in from this point during the past month.

Zion in Waterloo is intensely in earnest.

The true Zion spirit is strongly manifest in all the services, the number of which has been increased.

The attendance has also much improved.

We have increased our order for LEAVES OF HEALING twenty-five per cent.

There is "the sound of abundance of rain."

May God grant great refreshing showers of Salvation and Healing to the people of this city.

I have received the following letter:

"GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN, February 25, 1901.

"REV. JAMES R. ADAMS.

"Dear Elder:—We are very thankful for the healing of our boy on the evening of January 19th.

We called in a doctor.

"He said that his brain and heart were affected.

"His fever was very high.

"We put our trust in God, that He might answer our prayers

"At about 8:30 o'clock he was himself and asked for a drink of water.

"Our fear was gone and we trusted the Lord for further healing.

"He now goes to school and is healthier than ever.

"We thank you for the kindness you have shown us and for praying for our boy.

"Yours respectfully, MR. AND MRS. HENRY VAN WOERKOM."

The following letter gives details of the healing and confirmation of the parents' testimony. It is by our Deacon in Grand Rapids, who is an uncle of the boy:

"60 HOGADONE AVENUE,

"GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, March 10, 1901."

"MY DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I wish to confirm the statement made by my brother and sister as to the healing of their son Bastian on the evening of January 19, 1901.

"It was about 6:30 P. M. when my brother telephoned to me from Grand Haven, telling me that Bastian was given up to die.

"The doctors said he could live only a few minutes more.

"I promised to do all I could for the dying boy.

"I called up Elder Adams by telephone, told him of the case and asked him to pray for the boy, which he immediately did.

"We believed the Lord would honor His Word.

"At 8 o'clock we heard the good news that the boy was rallying and recognized his parents.

"At 10 o'clock the same evening we heard he was still rallying.

"I told Elder Adams by telephone how the Lord answered prayer, for which he immediately gave thanks to God.

"Two days later, on Monday, at 8 A. M., we were again called to the telephone and heard the first words spoken with gladness, 'A Glorious Victory.'

"My brother then told me that Bastian asked him when he might get up.

"The works of the Devil were destroyed in this boy and health restored.

"Yours for Our Coming King, ARIE VAN WOERKOM."

This is a most wonderful showing of God's power and willingness to destroy at once the terrible brain fever and heart disease when the child was "as good as dead."

When the call came by telephone, I asked if the parents had given up the doctors and wholly abandoned medicines and treatments of every kind.

When assured that the boy was out of man's and altogether in God's hands, I prayed for his immediate healing, with results as above recorded "at the mouth of three witnesses."

#### Brookings, South Dakota.

Deaconess Helen A. Druey, in Charge.

Deaconess Druey sends us the following remarkable testimony to healing in answer to prayer under her ministry.

God is thus honoring, everywhere, the work and prayers of those ordained to His ministry in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion:

Here is a testimony showing God's wonderful power to heal.

We are grateful to God for this healing. It shows that God is blessing our work here.

Many are being blessed in spirit, soul and body.

We give our Father all the glory, and rejoice that we are permitted to work for God in Zion.

"BROOKINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA, March 23, 1901.

"REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

"Dear General Overseer:—We thank God for Zion.

"On February 27th our eleven-months-old baby was taken very sick.

"He had a high fever, a bad cough, and his bowels had not moved for several days.

"As he had never had a natural passage all his life, we, of course, used the usual doctor's remedies and injections.

"But he only grew worse, and would continue to have these bad spells of suffering.

"Some weeks before this we became acquainted with the Zion people here by their coming to our home with LEAVES OF HEALING.

"Then we attended the meetings, and when baby was so sick we decided to ask God to use His wonderful power for our child.

"We went for Deaconess Druey and asked her to pray. She came twice and prayed.

"We obeyed and trusted God alone.

"We praise the Lord our child received a perfect healing, and is now perfectly well.

"There is no more sign of bowel trouble. The bowels move naturally once or twice every day.

"We not only praise God for this, but for the great blessing which has been brought to our home.

"We are so happy, and we realize now that there is only one Healer—our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the Great Physician for spirit, soul and body.

May God bless the work of Zion.

We give God all the glory.

Yours respectfully,

(MRS.) MINNIE KNOEFFLE.  
THEODORE KNOEFFLE.

Toronto, Canada.

Over ten years ago the General Overseer and Mrs. Dowie conducted a very successful Mission in the beautiful City of Toronto, Canada.

God blessed the Message which he brought to that city.

It was good seed, sown in faith and under God's guiding eye, and is still bearing precious fruit.

Zion has, for a long time, had a faithful and active Gathering of the Friends of Zion in Toronto.

Elder E. B. Kennedy, in charge of the Branch of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion at Detroit, Michigan, held a mission in Toronto, from the 13th to the 17th of last month.

James S. McMinns, a member of Zion who attended these meetings, writes as follows, telling of the blessings which God gave through the Elder's labors:

Zion in Toronto sends greetings.

We have been greatly refreshed by a visit from Elder E. B. Kennedy, who held a five days' mission in Toronto, from March 13th to 17th, inclusive.

On the Lord's Day three joyous services were held.

On Wednesday, the first day of the mission, the Prince of the Power of the Air seemed to get terribly frightened at the idea of a Zion Elder coming to Toronto, and raised a terrific storm of wind and drifting snow.

Yet, despite the storm, a few faithful Zion people turned out to welcome Elder Kennedy at the opening meeting.

On the evening of the following day a Baptismal service was held in Bethany Chapel, an independent mission chapel, when sixteen joyfully followed their Lord in Baptism.

It was a meeting bringing much spiritual blessing.

Two services were held each day in our beautiful Zion Tabernacle.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on Lord's Day morning, March 17th, when about fifty met around the Lord's table to partake of this emblem of our Saviour's dying love to us.

There was an ever-increasing interest in the meetings, and had the beloved Elder been able to stay with us for another week, it is pretty safe to say our Zion Tabernacle, which seats from 250 to 300 people, would not have held the crowd who wished to attend.

There is most certainly a grand opening in Toronto for the preaching of the Full Gospel as taught in Zion.

The people seem hungering for something more substantial than is to be found in the churches of the present day.

We anticipate a large increase in numbers in our Gathering as a result of Elder Kennedy's five days' mission in Toronto.

#### FIVE YEARS OF BLESSING THROUGH ZION.

FOREST CITY, IOWA, March 20, 1901.

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

Dear General Overseer:—Referring to your letter of the 5th inst. in reply to our request for prayer for our little girl Bernice, I am glad to be able to report that God gave the victory in answer to your prayer.

In fact, I do not know of an instance in the last five years, during which time we have sent you many requests for prayer, for which we have not received immediate blessing in answer to same.

God has also healed us many times and given us blessing and deliverance in many ways in answer to our prayers during this time.

He never fails to deliver when we comply with the conditions laid down in His Word.

We praise Him increasingly that He has shown us that Psalm 123:3 is not merely sentimental praise on the part of David, but that it is as true as any other part of His Word.

We praise God for our General Overseer, through whom these blessed truths have been brought to us, and through whom God has given us so much of tangible, practical blessing for spirit, soul and body.

Your humble servant in Christ,

J. H. PAXTON.  
LIDA B. PAXTON.

## GOD'S WAY OF HEALING.

BY THE REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

### God's Way of Healing is a Person, not a Thing.

Jesus said, "*I am* the Way, and the Truth, and the Life," and He has ever been revealed to His people in all the ages by the Covenant Name, Jehovah-rophi, or "*I am* the Lord that Healeth thee." (John 14:6; Exodus 15:26.)

### The Lord Jesus Christ is Still the Healer.

He cannot change, for "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yea and forever"; and He is still with us, for He said, "Lo, *I am* with you always, even unto the end of the world." (Hebrews 13:8; Matthew 28:20.) Because He is Unchangeable, and because He is present, in spirit, just as when in the flesh, He is the Healer of His people.

### Divine Healing Rests on Christ's Atonement.

It was prophesied of Him, "Surely He hath borne our griefs (Hebrew *sicknesses*), and carried our sorrows: . . . and with His stripes we are healed"; and it is expressly declared that this was fulfilled in His ministry of Healing, which still continues. (Isaiah 53:4, 5; Matthew 8:17.)

### Disease Can Never be God's Will.

It is the Devil's work, consequent upon Sin, and it is impossible for the work of the Devil ever to be the Will of God. Christ came to "destroy the works of the Devil," and when He was here on earth He healed "all manner of disease and all manner of sickness," and all these diseases are expressly declared to have been "oppressed of the Devil." (1 John 3:8; Matthew 4:23; Acts 10:38.)

### The Gifts of Healing are Permanent.

It is expressly declared that the "Gifts and the calling of God are without repentance," and the Gifts of Healing are amongst the Nine Gifts of the Spirit to the Church. (Romans 11:29; 1 Cor. 12:8-11.)

### There are Four Modes of Divine Healing.

The first is the direct prayer of faith; the second, intercessory prayer of two or more; the third, the anointing by the elders with the prayer of faith; and the fourth, the laying on of hands of those who believe, and whom God has prepared and called to that ministry. (Matthew 8:5-13; Matthew 18:19; James 5:14, 15; Mark 16:18.)

### Divine Healing is Opposed by Diabolical Counterfeits.

Amongst these are Christian Science (falsely so-called), Mind Healing, Spiritualism, Trance Evangelism, etc. (1 Timothy 6:20, 21; 1 Timothy 4:1, 2; Isaiah 51:22, 23.)

### Multitudes Have Been Healed Through Faith in Jesus.

The writer knows of thousands of cases and has personally laid hands on scores of thousands of persons. Full information can be obtained at the meetings held in Zion Tabernacle, 1621-1633 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, and in many pamphlets which give the experience, in their own words, of many who have been healed in this and other countries, published at Zion Publishing House, 1207 Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

### "Belief Cometh of Hearing, and Hearing by the Word of God."

You are heartily invited to attend and hear for yourself.

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THE following letter was written by a gentleman living in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, who was at one time opposed to Zion, but finally saw the light and received Salvation and Healing:

**Healed by Uniting With Zion at the Nine O'clock Hour of Prayer.**

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I wish to add my testimony to that of those who have been healed.

I hope it may prove a blessing to others.

I first received LEAVES OF HEALING when in the Soldiers' Home at Bath, New York.

I read it, but I did not like it because I thought Divine Healing a farce Like many others, I believed Dr. Dowie to be a fraud. After coming to Wisconsin, I found that my sister was a member of Zion. LEAVES OF HEALING was plentiful in her home.

Still I did not relish them. I thought I never would, until I accidentally picked up one on Masonry.

I was convinced that Dr. Dowie knew more than I had given him credit for.

The result of my reading was that I burned my Masonic certificate.

My health being poor, I was induced to ask Zion's prayers for healing and for strength to give up tobacco.

I had been a slave to it since I was seven years old.

I received a share of blessing in my body; but the Devil tempted me and I yielded by tasting tobacco.

I lost the blessing I had received.

I was also troubled with weak stomach and could not eat heartily.

One morning I remembered that all Zion joined in prayer at 9 o'clock.

I went to my room, knelt down, and prayed.

I felt a warm glow pass over me and through my stomach. I knew I was healed. I have been able to eat heartily since, for which I give God all the glory. I thank the General Overseer for his prayers and teaching.

Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters.—Isaiah 32:20.

38 East SIXTEENTH STREET,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, March 8, 1901.

**OVERSEER PIPER.**

Dear Brother in Christ:—Last December you sent to me at Glenburg, Ohio, an invitation to send special ten weeks' subscriptions for LEAVES OF HEALING to my friends.

I sent nine. I will tell you of some of the blessings that have already come from one-third of those that I sent (I presume the others do not know who sent them). I sent a subscription to an unconverted young lady near home.

She became very much interested in LEAVES OF HEALING. She seems to love Zion.

She has promised to give her heart to God and become a Christian, and to come to Zion when God shall open the way.

She rolled up two copies to send to her unconverted father.

This brought blessing to me.

I sent a subscription to a young lady, a school teacher. Last week I unexpectedly received a nice letter from her, thanking me heartily for sending her LEAVES OF HEALING.

She is perfectly delighted and says, "If I can ever get away from home, I am coming to Chicago."

She desires to be "shown the right way, that she may live the right way."

In closing, she says, "As much as I think of LEAVES OF HEALING, I will send some to sick friends."

I received blessing as I read her letter.

I sent a subscription to a friend, and last week was again happily surprised by receiving a letter from him concerning LEAVES OF HEALING.

He is delighted, and says he may come with me to the Zion meeting in the Chicago Auditorium.

He would like to go to Zion City to live.

His wife has just received healing of the grip in answer to his prayers. He has had much experience with doctors and says: "Doctors are only failures of the worst type. Nothing is sure but God's promises."

As I came to the parts of his letter where he referred to LEAVES OF HEALING, Zion and Zion City, the loving Father poured me out blessing and I cried for joy.

My mind at once turned to you in thankfulness for sending me the invitation.

Accept my thanks, for it has brought blessings to me.

I believe that LEAVES OF HEALING will bring blessings to all to whom I have sent them.

Faithfully Yours in His Love,

E. D. BERGMAN.

The letter which follows is from a gentleman in Wisconsin, who writes:

**"The Knowledge I Have Obtained Through Leaves of Healing is Priceless."**

NEW RICHMOND, WISCONSIN, March 25, 1901.

DEAR BROTHER IN CHRIST:—I appreciate the kindness of the dear friend who is sending me LEAVES OF HEALING for ten weeks.

I have managed to take it for over a year. I must say that in my opinion there is nothing in the world, except God's Word, that contains such vital truth and such a "rightly dividing of the Word of Truth."

I was an extreme believer in conditional immortality for thirty years.

I had the Scripture relating to my exposition on my tongue's end.

In one of our dear General Overseer's sermons relating to that subject, I was led through the Spirit's power to see the truth like a flash: that we are the offspring of God.

I rejected that erroneous doctrine. I recognized the brotherhood of man in such a large sense that it has made me really a new creature in Christ Jesus.

If it were not for wearying you, I could tell of wonderful blessing, both physical and spiritual, which I have received through the writings of our General Overseer, God's Messenger to Zion.

I am seventy-two years old and I am in perfect health, better than for twenty years.

I praise God that His prophet has come to instruct us in the way, and to restore the old-time religion.

God bless Zion.

We invite our readers to help Zion Literature Mission in its work of sending the Full Gospel over the world.

Cut out or write the following form and send with your contribution:

..... 1901.

I desire to become a member of Zion's Free Literature Distribution Mission, and, God willing, to contribute.....the

Weekly, Monthly, Quarterly, Annua'y.

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—Mark 16:15.

**Zion Literature Sent Out From a Free Distribution Fund Provided by the Friends of Zion. Report for the Week Ending March 30, 1901.**

14,439 Rolls to.....	England and Scotland.
1,040 Rolls to.....	Hotels of the United States.
772 Rolls to.....	Various States in the Union.
91 Rolls to.....	India.
Number of Rolls reported for the week.....	16,342
Number of Rolls reported to March 30, 1901.....	990,709

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# CHEERING WORDS FROM ZION'S GUESTS

NOTES FROM ZION HOME

THE Regular Praise and Testimony Meeting held in Zion Home, Saturday evening, March 23, 1901, was conducted by Elder Excell.

After the usual opening exercises, the meeting was thrown open for testimony.

J. W. STRECH, Graymont, Illinois, said: "I am truly thankful to God that I have the privilege of being in Zion. It is a great pleasure to come to Chicago, where we can hear the Full Gospel. I am thankful to God that He has raised up a man who is honest enough and has backbone enough to stand up for God and preach the Full Gospel. I have received a great many blessings since I have been reading LEAVES OF HEALING and since I have joined the Christian Catholic Church in Zion. I have been healed, by the power of God, of different diseases. I am glad LEAVES OF HEALING ever came into my hands. As I read it, I compared it with the teaching in the Bible, and found that the General Overseer taught the same as Christ taught while He was here on the earth. I am thankful for Zion."

C. W. GLEASON, Dubuque, Iowa, said: "I am thankful for Christ who saves, keeps and strengthens me. I praise my Heavenly Father that He keeps me. I am thankful that God has raised up a man who is not a coward and who is not afraid to attack Masonry. I know that every word he has said is true, because I was away down there myself."

MRS. J. H. SILVER, 1619 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I praise the Lord for blessings I have received in Zion. I was stricken very suddenly with the grip. My sister suggested that I send for an Elder, and I did. I could not move my head without terrible distress in my stomach. I suffered severe pains in my back. Elder Stokes came and said, 'In the Name of the Lord, move your head.' I moved my head. I was perfectly healed from the trouble in my head. I praise the Lord for His wonderful works to the children of men."

ELDER EMMA K. MASON, Zion Home, said: "A week ago last Tuesday my youngest daughter and I were suffering. We went to the Divine Healing Meeting at Central Zion Tabernacle and into the Prayer Room. I do not remember of having such a painful sore throat before. My daughter was very poorly indeed. Neither of us had had a good night's rest for some time. After the General Overseer laid hands upon us, we had a good night's rest and my sore throat troubled me no more. My daughter has been well ever since. I believe this is the first Divine Healing Meeting which I have attended since I have been in Zion in which I have been prayed for for any physical disability. I thank God for His keeping power of all our family. We praise God for the wonderful blessing we have had in Zion Home."

AUGUST G. DEUTSCHE, Goodenow, Illinois, said: "It is now two years since I gave up medicine and pork. I was troubled with constipation. I gave up all medicine and was delivered. I have been blessed in a great many ways. I thank God for bringing me to Zion."

J. T. CRAIG, Petoskey, Michigan, said: "I feel like praising God for what He has done for me. I have been in good health ever since I have come into Zion. I came on the 7th of October last. I have been healthier this winter than I have

ever been before. If I have any sickness whatever, I leave it with God and He delivers me."

DEACONESS ELLA HERSCHBERGER, Zion Home, said: "I have had some severe attacks since I have been in Zion, but God has always healed me. I have also received great spiritual blessing."

MISS ANNA M. DEUTSCHE, Zion Home, said: "I thank God for what He has done for me, especially in the last few weeks. In that time I have been blessed spiritually more than I have ever been since coming here. I received a healing when I was not praying for it, but while I was being baptized. I am thankful that I am in Zion. I am getting stronger every day."

MISS CARRIE LEISER, Joliet, Illinois, said: "I praise God for the many blessings I have received since coming to Zion."

MISS AUGUSTA F. MCCOY, 1311 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I praise God for what He has done for me and for what He is doing. I am daily receiving from Him spiritual blessing. I thank Him especially for being permitted to be a member of Zion Seventies. I am greatly blessed in my Seventy work, both spiritually and physically."

MISS EDITH FANNING, Zion Home, said: "I praise God for salvation. I served in the Salvation Army the first five years of my Christian life. I have been five years in Zion. God led me out of the Salvation Army and into Zion. I praise God with all my heart for the many blessings I have received here. I thank Him for bringing me to Zion. God has always kept me well. I have had one serious attack since I have been here, but God healed me of that."

The meeting was then closed with the benediction.

THE regular Praise and Testimony Meeting held in Zion Home, Saturday evening, March 30, 1901, was conducted by Prof. J. H. Harnley.

After the usual opening exercises, the meeting was thrown open for testimony.

MISS BARBARA HELBACH, Zion Home, said: "I wish to thank God for His goodness to me, especially during the past two years that I have been in Zion.

"I caught a severe cold. It settled in my gums and throat. I also had pains all through my body. I lost three nights' sleep. My gums above my front teeth were very badly swollen and ulcerated and my lip was also swollen so that I could hardly eat. Prayers were offered for me and the General Overseer laid his hands upon me and prayed. Shortly after that, my gums burst and discharged three different times. The swelling went down and I grew rapidly better. I feel quite well again tonight. I praise God for it."

MISS N. PAULINE WEST, 14 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I am so happy to be here tonight. I have been in this city for five years as a trained nurse. I realized that medicine was not what people supposed it to be. About five months ago I accepted this teaching. I thank God for what He has done for me, and for the blessings I have received, spiritually and physically."

A. G. HUGH, Dixon, Illinois, said: "I am very thankful for the privilege of being in Zion and for the blessing I have received while here. I have received much spiritual blessing

this last week. I also notice that I do not suffer so much from catarrh. It is something new for me to get up in the morning with a clear throat, which I have not been able to do since a child."

PROFESSOR HARNLEY, Zion Home, said: "I wish to testify to the fact that I have been unusually kept since I have been in Zion. Whenever I have suffered in body, it has been on account of my own indiscretions. I have not seriously suffered since I have been in Zion, only from a little cold now and then. It is, perhaps, largely owing to our own indiscretions in many cases that we suffer. We need to be very careful and live up to the knowledge we have, not only in a spiritual way, but also in a natural way, not to unduly expose ourselves, and then God will keep us."

DEACONESS HILL, Zion Home, said: "One of the most remarkable truths taught in Zion is the value and importance of the body. I realize that very much. All my life I have been careless with my body, violating physical laws. It is a miracle that I am living today."

"I am thankful for the teaching in Zion. So many people think the main teaching in Zion is Divine Healing, whereas the truths which are taught lead up to that. That is the result of the truths as Christ said, 'The Truth shall make you free' from all sin and sickness."

GILSON C. NORRIS, Three Oaks, Michigan, said: "I have been in Zion but a few short weeks, but I must say that I have heard more Bible teaching during that time than I have heard in all my life in the denominational churches. It has cost me something to leave the old churches, but I thank God that I am in Zion, where they teach the Everlasting Gospel. I have believed in this Gospel for many a day, but I could not break away as I ought to have done. I have now come eighty miles to learn more."

"I was baptized last Wednesday night. I have been blessed. My body has been weak for twenty-three years. God is healing me and I am getting well. I praise God for it. I praise God that we have a Church which is preaching the Everlasting Gospel, where men and women can learn the truth. My prayer is that every child of God in the old churches may come out and stand for God."

W. P. SWEET, Champaign, Illinois, said: "I realize that the Lord has blessed me this week. When I look over my past life, I see the Lord has been very good to me, especially during the last twelve or fifteen years."

"I have been healed of asthma, with which I was a sufferer for thirty years. I was a confirmed asthmatic. Many and many a night I have had to sit up all night. I could not lie down in bed. I always had to have three pillows, and now I do not need any. I rejoice for what God has done for me. It affords me great pleasure to do what little I can to hold up the light."

"I am thankful for the teaching I have received here. I am fully trusting in God as my Saviour and my Healer."

MISS TERESA L. DAY, Zion Home, said: "When I was in Canada I used to read LEAVES OF HEALING from beginning to end with great interest. I thank God that He has brought me into Zion and that I have the privilege of living in Zion Home."

"Since I have been here, I have received great blessing. I have been healed of backache, with which I had suffered since a child, whenever I would work. I am now free from that, and it is a great blessing, as I suffered intensely with it. I also suffered with catarrh for many years. Since I have been in Zion I have trusted God for healing and it is almost gone."

"I have been in Zion for three years, and they have been the best years of my life."

DAVID DARWIN, Iron River, Michigan, said: "I think I would do wrong if I did not testify here tonight, after receiving the blessings I have had since I have been here. During the last two or three weeks I have received wonderful treatment at the hands of God."

"I was in a horrible condition, and had been so for the last seventeen years. I had been all over the country and spent all my money on doctors and medicines. I left home with the intention of going somewhere to be cured or to be healed, and never to return until I was healed. I had lost all faith in doctors, and I think that God has led me here. I feel satisfied, for I know I am going to be still better."

THOMAS HUSTON, 1604 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I thank God that I have been led out of the Church I was in and into Zion, and that there is a man in Zion who has been so blessed of God that through his prayers there is so much good done to the world at large. I thank God I can testify tonight to His goodness to me in leading me here. I came here last August from North Dakota, suffering from general debility. I had too many ailments to tell of at the present time. I was, as I might say, diseased all over. I came here with full confidence and trust in God that I would be healed. I attended the first Divine Healing Meeting in the Assembly Room downstairs. The General Overseer, that blessed man of God, led the meeting. He laid hands upon me and prayed and I was healed of my diseases. When he laid hands upon me, I felt a warm glow pass through my body from head to foot."

"I thank God for all the blessings I have received in Zion. I am working for the Master in Zion Seventy work and in the Cottage Meetings. The Lord is blessing me wonderfully. I feel thankful that I can help in this work and for the blessing I am receiving. God bless Zion people and the General Overseer and all the Overseers, Elders and Deacons and Deaconesses."

ELDER JOHN ALEX. INOUE, Zion Home, said: "Today one of the Japanese came and told me of the division at the Moody Bible Institute. Jesus said, 'Every Kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand.' I am very thankful for my deliverance from that school."

"God brought me from the Moody Bible Institute to Zion. Since I have been here, by the Grace of God, I am stronger physically and spiritually."

"During my ministry for many years in Japan, I tried to obey the Will of God, but I was misled by my feelings, I believe. God told me through our beloved General Overseer how to obey God. I am simply trusting in Jesus alone. Many Japanese friends and my family ask me when I am coming home. I simply answer them, 'I do not know. God knows. When God sends me home, I will go home any time.' Our General Overseer is praying for my heathen land."

"Pray for Zion's little Gathering in Japan. They are waiting for Zion's Messenger. They have no leader, but they are very faithful. They are working from house to house distributing Zion Literature. Pray for me. Pray for my people, that they may believe the Full Gospel from Zion's Messenger."

The meeting was then closed by the

#### BENEDICTION.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.



# ZION IN THE ORIENT.

By Rev. Geo. L. Mason, B.A.B.D.  
Overseer of the C.C.C. in China.

JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL describes the demand of a past generation for soft preaching:

They're willin' a man should go toll'able strong  
Ag'in wrong in the abstract, for that kind of wrong  
Is oillers unpop'lar and never gits pitied,  
Because it's a crime no one ever committed!  
But he mustn't be hard on partickaler sins,  
'Cause then he'll be kickin' the people's own shins.

The strength of Zion is her sharp rebuke of particular sins and her teaching of Living Truth.

The weakness of the apostasy is in what Carlyle calls the "indiscriminate mashing up of good and evil into one universal patent treacle."

R. W. EMERSON, more than any other writer, perhaps, by his subtle pantheism, has rubbed out in the Protestant mind the line which separates Truth from Error and Right from Wrong.

It is not surprising to hear it said by the Hindoo Mozoomdar, author of "The Oriental Christ":

The essays of Emerson are now read with the utmost appreciation even by Hindoo schoolboys, whose opinion is that Emerson was a geographical mistake; for he should have been born in India instead of America.

THE PROTESTANT APOSTASY no longer fights Rome with vigor. The *Missionary Herald* (Congregational), speaking of Missions in Romanist lands, says: "The fundamental thought is *not to separate* from the Roman Catholic Church." That is, the missionaries are to spend their time scrubbing up and polishing a few here and there, and leaving them still in Roman bondage.

A Presbyterian missionary in Brazil writes that he only hopes to compel the Roman Church in Brazil to become more like the Roman Catholic Church in the United States.

In New York, Dr. Briggs introduced a priest, who lectured to the Presbyterian theological students, as a representative of the "mother of churches." And we have a popular religious newspaper maintaining that there is now "neither weakness nor corruption in the chain of St. Peter." It is fitting that men who are thus blind to the fact that Popery is incapable of reform should in so many instances be the very men who are undermining the faith of college and seminary students in the Bible. In no way can these men serve Romanism so well as by impugning the Divine inspiration of the Bible.

Roman Catholic priests have been received with great honor as lecturers on religion in Harvard University.

The same has occurred in the lecture course in Colgate University (Baptist), and one of the professors has delivered a paid lecture for the benefit of a Roman Catholic Church; just as D. L. Moody gave hundreds of dollars to help build a Roman temple in Northfield.

I once distributed some antipapal tracts among students in Brown University. It made such a buzzing as one sees when Antimasonic literature is handed out in a Methodist College.

It is a common thing for cowardly Protestant Church members who are in business to subscribe liberally for Roman Catholic Church bazars, which sell cigars and run gambling schemes which end in a free-for-all dance and drunk.

These Apostate Protestants are all "ag'in wrong in the abstract," and do not like Zion's rebuke of particular sins. But God approves of it when done in love and in the power of the Holy Spirit (Isaiah 58:1).

LEAVE THE SORDID WRECK and dust and dead ashes of Denominationalism and come into Zion, where you may wage a straight warfare against actual sin (Ephesians 6:10-20).

THE CONGREGATIONALISTS sent a deputation to China to examine the missions. They report that they find "denominational lines are essentially erased everywhere."

If that be true, it is time the missionaries stopped the wicked waste of keeping up separate and rival schools and churches in the same cities, and sometimes in the same villages (Matthew 23:15).

ZION MISSIONS must keep bright and clear and straight the eternal line between Truth and Falsehood; and so magnify the sense of difference between Right and Wrong that it shall fill all time and space (Matthew 5:19, 20).

HAVE YOU PRAYED today that the Holy Spirit may fill the Zion Messengers and people in Australia and New Zealand, in Japan and China?

And will you not take time to write to some of them a few words of kindly greeting? It will cheer them. See their address in LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume VIII, Number 16 (Isaiah 41:6, 7).

THE OVERSEER FOR CHINA, and also Mrs. Mason, may be addressed for a few weeks, at least, at 533 West Ridgway Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

## GOD THE HEALER OF SORE EYES, INSANITY AND MANY OTHER DISEASES.

On February 19th we received the following letter:

CHENOA, ILLINOIS, February 18, 1901.

DEAR DR. DOWIE:—I wish to write a word about my healing. Last week my husband sent you a request asking you to pray for me. My eyes were very sore and could not bear the light from a lamp. They began to heal right away, and now are well.

I am also feeling better every way.

Three and one-half years ago I was healed of insanity, after being in the hospital nine months.

Two children have been born to us since without a doctor.

Our children have been healed of measles, lung fever, summer complaint, and other sicknesses.

We thank God for His goodness toward us and His keeping power.

Yours in Christ,

(MRS.) DAVID TILBURY.

# THE STORY OF ZION GUARD.

I WILL ALSO make thy officers peace.—Isaiah 60:17.

**T**HIS is God's promise to Zion.

This promise is fulfilled in Zion.

Zion Guard is a body of peace officers.

They are men of peace, giving their service freely to preserve and protect peace.

They have done their work quietly, unobtrusively, but effectively.

Zion's peace in God has not been broken.

These faithful Guards have protected it faithfully.

They have done so, often at the risk of life and limb, and some have suffered actual violence in the courageous performance of their duty.

Zion Guard, as an organization, antedates the Christian Catholic Church in Zion by seven months.

On June 16, 1895, the "year of persecution," it was reported, on credible authority, that there was a conspiracy being concocted by the enemy to destroy the buildings which Zion then occupied, Zion Tabernacle No. 2, Zion Publishing House, and Divine Healing Homes Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

At a meeting held on that date, in Zion Tabernacle No. 2, Dr. Dowie, now General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, called for "strong men" who would volunteer to serve as unarmed watchmen in addition to the regular paid watchmen.

At that first meeting, held in Zion Publishing House, were about twenty men. Most of them are still members of Zion Guard.

At that meeting an organization of Zion Watchmen was effected, with Mr. Carl F. Stern, an ex-police officer of the City of Chicago, as Captain.

Captain Stern, now a Deacon in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion and the General Overseer's personal attendant, still holds that position.

The quiet efficiency of Zion Guard, through all the years which have followed, has been in a very large measure due to Captain Stern's faithful, able and prayerful administration, under the General Overseer.

Zion Watchmen began active duty immediately after their organization.

All through that terrible "year of persecution" the little band of strong men took turns in watching Zion's property through the night.

They also served as a bodyguard to Dr. Dowie, who was then being arrested by his persecutors sometimes several times a day and often at night.

Unostentatiously they kept close to him when he was in the hands of the police, keeping watchful eyes upon the movements of all who came near.

The life of Zion's leader was perpetually in danger, but Zion's Watchmen were ever near, ever ready to sacrifice their own lives, if necessary, to save his.

Often, when Dr. Dowie was arrested and taken to distant parts of the city, Zion's Watchmen followed on bicycles, ever on the alert, at a signal agreed upon, to come to their beloved leader's rescue.

On several occasions, during this "year of persecution," did Zion Watchmen save Zion's property from destruction by fire.

Once, when midnight incendiaries were crawling stealthily on their hands and knees to reach Divine Healing Home No. 1, Zion Watchmen discovered them and drove them away.

In November, 1895, near the end of that year, Zion Watchmen gathered on the platform of Zion Tabernacle No. 2 and were photographed.

A reproduction of that photograph appeared in LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume II, Number 5, page 65. We reproduce it on page 762 of this issue.

Of the strong men there pictured as members of the Guard, one is now General Overseer, two are Overseers and five are Deacons in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion. The majority are active members of Zion Guard, and some of the remainder are honorary members, having removed to other cities.

In writing concerning their picture, Dr. Dowie wrote in the same number as follows:

"We made our prayer unto our God and set a watch against them, day and night."

These are the words of grand old Nehemiah, who set a watch upon the Walls of Zion, as he rebuilt them 2340 years ago. The enemies of God hated him and those who came with him to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

He says of them: "It came to pass, that when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem went forward, and that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth; and they conspired all of them together to come and fight against Jerusalem, and to cause confusion therein."

History repeats itself in every age, for the conflict is ever the same between the powers of darkness and the Kingdom of God.

We have great pleasure in presenting our readers with a picture of Zion's Watchmen, who have been a guard day and night to protect life and property in the various institutions of our Zion against a small band of cruel and relentless conspirators which had threatened both.

Their watch began on June 16th and continues until this time. When it is remembered that these brethren worked all day and often watched all night through these long months, and that all of them, without any exception, have done this without receiving or hoping for one single cent of remuneration, it will be seen that they have indeed been self-sacrificing and devoted in no ordinary degree. The Captain of the watch, Carl F. Stern, an ex-police officer of this city, has now been appointed upon our permanent staff, but all the others continue to give their services by an arrangement among themselves upon particular days and nights.

The following is a list of the Watchmen, with their addresses, all being residents of Chicago, except where otherwise noted:

F. C. Van Zandt, 1014 Fifty-fourth Court; A. H. Best, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania; A. F. Clemons, 8260 Mackinaw Avenue; N. Rohr, 394 North Campbell Avenue; William Knopp, 5123 Wentworth Avenue; William Hamilton, 380 Henry Street; J. Mears, 5473 Kimbark Avenue; Henry Peetz, 751 Washtenaw Avenue; D. C. Eicher, 117 Wabash Avenue; Herman Paesler, 571 Henry Street; J. T. Wilhide, 6034 Edgerton Avenue; A. Miller, 6904 Wentworth Avenue; Harvey Thomas, 6010 Princeton Avenue; Fred Trampisch, 6720 Ada Street; Dr. J. G. Speicher, 6034 Edgerton Avenue; Rev. John Alexander Dowie, 6020 Edgerton Avenue; Carl F. Stern, 483 West Fourteenth Street; H. A. Merrifield, 6247 Oglesby Avenue; E. L. Shreffler, 4600 Wentworth Avenue; H. Van Houten, 4600 Wentworth Avenue; James B. Walker, 6947 Oglesby Avenue; J. Schuring, 936 Fifty-third Street; George Schreiber, 7316 Lexington Avenue; H. N. Kudak, 465 West Fourteenth Street; P. Van Hoesen, 6032 Washington Avenue; Charles Ravenskamp, 6039 Washington Avenue; Frank Cotton, 253 East Sixty-second Street; H. H. Peterson, 6030 Green Street; F. Palmer, 6030 Green Street; H. Calverley, 297 South Franklin Street; A. Richardson, 4534 Dearborn Street; C. Hope, 376 Twenty-sixth Street; Fred Weimer, 7220 Evans Avenue; John Casson, 6020 Edgerton Avenue; J. R. Palmer, 42 Woodlawn Park; C. M. Henderson, 6617 Laffin Street; Joseph Schermer, 935 Mitchell Avenue; G. Bankey, 1336 East Seventy-first Street; J. T. Palmer, 5803 Emerald Avenue; F. Leonard, 309 Sixty-second Place; H. Fisher, 3020 Haines Court; J. Schultz, 97 George Street; J. B. Westbay, 725 West Fifty-fourth Court; William Johnson, 131 Fifty-third Street.

In addition to these, we think it right to mention the names of Messrs. J. M. Colley, now of Streator, Illinois; William G. Hall, 721 Forty-eighth Street, Chicago; John Murdock, 54 Greenwich Street, Chicago; H. Van Moos, 751 Washtenaw Avenue, Chicago; and probably others, who have helped in this way, whose names we have failed to record, although we have made the list as perfect as possible.

No words of gratitude we can utter will adequately express our admiration for the devotion and love displayed in all these months of ceaseless

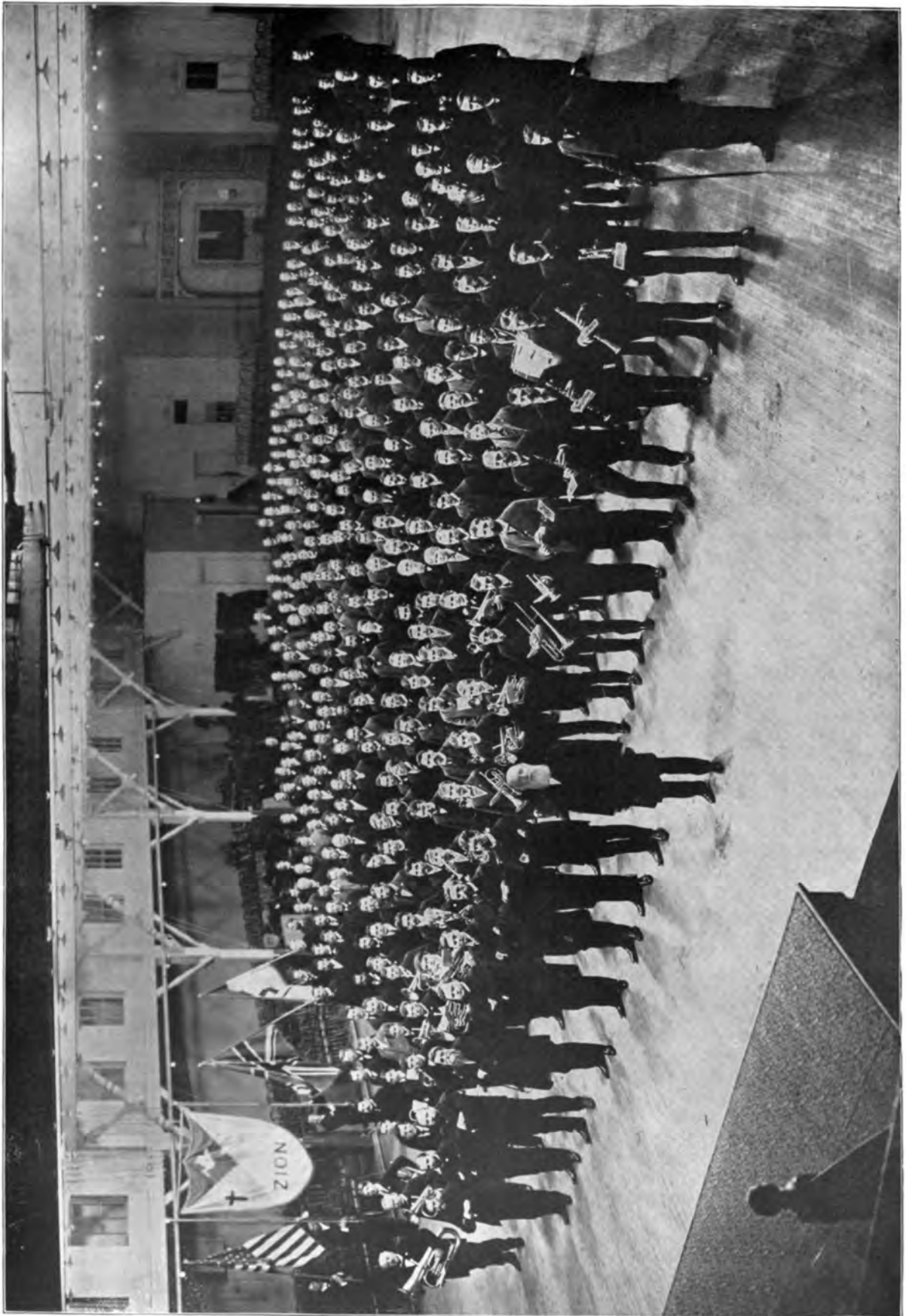




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**ZION'S WATCHMEN.**

From a Photograph taken in Zion Tabernacle No. 2, Chicago, in November, 1895.



GENERAL OVERSEER AND ZION GUARD.  
From a Flashlight Photograph taken in South Side Zion Tabernacle, Chicago, Monday Evening, March 22, 1901.

vigilance. The sacrifices demanded of these brethren were great, but they were made in so joyful and heroic a spirit that we felt that God had indeed inspired their devotion. The story of their work can never be fully written. On many occasions they undoubtedly prevented serious personal injury and loss. They put out more than one fire and thwarted attempts to ignite others. Danger has in large measure passed away, but their vigilance never slumbers and they reënforce our permanent watchmen by their continuous voluntary help.

It is not only to these brethren that we owe this tribute of our public thanks, but also to their devoted wives, who cheerfully agreed to their husbands' actions and most cordially coöperated with them in every way.

Nor must we forget that the spirit which was displayed by all of these friends has been manifested in many other ways by innumerable acts of helpful love throughout all our bitter persecutions. Had it been needful 1000 men could have been found to go forth from their homes for our protection and aid. These facts have been of unspeakable comfort to our hearts, and we place them on record, believing that, in future years, Zion's Watchmen will be held in ever-increasing esteem as having nobly done their duty in our days of severest trial.

We feel that words are too feeble to express the feeling of our heart, and we can only say in closing, May God bless them, and may the ministering spirits sent forth to minister unto them, who shall be heirs of salvation, watch over them and theirs throughout all the years in which they shall be marching upward to Zion, the beautiful City of God.

Some time after this picture was taken, the name of the organization was changed from Zion Watchmen to the present form, Zion Guard.

From a little band of less than fifty, Zion Guard has grown to a strong, compact organization of 300 men.

During all these years their services have been invaluable.

Besides watching Zion's property at night, they have served as the General Overseer's bodyguard at all times.

During Zion's Holy War, at West Side Zion Tabernacle, Hammond, Indiana, and Oak Park, Illinois, they fearlessly gathered about the General Overseer, receiving missiles and blows and, in some cases, serious bodily injury in protecting him.

Even some of Zion's noble women have become Special Volunteer Guards in these times of danger, especially at Hammond, Indiana, where the General Overseer walked for several blocks surrounded by a howling, murderous mob, which was kept from accomplishing its openly avowed purpose of killing the man of God only by Zion Guards, under God.

Zion Guard has also served as peace officers to handle and keep in order the thousands who have thronged the General Overseer's meetings.

Thus, wherever needed, these faithful men have voluntarily and freely served God and Zion, often working at their vocations all day and remaining on guard all night.

They have ever been entirely unarmed, performing the most dangerous duties with no weapon of aggression or defense save the Sword of the Spirit, God's Holy Word.

In the fall of 1899, Zion's Holy War necessitated an increase in the number of Zion Guard, and in the spring of 1900 this number was, for convenience, divided into companies according to location, there being eight companies, two in the Central District, two on the South Side, one each for the West Side, North Side, Oak Park and Zion City.

At about this time the Guards began to drill under Drillmaster J. E. Daniels. They made their first public appearance as a drilled body at the Consecration of Zion Temple Site at Zion City Site on July 14, 1900. On that day they also attracted attention and favorable comment, even from the newspapers of Chicago, for the marvelous way in which they handled the 10,000 people who thronged out of Chicago to Zion City.

In the early fall of 1900 Drillmaster Daniels was succeeded by Lieut. B. F. Morris, who still retains the position of Drillmaster and has done most excellent work in bringing Zion Guard up to a high standard of efficiency as a result of the

attention, harmonious action and discipline involved in regular, accurate drilling.

On Monday, February 18, 1901, the General Overseer addressed a Grand Rally of Zion Guard at South Side Zion Tabernacle and presented them with the beautiful silken and now historic flags of the United States, Great Britain and Zion, and the Zion Banner which he carried with him in his European mission tour of 1900-1901.

On Monday night, March 22, 1901, a grand rally was held at the South Side Zion Tabernacle.

At this rally the flashlight photograph which is reproduced on page 763 was taken by Messrs. Ernest and Shirley D. Williams.

On this night, also, the first measurements were taken for the neat uniforms which Zion Guard will hereafter wear when on duty.

Zion Guard has now a brass band of thirty-six instruments, Mr. Charles Irish being leader and Mr. J. E. Daniels drum major. Although this band has been practicing only a few months, it furnishes very acceptable music.

Zion Guard is now nearly six years old, but it is still in its infancy.

Its highest usefulness, its grandest work, will be when, in Zion City, which God has given Zion, its members watch over the homes of the people and Zion's many great institutions, control the tens of thousands who will attend services in Zion Temple, keep peace within the City, and kindly but firmly prevent strangers from breaking the wise and just laws which will govern the City.

As an earnest of that great work, Zion Guard will serve as peace officers at the great Encampment of Members and Friends of Zion, to be held at Zion City site next July, before and after the First Anniversary of the Consecration of Zion Temple Site, July 14, 1901.

On this occasion, it is expected that over ten and perhaps over twenty thousand people will be encamped upon the site.

Zion Guard will have a special camp and will be given the duty of policing the great camp.

Thus quietly, undemonstratively, but with splendid efficiency, Zion Guard has served, is serving and will serve Zion's God.

Its members have many of them been saved in Zion; nearly all of them have felt God's healing touch for diseases of greater or less severity.

Their families have been saved and healed.

Their homes have been made happy.

God has greatly blessed them in their work and in their business.

May God bless Zion Guard and keep it strong and pure and efficient in its noble work for the extension of His Kingdom, until Jesus comes

A. W. N.

#### MOTHER AND THREE LITTLE ONES HEALED.

The following letter was received on January 18th.

MODENA, WISCONSIN, January 18, 1901.

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

Dear General Overseer:—I take pleasure at this time in witnessing to God's Saving, Healing and Keeping power.

I have been healed of stomach trouble and piles.

Eva has been healed of a severe case of eczema, and also of jaundice.

Walter has been healed of cholera-morbus and of grip.

Melba has been healed of crushed finger and summer complaint.

I give God all the glory and thank Dr. Dowie for the teaching of the Full Gospel.

My daily prayer is that God will bless all Zion workers, and Zion everywhere.

May the General Overseer be spared many years to carry on this good work.

Yours in Jesus' Name,

(MRS.) H. O. BROWN.

# THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN OPENED.

**W**ILL a man rob God? yet ye rob Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with the curse; for ye rob Me, even this whole nation. Bring ye the Whole Tithe into the Storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you happy: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts.

—Malachi 3:8-12.

## Disobedience Brings Great Loss; Obedience Remarkable Prosperity.

SUMMIT, SOUTH DAKOTA, March 25, 1901.

REV. W. H. PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—God prospered us and we had a comfortable little home.

We felt that we ought to give a tenth to God and said we would when we were all out of debt.

We were on a farm and had a large crop which would in all probability pay our debts; after that we said we would tithe.

God wanted obedience at once.

We lost our house and everything in it by fire.

We lost a cow and calf, and it seemed as though everything would go.

Before beginning another house we began to lay aside the tenth, and since then have been wonderfully prospered.

Even others remark how successful we have been.

We wanted to be Christians and have our way; but we found God's Way was the best.

We would like to say, "Obey God in His Word quickly," as we feel our experience will be the experience of others if they do not obey.

We thank God and praise Him for His great goodness to us.

We have been kept in health and strength when there has been so much sickness around us.

Pray for us, that we may ever be faithful.

This is a good way, a grand way to live.

Your Brother and Sister in Christ, MR. AND MRS. I. N. CRAIN.

## God Makes Good Losses and Brings Prosperity When Tithes are Paid.

MONROE CENTER, MICHIGAN, March 27, 1901.

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—We have been blessed wonderfully in tithing.

We never heard of tithing before we came into Zion.

The Salvation Army never taught us about paying tithes.

We were to give in soldiers' meetings whatever we could.

We seemed to gain nothing while in the Army.

We lost one team of horses and one cow.

The officers told us the Lord did it for a purpose.

They told us we must not expect help in that way from the Lord.

They said that the Lord would bless us in a spiritual way, and we must look out for the financial blessing ourselves.

We were not satisfied in that way.

Since we have paid our tithes into God's Storehouse, He has given us another team, better than the first.

We fail to find words to express the blessing since we give the money to God instead of to man.

Your Sister in Christ, (MRS.) J. PICKEREL.

## Blessed in Basket and Store and Spiritually in Tithing.

ELMHURST, CALIFORNIA, March 25, 1901.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—It gives me great pleasure to testify to the wonderful blessing in tithing.

Some thirty years ago, when first converted, I took up that method, having learned it from God's Word.

He has blessed me not only in basket and store, but in rich spiritual blessings in proportion, as I have been faithful.

He is just the same today.

I am sure that any who will try it will be entirely satisfied.

Yours in Christ, HENRY PITTOCK.

## Tithing Makes a Vast Difference in Money Matters.

CONWAY, OHIO, March 19, 1901.

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—I feel impressed to give my experience in tithing.

I began tithing in October, 1899.

I had, up to that time, been very saving.

Having a family of eight children and living upon a farm, money came in very slowly.

Luxuries were scarce and presents for my family were scarcer.

Since we have been tithing, however, there has been a vast difference in money matters.

Half has not been told.

P. R. MENTZER.

## Income Trebled in Two Years.

ASHKUM, ILLINOIS, March 18, 1901.

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

*Dear General Overseer:*—We came here in December, 1897, and in April I began making money by running a shoe shop.

My tithes that year (my first one) were \$—, which I gave here to the Congregational Church to which I belonged.

The second season my tithes had increased nearly thirty-three and one-third per cent, and I paid them into Zion's Storehouse.

Last year they were much more than double what they were the year before, and more than three times as much as the first year's tithes.

With a prayer in my heart for the onward and upward march of Zion, I will close.

Truly your Friend and Sister, (MRS.) ANNIE E. WASHTLER.

## God Blesses When His Word is Obeyed.

OSKALOOSA, IOWA, April 1, 1901.

REV. W. H. PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—I wish to thank God for the blessings received, both spiritually and financially, in tithing.

God has never failed when trusted, if we do our part.

I vowed years ago to give my tenth to God.

While in the Friends Church, if I paid, I did not know where it went.

That was a hindrance to my fulfilling my vow.

Since coming into Zion it has been a pleasure to pay my tithes into God's Storehouse.

May God bless Zion's work in all things.

Your Sister in Christ, (MRS.) S. R. BURNSIDE.

## Business Increases Every Season When Tithes are Paid.

MODENA, WISCONSIN, March 25, 1901.

REV. W. H. PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—God has abundantly blessed me in paying tithes into Zion's Storehouse.

My business has increased with every season.

I am often told that people are surprised to see the large trade I have in a small country place.

God always sends two or more customers for every one I lose for this Gospel's sake.

I thank God for His goodness to us and for the teaching we received through our dear General Overseer.

Yours faithfully in Jesus, MOLLIE MATTAUSCH.

## Husband Gets Permanent Position in Answer to Prayer When Tithes are Paid.

MONTREAL, CANADA, March 22, 1901.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Brother in Christ:*—I have received blessings since I have been paying tithes.

God has blessed my dear children.

I am telling others of this great and blessed teaching.

I thank you for your prayers.

Some time ago I asked you to pray that my husband might get work. He now has permanent work in Montreal.

God bless you.

Your Sister in the Lord, (MRS.) E. BERGGROVE.

## Blessed in Spirit, Soul and Body Through Tithing.

6723 RHODES AVENUE,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, March 24, 1901.

REV. W. H. PIPER:—I thank God that I can say truthfully that God has blessed myself and my family in spirit, soul and body since we began to pay the tithe to God.

I have done so since I came into Zion.

We have been healed and blessed in many ways.

May God bless our dear General Overseer, yourself and all Zion.

Yours in Christ's Service, ALEX. E. JOHNSON.

## Money Comes From an Unexpected Source.

TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN, March 23, 1901.

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—The last time I paid my tithes the Lord blessed me with \$2 for which I was not looking. JOHN A. COOK.

# OPEN YE THE GATES!

*That the Righteous Nation which Keepeth Truth may Enter therein—Isaiah 26:2.*

Zion's Trumpet has sounded. The Message has gone forth. God's Exiles shall go Free. Zion throughout the world will sing Hallelujahs to Him who sitteth upon the Throne.

GOD'S MESSENGER HAS  
DECLARED

**MONDAY, JULY 15, 1901**

TO BE THE DATE  
OF THE

OPENING OF THE GATES OF



God's City of Righteousness, an abiding place for the afflicted of His people.

A City for those who would live godly in Christ Jesus.

A City where the true Christian Home-life will be established and maintained in all its purity.

A City where God's people will be trained and prepared for the Coming of their King, Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Be glad then, ye Children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God.—Joel 22:2.*

The 6400 Acres of beautiful land selected and secured for this City has been Consecrated to God and the advancement of His Kingdom, and of the following curses to humanity there will be tolerated upon it:

**NO** **Breweries or Saloons.**  
**Gambling Hells.**  
**Houses of Ill-Fame.**  
**Hog-Raising, Selling or Handling.**

**NO** **Drug or Tobacco Shops.**  
**Hospitals or Doctors' Offices.**  
**Theaters or Dance Halls.**  
**Secret Lodges or Apostate Churches.**

Or any other abomination which defiles the spirits, souls and bodies of men.

GOD DEMANDS PURITY in the home, in the office, in the store, in the workshop and everywhere, and Zion stands for it.

Zion City will have good Libraries, Schools and Colleges, Divine Healing Homes, Homes for the Aged, Orphanages, Homes for Young Men, Homes for Young Women, and above all the great

## 🌿 ZION TEMPLE 🌿

Seating at least 25,000 people, where multitudes will assemble every Lord's Day to hear the Everlasting Gospel preached in all its fulness.

This land will be conveyed by lease only and not by deed. Leases will stand for a period of not less than 1000 years.

Certificates of Stock in Zion Land and Investment Association will be accepted in payment for lots, and shareholders only will be entitled to the first choice of selection at the lowest prices.

Owing to the limited number of lots that will be ready by the opening day, we would advise every prospective purchaser or homeseeker in Zion City to secure stock at once, or before the first series closes, which will be at an early date.

The mutual interests of employer and employee will be provided for by the establishment of Manufacturing Industries and Commercial Enterprises operated on the Co-operative, Profit-sharing Plan.

Pamphlets, Articles of Agreement and any other information desired by prospective investors, gladly furnished upon application.

Address all communications relating to Zion City to

### ZION LAND AND INVESTMENT ASSOCIATION,

H. WORTHINGTON JUDD,  
Secretary and General Manager.

DANIEL SLOAN,  
Assistant Manager.

1300 Michigan Avenue,

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.



# ZION'S BIBLE CLASS.

CONDUCTED BY DEACON DANIEL SLOAN.

## MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS LESSON, APRIL 17th or 18th.

### Help That Falls Not.

- God is now here.*—Matthew 1:21-23.  
He has not gone away from this earth.  
"I am with you always," is His Word.  
One's spirit can never flee from Him.
- He is so near that His Voice is heard.*—John 10:4, 5.  
Follow Me, is His command.  
The soldier at the cross knew His Voice.  
Those who came to arrest Him heard it.
- He is a very present help.*—Psalm 46:1-3.  
He is not simply a Help;  
He is not merely a Present Help;  
But He is a very Present Help.
- His eye directs our movements.*—Psalm 123:1, 2.  
Although He is in heaven, it directs us.  
In fellowship, we look into His eye.  
He says by His eye, Do this, or Do that.
- We do not have to feel after Him.*—Acts 17:27, 28.  
One has not to search for Him as the woman did for the lost coin.  
He is never far away to the humble.  
Mary, in grief, found her Lord was near her.
- We see Him not far off.*—Jeremiah 23:21-24.  
We find Him at hand, as Peter did.  
He makes plain what will be done years hence.  
He gives freely only of good things.
- He is in and through us.*—John 15:1-5.  
His Life courses within us.  
His Grace shines out of us.  
His Vigor touches even finger tips.
- We cannot take a step without Him.*—John 14:6-9.  
He is the Way to happiness.  
He is the Truth to find it.  
He is the Life to enjoy it.  
*The Lord Our God is an Ever-Present God.*

## SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS LESSON, APRIL 21st.

### Daily Subjects of Prayer.

- Pray for light from God's Word on every relationship of life.*—Psalm 119:130.  
God's Word is the Light to follow.  
It is bright to those having eyes to see.  
Keep it near you and follow it closely.
- Pray for God's presence and power in the inner life.*—Psalm 27:7-9.  
His smiling face brings cheer.  
A close fellowship with God is blessed.  
His presence within makes life all glorious.
- Pray for sufficient food and clothing for the body.*—Proverbs 30:7-9.  
Ask Him to supply arising needs.  
Ask for what you need in confidence.  
Live right and never fear for want.
- Pray for good judgment to administer the affairs of life.*—1 Kings 3:9, 10.  
He gives wisdom with which to govern one in selections.  
He enables one to judge righteously.  
His Word guides into the exercise of good judgment.
- Pray for a renewed body to accomplish God's will on earth.*—Isaiah 40:28-31.  
Your body needs daily renewal.  
Wait on God; He delivers from every weakness.  
Take hold upon His strength.
- Pray for deliverance from trouble, oppression and difficulty.*—Psalm 34:3-7.  
He delivers from trouble.  
He saves from all our enemies.  
He lifts up those bowed down.
- Pray for a clean, joyful heart to witness for Him in all the walks of life.*—Psalm 51:10-13.  
Happy is one with a clean heart.  
When happy, then one can be useful.  
When freed from care, we can teach others.
- Pray for enemies and those who despise your mission in life.*—Matthew 5:43-46.  
Pray most for those who mistreat you.  
Be happy when others malign you.  
Prayer is your safeguard against becoming angry at others.
- Pray for rulers in authority, and for the peace of the place in which you live.*—1 Timothy 2:1-4.  
Pray for municipal, State and National governments.  
Pray for the community and neighborhood about you.  
Pray for those charged with enforcing the law.
- Pray for the spoken Word of God, that it may touch the hearts and lives of all who hear it.*—2 Thessalonians 2:1-12.  
Follow in earnest supplication where He is preached.

The truth will stir, perhaps, wicked hearts to sin.  
It will condemn where it does not save.

- Pray for a revival of salvation that delivers God's people in blessings.*—Zechariah 10:1-4.  
God promises to restore power.  
When earnest supplication prevails, it will come.  
An awakening occurs when God's Word is preached in truth.
- Pray for the servants of God that they minister in the power of a holy life.*—2 Timothy 2:20-26.  
Every vessel in God's House should be clean.  
Lust indulged in ever hinders grace.  
Divine patience wins in teaching from the Devil's subtlety.  
*God's Holy People are a Definite-Prayer People.*

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Baptized in Ohio by Elder McFarlane.....	5	
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Total Baptized since March 14, 1897.....		9798

The following-named seventeen believers were baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle, Chicago, Wednesday evening, April 3, 1901, by Deacon Samuel Stevenson:

Bevier, Mrs. Sara.....	Zion City, Illinois
Bevier, Miss Ethel.....	Zion City, Illinois
Ellinwood, Mrs. Sarah M.....	1506 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Falk, Miss Wilhelmina.....	16 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois
Garnar, Charles.....	747 Girard Street, Chicago, Illinois
Glassel, Mrs. Della.....	Gladstone, Michigan
Granso, Charles.....	1295 Eighteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois
Hurst, Miss Ella.....	1628 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Kellerman, Edward.....	1028 Irving Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Kistner, M. E.....	737 Ogden Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Meranda, John S.....	311 South Main Street, Kokomo, Indiana
Meranda, Mrs. Mary J.....	311 South Main Street, Kokomo, Indiana
Middleton, Charles.....	7236 Jackson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Mitchell, Miss Florence.....	16 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois
Myers, E. O.....	Camden, Michigan
Nelson, Miss Julia.....	615 East Fifty-fifth Street, Chicago, Illinois
Wilbrinson, Rebecca.....	Zion Home, Chicago, Illinois

The following-named five believers were baptized in Zion Tabernacle, Richmond, Victoria, Australia, Lord's Day, January 13, 1901, by Overseer J. Thomas Wilhide:

Barton, Miss Esther Wittich.....	4 Haines Street, Glenferrie
Belvin, Henry.....	Munro Street, Coburg, Victoria
Calf, Miss Sarah Ann.....	361 Burwood Road, Hawthorn, Victoria
Martin, Mrs. Lucy.....	Hampton Street, North Brighton, Victoria
Murray, Mrs. Annie.....	6 Aubrey Street, Armadale, Victoria

The following-named four believers were baptized at Bathurst, New South Wales, Lord's Day, December 30, 1900, by Deacon Robert Stitt:

Crellin, Miss Elizabeth.....	Bathurst, N. S. W.
Lawson, James.....	Bathurst, N. S. W.
Stitt, Mrs. Jeannie.....	Piper Street, Bathurst, N. S. W.
Sweetnam, William T.....	Bathurst, N. S. W.

The following-named believer was baptized in Auckland, New Zealand, Lord's Day, January 13, 1901, by Deacon William Johnson:

English, Richard Sidney.....	Carlton Gore Road, Auckland, New Zealand
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The following-named believer was baptized in the Te Aro Baths, Wellington, New Zealand, Saturday, January 5, 1901, by Deacon Henry Roberts:

Clapham, Abby.....	Ashurst, New Zealand
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The following-named believer was baptized at Cleveland, Ohio, Lord's Day, March 21, 1901, by Elder R. N. Bouck:

Huber, C. O.....	614 Yales Street, Akron, Ohio
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The following-named believer was baptized at Cleveland, Ohio, Lord's Day, March 31, 1901, by Elder R. N. Bouck:

Evans, David.....	2525 Leopold Street, Cleveland, Ohio
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# LEAVES OF HEALING

I am the Lord that healeth thee.

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## GOD'S WITNESSES TO DIVINE HEALING.

QUICKLY HEALED OF INTERNAL AND SPINAL DISEASE AFTER FIFTEEN YEARS' INTENSE SUFFERING. HEALED OF CATARACTS.

SHE HAD SUFFERED MANY THINGS OF MANY PHYSICIANS.

This Witness was treated by ten physicians. The first attended her at the birth of her first child. She was never well afterwards, until God healed her fifteen years later.

During that fifteen years these ten physicians treated her and collected their fees.

She grew worse.

The physicians guessed at her maladies. They could not agree.

Each treated her according to his own opinion of the case.

None of them knew the effect of the poisons which he gave her.

Yet these wise men were "Doctors" of the so-called Science of Medicine!

Science is "Knowledge, ascertained facts"; never guesswork.

Medicine is not a science.

Its most able professors and practitioners admit that it is almost wholly conjecture.

Dr. James Mason Good says:

The effects of our medicines are in the highest degree unsatisfactory, except, indeed, that they have *destroyed more lives than War, Pestilence and Famine combined.*

Sir Astley Cooper, physician to the late Queen Victoria, has declared:

The science of medicine is founded upon conjecture and improved by murder.

The Dublin *Medical Journal* has said:

What we call Medical Science is a jumble of inconsistent opinions.

In LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume VI, Number 13, pages 409 and 410, can be found the witness of scores of other high medical authorities to the same effect.

Not only do the physicians themselves testify to the uselessness of medicine as a healing agency; but the Word of God declares against it.

He says, "Ye are all physicians of no value."

He says, "In vain shalt thou use many medicines."

He says, "I will be a Swift Witness against the sorcerers." (Hebrew *Kashaph*, "makers, dealers in and venders of deadly poisons.")

He says, "She had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse."

He has nowhere a good word for physicians or their drugs.

The testimony of the Word of God and of the physicians themselves is borne out by the facts as they appear on every side.

How many millions have gone down to their graves poisoned or butchered to death by physicians or surgeons!

This Witness was thus suffer-



DEACONESS KATE HUBBARD-PECKHAM.

ing, yea, dying, from the experiments of these medical "sorcerers."

She had found, by bitterest experience, the terrible failure of man's way of attempted healing. She had yet to learn God's Way of Healing.

LEAVES OF HEALING, the Little White Dove, came into her hands. It brought the Message which told her of God's Way of Healing, Jesus Christ His Son.

She believed.

She prayed that she might visit Zion.

God wonderfully opened the way.

In Divine Healing Home No. 1, God's Messenger laid hands upon her and prayed "in the Name of Jesus, in the Power of the Holy Spirit, and in accordance with the Will of God our Heavenly Father," for her healing.

Instantly all the terrible diseases which were dragging her down to the grave slipped from her.

Their effects soon passed away and she was a well woman.

God's Way of Healing was instantaneous, exact, free.

Later, she was threatened with blindness caused by cataracts in her eyes.

God heard the prayer of one of Zion's faithful Elders, Elder McClurkin, and she was healed.

The healing of all these diseases has been permanent.

Six years have passed since God set her free.

She is a happy Witness for God in her work as a Deaconess of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

She tells of His goodness in Zion Cottage Meetings and as she goes into the streets and lanes of the great City of Chicago in Zion Seventy work.

She now goes with her wonderful Story to earth's remotest bounds.

May God bless her as she tells it, simply, faithfully and truthfully.

May He, by His Holy Spirit, lead many a sick and weary sufferer to turn from man's worse than useless attempt to do God's work in healing, and trust God alone. A. W. N.

#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF DEACONESS KATE HUBBARD-PECKHAM.

2522 CALUMET AVENUE,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, March 15, 1901.

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

*Dear General Overseer:*—It is with a heart full of praise that I avail myself of the privilege given me to testify to the wonderful power of Zion's God, and to the answered prayer of God's faithful Messenger, Rev. John Alexander Dowie.

I have testified orally at the Little Wooden Hut, Zion Tabernacle No. 1, and at Central Zion Tabernacle.

May this written testimony convince many and be the means of many healings.

Ever since the birth of my first child, who is now nearly twenty-one years of age, I had been an invalid, more or less, until healed at Divine Healing Home No. 1, in the winter of 1895.

I was not informed by my physician at the time of all the dreadful things that followed this birth, but from that time my sufferings began.

A lump came up in my right side, accompanied by a dull, sickening pain.

Later, I was informed that a fearful laceration had taken place.

As the years passed by, my sufferings increased.

I was examined and treated by not less than ten physicians in Lafayette, Indiana; Chicago, Illinois; Dayton and Cincinnati, Ohio, who variously diagnosed my case.

They all agreed as to antroversion, laceration and inflammation so great that Dr. Hall, of Chicago, said the flesh had turned a deep purple.

They disagreed as to what the lump in my side could be.

Some thought it a rupture, some a floating kidney.

Dr. Wetherell, of Lafayette, said that the ovary had been pulled loose, had fallen, and grown to the uterus.

Dr. Walker, after examination, said that the uterus and bladder had adhered.

Dr. Ackerman did not commit himself. The only thing he told me was

that the tubes were very much enlarged. This verdict was given some months after my return from the hospital.

He treated me for several months, and finally seemed quite frightened over a discovery which he had made.

He was non-committal, however, only advising me not to go to a surgeon, saying if I knew as much about them as he did, I would not, as they were usually butchers.

Why he should receive remuneration from me for months, stating one thing to me, and when I was healed claiming that my troubles were mostly imaginary, I cannot conceive.

I mention this not through ill will toward him (may he ask forgiveness of Him who so graciously forgave me), but to show to what length people will go when one is Divinely healed, that others may be undeceived, and that God may receive the glory due Him.

My sufferings brought on insomnia and nervous prostration.

My spine and brain were sympathetically affected.

I could not endure to have my mother pass her finger along the outside of my clothing.

My brain felt as if boiling hot water were at its base.

The growth in my abdomen increased, and by pressure I could hear a sound as of gurgling water.

There also seemed a pressure in the left side near the heart.

It seemed as if I could endure it no longer.

I wanted to die.

I was sent, at last, to the private hospital of Dr. Reamy, of Cincinnati.

He diagnosed my case as enlargement of the fallopian tubes, which he said had grown from their natural size (that of a straw) to the size of his wrist.

He also diagnosed uterine troubles, the nature of which he did not then state.

Upon a second visit to him, he informed me, in the presence of a lady doctor who had succeeded Dr. Porter, that I had had a cancerous growth in my uterus.

He told my husband in a letter that he would send me home in a month well; hoping to perform a laparotomy operation.

I stayed four months.

He finally sent me home, stating that my uterus was all right, but that he was unable to accomplish that for which he had hoped.

In other words, he could not cure me.

He said my heart action was so weak that an operation was simply impossible, as I would be under the influence of the anesthetic for hours, and that he could not conscientiously operate, feeling almost to a certainty that I would not recover.

He seemed kinder than most surgeons, and I believe he did the best for me that human power could do. If he could not cure me, no other surgeon could.

I feel thankful that he did not operate, as I can now testify to the wonderful healing power of my Heavenly Father.

In a short time after my return, the old symptoms returned and I suffered greatly.

Then LEAVES OF HEALING came into my hands.

I read the testimonies, but there arose a doubt as to its being God's will until I read Mrs. Lowrie's testimony. There I saw the answer to the direct prayer of faith, and knew it to be God's will.

I went alone and prayed that if I were to go to Chicago He would open the way.

In less than a week I was enabled to sell a lot which I had been unable to sell for many years.

I came to Chicago, Saturday night, to Divine Healing Home No. 1.

I heard God's Messenger preach the old-time Full Gospel on Sunday, which was about all the teaching I had.

Monday he prayed for me and I was instantly healed of all those troubles, except some soreness in my spine and the heat in my brain, they passing away gradually.

The night the General Overseer prayed for me, there came a testing time.

Having had so little of the teaching, I did not then understand.

The Devil put a great doubt into my mind as to the healing being the work of God.

I was so weak I could only speak in a whisper.

I whispered my doubts to my husband.

He said, "Let us pray."

He took my hand in his and said something like this: "We come to Thee as we have always come. If this healing be of God, give my wife sleep."

Then he said to me, "Katie, if it be not of God, I will take you home on the first train in the morning."

In less than five minutes I was in a gentle, sweet, refreshing sleep, such as I had not had for years.

When the healing took place, I felt as if some great power were tearing asunder parts in my body, and it was so.

When I awoke the next morning my size had diminished an inch, and at the end of a week I could place my double fists in the space which was once entirely filled by the growth.

The next morning I could stoop with perfect ease, and can to this day. Before that, if I dropped a handkerchief my little daughter would run and hand it to me, or if she were not present, I would kick it up with my foot and then catch it.

God also blessed me spiritually with a peace and sweetness that was so great that I felt as if it must be lifted or I could not endure the joy.

I told of my healing to very many, and testified in the Church of which I was a member.

When I found it was received with such disfavor in the Church, I allowed fear to creep in and ceased testifying in the Church to my healing, although I did at other places.

About this time my eyes became very much affected.

I have the written statement from two eminent oculists of Cincinnati, Ohio, Drs. Ayres and Sattler, that I had cataracts in both eyes. Dr. Ayres stating that in a year he would extract my right eye. Dr. Sattler said that I might go blind in my right eye at any time.

After God showed me my sin of fear, I went to Him with perfect trust.

Elder McClurkin laid hands on me in Zion Tabernacle last August, a year ago, and I was healed.

The film has entirely disappeared.

I now praise His Holy Name that I can see to write this statement, to sing the hymns and read His Word.

I have no fear that the disease will ever return if I keep faithful.

I have been able to testify very frequently to God's wonderful Love and Healing Power, both on my route in Zion Seventy work and in Zion Cottage Meetings.

I can truly say that my greatest joy is to work for Him, and that He is dearer than any earthly friend.

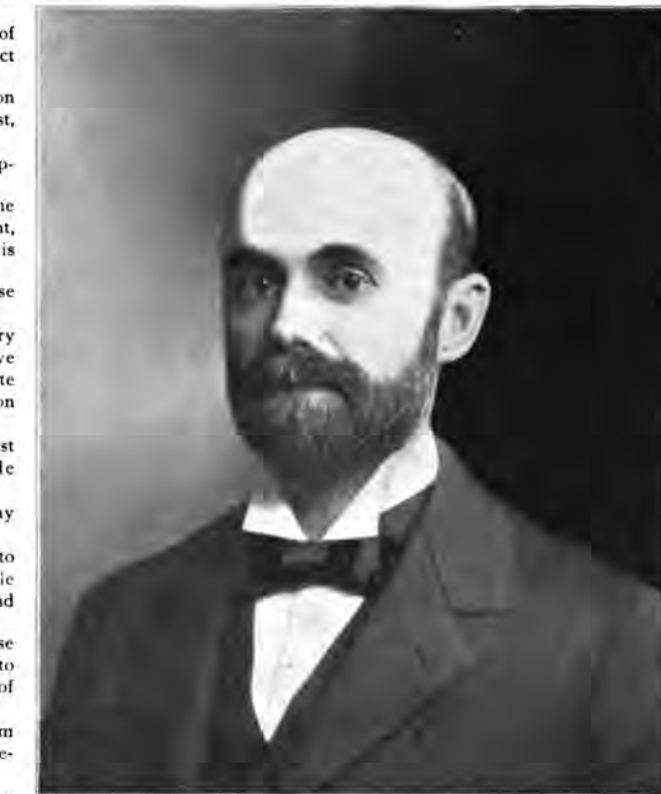
He has recently opened the way for me to serve Him better.

I pray that He will help me to magnify His Name by the example of Holy Living, both at home and abroad.

I shall never cease to praise Him that He led unworthy me to hear the Full Gospel from the lips of His faithful Messenger.

May God keep and spare him and his for many years to disease-smitten and sin-stricken humanity.

It is impossible to tell the many blessings God has given us in Zion; Nor can we express our praise to our Heavenly Father and gratitude to you for your faithful teaching and prayers.



DEACON W. S. PECKHAM.

#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF DEACON W. S. PECKHAM.

2522 CALUMET AVENUE,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, April 9, 1901.

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

*Beloved General Overseer:*—It is with great joy that I bear testimony to my wife's instantaneous and miraculous healing.

For more than fifteen years she had suffered untold tortures, and had gone from physician to physician seeking help, only to find them all "physicians of no value": for she was "nothing bettered, but rather grew worse."

After having exhausted every human resource, and when in utter despair, with existence a burden, and death's shadows deepening, we heard, through a friend, of the wonderful works of God in Zion.

After reading LEAVES OF HEALING, new hope was born in my wife's heart.

I was very skeptical, and said I would not believe the reported healings even if I could see them with my own eyes.

But I decided to take my wife to see Dr. Dowie as a last resort, and in

order that I might not have to reproach myself for not trying in every way to help her.

I was willing to take her anywhere, and do anything, if she could only be healed.

With prejudice, false teaching and Baptist pride in my heart, I brought my wife to Divine Healing Home No. 1.

I shall never forget the experiences attending our arrival at Chicago. The night was bitter cold, and a fearful blizzard was blowing.

It was only a short distance from the station to the Home, but we got off on the wrong side, and were obliged to wade through deep snow. Both of my ears were frozen stiff before we reached shelter.

When I told you about my ears, we were seated at the supper table, and you arose and came over and prayed for me, laying your hand upon my ears.

I was instantly relieved of all pain.

The swelling went down, and I have never been troubled with that tenderness which always follows frosted ears for many years afterwards.

In answer to your prayers, hearing was restored to my right ear, which had been lost for more than twenty years.

Thus at the very beginning I was prepared for the wonderful healing of my dear wife, which speedily followed.

The genuineness of the work appealed to me at once. A heavenly peace pervaded the Home, and love reigned everywhere.

I talked with scores of people, who, with beaming faces and overflowing hearts, told of their healing in answer to your prayers.

I saw all manner of diseases, in many cases, healed, and was an eyewitness to several Miracles of Healing.

Day after day for two weeks I listened to the beautiful teachings of a Full Gospel by both you and Mrs. Dowie.

In those glorious never-to-be-forgotten days, you were able to take nearly all of the meetings, and what you could not take, Mrs. Dowie led.

Her teaching was only less wonderful than yours, and her voice was always gladly heard, when it was impossible for you to come.

I saw your deep consecration, your incessant toil, night and day, for the sinful, sick and sorrowing, who came thronging to the Home and Zion Tabernacle from all over the world.

I saw a man who had refined tastes, a great scholar, a man who could have easily won honor and wealth from the world, giving up his

very life for poor, sin-stricken, disease-smitten humanity.

I saw that he made no compromise with either sin or sinner, but demanded a true Repentance, Confession, Restitution, and Obedience on the part of every one.

I believed in Dr. Dowie at once, but rebelled in a few matters at first.

I could not see at once that he was right in attacking Secret Societies, especially the Masonic Order, of which I was afterwards elected Worshipful Master.

I have since been led to see that there is no Christ in Masonry.

I always believed in the Bible as the Inspired Word of God, and I found everything that you taught was in keeping with the Word.

I soon found that there was only one measuring rule in Zion, and that was the Inspired Word of God, and all your teaching was Scriptural.

All through my life, the Voice of the Spirit had been speaking to me concerning many of the precious truths which you proclaimed.

I put these thoughts aside as of the Devil, and upbraided myself for being so very wicked as not to agree with the orthodox teaching of the Church. But you have led me to the Fountain of Truth.

I am so thankful to you for delivering me from that awful lie that God sends sickness and disease for our good, and that we must pray for deliverance from them, saying, "If it be Thy will."

You have made it so plain that it is God's will to deliver from pain,



sickness, and all manner of disease, because Jesus said it was all the work of the Devil, and that He came to destroy the works of the Devil; and Jesus would never destroy what was God's will.

During my stay in Divine Healing Home No. 1, the persecutions were very bitter.

I went several times to the dirty, stinking justice courts, and saw the servant of God unjustly and illegally arrested and brought to trial.

At the time I was in the Home, the papers were full of abominable lies and false reports concerning Dr. Dowie and the Divine Healing Homes.

The story of the toil, the sacrifices and the awful persecutions can never be told. Only the sustaining power of God ever carried our General Overseer through, for no man or woman could have borne it all and not broken down.

My wife was healed at once of all her chronic troubles, but remained in the Home to get the teaching and build up her wrecked system.

When I went back to my old Church, after seeing the wonderful works of God in Zion, the only ones who received my testimony and that of my good wife were the children in the Primary and Kindergarten departments of the Sunday School of which I had been Superintendent for fifteen years. They never doubted at all.

At that time the Christian Catholic Church in Zion was not yet organized, and Dr. Dowie sent us back into our Church, telling us to be faithful and witness to what God had done for us.

But our testimony was not received, and we soon found it was not possible to stand for the truth and not have trouble.

We worked as hard as ever for the Baptist Church, and witnessed for the Full Gospel as we had opportunity. We held some meetings in our home.

We felt that little was being accomplished, and that we were fighting in a lost cause.

When you organized the Christian Catholic Church in Zion we were busy in the Baptist Church, and thought we would wait until there was a Branch of the Christian Catholic Church established in our city.

We made a great mistake in delaying joining the Christian Catholic Church.

The time we spent in the old Baptist Church was all lost.

We lost in spiritual life and power by staying in a dead Church.

It was only after we were baptized by a Triune Immersion, the Seal of the Living God, and came out of the Baptist Church and into the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, that God used us to any extent in His ministry.

We felt that we must have some place to worship and for the children to attend Sunday School, and made the awful mistake that many others are

making when they do not come out and stand alone, if need be, for the truth of a Full Gospel.

After we left the Church and opened up a Zion Gathering in our home, many others came with us, and we had a glorious work.

Many were saved, healed and cleansed at all our services.

My wife's healing has stood for over six years.

She is today well and happy.

No words can express our praise to God the Father, or our thanks and love to you, our beloved General Overseer, for the blessings that have come into our lives through your teaching and prayers.

I also desire to bear testimony to the great, loving heart of our beloved General Overseer. I know he loves his people better than he does himself, and that he is pouring out his life for them.

As a member of the Business Cabinet of Zion, and one close to the direct financial affairs of Zion, I can truthfully say that the General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion does everything in the fear of God and for His glory and the people's best and highest interest.

His only desire is to have Christ enthroned in heart and home and nation.

God spare him to us until Jesus Christ comes! And I believe He will.

As John, the first Messenger, came in humility, like the Lord Jesus, so also he suffered death like his Lord. Even so I believe John the Messenger of the Covenant, who now speaks to us, has come like his Lord the Christ shall come, in great power and glory, and like Him he shall be exalted and shall not die, but reign with his Lord in the Kingdom.

Our beloved General Overseer is surely the Messenger of the Covenant.

Our Lord and the Holy Spirit has warned us against all the deceivers who should come. Again and again are we warned against false teachers, false prophets, false Christs, etc.

But we are nowhere warned in God's Word against a false Messenger of the Covenant. There will never be a false Messenger of the Covenant. God's Word declares it, and it cannot be shaken.

He who now speaks to us is here with credentials (see Malachi, third chapter).

All that I am or ever will be, I owe to God through your ministry.

You led me to Jesus, and also my wife and son and daughter.

We have all been saved and healed and blessed under your teaching. No words can tell my reverence and love for you.

I have not said half that was in my heart to say, nor half that could be truthfully said.

May God bless you and your dear wife, and your son and your daughter, and give you all an abundant entrance into Life Eternal.

Faithfully yours in the service of our Coming King,

WILLIAM S. PECKHAM.

## NOTES OF THANKSGIVING TO ZION'S GOD.

James 5, 14 and 15 Fulfilled.

1241 NORTH HALSTED STREET, }  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, March 20, 1901. }

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

*Dear General Overseer:*—I thought it my duty to testify to the healing I have received. I thank God and give Him all the glory.

I was taken very sick before Christmas. At first I commenced to vomit and then I had cramps day and night, and then the blood poured from my bowels every morning for five days.

Then I sent for the Elder to come and pray for me.

God answered prayer.

A week before Christmas I was sick with the grip.

The blood poured from me again for six days.

I sent for the Elder. He prayed for me and God answered prayer.

I have not had any sickness since then.

I am thankful that I belong to the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, and that I have such a dear General Overseer to teach me how to live right. Thank God, all fear has been taken from me, and I trust in Him for everything.

I thank Elder McClurkin and all the kind friends for their prayers.

Faithfully your Sister in Christ, (MRS.) MAGGIE PAUL.

God's Promises are Sure.

LINCOLN, KANSAS, March 18, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—Your letter of the 7th came to hand in reply to my telegram, saying you had prayed for me.

I was better for two days, then I was worse on the third day. The next day I got the victory, believing the promise that Christ left.

I am so thankful to God for my healing.

The first week in February I fell and injured my knee. I could not walk a step.

I asked God in Jesus' Name to heal my knee, and soon it was all right.

Last September, when I was in California, I was very sick. A man offered to pay for a doctor if I would have one, but I told him I would trust the Lord.

I praise the Lord for what He has done for me.

May the blessing of God ever rest upon this good work.

Your Sister in Christ, HULDAH RUGGLES.

Healed of Tonsillitis.

JEFFERSON, OHIO, March 18, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I write to thank you for praying for me.

I praise God for healing me of a severe attack of tonsillitis.

I took very sick Thursday morning from, I think, exposure and over-exertion on the two previous days.

On Friday evening my sister sent you a request for prayer. At that time I could only swallow a little soup.

My tonsils broke Saturday night, and on the following Tuesday I was perfectly well, for which I give God all the glory.

Thanking you for past kindnesses, I remain

Your Sister in Christ, LOLA B. CORBITT.

God Heals Fever and Pneumonia.

BRODHEAD, WISCONSIN, March 22, 1901.

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

*Dear Brother in Christ:*—I sent you a telegram on March 19th, requesting prayer for my wife, who was suffering with pneumonia.

Before I reached home my wife was better.

Last night her fever and pneumonia symptoms left her.

Yours truly, THOMAS SHAFF.



**ZION'S LITERATURE** **MISSION**  
BY DEACONESS SARAH E. HILL

IS ANY among you sick? let him call for the Elders of the Church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the Name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save him that is sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, it shall be forgiven him. Confess therefore your sins one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.—James 5:14-16.

**A Volunteer Prisoner Carries Christ the Healer to Prisoners.**

The letter which follows was written by a soldier who volunteered to become a prisoner, that he might take the Full Gospel to the soldiers.

He was taken from South Africa to Prisoner Camp in the Island of Ceylon. From his prison "hut" he writes to our General Overseer for Zion Literature. He says:

DEAR REVEREND AND BROTHER IN CHRIST:—You will, no doubt, be surprised at the receipt of this letter from Ceylon, since my residence is at Johannesburg, South Africa.

I have a great desire to toil among my fellow-prisoners here. They have been refreshed by showers of richest blessings. The Lord has also been glorified here in Zion. From November 1, 1900, to December 31, 1900, the fever and other diseases were raging among the prisoners of war here.

At one time no less than 600 were in the various hospitals. The whole number of prisoners at that time was 4500. Hundreds were restored to health through the Prayer of Faith. The medical officers refused to grant me a permit to the hospitals. But the names of many who were practically dying and were given up as hopeless by the doctors were brought to me.

These names were laid at the Cross of Jesus, and the sick were healed.

One evening thirty altogether were healed through the Prayer of Faith.

Zion's servant sent word to them that they had to confess their sins to God, and the Prayer of Faith would be offered for their recovery from sickness and sin at 8 o'clock.

The next morning I received a message that they complied with my instructions and were healed.

There are three Dutch Reformed ministers here, and several meetings were held to discuss the question of Divine Healing.

Some strong arguments followed on the grounds of the visible and good results of Divine Healing.

The congregation also desired to know why those methods are not adopted by the denominational churches as well as in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

The ministers replied that the Dutch Reformed Church would in general lose many of its members. Nevertheless, they admit that sickness is not the Will of God, and that Divine Healing, according to the command in James 5:14-16, was acknowledged in the Church as long as three hundred years after Christ, but that since that time the Church has departed from this command.

The stinkpots are being done away with by hundreds.

One is now praying for another the Prayer of Faith, and recovery follows.

"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thee give glory."

I could not have come here unless I desired to be an imprisoned Paul or Daniel and to be like him.

I made the promise:

"I'll go where You want me to go, dear Lord,  
Over mountain, or plain, or sea;  
I'll say what You want me to say, dear Lord,  
I'll be what You want me to be."

I am longing for more LEAVES OF HEALING. I desire to go out on the island or elsewhere, but the Lord has not opened the way yet.

**I Feel as if I Had Never Known the Taste of Tobacco.**

The letter which follows is from a soldier in South Africa, who writes to our General Overseer and says:

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER—It is with great pleasure that I write my testimony, telling you of the blessing I have received since attending Zion meetings.

Several months since I renounced Christianity for Spiritualism.

The cause of my doing so was that I became so disgusted with the ways and conduct of some professing Christians that I said to myself, "If those be Christians, I'm not mean enough for one."

The Devil came along in the shape of a Spiritualist, and before long I was in the grasp of the Devil.

It was fascinating for a time; but my nerves became completely shattered, and my experience in other ways led me to see that Spiritualism was of the Devil.

I called upon God to deliver me from it.

He heard my prayer.

The Sunday following my escape from the Devil, I went with a comrade to a Zion meeting. There I found rest and peace, which I had never known before.

I was a very heavy smoker, and smoked so much that if any of my comrades saw me without a pipe in my mouth, they would jokingly ask me if I were ill.

The morning after I had been to Zion, I lit my pipe and began to smoke, when a Voice told me to take it out and to do away with my tobacco and pipes.

I obeyed.

I feel as if I had never known the taste of tobacco.

I have been everything that is bad; but the blood of Jesus is sufficient to cleanse the vilest.

I have taken Christ as the Saviour of my body as well as my spirit.

**A Life Changed Through Reading Leaves of Healing.**

The following extract is from the letter of a gentleman in Cuba, who writes:

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

Dear Sir and Friend:—I believe you are a friend to mankind, and God has made you a blessing by the power He has given you to explain His Word in the right way.

Since I have been reading LEAVES OF HEALING, the whole Bible and my whole life are changed.

How I wish that I had been taught the way you teach! Then a life which has been wasted through the want of not knowing any better might have been a blessing to myself and those around me.

But I pray God daily to make me what I ought to be, in body, soul and spirit, and to let me know that His Spirit is with me; for I leave my all with Him.

We invite our readers to help us in sending Zion teaching over the world.

**Zion Literature Sent Out From a Free Distribution Fund Provided by the Friends of Zion. Report for the Week Ending April 6, 1901.**

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"THE LORD SHALL SEND FORTH THE ROD OF THY STRENGTH OUT OF ZION."

RULE THOU in the midst of thine enemies.

THY PEOPLE are Free-will Offerings in the day of thy Power: In the Beauties of Holiness, from the Womb of the Morning, Thou hast the Dew of Thy Youth.

THE ANCIENT OF DAYS is Eternal Youth.

Christ our King is forever young:

The Dew of Eternal Spring is His,

For He is the Tree of Life

With all the foliage and fruits of Perennial Blessing.

He is High Priest forever after the Order of Melchizedek.

He shall judge among the Nations.

EASTER LILIES, White Emblems of Christ's Purity, shed their fragrance and displayed their beauty in the Courts of Zion last Lord's Day, speaking of Him who came up out of all Earth's toils, and trials, and temptations, and out of the dark grave, where neither Death nor Hell could hold Him for their prey.

WHITE LILIES speak of the Great White Throne, and of the White-robed Throng, and the Everlasting Song.

Fair and beautiful, they speak of Resurrection and of Life; of Vanquished Death, of Transforming Power, and Everlasting Love!

It is well that Spring should bring forth from Winter's snowy bed, a flower so fragrant and so wonderful.

NEVER DID the Lilies seem more beautiful; never did they bring their Message from Heaven more sweetly to our spirits, than on last Easter Day.

To the eye and ear of Faith, the Lilies spoke of Victory, and of that "Mystery" which tells us "we shall all be changed" and that God shall give us new bodies as it pleaseth Him.

Sown in corruption, dishonor, and in weakness, our natural body must needs pass away into the glory of the Incorruptible and Spiritual Body filled with Divine Power, stamped with the "Image of the Heavenly."

Embodiment is essential to Divine Development, to Divine Perpetuation.

How wonderful must be the "Glory of the Incorruptible," since God has found so wonderful an Emblem for its illustration in the beautiful forms of the lilies in all the splendor of their spotless simplicity!

ENTERING INTO Zion's Courts with Praise, we walked in the rear of the Processional through the standing reverent throng of thousands of earnest worshipers, while the triumphant strains of Zion's White-robed Choir rang through the building:

Christ is risen, Christ is risen!  
He hath burst His bonds in twain;  
Christ is risen, Christ is risen!  
Alleluia! swell the strain.  
For our gain He suffered loss  
By Divine decree,  
He hath died upon the cross,  
But our God is He.

COMING LAST of all, it was our privilege to face these throngs of happy children, youths, maidens, men and women, united in perfect harmony, singing that Song which never loses its thrilling pathos and uplifting power, telling of the Triumph, final and complete, of right over wrong, and of the Universal Sway of the Scepter of Omnipotent Love, in the "New Heavens and the New Earth wherein dwelleth Righteousness."

FIGHTING HERE in one of the high places of the Field of the World, often sorely beset by the Powers of Darkness and of Death; plucking out the Tares in the Harvest Field today and binding them up for that Burning which must precede the glorious Reaping of God's children into His Kingdom in this period of the Consummation of the Age, Easter is an ever fresh and glorious inspiration.

IN THIS issue we send forth the Message of God's Grace to all Mankind, telling of Universal Life in Christ, with the earnest prayer that it may come to Zion everywhere with the same Power which God gave it in Zion Central Tabernacle on Easter Day, when, so far as human eye could see, or ears could hear, there was but one voice as the multitudes arose and consecrated themselves, with overflowing hearts, to Christ their King.

"FOR AS in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall ALL be made alive."

CHICAGO'S Two Millions represent well-nigh all the Nations of the Earth, and the fellowship of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, as represented in Chicago, already comprises men of almost every tribe and tongue and people.

THE BATTLE is the Lord's, and joyfully are the Hosts of Zion gathering in Zion, Chicago, to do the bidding of their King.

THE WEEK now closing has seen many wondrous developments of God's work in Zion in all Departments, and vigorous operations are being conducted in all parts of the world.

Preparations are being made also, on a most extensive scale, for future work.

We trust within another month to be able to announce that the Period of Organization and Preparation, through which we have been passing so largely during the past two months, is over.

The results will be seen, doubtless, in the ingathering of vast multitudes into Zion, and in their Sealing with the "Seal of the Living God."

THE FIRST issue of THE ZION BANNER will appear, God willing, on Wednesday, May 22d.

We may have been somewhat remiss in keeping up our readers to the proper Standard of Zion Giving, in connection with this great enterprise; for we have received only about One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and we need about Twenty-five Thousand Dollars.

The launching of a weekly semi-secular paper such as this demands large expenditures, and most careful preparations.

WE HAVE already contracted for the building of four large new Printing Presses, with their accompanying Electro-motors and Automatic Feeders.

Other supplies, such as new type, folders, paper-cutters, book-trimmers, stitchers, etc., with the cost of a largely increased staff in the Literary Department, and of extensive alterations and construction of rooms in the building, will involve us in the expenditure of at least Thirty Thousand Dollars, before we print a single issue of THE ZION BANNER.

Large as is this expenditure, however, we feel it is justified and demanded by the great expansion of Zion, and the interests of the Coming City, and for keeping our people well-informed respecting the Ecclesiastical, Educational, and Commercial Departments of Zion's Work, and its bearing upon the Affairs of the World at large.

MAY WE NOT, therefore, earnestly ask once more for a liberal response to our appeal for funds for this purpose?

THE ZION BANNER will appear, God willing, every Wednesday, and will give as faithful a résumé of the News of the City, State, Nation and World, as possible.

It will contain, we hope, a Weekly Address delivered by ourselves every Friday evening, on the "Outlook From Zion's Watchtower," in which we shall review the Ecclesiastical, Political, Social, and Commercial affairs of the World.

We shall also, occasionally, review important books, and deal with matters of interest along all the lines of Zion Industry and Educational Progress.

The paper will be largely what our friends enable us to make it, by their generous gifts, in helping us to launch it, and by large numbers of subscriptions being sent in at the earliest possible moment.

We are preparing a Prospectus containing a specimen of the first and last pages of the cover, done by the beautiful three-color process, and two pages of the inside, setting forth the nature of this coming semi-secular weekly paper.

IN THIS connection we may say that we have appointed Deacon Arthur W. Newcomb, General Manager of Zion Printing and Publishing House; Deacon David F. Robertson, Superintendent of the Circulation Department; Mr. M. N. Price, Superintendent of the Printing Department; Mr. George W. Stahlman, Cashier and Accountant; Mr. James R. McVean, Foreman of the Composing Room, and Mr. Christopher H. Johnson, Foreman of the Press Room and Bindery.

These principal officers are supported by a large and well-trained staff of able and up-to-date men and women in each Department.

Zion Printing and Publishing House is now entering upon the occupation of the fine building at 1300 Michigan Avenue, hitherto occupied by Zion City Bank, Zion Land and Investment Association, and Zion College, as well as by Zion Printing Works.

WHEN WE CONSIDER the small beginnings of Zion Printing Works and Zion Publishing House in 1894, it is a wonderful sight to behold what God hath wrought.

We are now turning out many tons of printed matter every month, and were it possible for us to take in outside work from the members and friends of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, we would need a building twice as large within a very short time.

LET OUR FRIENDS everywhere pray for this great Department of Zion's work, and for all the Officers whom we have named, and all the others who are not named, many of whom

are doing good work, and will, doubtless, in days to come, take prominent places in the various Departments of Zion Printing and Publishing House

THE PROSPECTUS for THE ZION BANNER will show that the paper will be five cents per copy, twenty-five copies for Seventy-five Cents, one hundred copies for Three Dollars, one thousand copies for Twenty-five Dollars.

The subscription price will be \$1.50 per year, or eighty-five cents (\$0.85) for six months. Friends taking ten copies weekly will get them for Twelve Dollars per annum, postage paid.

ON AND AFTER the 1st of May, all business communications for Zion Printing and Publishing House, and all communications for any of the papers published, must be addressed to Deacon Arthur W. Newcomb, General Manager, 1300 Michigan Avenue.

It is especially requested that communications concerning Zion Printing and Publishing House shall not be addressed to Zion Building on Michigan Avenue and Twelfth Street, as it causes great inconvenience and delay in the execution of orders.

All remittances by bank draft, money order, or check, must be made payable to the order of John Alex. Dowie.

FRIENDS OF ZION in France, and on the Continent of Europe, are informed that our Branch of Zion Publishing House in Paris has been removed from 42 Rue Cambon to 1 Rue du Mont Thabor, which is only one short block from the well-known Hotel Continental. All the current issues of Zion's various publications are at once sent to this Branch, and we also keep in stock back issues and bound volumes of LEAVES OF HEALING.

WE DESIRE to draw the attention of our readers to the programme published on pages 796 and 797: "A Welcome Home to Overseer Jane Dowie, and Conferences for the Inauguration of Women's Work of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion Throughout the World."

OUR BELOVED wife, Overseer Jane Dowie, leaves Paris, God willing, on May 1st, for London, where she will speak on Lord's Day, May 5th, at Zion Tabernacle, 81 Euston Road.

We call attention to a notice on page 786, received from London as these Notes are being printed, which states the times and place of meetings to be conducted by her in that great city.

Details of any further arrangements which may be made can be had by our friends in Europe communicating with Rev. Harry E. Cantel, Evangelist-in-Charge, in care of Zion Publishing House, 33 Rosebery Avenue, London, E. C.

She has informed us that she has engaged passage for herself and our daughter on the steamship *New England*, which leaves Liverpool on Thursday, May 9th, and is due at Boston about the 16th or 17th.

She will speak in Boston at Zion Tabernacle, 1165 Tremont Street, on Lord's Day, May 19th, and after spending a day or so there she will leave for Chicago, and will attend the Welcome Meeting in her honor on Thursday evening, May 23d, in Central Zion Tabernacle.

She will then enter with us upon the long Series of Meetings and Conferences as shown in the programme, extending from Friday, May 24th, to Lord's Day, June 2d.

ALL LETTERS for Overseer Jane Dowie must be addressed to Room 316, Zion Building, Michigan Avenue and Twelfth Street.

Deaconess Anna C. Reiff has been appointed as the Overseer's principal stenographer, and Mrs. Carl F. Stern as personal attendant and private stenographer.

We earnestly ask our readers to pray for these sisters in the important work into which they have already, in a measure, entered.

OVERSEER JANE DOWIE will as early as possible hold a Council of Women Officers in Zion, and will appoint Women Elders, Evangelists and Deaconesses of the Church to important Departments of Women's Work.

For Wisdom and Divine Guidance in all these matters we again ask the prayers of our dear people in Zion everywhere.

WE ARE RECEIVING a number of extraordinary confessions from women in various parts of America and other parts of the world.

The information which they contain is of a most important character as to the dangers to which women are everywhere exposed, owing to the horrible immorality, and even bestiality, which exists in all large cities of the world, and to the existence of organized schemes for the ruin and demoralization of ignorant and innocent girls.

WE DIRECT special attention to the Conferences announced in the programme, and trust that Christian women friendly to Zion, who may not yet be members of the Christian Catholic Church, will also attend such meetings as are open to all women.

A VERY LARGE number of letters from women concerning their relations to husbands, mothers, sisters, children, brothers, and friends, have come to us; but it is simply impossible for us to find time to answer them.

We shall give Overseer Dowie every assistance possible during the Series of Conferences and help in the answering of these many questions.

It will be well for those who desire us to help them in the solution of special difficulties to write to Overseer Jane Dowie early, so that the letters may be opened by us, and arranged by her confidential helpers for her perusal and attention upon her return.

We wish, above all things, to make the Series of Conferences eminently practical and helpful.

WE DIRECT attention to the announcement on page 797 to our First 1901 Excursion to Zion City on Thursday, May 30th, Decoration Day, which is generally observed as a public holiday. The fuller details will be published when the final arrangements are made, but our friends in distant points are recommended to make their arrangements early.

The accommodation in our new Zion Home, northwest corner of Michigan Avenue and Thirteenth Street, is limited, and in order to save disappointment, it will be well for the friends who intend to come to make application for rooms early.

WE HAVE given orders for the preparation of practically miles of tents to be used in Zion City at the Zion Encampment this year.



This will begin on July 12th and continue until July 20th. Many of our friends, who spend their summers largely in the open air, are also asking permission to tent in Zion City for a number of weeks during the summer. We think that we shall soon be able to announce plans by which they can find accommodations in an orderly manner in well prepared tents, with boarded floors, for families and for small parties.

It will surprise no one for us to say that it is simply impossible to find house accommodation at present in Zion City for all who desire to visit there for a few days; but accommodation in tents in warm and fair weather will be very pleasant to those who enjoy open-air life.

It will also enable intending purchasers of lots to become acquainted with the details of the plans of General Design of the City, copies of which will be sent on application to Deacon H. Worthington Judd, Secretary of Zion Land and Investment Association, 1300 Michigan Avenue.

OUR WEEKLY VISIT to Zion City is becoming very interesting and profitable, and the work is proceeding in all directions in connection with Zion enterprises.

The Agreements between ourselves and the shareholders in Zion City Lumber Association and Zion City General Stores have been most carefully prepared by our Attorney, and will soon be placed in the hands of the printers.

Full information regarding these important enterprises, to those who desire to take stock in them, may be obtained from Deacon Charles J. Barnard, General Financial Manager.

Indeed, before they have been formed, stock has been already applied for and some of the capital has been subscribed.

Both enterprises are in full operation. Large quantities of lumber have been already purchased, and the stock in Zion City General Stores is constantly being added to.

A most important Mail Order Department is being organized, so that our friends in the country will be able to have all the facilities which firms such as A. Montgomery Ward & Company give: for Zion is in a position to fill our friends' orders in a most satisfactory manner.

This undertaking of Zion City General Stores has been placed under the management of an experienced member of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, who is now busy preparing an illustrated catalogue of the goods which Zion Mail Order Department can supply.

WE MAKE those statements because of many inquiries from our friends in all parts of the country as to whether we will not act as their agents in purchasing goods which are now purchased from private firms, the profits of which will be given to Zion City General Stores.

OUR AIM in both Zion City Lumber Association and in Zion City General Stores is to help our people to build economically and to purchase their supplies at rates which will be advantageous to them in every way.

WE MAY SAY that there is also a plan in process of organization for a most important department which will be attached to Zion City Bank: namely, a Zion Building Loan Department.

This will be under the management of a gentleman of great experience, and will, we hope, enable many to build at a very early date upon their land, who might not be able to do so without some help.

THESE BRIEF NOTES will show our friends that, with the assistance of our Ecclesiastical, Educational, and Commercial Chiefs of Departments, we are pushing forward.

We find no burden whatever in attending to these matters, for God gives us daily strength for daily needs. They will be entrusted to the management of able and competent men, who will be supported in every possible way in the fulfilment of their tasks by all the influence and power that Zion can command.

AND NOW, we close where we began, with our hearts filled with gratitude to God for all His blessings at this Easter-tide and for the Glorious Prospects of Continuous Progress.

We are not going any faster than God enables us, and are refusing to be hurried in any part of this work.

We realize that the foundations must be laid carefully and conservatively: for we are building not for Time only, but for Eternity.

BRETHREN, PRAY FOR US.

### SPECIAL NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS TO BLATTER DER HEILUNG.

GENERAL OVERSEER'S OFFICE,  
ZION,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, March 31, 1901.

TO OUR DEAR BRETHREN, THE GERMAN SUBSCRIBERS TO BLATTER DER HEILUNG, AND TO OUR GERMAN FRIENDS OF ZION.

*Beloved Brothers and Sisters:*—I have earnestly requested our beloved Sister, Deaconess Brieger, to desist from her labors as Translator and Assistant Editor of BLATTER DER HEILUNG for three months, so that she might rest, and in accordance with my wishes she has gone for a little while, with her dear mother and one of our Deaconesses, to a milder climate in the Southern States.

We trust that she will fully recover her strength, which has been overtaxed by her arduous labors.

Under the circumstances I have, therefore, suspended the issue of BLATTER DER HEILUNG until July, when, God willing, it will be resumed once more under her Editorship.

Our beloved Deaconess Brieger greatly regrets this interruption, but I have felt that it was absolutely necessary that she should have the rest; and as it seemed to be best that the translation and Editorship should not be undertaken by another, even for a short time, I have concluded that it would be in the best interest of BLATTER DER HEILUNG to suspend the publication for the period mentioned.

Subscribers will receive the full number of copies to which they are entitled for a year, and I earnestly trust that the prayers of all interested will ascend to our God and Father in Heaven for our dear sister, that her strength may be fully restored and that she may live long to continue this labor of love which God has already so greatly blessed to Germans in all parts of the world.

I am Faithfully Your Friend  
and Fellow-Servant in Jesus,

*John Alex. Doune*



THE PARABLE OF THE MUMMY WHEAT.

(See page 780.)

# A VOICE TO ZION AND GOD'S PEOPLE IN EVERY LAND.

O thou that tellest Good Tidings to Zion, Get thee up into the high Mountains lift up thy Voice with strength: lift it up, be not afraid; Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Isaiah, XL: 9.

## A BEAUTIFUL EASTER SERVICE.

*Report of Meeting held in Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Afternoon, April 7, 1901. Sermon: "Life in Christ for All." Reception of New Members. Ordinance of the Lord's Supper.*

REPORTED BY S. D. AND E. W. AND A. W. N.

### IT WAS EASTER.

Once more the world was rejoicing in the wondrous meaning of the words, "Christ is Risen." Once more nature was beginning her awakening, that beautiful symbol of the Resurrection of which Christ was the "First Fruits."

The first birds of springtime were singing, and lawns and parks were showing the first faint tint of green.

Central Zion Tabernacle platform, choir gallery and first gallery pillars were chastely beautiful with the pure white and rich dark green of Easter lilies, those lovely flowers whose spotless purity and rare fragrance, springing from the damp, dark earth, are symbols of man's resurrection in incorruption and glory from the grave.

Children's happy voices joined with those of men and women vibrating with a deeper joy.

Thoughts and hearts were turned from the things of time and sense, to God and His wondrous love and glory.

God's Messenger spoke, with intense earnestness and conviction, of the complete, perfect nature of Christ's Atonement, and of God's ever-enduring mercy and limitless Love and Power, which provided Life for All.

God blessed the Message His Messenger delivered.

Many a stony heart was touched by the Story of the Father's Love.

Zion Tabernacle was filled to overflowing. Long before three o'clock, the hour for the beginning of service, most of the seats were taken, and when the first notes of the Processional sounded through the building, there were no vacant seats left and people were turning away.

"Christ is risen, Christ is risen!" exulted the voices of Zion

White-robed Choir, as with measured step they proceeded down the aisle and, crossing the platform, mounted to the choir gallery, singing the appropriate words:

Christ is risen, Christ is risen!  
He hath burst His bonds in twain;  
Christ is risen, Christ is risen!  
Alleluia! swell the strain.  
For our gain He suffered loss  
By Divine decree;  
He hath died upon the cross,  
But our God is He.

#### REFRAIN.

Christ is risen, Christ is risen!  
He hath burst His bonds in twain;  
Christ is risen, Christ is risen!  
Alleluia! swell the strain.

See, the chains of death are broken;  
Earth below and heaven above  
Joy in each amazing token  
Of His rising, Lord of Love;  
He forever more shall reign  
By the Father's side,  
Till He comes to earth again,  
Comes to claim His Bride.

Glorious angels downward thronging  
Hail the Lord of all the skies;  
Heaven with joy and holy longing  
For the Word Incarnate, cries,  
Christ is risen! earth, rejoice,  
Gleam, ye starry train,  
All creation, find a voice;  
He o'er all shall reign.

#### REFRAIN.

Christ is risen, Christ is risen!  
He hath burst His bonds in twain;  
Christ is risen, Christ is risen!  
O'er the universe to reign.

As the General Overseer came upon the platform, the audience arose and stood with bowed heads and reverent hearts while the man of God pronounced the

#### INVOCATION.

God be merciful unto us and bless us,  
That Thy Way may be known upon earth,  
Thy Saving Health among the nations,  
For the sake of Jesus. Amen.

Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Afternoon,  
April 7, 1901.

Service was opened by the General Overseer pronouncing the invocation, after which the con-

gregation joined in singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

The General Overseer read the twenty-eighth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew; also in the fifteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians, beginning at the twentieth verse, to the end



of the chapter. After Stanford's *Te Deum* had been sung by Zion Choir, the General Overseer offered the following prayer:

PRAYER BY THE GENERAL OVERSEER.

Our Father who art in the heavens, we hallow Thy Name. We thank Thee that our spirits can join in that wondrous *Te Deum* which has rolled down through the ages; that song of praise which constitutes the very essence of a true religion. Give us grace that we may so live on earth that when we stand before the Great White Throne we shall not be confounded.

We thank Thee for that Infinite Mercy, that Infinite Wisdom and Love which has provided so great a Redemption.

We praise Thee for that Unspeakable Gift, our Father, which Thou didst give to us in the Gift of Thy Son.

We thank Thee for His Incarnation, His Birth in deepest humility, His wondrous Life, His glorious Resurrection and Reascension. We thank Thee that through Him the wondrous Gift of the Holy Spirit has come. How can we praise Thee, who art in the Eternal Light, for all these blessings? Eternal Light! we sometimes sing:

\*Eternal Light! Eternal Light!  
How pure the soul must be,  
When placed within Thy searching sight  
That shrinks not, but with calm delight  
Can live and look on Thee.

\*The spirits that surround Thy Throne  
May bear that burning bliss;  
But that is surely theirs alone,  
For they have never, never known  
A fallen world like this.

\*Oh, how shall I whose native sphere  
Is dark, whose mind is dim,  
Before the ineffable appear,  
And on my naked spirit bear  
That uncreated beam?"

We thank Thee that even while we say this, the Light shines which tells us there is

"A Way for man to rise,  
An Offering and a Sacrifice,  
A Holy Spirit's energies,  
An Advocate with God."

These prepare us for the sight of Holiness above. We, the sons of ignorance and night, may dwell in the Eternal Light through the Eternal Love which in Christ became incarnate, lived, loved, died, triumphed and lives again, and "all the days" is ever with us, even to the "Consummation of the Age."

We pray Thee to accept our gratitude for Thy Son, for the Grace of the Holy Spirit, for the open Bible, for the teachers who can teach, and the Word of Power which has come back to this earth.

O God bless Zion today in all the lands. (Amen.)

Bless Zion in America. (Amen.)

In Europe. (Amen.)

In Asia. (Amen.)

In Africa. (Amen.)

In Australia. (Amen.)

In the Islands of the Sea. (Amen.)

Bless every Overseer, Elder, Evangelist, Deacon and Deaconess; every Member of the Seventies, and every Member of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion throughout the world today. (Amen.)

Bless all Thy people, by whatever name they may be called, who are seeking to press upward into the Light. May they be willing to obey the Light. May they be willing to obey the Word when they hear it; to obey that which the Light reveals.

Bless us this afternoon, and grant that our words may be acceptable unto Thee; that many in this place may rise this Easter Day into a Resurrection Life, into Newness of Life, and may be endowed with Power for Service, so that by and by, when we are transplanted to our Father's Home above, we may enter into that inheritance which is "incorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away," reserved in heaven for those who are kept by the power of God through faith, on this earth, obedient unto Thee, serving Thee, loving Thee, rejoicing in Thee, and making Thy will their supreme delight.

Let us be counted among their number.

Hear us, our Father, then as we pray in the words which our Lord taught us when on earth He said: "After this manner therefore pray ye."

The Choir and audience then joined in chanting the Lord's Prayer. Zion Choir then arose, and the nearly three hundred voices became as one in Gounod's Easter anthem, "Unfold, Ye Portals."

There was a stirring, inspiring spirit in the music.

It was not only a beautiful technical rendering of a splendid composition; it was the spontaneous expression of the love and joy and praise with which the heart of each consecrated singer was filled.

Zion's white-robed singers are all children of God, and sing His praises because they love Him.

Overseer Speicher then made the announcements, after

which, referring to LEAVES OF HEALING, the General Overseer said:

Words of Thanksgiving to Zion Guard.

I would take the opportunity afforded me by the publication of the picture of Zion Guard in our last issue of LEAVES OF HEALING to express my personal thanks for the love and loyalty which has for six years guarded Zion property and life at our Headquarters, and on all occasions of our public ministrations either at home or at a distance.

I thank not only Zion Guard, but their good wives who so willingly gave up their husbands to that service.

In many cases, they said, "If the General Overseer's life is in danger, get between the bullet and him."

"It does not matter about you when his life is threatened," said one wife. "I love you, but your life is not as the General Overseer's. God will take care of us."

That wife was a good, true, loving wife, but she had the spirit, not of a Spartan mother merely, but of a mother in God's Israel.

I thank the women as well as the men.

I was glad the other day at Muskegon, when compelled to wait between trains, to look at a monument in Hackley Square which has an inscription upon it not common upon soldiers' monuments. It was to this effect:

ERECTED TO THE MEMORY  
OF THE  
LOYAL SOLDIERS AND SAILORS  
Who Fought, and to all who in any way Served their  
Country During the  
WAR OF THE REBELLION.

It was those who bore those burdens at home who did so much to save this country.

They provided not only the commissariat—the food and the clothing—but they provided that inspiration which went with the men into battle and to death.

In All the Ages, Inspiration Has Come From the Home.

Every warrior, on the eve of battle, thinks of the home, and goes into battle, giving his life if need be that Home and Nation may be preserved.

How much more in the Christian warfare, if men for their country and their flag can give their lives, can we give everything for our God, and for the Universal Salvation of man?

I am so glad for the inspiration of a Divine Courage which is everywhere manifested in Zion, and for the willingness to obey, and to go forward in perfect order.

Wherever there is disorder there must be destruction.

I thank God for the good order in Zion.

I ask you to pray that I may be able to maintain it; for in order lies victory, and in confusion lies defeat.

May God help you.

I am so glad this Easter Day to give you the greetings, not only of myself and the officers here, but of Zion everywhere.

We are glad and rejoice in all the Grace and Glory that has come by means of Zion in these latter days through the Resurrection of Truths long buried but never dead.

The Word of God Liveth and Abideth Forever.

Sometimes it seems to be dead, like the grains of wheat that lie in a mummy case for thousands of years. Take them out, however, and sow them, and the seed will spring up and a great harvest will follow.

The Church may become like a mummy, wrapped up in all kinds of political, ecclesiastical and social grave clothes, with a handful of Seed Truth lying by its side; but the Word of God liveth and abideth forever. Thank God for that. (Amen.)

I thank God that He has brought forth Zion, and that as the years roll on Zion goes onward and upward, and the Christian Catholic Church in Zion goes forward in splendid and united phalanxes of fully armed warriors.

From 1896 to 1901 there has been one constant triumph.

I thank you for tens of thousands of loving prayers, and for loving coöperation and loyalty, and for that which has enabled me under God to bring Zion where it is.

Now Zion City is in sight.

Thanks be to God for all the prospects of a glorious City. I am hoping to meet not less than 25,000 of you some glad

Easter, not many Easters hence, in Zion Temple in Zion City. May God grant it. (Amen.)

Meanwhile we have to work. You cannot ascend the Great Pyramid at a bound. It is a gigantic staircase. Every step must be taken singly. There is no way to attain success but by going every step of the way carefully and faithfully, in the darkness as well as in the light, in the storm as well as in the sunshine, going forward confidently, no matter what the season may be.

There can only be one season for Zion, and that one perpetual, glad Summer.

There has been sunshine in our hearts in all the Winter, and it will be there through all the Spring. A certain poet writes, "Thou hast all seasons for thine own, O Death!"

But there is another side, and we say, "Thou hast all seasons for thine own, O Life."

And Life is greater than Death. Life shall one day utterly destroy Death. Death and Hell shall one day be cast into the Lake of Fire.

God hasten that day when there shall be "no more death!"

#### Zion to Have a New Divine Healing Home and College Building.

I desire to call your attention to my editorials in the last issue of LEAVES OF HEALING.

Tell your friends far and near that although we had thought we would not have another Divine Healing Home until we had built it in Zion City, we find it a necessity, even in this transition period, to continue the Home, hitherto conducted in the building now known as Zion Building, where our Headquarters Offices, and the offices of the many Zion Institutions, are now located.

It has also been forced upon us by the fact that Zion College needed a place for the large number of College students. Zion College has more than doubled its numbers every year since its inception.

We also found, upon examination, that the boarding houses of our people were unequal to very much greater strain upon them. As large numbers of persons are coming to meet Mrs. Dowie on May 24th, and to attend the Anniversary Gatherings in July, we decided to take the beautiful large building at the northwest corner of Michigan Avenue and Thirteenth Street, hitherto known as the Hotel Norwood.

May God bless and preserve Mrs. Dowie until she comes home to us. She will be here and receive your kind greeting on Thursday, May 23d, God willing.

On Decoration Day, May 30th, the first large Zion Excursion of this year will run to Zion City.

Then comes our Great Anniversary, July 14th, the First Anniversary of the Consecration of Zion Temple Site. Our Encampment will be held on that occasion.

Along the shores of Lake Michigan, Zion's hosts will camp from the 12th day of July until about the 23d. I hear that some are even asking for permission to camp there all summer, and we are considering that question, and figuring upon putting up miles of tents for a Zion Encampment. An announcement concerning this Encampment will soon be made by Deacon Daniel Sloan, to whom we have given charge of this matter.

Pray for these Gatherings, and prepare for them.

On the 15th day of July a great many Lots in Zion City will be Open for Selection.

Pray that God will give us the strength that we need from day to day for all these matters. Pray that God will give those associated with me that perfect loyalty and consecration of heart that will enable them to fall into line and Go Forward.

If anybody does not want to fall into line, and wants to go his own way, he cannot do it in Zion. That is a settled matter long ago.

You do not want a go-as-you-please and do-as-you-like Christianity, do you?

Audience—"No."

General Overseer—If you do, you are in the wrong place. Zion was founded with the clear understanding that we should keep in perfect line and in perfect order. The blessing has come because you have made me strong by your love and your loyalty, and your strengthening of my hands as your leader.

I thank God that He has used you to do this.

Zion will Go Forward; and we shall win multitudes from the powers of Sin and Satan, and Disease and Death and Hell,

so that they may find Full Deliverance in God through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### We Will Maintain a Close Organization.

Alexander the Great with 30,000 men, at the battle of Issus, smote the hosts of the Persians, nearly a million strong, slaying more than three times as many men as he had led into the battlefield against Darius.

If, like Alexander, Zion knows how to make a phalanx, and go in and smite the Devil and all his hosts, Zion can take the earth for God, to whom it belongs.

The Earth is the Lord's. Thank God it is.

Zion is at War with Satan, and Sin, and Disease, and Death, and Hell, and everything that would make disorder.

Zion is at peace with those who desire to be saved, and healed and blessed, and to live a good and holy life.

That is the only life worth living.

May God help us, this Easter Day, to reaffirm our vows, and in the strength of the Resurrection Life of God to Go Forward, and to fulfil God's Great Purposes in Zion at this time—the Opening Year of the Twentieth Century.

The audience then joined in singing, with the mighty volume of more than three thousand voices, the stirring words:

Go Forward, O Zion,  
Thou shalt be exalted,  
When the King shall come;

Go Forward, O Zion,  
Great shall be thy triumph,  
When the King shall come.

The tithes and offering were then received, Zion's White-robed Choir singing Caleb Simper's Easter anthem, "King of Kings." The glorious, triumphant strains, "And He shall reign forever and ever," a fitting close to the General Overseer's prelude, arose on wings of sublime song, carrying with them the unspoken praise and worship of the audience. God's Spirit was in the music and made it a great blessing.

#### LIFE IN CHRIST FOR ALL.

##### INVOCATION.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, be profitable unto this people, and unto all to whom these words shall come, for the sake of Jesus.

Jesus said (John 17:1-2):

##### TEXT.

Father, the hour is come; glorify Thy Son, that the Son may glorify Thee: even as Thou gavest Him Authority over all flesh, that whatsoever Thou hast given Him, to them He should give Eternal Life.

In the First Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians, twenty-first and twenty-second verses of the fifteenth chapter:

For since by man came Death, by man came also the Resurrection of the Dead. For as in Adam All Die, so also in Christ shall All be made Alive.

This glorious Easter Day, I reaffirm in Zion the teaching from which I have never deviated, that our Lord Jesus Christ's Incarnation, sinless Life, perfect Atonement by His sacrifice on the cross, His Death, His Resurrection, His Reascension, and the sublime fact that the Holy Spirit has come, all confirm the glorious fact, which He Himself declared would be accomplished by His death: "I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw All Men unto Me."

No limitation is possible in the word "all."

The eventuality, far off as it may seem to us, the realization, is a Universal and Glorious and Perfect Victory from the powers of Satan and Sin and Disease and Death and Hell.

To assert the possibility of less than this, would be to limit and diminish the glory of God.

Unless Salvation is "to the Uttermost," unless the Remedy is greater than the disease, unless the Redemption is coextensive with the miseries of transgression, then an imperfect Atonement and an imperfect Redemption involves an imperfect Atoner and Redeemer. But this is not the teaching of the Word of God.

The teaching of Jesus Himself is that of absolute, perfect and permanent Victory, the effacement of Satan, the effacement of Sin, the effacement and destruction of Death and Hell,



and the ultimate and glorious Triumph of Life in the Eternal Kingdom of the Heavens.

Short of this, Redemption would be incomplete and the Gospel insufficient to satisfy humanity.

**Some People See Danger in Teaching a Perfect Redemption.**

"Danger! Danger!" they cry, and are ready to lift up the red flag.

"Go very slowly," they say, "for there is danger."

What danger?

Danger that Love will triumph over Hate?

Danger that Life will triumph over Death?

Danger that Christ will triumph over Satan?

Danger that the Kingdom of God shall utterly destroy the Kingdom of Death?

Where is the danger?

The danger is real to those who have been creating the bogey of the Impossibility of God being able to Restore His creatures.

The danger is great to the churches which live upon a Gospel of fear. They swing the red and green lights, meaning "danger" and "slow up," everywhere, beginning with the druggist's window. The red and green there should make you see that there is danger in the drug store and warn you not to go there. (Laughter and applause.)

They say that they see danger in the doctrine of Divine Healing. Yes; Demetrius, the silversmith of Ephesus, who made silver shrines for the heathen goddess Diana—and, incidentally, for his own pocket—saw "danger" in Paul's preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. So do doctors and druggists, and their blind victims, see "danger" in my preaching of God's Covenant of Healing—"I am the Lord that healeth thee." They erect their druggist's signal, and implore you to be careful lest you should think of God as too great and of His Love as too Omnipotent, since faith of that kind would damage their business in drugs and surgical instruments.

**There Has Never Been Any Danger in Infinite Wisdom, in Infinite Mercy, in Infinite Power, in Infinite Love.**

The danger is when God is limited.

The Great Shepherd of the sheep, who gave His life for the sheep, is saying, "As in Adam All Die, so also in Me shall All be made Alive."

He is saying what He said in the first words of His prayer as He went forth to die: "Father, glorify Thy Son, that the Son may glorify Thee: even as Thou gavest Him authority over all flesh, that whatsoever Thou hast given Him, to them He should give Eternal Life."

It is the simplest and purest logic. If Christ has Authority over all flesh, past, present and future, and if His statement is true that His intention is at last to give Eternal Life to all flesh, then I rejoice that although generations, through ignorance and sin, have made their bed in hell, His Word is true:

If I make my bed in hell, behold, Thou art there.

If I take the wings of the morning,

And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there shall Thy hand lead me,

And Thy right hand shall hold me.

**Jesus Will Seek His Own, Even in the Depths of Hell.**

I thank Him for the Revelation that when He had suffered the sharpness of Death, He descended into Hell, and there He fought the battle with the dark powers of Sin and Disease, and Death and Hell.

There He fought for those spirits, preaching to those who, through these thousands of years, had been in misery, rejecting the Gospel as Noah preached it.

As the Apostle Peter wrote (1 Peter 3:18-20):

Because Christ also suffered for sins once,

The Righteous for the Unrighteous,

That He might bring us to God;

Being put to Death in the Flesh,

But Quickened in the Spirit;

In which also He went and preached

Unto the Spirits in Prison,

Which aforetime were Disobedient,

When the Longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah.

He has "led captivity captive" and reascended to heaven.

He still tells us that no matter what may seem to be the fate of poor, miserable humanity now, He will *seek*, and *seek*, and *seek* His sheep until He finds them.

"The Longsuffering of God" is still "waiting" for perish-

ing and rebellious humanity; and is still "seeking" to save the Lost wherever they have wandered.

No matter how dark the valley or how deep, no matter how dark the night or how howling the tempest, no matter how many the foes, He will seek "that which is lost" until He has brought them back rejoicing.

He will seek them if He has to seek them in the very depths of hell.

I praise Him today that this Gospel has no limitation; that "His mercy endureth forever."

I praise Him that "as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive."

Oh, the depths of the riches of His grace!

"He hath shut up All unto Disobedience that He might have Mercy upon All."

The blessed Gospel helps us to tell men that He is the "Saviour of All Men, specially of them that believe." Although I know that neither here nor hereafter shall any find the Gate of Heaven until they have knelt at the feet of Christ, repented, believed, surrendered; although millions have gone into the dark portals of Hades, I thank God for the thought which cannot die; that He "deviseth means, that he that is banished be not an outcast from Him"; that "His mercy endureth forever," and that until He has saved the last miserable spirit of which He is the Father, He cannot be happy.

Every spirit that ever lived in earth, heaven or hell is the offspring of God the Father of Spirits. He cannot be at rest until His last wandering child is brought back to Him.

How can He be?

**God Will Never Forsake His Own Offspring.**

Fathers, mothers, think it out yourselves.

Can God be at rest while the wanderer is away on the mountain wild, a wandering child far from the Father's Home, and rejecting the Mercy and Salvation of Christ the tender Shepherd who "came to seek and save that which was lost"?

Never. God will never leave His own.

Never forget that they and we, and all spirits are His offspring.

"They have sinned," some say.

Yes.

"They will perish."

Yes.

"They will go to hell."

Yes.

But when you have said that, is that all?

You have to believe in either Annihilation or Restoration. It is impossible to conceive of God's government as absolute while He has to shut the lid down upon the top of hell, and to put legions of angels upon it, lest peradventure sometime through the ages it might get lifted, and the Devil get out again. (Laughter.)

Then the whole business of catching him, repairing damages, and shutting him up in hell would have to be gone over.

There is no triumph in that.

There is certain and sure misery, and disappointment, and disaster.

**An Old Chinese Story.**

"Sire," says the old Chinese story, "your viceroy, your great officers of state, your great captains have rebelled against you in such a province."

The Prince wept.

"Rebelled against me?" he asked, in amazement.

"Yes. They say that you are a tyrant, an autocratic tyrant."

Somebody called me that the other day.

I hate selfish autocracy, and I hate all tyranny and oppression; and if I knew that I had any of these diabolical things in my heart, I feel that I should want to take a knife and dig them out, if it cost me my life.

"Autocratic tyrant" I never was, and I never will be, God helping me.

I would despise myself if I possessed slaves, and I should despise the men who would submit to be slaves.

I did not recognize the title at all, unless there is an autocracy and tyranny of love; then I believe it.

There is an autocratic and tyrannous power in Divine Love. God bring us all under that tyranny. (Amen.)

It is the only tyranny I know anything about in Zion.

They said to this Chinese Emperor, "They say you are an autocrat, a tyrant."

And the kind monarch wept.

He was old in years. His kingdom had been at peace for half a century, and why should that man rebel? He had loaded him with benefits. He had sent him to carry on the government, trusting him as a child.

Why should he rebel?

They said, "Sire, what are you going to do?"

All at once the monarch's tears were dried, and he said: "Call forth my army from every province of my vast dominions. Bring them to my standard. I will march against these enemies, and I will utterly destroy them."

The moment that the King had uttered this decree, from every province the multitudes who loved him thronged until the greatest army was around him that had ever been seen in that ancient empire.

By forced marches the old Emperor went to the distant province where his enemies were. So great was his army that the tread of it was as if the earth were shaking.

When they heard that he was coming with this vast army, the armies of the rebels melted away like snow. The rebels saw that they would be overwhelmed.

Clothed with sackcloth, the badge of mourning, with chains self-imposed upon their necks, they sent forth the keys from every city to lay them at the feet of the King.

At last he came to the city where this officer whom he had trusted lived.

The man came forth, in sackcloth, ashes and chains, and wept at his feet and besought mercy.

The aged monarch looked at him. He said, "You deserve Death."

"Yes," replied the penitent.

"You deserve it now."

"Yes."

"You deserve that your family should be enslaved."

"Enslaved," he said. "I deserve it all. Do it. I deserve it."

Then the aged King stood. Presently his breast heaved. He looked at the suppliant he had loved; for the suppliant was one of his own sons who had rebelled against his own father, and had striven to tear him from his throne.

He said, "Arise! My son, my son, thou wert dead and art alive; thou wert lost and art found. My son! Take from him these garments; bring forth the robe and put it on him. Here is my ring, my son."

Those around him said, "Sire, you promised to destroy your enemies?"

The King said, "Where are my enemies? O mine enemy, come and put your dagger into my heart!"

#### No Enemy to the King.

They had all melted away; for there was no enemy to the King. They were "under his feet," but they were on the footstool of his mercy.

So is it with God. He must reign, and He must "put down all rule, and all authority, and all power" of a rebellious nature. *And He will.*

That Christ who died, lives again.

He must reign until He hath put all enemies under His feet.

Shall we not get "under His feet" today?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Shall we not cease to be His enemies today?

The time will come when His Love, like a Burning Fire, will have consumed every unclean desire; when men, throughout the world of invisible and visible spirits, past, present and to come, will own Him their God, their Father, their Saviour, their King. He will say, "This is My Son who was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found."

May God grant that this thought may inspire us to work for the living, and to be "baptized for the dead."

#### Work For God Beyond the Grave.

It seems to me, sometimes, as if the work which I most long to get at is the work beyond the grave. I long to take the Gospel to the dead who died without hope, who knew nothing of a Saviour, and never rejected Him.

Let us be baptized for the dead, for those who have passed away.

When we go, may we be counted worthy to seek for those who have died in their sins, wherever these unhappy beings may dwell—these "spirits in prison" who were "disobedient" when the first apostles preached, and the vast multitudes who have been "disobedient" throughout the ages since.

Therefore, let us do that work now to the multitudes who are "dead in trespasses and sin," so that they may live again.

Let us seek them. Let us bring them to His feet, and "under His feet" they will find the Footstool of Mercy; for He sits upon a Throne of Infinite Grace and Mercy.

Oh the depths of the Riches of His glory! Christ has Authority, and He will use it over all flesh. He will give them life, and He will seek them until they surrender.

Let us be in the Army which in this life, and beyond it, follows the King until the last rebel lays down his arms in hell or on earth at His feet.

Then cometh the End,  
When He shall deliver up the Kingdom to God

Even the Father;

... that God may be All in All.

#### There Shall Be No Place Where God is Not Supreme.

Grant that the time may be hastened. (Amen.)

Those who desire to enter into God's Kingdom now and to dwell therein with Christ forever, stand and tell Him so. (Apparently all arose.)

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. Take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be. Give me power to do right; to confess and forsake sin and to trust Thee, and obey Thee in all things. Help me to believe that even as these pure white lilies were once a little seed, and could not grow up until that seed died, I too may be dead to sin, and grow up whiter than the lilies, with a heart cleansed from sin. Though my heart be red like crimson, may it be white as snow. Though my sins be dark as night, may they be white as wool, for Jesus' sake. (All repeat the prayer, clause by clause, after the General Overseer.)

Immediately that the last words of this Act of Consecration were spoken, the General Overseer turned to the large choir in the gallery behind him, and in a low, soft, clear tone sang:

Though your sins be as scarlet.

Then turning to the vast throng of the standing thousands in the crowded Tabernacle, he sang:

Though your sins be as scarlet,  
They shall be as white as snow!

Then the whole choir and congregation caught up the words and sang, with the General Overseer leading:

Though they be red like crimson  
They shall be as wool.

Continuing, the deeply-moved multitude, many visibly and audibly weeping, sang sweetly, and softly:

Hear the Voice that entreats you,  
Oh, return ye unto God! to God!  
He is of Great Compassion,  
And of wondrous Love.

He'll forgive your transgressions,  
And remember them no more; no more:  
"Look unto Me, ye people,"  
Saith the Lord your God.

This impromptu exercise had a marvelous effect upon all, and deep and sincere feeling was most manifest upon the thousands present.

The Recessional was then sung. Deeply impressive was the sight, as the hundreds upon hundreds of white-robed singers and the Ordained Officers, in their robes, marched slowly out, led by the little girls of Zion Girls' Choir and singing the words:

Jesus Christ is risen today,  
Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day,  
Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross,  
Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss.  
Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing,  
Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our Heav'nly King,  
Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave,  
Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save.  
Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured,  
Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured;  
Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He's King,  
Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing,  
Alleluia!

Now be God the Father praised,  
Alleluia!  
With the Son, from death upraised,  
Alleluia!  
And the Spirit, ever blest,  
Alleluia!  
One true God, by all confessed.  
Alleluia!

The meeting was closed by the General Overseer pronouncing the

**BENEDICTION.**

Jehovah bless thee, and keep thee:  
Jehovah make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:  
Jehovah lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee Peace.  
Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

**RECEPTION OF MEMBERS AND COMMUNION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.**

After a brief intermission, the audience reassembled, all the first floor and first galleries being filled.

The General Overseer, after a brief but solemn charge to the candidates, extended the right hand of fellowship to ninety-seven new members, the Church also welcoming each one with a hearty Amen to the General Overseer's greeting, "I receive you; may God bless you."

Then there was a hush as the great company of Christians approached the Lord's Table in silent prayer.

The General Overseer administered the Ordinance, assisted by Overseers Piper and Speicher and a large number of Elders, Evangelists and Deacons.

It was a season of quiet communion with God and with one another, a blessed reality in Zion.

In closing, the General Overseer spoke as follows:

We have now come to the beginning of the Second Quarter of the year. We have passed into the Spring, although we do not see much of it yet. We only hear about it. But the Spring Breath is here, and not far away the grass is green, the trees are in bud and blossom, and Spring will soon be here, too.

The "Time of the Singing of Birds" has come.

The sweet Easter flowers, the White Lilies, are here.

**I Am Grateful to God for the Work Which Lies Behind Us This Year.**

It has been much larger, much deeper, much wider, and, I hope, much higher than we can well estimate.

I realize, myself, that a great step has been taken; that the first three months of this first year of the century have been wonderful months in Zion. The Spiritual Progress has been greater; the Educational work has been more progressive than heretofore. The Material Progress has been so great as to excite general astonishment throughout the country.

If we could tell the story in LEAVES OF HEALING, which we cannot, of the vast number in all the world who are constantly writing to us, and telling us how God has reached them on the wings of the Little White Dove in all the land, I should have to fill the entire paper every week with Notes of Praise. As Overseer Piper remarks, that would not begin to hold it.

It is a simple fact that the Story of Thanksgiving, coming to us in so many things in so many lands, has reached such large dimensions already that we can only give fragments of it.

However, the work goes on. That is the best thing. The work of winning sinners to a Saviour, of winning the sick to a Healer, and of inspiring God's people with a determination to fulfil His will, to obey Him and to live holy lives, is a glorious work.

This is being done, and Zion is in perfect peace in all her

borders. When any one rebels, you do not hear of it for six months. He is gone. He cannot stay in Zion. He does not need to be put away. He goes. He cannot stay, for Zion has no place for those who are rebels against God, and are not willing to live in harmony with their brethren.

**I Thank God for a Little Zion Work in Egypt.**

I wish we could tell you about it. We are publishing a little paper there in Arabic called THE BANNER OF ZION. Our good brother and sister, Herman Harris and his wife, members of this Church, have a very interesting Zion school of little Arabs, real Arabs, in the City of Alexandria.

Their work reaches to other parts of the Nile Delta, and along the Mediterranean Sea, and, in fact, reaching away into Tripoli and Tunis. In every part the Arabs are getting interested. They want to know more about ourselves, and the wonderful things God has wrought in Zion (Zeeon).

"Zeeon" is a great word in the eyes of the Oriental.

"Zeeon" is almost as sacred as Mecca to an Arab.

The "Dome of the Rock," Mount Moriah, is the place where the Holy Shekinah of God appeared in the Holy of Holies in the Temple. That is the place where Abraham offered sacrifice, and would have slain his own son. That "Dome of the Rock" is covered by the so-called Mosque of Omar. Mount Moriah is today almost as sacred to the Arab as to the Christian: for they are taught to believe that near that spot is a stone on which Mahomet is to sit at the day of judgment, to judge the reëmbodied spirits below him in the Valley of Jehoshaphat.

The promises of God for Zion appeal to the Arab. He eagerly asks, "Has the Deliverer come to Zion?"

"O, Allah," they cry, "when will the Deliverer come?"

Mocked by the false priests and dervishes, they have often been deceived by false Mahdis, who promised them deliverance from cruel oppressions of every kind.

And now, multitudes are in utter despair: for Mahomedanism is utterly unsatisfying.

May God reach them and let them know that the Deliverer has come.

**The World Everywhere is Waiting for God's Zion.**

There is the same story in India, the same in China, the same in Japan, the same in the Islands of the Seas, the same in Australia, and in Europe.

We have just had a Baptism in Paris, Mrs. Dowie writes me, and God is blessing. It was only one, but he was a wonderful convert, and there are three more to be baptized very soon.

Forty applications for fellowship were sent to me from London last week.

Let us thank God for the work afield. Then let us thank God for the work at home.

When I came back from Europe late in January, the first thing that met me was that I had to find a hundred thousand dollars for Zion.

God helped me find it, and ever since we have been going on; and God has provided hundreds of thousands of dollars since, and much progress has been made in Zion City.

Now we have to make provision in Chicago for the work during the transition period. It takes time and money to build many Institutions upon the permanent basis that will be required in Zion City.

However, we are going on.

Pray God to bless the many things we now have in hand, and ask Him for strength for me, and for my brethren associated with me in the Ecclesiastical, the Educational, and the Commercial Work of Zion.

I am asking God that I may be continued in strength.

God has been wonderfully good to me. I have taxed this earthen vessel to its utmost capacity again and again in these months since my return. God has given me health and strength through it all.

**We Are Looking Forward to Overseer Jane Dowie's Return.**

God bless her. (Amen.)

This day twenty years ago, God gave me a very wonderful gift in my dear daughter Esther. God bless her. (Amen.)

I am thankful that my son, A. J. Gladstone, is taking a very deep interest in the Branch of the Christian Catholic Church in Boston. We have about seventy members in fellowship there,

and scores of earnest members will gather today around the Lord's Table in Boston.

Fifteen months ago we had only three members in Boston. Now we have at least seventy in the city and fifty more in the vicinity. A great many are sitting on the fence, and toppling over, one by one, on the Zion side. (Laughter.)

Pray for all the Branches of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion throughout the world: for we have some representation on every continent.

I ask you to get ready for some very earnest Zion Seventy work preparatory to the Great Demonstration in the Auditorium on May 26th, and in this Tabernacle during that week.

We shall have a number of Conferences here specially connected with Women's Work.

I will have a Divine Healing Meeting for Women Only. I will not let a man into that meeting. Overseer Jane Dowie and myself will pray for, and lay hands upon, sick women at that time.

I will have many things for Women Only that week.

We will have our first Excursion to Zion City this year, on May 30th—Decoration Day. We should like you to apply for the tickets for that Excursion as soon as it is announced.

#### Announcements Concerning Mrs. Dowie's Return.

Tell the friends far and near that the railway companies will give special rates for this series of conferences (see full announcement on page 800).

I expect that Mrs. Dowie will be upon this platform May 23d. It will be a family meeting. We shall not have the world in. Our Zion family will meet Mrs. Dowie alone.

I thought of having this on May 24th, but I have been told that there will be a great many New Members to receive, and we shall have to Ordain between 120 and 150 officers on that night. Accordingly, I have thought that we might, perhaps, give her a Family Reception on Wednesday, the 23d.

I want you all to meet her.

She is very diffident about her own power. She is asking God to give her grace for the tremendous work that I am placing upon her; but she is going into it cheerfully and joyfully to take an official position such as no woman, perhaps, has ever had since apostolic days, or even then.

I desire you to support her.

She has had a very large experience in God's work in many lands.

#### God is Giving Mrs. Dowie a Very Greatly Increased Strength.

We will have to guard that strength, and be kind to her, especially as she is going to be married that week. (Laughter.)

On May the 26th, I tell her jocularly, I propose to marry her all over again—a Silver Wedding—at the Auditorium.

I cannot tell you how glad I am that I have had so faithful a companion for twenty-five years.

We are preparing a very beautiful little Souvenir Programme that will be given to you. It will be in three colors and silver.

It will have the Word of God at the top and four lines of poetry at the bottom. The poetry will read something like this:

The silver bells in Zion say:  
The Master made the water wine,  
Five and twenty years today,  
Hallelujah!

I wish to see those who ought to be married, so happily married in Zion, that five and twenty years after this they will be able to say some words like these.

Pray for Mrs. Dowie, earnestly, that God will bring her safely to us, and prepare her for His service as Overseer of Women's Work in Zion throughout the World.

She will leave Liverpool in the steamship *New England* on May 9th, her birthday. She is getting younger all the time.

She will speak in Boston on the Sabbath before she comes here, and have a little visit with my son, who is taking a post-graduate course at an Eastern University. Pray for him.

Do not forget *my* requests for prayer.

#### Zion City is in Sight.

Lift your eyes, ye sons of Light!  
Zion City is in sight.

Let us Go Forward.

Work and be ready for sacrifice or for service.

What victories God has brought to us in the three months since the beginning of this year!

Think of the victories over the World, the Flesh and the Devil, not to speak of the Illinois Legislature and the "Where-asses"!

Where are they?

A Voice—"Dead."

General Overseer—Buried! Gone!

The press did not answer the question, "Which is the bigger?" but we did. (Laughter.)

God by His Grace gave us a victory which has been felt from shore to shore, and north to south, and has reached across the sea.

The question is asked, "Who is this man? What is this Institution that can take a Legislature and throw it on its back?"

God did it.

We give Him the glory. If we had not had some grit and grace, however, it could not have been done. But, then, He gave us the Power also. So it is all of Grace and all of God, and not of ourselves.

Thank God that Zion's hand reaches far to protect her children.

#### Some of Zion's Recent Victories.

Over in New York, last week, we put out our hand, and saved a man from prison, and from an unjust Judge. If the case goes further, we will fight it out and win.

By the way, do you know that Mayor Huntington Brown was defeated in Mansfield by forty votes? (Applause and laughter.)

Mayor Huntington Brown is in the outer darkness, politically speaking, weeping, wailing and gnashing his teeth, and saying, "That fellow Dowie did it. He sent down money and bribed the electors."

I never sent a dollar, but I sent many prayers to heaven.

My people in Mansfield did their duty without telling. We have more than forty voters there who are friends of Zion; and so Zion has given ex-Mayor Brown a holiday. (Laughter.)

I still intend to send those who were falsely and maliciously indicted for criminal libel by a Mansfield "grand jury" to stand trial.

Then we will see what the Mansfield authorities will do. My opinion is that they will be glad of any hole they can crawl out of.

A great adversary of Zion died two weeks ago. Dr. Edwards, the bitter foe of Zion, who was editor of the Masonic-Methodist Episcopal Church organ which is misnamed the *Northwestern Christian Advocate*, thought he could do as he liked. He thought that he could deny God's power, and could lie about Zion.

I said, "You cannot. God will require it at your hands."

The *Chicago Record*, which lied about Zion, is also dead within the last few days. (Applause.)

I asked you to send it away from your doors. Did you?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—The agents all over the city sent in reports saying that the women told them, "Take away that Daily Liar, quick! We do not want it any more."

So the Daily Liar was sold out. People do not sell out a paying paper in the way this was disposed of.

The *Times-Herald* has become the *Record-Herald*; but the *Record* is dead.

Now the next thing to go will be the *Daily News*.

The *Daily News* is trying to bring forth "fruits meet for repentance."

Last night it came out with a long article saying "Zion is a busy City, and presents all the appearance of a booming town." (Laughter and applause.)

Let us thank God and take courage.

Zion is loved, is it not?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—It is respected by multitudes, is it not?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—And tell it not in Gath, but

#### Zion is Feared.

Many have now become afraid to touch Zion. One man said the other day, "Don't you touch him; he is an awful fighter! You will get knocked over, and not know what struck you."

I do not want to fight; but when it is for Zion and God's

Kingdom, then I am going to fight. I do not believe in letting the Devil have it all his own way. Do you?

David sang, and I sing:

Blessed be the Lord my Rock,  
Which teacheth my hands to War,  
And my fingers to fight.  
My Lovingkindness, and my Fortress,  
My High Tower, and my Deliverer;  
My Shield, and He in whom I trust;  
Who subdueth my people under me.

This is God's world, and every one in it ought to belong to God.

May God bless us and give us a great Time of Blessing. Be humble, be faithful, be diligent, be wise, be pure, be persistent, be patient.

God bless you.

Pray for me, and may we have a Glorious Year with which to open this New Century in Zion, a Year in which Millions shall be blessed through the World, for Jesus' sake.

**BENEDICTION.**

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

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**Has God Blessed You in Tithing?**

Have you realized a fulfilment of God's promise to those who "bring the Whole Tithe into the Storehouse"? If so, let others know how true the promise is. Write your testimony and send it to Rev. William Hamner Piper, Overseer-at-Large of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Let your testimonies be brief and straight to the point.

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Nor any other abomination which defiles the spirits, souls and bodies of men.  
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# NOTES OF THANKSGIVING TO ZION'S GOD.

BY DEACON O. L. SPRECHER, PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE GENERAL OVERSEER.

BLESS THE LORD, O my soul,  
And forget not all His benefits;  
Who forgiveth all thine iniquities;  
Who healeth all thy diseases.

Like as a father pitieth his children,  
So the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.

**D**AY after day the call to Repentance is sounded forth from Zion. The call comes with authority from God, and is very effectual in bringing about a True Repentance in the hearts of multitudes in all parts of the world.

But this is not all.

Zion calls for a True Faith in God, and the people are taught God's will. As a result, the prayer of faith is offered by thousands in the ministry and membership of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion. As a natural consequence, the stream of testimony to God's blessing through Zion continues to pour in.

The testimonies which it is possible to record on the printed page are but a small part of the immense volumes God is writing in Zion in these latter days, but we record these testimonies to the glory of God.

## Minister's Faithfulness Rewarded; Zion Honored.

BINGHAMTON, New York, March 18, 1901.

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

*Beloved General Overseer:*—I sent you a telegram at 2.30 P. M., Saturday, the 16th, to pray immediately for my little girl.

When I returned from Chicago last Tuesday my little girl was sick with a severe cold. I prayed for her and she seemed to get relief for a while.

It will be remembered that I am pastor of the Pentecostal Mission Church in this place, and that I joined the Christian Catholic Church in Zion in Chicago the 3d of March, and was baptized by Triune Immersion the same day.

I expected that the Devil would rage when I returned to Binghamton. In fact, he commenced in the Church when I was in Chicago, but he came nearer home in afflicting my little girl.

When I returned home I announced through the daily papers that on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock I would preach, and in that service that I would speak on the work of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

This was no sooner known by the public than my little girl was taken violently ill again with a severe fever, asthma and bronchitis.

It was nearing the Lord's Day, when I expected to stand up before a large congregation and vindicate or make known the mighty work of God in Zion.

My child grew worse.

My wife became alarmed.

Some said to send for a doctor.

I prayed again, but there was no change for the better, and Clara was growing rapidly worse.

This was Saturday noon.

I returned to my closet for prayer. God revealed to me to telegraph to the General Overseer to pray for Clara's recovery.

The thought came to me, "Why will not God answer your prayer? He has answered in the past and several have been healed."

I was perplexed.

The disease was fastening its grip upon the child's vitals and, in fact, it seemed that if a physician were called, he could be of no avail.

At 2 o'clock I started for the telegraph office, and at 2:30 P. M. the message started over 700 miles to Chicago for the General Overseer to pray.

I returned home and the child was no better.

About a quarter to five o'clock I went to my room to pray.

Wife came upstairs, her face careworn and anxious. She said, "William, I wish that you would send for the doctor, for I do not believe that Clara will live long."

I prayed.

God gave me the assurance that the message had arrived at Chicago, that they were praying and that the child would recover.

I went down where the child was.

The fever was gone.

She was perspiring freely.

The hard breathing had ceased and she was sleeping as sweetly as she ever did.

She slept for over half an hour.

She awoke with a smile and sat up.

She called for her mother. In half an hour she was playing, and very happy.

Her auntie sat down at the piano to play—Clara started to sing.

We rejoiced and tears flowed freely as we beheld the wonderful works of God.

To God we give the glory.

While I was preaching on the Lord's Day it was revealed to me why God did not answer my prayer, and why He requested me to send the message to the General Overseer.

That man of God is branded in this place as a false prophet and the work in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion is called the work of the Devil. I am sorry to say that some of the members of my Church here have published the same.

I witnessed in this service to the healing of my child, and the means which God used for her recovery.

I am fully convinced that this is one of the ways which God has taken to establish Zion in Binghamton, and to convince the people that Zion is of God and that God is not mocked.

God bless Zion everywhere.

Yours in the bonds of a Full Gospel, (REV.) W. C. CHRISTIE.

## God Heals a Mother.

DYER, INDIANA, January 26, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I was born in this vicinity forty-seven years ago, and during my girlhood was always healthy and strong, consequently happy and light-hearted.

I was a member of the Lutheran Evangelical Church, but its teachings did not bring me closer to God.

After I was married, my health began to fail, and then for nearly twenty-three years I was a sufferer.

I had dyspepsia first, which finally developed into catarrh of the stomach, also chronic constipation, congestion of the liver and internal ulcerations.

For many years I lived on a diet, not drinking coffee, eating fruits, vegetables, or many other foods.

My husband was a physician and I was treated by many other physicians, Dr. Byford, from Chicago, being one of them. He said I would probably be obliged to undergo an operation for internal disease, but God saved me from that dreadful ordeal.

I was constantly using medicine, and during the last few years would use drugs every hour of the day, and sometimes every hour of the night.

I was growing worse all the time, and about a year before I heard of God's Way of Healing, I became so ill that I was in bed for three months continually, my stomach being the main cause. The other troubles were all aggravated, my bowels especially being almost paralyzed.

At times the pain in my stomach was unbearable and the doctors were obliged to use chloroform, but after a while, seeing that medicine could not help, they used a stomach tube, washing my stomach two or three times a day for six months.

I still used medicine, however.

The stomach tube relieved me somewhat, for my stomach was raw and sore and the water cleansed it.

But I was slowly starving to death.

I could eat nothing but soft boiled eggs and toast, or a little cereal, and even that would almost kill me. After meals I would be obliged to use the stomach tube.

Oh, the hopelessness and misery of it all!

During all this time I was asking God, *if it was His will*, to heal me through the drugs.

In the spring of 1895 I received a copy of LEAVES OF HEALING from my sister in Chicago, but she did not know much about the teaching, and my daughter did not think it was right to seek healing in that way. (How Satan blinds our eyes, sometimes.)

I lost blessing all that summer and suffered very, very much.

I asked God, however, if it was right for me to be healed that way, to open up the way and give me strength to go.

He answered my prayer.

In the autumn of 1895 a friend of mine who had been ill for many, many years, and had been dying (Mrs. Lulu Dayton, now of Marcellus, Michigan), came to me perfectly healed and told me of the wonderful teaching, so old and yet so new to us.

She did not say very much, however, but urged me to go and find out all about it.

On the 7th of October, 1895, I went to Divine Healing Home No. 1, very weak, almost unable to eat a mouthful, and weighing only eighty-four pounds.

I arrived there about noon, and that same afternoon Dr. Dowie gave a lecture and prayed with the sick.

I received wonderful blessing immediately after laying on of hands; for I ate a hearty supper, consisting of graham bread, peaches and cream and hot ginger bread, food I had not touched for many months.

I went to rest that night and slept soundly until morning. Then I ate a hearty breakfast.

From that time on, as I received the teaching, I obtained blessings from God through Dr. and Mrs. Dowie's prayers and those of Dr. Speicher.

I stayed two weeks, and during that time obeyed God in Triune Immersion.

The following spring I went to Zion Home and stayed there nearly three weeks for teaching, and also for healing of constipation, which had not been entirely removed.

Since then, for over five years, God has kept me and I have not been sick in bed for even a day. I have been able to eat whatever I desired.

I have had several slight attacks of the grip and also indigestion, but God has always healed me speedily either in answer to my own prayers or, in two instances, in answer to the prayers of Zion.

During the past week I have had a wonderful healing of diphtheria.

I was very sick and my throat was bad.

I had high fever.

Evangelist Fisher prayed for me in answer to my telegram, and I was able to be up every day and help with the work. In a very short time I was well.

I praise God for this last healing.

In closing, I thank God for our beloved General Overseer and his wife, and for all His faithful servants in Zion. I thank Him for Zion, "where the afflicted of His people may take refuge."

Yours in Jesus,

(MRS.) CARRIE JOHNS.

DYER, INDIANA, January 26, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I wish to add my testimony to that of my mother as it goes forth.

First of all, I thank God for giving me my dear mother, who has comforted and strengthened me so much all my life.

I praise Him for restoring her health and bringing us into Zion, where we have found Christ as our Healer for spirit, soul and body.

During the five years since my mother's healing I have been kept from disease and have been greatly blessed, both spiritually and physically.

I have also been healed of catarrh, and during the past week God healed me of an attack of diphtheria and also of severe constipation. I give all the praise to God.

I also thank Him for saving a dear friend and myself from death last winter when we were nearly overcome by coal gas. But for God's protecting care we surely would have been killed.

My prayer is that I may grow in wisdom and be a blessing to others and help extend the Kingdom of God.

For Jesus' sake,

(MISS) KATHERINE JOHNS.

#### Full Trust in God Fully Saves.

MADISON, WISCONSIN, March 24, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—In obedience to the command, "Go tell what the Lord has done for you," I write of the recent restoration of my daughter Claire from a severe attack of tonsillitis.

Claire was at my brother's in another part of the city when taken sick.

I was telephoned to come at once.

I found her having chills so severe that, although covered with two pairs of blankets, heavy comforter and spread, she felt no warmth. The chills were followed by excruciating pains in the back and throat.

Receiving no immediate answer to my own prayer, I telegraphed to you, asking you to pray for her.

Save very slight relief, there was no answer.

Her throat was swollen—almost closed—intensely inflamed and covered with greenish-white spots, some of them very large.

She was unable to swallow or breathe without great difficulty.

A physician would probably have said, "To be on the safe side we had better placard the house."

She could take no nourishment save a little liquid, and that with great effort.

I sent the second telegram to you, which you answered saying you had prayed at a certain hour and would pray again at 12 o'clock.

Still the answer was delayed. I was in no wise discouraged, knowing that God's word is *shall*.

Upon my return to the room, after leaving her a short time the third day, she said, "Mamma, I think I have been leaning entirely upon the General Overseer's and others' prayers, and neither asking nor trusting much myself. Since you left the room I earnestly asked Him to heal my throat, and I have not one particle of pain now."

To all appearances her throat was the same, but the pain was gone. When I left the room she could not swallow liquid without distress; when I returned, had I had it with me, she could have swallowed dry toast with ease; for which we thank God.

I believe He heard your prayer from the first, but she being of a responsible age had a lesson to learn. When she had learned it, the answer came.

Another hindrance, I think, until I put it out of my head, was my desire to have an instantaneous answer, to prove to my brother and sister Divine Healing.

I thank God for His goodness to me in many ways.

I thank you, His faithful servant, through whose instrumentality I have received many blessings.

May God bless you more and more in your labors for the uplifting of sin and disease-stricken humanity. MARGARET SNELL PARSONS.

#### Family Greatly Blessed Through Zion.

GRAYMONT, ILLINOIS, March 20, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—It will be six years next month since my wife and her sister, Mrs. Hattie McCormack, went to Zion.

What a change the teaching has wrought.

I had sold my last hog a few months prior to my wife's visit to Zion. I never returned to the swine business.

I dropped my membership in the Odd Fellows' Lodge.

I smoked my last cigar six years ago.

My boy Otis, then one year old, was constipated. Your prayer in his behalf was answered. He has been delivered from that trouble six years. Our daughter Celia three years ago had what we thought was appendicitis.

I called on the Baptist minister to pray for her. He prayed and suggested a doctor.

We telegraphed you for prayer, and in a few days she was well.

The preacher said it was "an awful thing to see that girl suffer and nothing done."

Our baby Daisy, who was born without a doctor, when about three months old was very sick. We carried her on a pillow on account of the great pain.

She had the appearance of pneumonia.

We telegraphed you for prayer. The next day the fever left her.

A year later she had a high fever. We telegraphed you for prayer and the same day the fever left her.

I was subject to cramps in the large muscles of my legs when working hard.

A few months ago one of those cramps took me in the night.

I sat up and prayed and rubbed the limb, and was going to call on my wife to pray, but the pain became so great I just left it all with the Lord. A warm glow went through the limb and the pain ceased instantly.

What a joy, what a comfort, words cannot express.

Over one year ago we commenced to pay tithes. We have an increase of one-third more than before we commenced to tithe.

Yours in the Master's service,

LINCOLN H. TUTTLE.

#### The Great Physician (Jesus) Fully Heals.

ZION CITY, ILLINOIS, March 20, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I praise God for what He has done for me in the past four weeks.

He healed me of the grip through the prayer of Elder Fockler.

About two days after my healing I was taken with the mumps. I had not gotten quite over that when I was taken with what seemed to be appendicitis.

I was very sick with this, and did not get relief until about 11 o'clock that night, when papa and mamma and Mr. Peterson prayed for me; after which I dropped to sleep and rested well until Sunday afternoon, when a high fever came upon me.

I was very weak until Monday morning, when Elder Fockler prayed again. Then the fever went down and I broke out into a perspiration. I felt I had my healing.

It is wonderful to think that the Great Physician is always ready to help us.

Thanking you and all of Zion for prayers, I remain

Your servant for the Master's service,

GERTRUDE DUNLOP.

# GATHERINGS OF THE FRIENDS OF ZION.

## SPECIAL NOTICE.

**I**N all parts of America, and in many other countries, there are Members of the Christian Catholic Church, and other Friends of Zion, who are meeting together for the worship of God, the reading of the Holy Scriptures, and the Extension of the Kingdom of God in the Salvation, Healing and Cleansing of all mankind through Faith in Jesus, by the Power of the Holy Spirit, and in accordance with the Will of God our Heavenly Father.

The time has now come when, as General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church, it is necessary for us to make better arrangements for the conduct of these Gatherings of the Friends of Zion.

We shall publish in LEAVES OF HEALING as soon as possible a List of these Gatherings, classified under their Countries, States, Cities, etc., the Name of the Conductor, the Places of Assembly, etc.

No responsibility will be assumed by us in any way for any Gatherings which are not in that List.

Many excellent Friends of Zion, who are not yet Members of the Christian Catholic Church, are desirous of attending Gatherings where the Teaching given in LEAVES OF HEALING and in A VOICE FROM ZION may be obtained, both from authorized Members of the Church and from the Zion Literature which may be obtained at such Gatherings.

This List will, therefore, be as full and correct as possible, and will be revised constantly and kept up to date.

We, therefore, now call upon all who are holding such Gatherings, or who desire that such shall be conducted in their localities, to forward an Application for a Gathering of the Friends of Zion in the form appended hereto.

Let the Application be sent to us as quickly as possible.

We shall withhold publication in every case until we are satisfied that the conditions exist for Divine Blessing on the intended Gathering.

But we do not want any unnecessary delay, for many important reasons exist for the early publication of this List.

Many impostors abound who are falsely representing themselves as authorized by us to conduct such Gatherings, and to exercise the Ministry of Healing in connection with the Christian Catholic Church.

It is desirable to at once arrest the operations of these wolves in sheep's clothing, and to guard God's sheep from their devouring wickedness.

These Gatherings of Friends of Zion are not Branches of the Christian Catholic Church; but they are preparatory to the formation of such Branches, and will be recognized as a part of the Work of the Church and visited by the General Overseer, or by Elders or other Officers of the Church, wherever it is possible, until placed as Branches under the charge of some qualified Elder.

### REQUIREMENTS IN THE FORMATION OF THESE GATHERINGS.

I. The Conductor must be a brother or sister in full fellowship with the Christian Catholic Church.

II. The Conductor must be nominated by Members of the Christian Catholic Church who are living in the same locality, or by Members who are fully informed as to the person nominated.

III. The Conductor shall be responsible to the General Overseer alone for the entire working of the Gathering.

IV. No members of the so-called Christian Alliance of New York, or of the so-called Christian Scientist Churches, will be permitted to take any part in the Gatherings, other than by their being present as a part of the audience if they so desire, since the Teachings and Practices of these organizations are not approved by the Christian Catholic Church.

V. All Christians who are in fellowship with any acknowledged Evangelical Church of any Denomination, other than persons referred to in the preceding paragraph, will be permitted, *so far as the Conductor sees fit*, to take part in the exercises of these Gatherings.

VI. A Messenger and a Custodian for each Gathering will be appointed by the General Overseer, upon the nomination of the Conductor of the Gathering.

VII. The Messenger will keep the Records of the Gathering, the Requests for Prayer, the Applications for Fellowship, etc.

The Custodian will take care of all Literature and Moneys arising therefrom and from the Offerings and Tithes of Friends and Members; but all communications to the General Overseer of either of these Officers must be approved by the Conductor, who shall be held *alone responsible for the Gathering*.

VIII. Since the Object of the Gathering is the Extension of the KINGDOM OF GOD by the Salvation and Healing and Cleansing of Humanity, there shall be as little form as possible in the assemblies and the utmost Freedom in Praise, Prayer, and Testimony compatible with Purity and Good Order.

IX. The Gathering shall meet, wherever possible, at least twice in each week, namely, on the Lord's Day at 3 o'clock P. M., and on Wednesday at 3 or 8 P. M.

We are very far from desiring to burden these happy Gatherings of the Friends of Zion with needless restrictions or with cumbersome details of organization.

It is for their protection and development that we have made the foregoing regulations.

Any alterations of these, or additions to them, will be made as occasion arises under the heading of GATHERINGS OF THE FRIENDS OF ZION in pages of LEAVES OF HEALING.



General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church.

### Application for the Recognition of a Gathering of the Friends of Zion.

To the General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church, Zion, Chicago, U. S. A.:

We, the undersigned, Members of the Christian Catholic Church, hereby make Application for the Recognition of a Gathering of the Friends of Zion, in \_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_

(Town or City.)

State of \_\_\_\_\_

(If in City, give in addition Street and Number.)

We nominate as Conductor M \_\_\_\_\_

(If in City, give Street and Number.)

We wish to hold Meetings at 3 \_\_\_\_\_ P. M. Lord's Day, and at 8 \_\_\_\_\_ P. M. Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_

(If held at other times, fill in Dates in blanks.)

# FORM OF APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

— IN THE —

## CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ZION.

TO ALL WHO ARE DESIROUS OF ENTERING INTO FELLOWSHIP WITH THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ZION.

**MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS:**—The principles of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion have been fully set forth in the Reports of Two Conferences on Organization, held in Zion Tabernacle No. 2, which are fully reported in LEAVES OF HEALING for January 31 and February 7, 1896. The Basis of Fellowship is set forth in the second section of the Resolution passed on February 5th (see LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume II, Number 17, page 267):

**FIRST**—That we recognize the infallible inspiration and sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures as the rule of faith and practice.

**SECOND**—That no persons can be members of the Church who have not repented of their sins and have not trusted in Christ for Salvation.

**THIRD**—That such persons must also be able to make a good profession, and declare that they know, in their own hearts, that they have truly repented, and are truly trusting Christ, and have the witness, in a measure, of the Holy Spirit.

**FOURTH**—That all other questions of every kind shall be held to be matters of opinion and not matters that are essential to church unity.

All who are conscious of fulfilling these conditions, no matter where they may reside, are invited to fill up the following blank and answer the questions contained therein.

I am, faithfully yours in Jesus,



General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

No. ....

To the Rev. John Alexander Dowie,

General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion,

1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill., U. S. A.

I hereby make application to be received as a member of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, and declare my agreement with the Basis of Fellowship agreed upon at a Conference held February 5, 1896, as set forth in your circular letter of February 7, 1896.

What is your full name? .....

What is your age last birthday? .....

Are you married, unmarried or widowed? .....

If married, how many of your children are living? .....

Where is your residence? .....

What is your occupation, profession, or trade? .....

Where were you born? .....

How long have you lived in America (or the country where you are now living)? .....

When and where were you converted to God? .....

Are you conscious that you are saved through faith in Jesus? .....

Were you sprinkled or immersed in Baptism? .....

When and where were you sprinkled? .....

When and where were you immersed? .....

Were you immersed by single or Triune Immersion? .....

With what Church were you formerly connected? .....

REMARKS:

[Extra Copies of this Form will be sent to intending members, on application to the General Recorder of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, Zion, Michigan Avenue and Twelfth Street, Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A.]





# ZION IN THE ORIENT.

By Rev. Geo. L. Mason, B.A., B.D.  
Overseer of the C.C.C. in China.

**ZION IN JAPAN** is going forward under much opposition from the Devil.

Often in times of great need, Mr. Cairns has received money in answer to the Prayer of Faith, after having spent the last dollar in the work of God.

In February a fire broke out in an adjoining house and then burnt the house occupied by Mr. Cairns, destroying about half of their clothing and household goods. On learning of the fire, the General Overseer cabled money. But before that money arrived God was already honoring their faith and supplying their needs according to Philippians 4:19.

We give several extracts from his letters:

I had a consultation with Mr. Tokida and concluded to go to Tokyo.

Money was very scarce. I knew I did not have enough for the trip and for the dressmaker who would come the following day.

But Zion's business in Tokyo was very pressing.

I felt I must go, so I arranged to go and trusted God for funds.

Just about one hour before I was to start for Tokyo, this thirty-five yen came, and so we had plenty.

My clothes were nearly all burned in the fire.

I had lately had a new suit and an extra pair of trousers made.

The suit was burned, but the extra trousers were saved. I immediately went to the tailor and ordered another coat and vest.

The tailor made them, but I had no money to pay for them then, so I told him to keep them for a while.

He kept them for eight days.

My best clothes were in rags and I was ashamed to be seen out of doors; much less did I like to go to Tokyo in rags.

The money came just a few minutes before I was to start for Tokyo.

I hustled to the tailor, changed my clothes and went to Tokyo in new clothes. Praise the Lord.

God has been nearer than ever before, since the fire.

The people have been kind.

Our native Zion people have shown a spirit of true sympathy and have surprised us by their unselfishness and ability to help. God bless them.

On our way to Tokyo I sold about fifty tracts in the train and talked to the people.

Then Tokida San, voluntarily, talked to them about ten minutes.

He gave them a good Gospel sermon.

Hitherto he has had too much fear for such work. Praise God, he broke loose at last.

This is our greatest victory recently.

We are now serving all the apostate churches in town with Mr. Cossum's article on why he joined the Christian Catholic Church in Zion. I had it translated. Last Sunday we stood and gave them out near the doors of several of the churches. We expect to finish them next Lord's Day.

The Holy Spirit is upon Zion Seventies.

We have fourteen now who go from house to house with a Gospel Message at least two hours per week.

This little Japanese house is the center of a mighty power in this city and Empire. Praise God.

The apostasy is trembling; the Devil howls.

Glory!

I was never so happy in my life!

THE FOLLOWING incident illustrates the struggles to earn a living and the work of Zion teaching in the consciences of the

natives. One of the members Mr. Cairns found had been led through poverty into wrongdoing:

He got down to close circumstances, and his relatives concluded to set up a store for him.

They established a liquor and tobacco store.

He refused to accept the aid at first, but finally he went into the store for a short time and sold the stuff.

On each package he sold he pasted a label saying that the stuff was very injurious and the people ought not to use it.

When we found him he was running an orphanage in connection with a Buddhist.

We told him that either he or the Buddhist must clear out, and he said he would do so.

THE BAPTIST CHURCHES are unscriptural. Rev. W. H. Cossum, of Shanghai, China, whom the General Overseer is calling to Headquarters soon, writes the following:

WHY I DO NOT BELIEVE IN THE BAPTIST CHURCHES.

First and last, because professing to stand on the Scriptures alone they do not.

The election or "calling" of a pastor by the majority nowhere appears in the Scripture. Pastors or Elders were appointed (ordained) by superiors (Titus 1:5; Acts 14:23).

The folly of the people calling the preacher is shown in the pew bossism of today, and the pulpit fearing to rebuke wealthy and influential sinners.

When Elders are appointed from above, they can rebuke and direct without fear. The pew-sitters who are displeased can seek pastures new or keep still.

Professing that they are not mere "Baptist" churches, that is, churches organized around Baptism, but Biblical churches, they go on to say to men and women, "If you agree with us in every doctrine of the Bible, but differ with us on immersion, you cannot unite with us as members."

Does not this say that the point of their organization is *Baptism*, not the other central doctrines of the Bible?

I am amazed that I have failed to see the folly and weakness of this position so long.

While talking much about immersion, the Triune and original immersion is not taught.

I heard sprinkling and pouring discussed, but never Triune Immersion. Why? For the same reason that immersion is not discussed very much in sprinkling churches. The historical argument of which the Baptists make so much to confirm their Scriptural argument is all on the side of Triune Immersion, and the Baptists are where they have been putting the Presbyterians all these years.

I smile at this.

Where is "Close Communion" now, if it is "Close Baptism"?

To offset these errors, Zion presents Scriptural Authority, God-ordained men appointing, by the Spirit-given Authority, Elders and other officers.

The broad platform of membership says that if you agree with us in Repentance, Faith and a Holy Life, you may have fellowship with us by your own choice if you will fill in a blank. We shall, however, speak with perfect freedom about what we believe on Baptism and other questions.

Zion presents Triune Immersion sustained by the meaning of the Word, by the historic argument, and by the share which the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit have in one's dying to the world and to sin, and rising with Christ and walking in Newness of Life (Romans 6).

This appears also in the great Commission (Matthew 28).

May God through Zion teach the Baptists the unscripturalness of their position.

Let members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion who are competent to teach either Preparatory or College Branches, and who wish employment in Zion College the coming year, apply at once to Rev. William Hamner Piper, Vice-President Zion's Educational Institutions, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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*Thursday, May 23, 1901.*

Welcome Meeting to Overseer Jane Dowie, Central Zion Tabernacle, at 7:45 o'clock P. M. Tickets, limited to 4000, will be issued. Obtainable free, at Central Zion Tabernacle and Zion Printing and Publishing House.

*Friday, May 24, 1901.*

Ordination and Communion Service, Central Zion Tabernacle, at 7:45 o'clock P. M. About One Hundred and Fifty Elders, Evangelists, Deacons and Deaconesses will be Ordained.

Zion White-robed Choir and Zion Robed Officers will be in attendance.

*Lord's Day, May 26, 1901.*

Great Demonstration and Inauguration of Women's Work at the

**Chicago Auditorium**

at 3:00 o'clock P. M. Rev. John Alex. Dowie, General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, will deliver the Inaugural Address. Overseer Jane Dowie will speak on Women's Work in Zion.

Evening Service, Central Zion Tabernacle, at 7:45 o'clock P. M. The General Overseer will speak. Subject: "SEEST THOU THIS WOMAN?" A discourse on the Social Problem.

*Monday, May 27, 1901.*

Morning Prayers, open to all, at Central Zion Tabernacle, at 9:00 o'clock A. M. Overseer Piper will preside.

Conference for Women Officers of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion only, Central Zion Tabernacle at 11:00



OVERSEER JANE DOWIE.

o'clock A. M. Subject: "THE GREAT HOST OF COMING WOMEN EVANGELISTS IN ZION." Overseer Jane Dowie will preside.

Conference for Women Only at 2:00 o'clock P. M. Subject: "THE WORK OF DEACONESS MESSENGERS OF ZION." Overseer Jane Dowie will preside.

*Tuesday, May 28, 1901.*

Morning Prayers, open to all, at Central Zion Tabernacle, at 9:00 o'clock A. M. Overseer Speicher will preside.

Conference. Subject: "WOMEN'S WORK FOR CHILDREN." Open to all. Overseer Jane Dowie will preside. Central Zion Tabernacle, at 11:00 o'clock A. M.

Divine Healing Meeting for **Women Only**. Central Zion Tabernacle at 2:30 o'clock P. M. Conducted by the General Overseer and Overseer Jane Dowie.

Conference. Subject: "WOMEN'S WORK FOR MEN." Open to all. Central Zion Tabernacle at 7:45 o'clock P. M. The General Overseer will preside.

*Wednesday, May 29, 1901.*

Morning Prayers, open to all, at Central Zion Tabernacle, at 9:00 o'clock A. M. Overseer Mason will preside.

Conference. Subject: "WOMEN'S WORK FOR WOMEN." Central Zion Tabernacle, at 2:30 P. M. Overseer Jane Dowie will preside.

Ordinance of Believers' Baptism by Triune Immersion, conducted by the General Overseer and Overseer Jane Dowie, Central Zion Tabernacle at 7:45 o'clock P. M.



# GRAND EXCURSION TO ZION CITY SITE

\*\*\* DECORATION DAY \*\*\*

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 1901.

Trains leave Wells Street Chicago and Northwestern Depot at 7:00 to 11:00 A. M. Great Assembly at Auditorium, near Zion Temple Site, at 2:00 o'clock P. M. Grand Procession of Zion White-Robed Choir, Zion Robed Officers and Zion Guard, 600 strong.

*Friday, May 31, 1901.*

Morning Prayers, open to all, at Central Zion Tabernacle, at 9 o'clock A. M. Elder Wilbur G. Voliva will preside.

Conference. Subject: MEN AND WOMEN'S PREPARATORY WORK FOR ZION CITY.

Central Zion Tabernacle, at 11:00 o'clock A. M.

The General Overseer will preside

*Friday Evening.*

The Rev. and Mrs. John Alex. Dowie will give a Reception, in their Private Drawing Room in Zion Building, 27 Twelfth Street (corner of Michigan Avenue and Twelfth Street), to the Officers, Members and Friends of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, from 7:30 to 10:00 o'clock P. M.

On this occasion Zion Building will be thrown open and the Council Room, Library, and Offices of the General Overseer, the Offices of Overseer Jane Dowie, the Overseer-at-Large, the Overseer for Chicago, the General Recorder, Recorder of Zion Seventies, Zion City Bank, Zion Land and Investment Association, and Zion City Engineering Department, will be open to visitors.

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*Lord's Day, June 2, 1901.*

Central Zion Tabernacle and Chicago Auditorium. Reception of New Members into Fellowship.

Special Ordinance of the Lord's Supper and Closing Services of the Series.

Central Zion Tabernacle at 11:00 o'clock A. M. The General Overseer will deliver an address.

Subject: "THE MESSENGER OF THE COVENANT."

At the close New Members will be received into Fellowship.

## \*\*\* CHICAGO AUDITORIUM \*\*\*

LORD'S DAY, JUNE 2, 1901, 3:00 O'CLOCK P. M.

The General Overseer will Deliver an Address.

**SUBJECT: "THE COMING OF ELIJAH, THE RESTORER OF ALL THINGS."**

Ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be Celebrated at the Close.

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## MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS LESSON, APRIL 24th or 25th.

### The Oneness of the Godhead.

1. *The Father begets the spirit in His own image.*—Hebrews 12:5-11.  
We are to live ever subject to His will.  
Because we are His, He wants to teach us.  
He will bring good out of every evil.
2. *The Son redeems the soul with His own blood.*—Psalm 49:6-13.  
Man can never make himself safe or happy in this life.  
God does not want the soul that sinneth to die.  
Christ is God's Way of redemption for fallen man.
3. *The Spirit sustains the body by His own grace.*—Romans 8:9-11.  
To have the Spirit of Life within is to know His life.  
Christ within gives a present resurrection.  
God gives His Holy Spirit to sustain the body till Jesus comes.
4. *They are One in blessed benedictions.*—2 Corinthians 13:11-14.  
God's boundless love is ours now and forevermore.  
The favor of Christ cheers day by day.  
The fellowship of the Holy Spirit gives abiding joy.
5. *They are One in fellowship to the obedient.*—John 14:23-26.  
To obey His Word secures the Father's love.  
To obey His Word insures the Son's fellowship.  
To obey His Word obtains the Holy Spirit's guidance.
6. *They are One in redemptive testimony.*—1 John 5:5-8.  
The Father tells of redemption for spirit, soul and body.  
The Son says He came to destroy all the works of the Devil.  
The Holy Spirit in signs and wonders yet continues this work.
7. *They are One in the methods of evangelisation.*—Matthew 28:19, 20.  
They say to go to the people with glad tidings.  
They say to teach every person the truth, so that he may see the way of life.  
They say to baptize those taught with a Triune Baptism in the Name of a Triune God.
8. *They are One in the heirship They unfold.*—Romans 8:14-17.  
They establish the Father's relation through redemption.  
They make clear the sealing of the Spirit.  
They reveal our inheritance with the Son.
9. *They are One in the standard set of Holy Living.*—Jude 1:20-24.  
Showing that the Holy Spirit indites prayer.  
Showing that nothing should separate from the love of God.  
Showing that Christ, the blessed hope, should ever be looked for.
10. *They are One in the salvation They consummate.*—1 Peter 1:1-9.  
Revealing that every spirit is elected unto salvation.  
Revealing that the Blood of Christ brings peace and blessing.  
Revealing that the sanctification of the spirit is unto eternal life.  
*The Lord Our God is a Triune God.*

## SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS LESSON, APRIL 28th.

### Man's Triune Being.

1. *God's creative wisdom establishes it.*—Genesis 2:4-7.  
God made the body with resistance in it.  
God created the spirit in His own image.  
An obedient spirit in a strong body makes a vigorous soul.
2. *God's saving mercy redeems it.*—Psalm 103:1-5.  
God will first take sin out of the heart.  
Then He will get disease out of the body.  
Then He will sanctify the soul in all of its powers.
3. *God's sanctifying grace preserves it.*—1 Thessalonians 5:21-24.  
A strong individuality has great power in it for good.  
Every sin, however small, has a terrible penalty to it.  
God has a way of keeping every power preserved till Jesus comes.
4. *The spirit is immortal and administrative.*—Job 33:1-6.  
God is the Father of every spirit.  
The spirit is the inner man to inhabit the body.  
The spirit is the life-giving power of the body.
5. *The soul is mortal and potential.*—Ecclesiastes 12:3-7.  
It has the force of vigor and personality.  
It is the result of the union of spirit and body.  
Judgment, will and effectiveness characterize it.
6. *The body is functional and changing.*—Psalm 139:13-18.  
Every organ has great functional force.  
The operation of the body from Head to foot is a marvel.  
It is passing through restoration and change all the time.
7. *Sin keeps the spirit in bondage.*—John 8:41-47.  
Ignorance of God leads to vanity.  
Prejudice to truth makes one wise in conceit.  
Unbelief of heart shuts away from God.
8. *Sin darkens the soul to happiness.*—Romans 1:22-26.  
Very few people find that which makes them happy.  
False conceptions of God are fixed in most minds.  
This fallen nature perverts all life's relations.
9. *Sin fills the body with decay.*—Mark 7:18-23.  
It weakens organic action somewhere.  
Every sinful act has its effect on the body.  
An unclean heart will ever disease the body.

10. *Faith in God brings salvation nigh.*—Romans 10:8-13.  
To believe is easy to those who seek God.  
The mind filled with experience is the enemy of faith.  
To read and obey the truth from the heart begets faith.
11. *Fellowship with God holds it fast.*—1 John 1:4-9.  
Many persons may receive blessings, and then lose them.  
To hold it is to do more than to live up to the light one may have.  
To enjoy what God gives we must live as He would have us.
12. *The knowledge of God makes it permanent.*—John 6:54-58.  
Unless He is our life, we will never know what life is.  
To ever have nothing between us and Him is His way to live.  
To thus live is to live until Jesus comes.  
*God's Holy People are a Spiritual-Masterly People.*

## ZION IN KANSAS.

Elder and Evangelist Reed, of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, will conduct Divine services—

*At STERLING, KANSAS, May 6th;*  
*At NICKERSON, KANSAS, May 7th;*  
*At WICHITA, KANSAS, May 8th;*  
*At MARION, KANSAS, May 9th and 10th;*  
*At MANCHESTER, KANSAS, May 11th, 12th and 13th;*  
*At DELPHOS, KANSAS, May 14th and 15th;*  
*At ESKRIDGE, KANSAS, May 17th and 18th;*  
*At KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, May 20th.*

Services held every afternoon and evening.  
Freewill offering. All seats free. Everybody welcome.  
Bring Bibles and Gospel Hymns Nos. 5 and 6.  
Christ is All and in All.

## ZION IN COLORADO AND KANSAS.

The Rev. D. A. Reed, Elder in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, will conduct Divine services—

*At ENTERPRISE SCHOOLHOUSE, LAMAR, COLORADO, April 21st and 22d;*  
*At LAMAR CITY, COLORADO, April 23d;*  
*At LA JUNTA, COLORADO, April 24th;*  
*At SYRACUSE, KANSAS, April 25th;*  
*At SPEARVILLE, KANSAS, April 26th and 27th;*  
*At SHELDON SCHOOLHOUSE, KANSAS, April 28th.*

All welcome. Freewill offerings received. Bring Bibles and Gospel Hymns Nos. 5 and 6.

## ZION IN MOUNT MORRIS, ILLINOIS.

The Rev. William Hamner Piper, Overseer-at-Large of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, will conduct Divine Services in

*SEIBERT'S HALL, MOUNT MORRIS, ILLINOIS,*

Saturday, April 27th, at 7:30 P. M., and Lord's Day, April 28th, at 10:30 A. M., 2:30 and 7:30 P. M.

The Ordinances of the Lord's Supper and of Believers' Baptism by Triune Immersion will be administered on Lord's Day, the 28th.

## ZION IN INDIANAPOLIS

The Rev. J. G. Excell, Elder in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, will conduct Divine Services in

*MAGNOLIA BUILDING, CORNER CAPITOL AND KENTUCKY AVENUES, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA,*

April 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, inclusive, at 2:30 and 7:30 P. M.

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Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle from March 14, 1897, to March 14, 1901, by the General Overseer.....	4447	
Baptized by Elders, Evangelists and Deacons.....	2092	
<b>Total Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle.....</b>		<b>6539</b>
Baptized in places outside of Chicago by the General Overseer.....	504	
Baptized in places outside of Chicago by Elders, Evangelists and Deacons.....	2684	
<b>Total Baptized outside of Chicago.....</b>		<b>3188</b>
<b>Total Baptized in four years.....</b>		<b>9727</b>

Baptized since March 14, 1901:		
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by the General Overseer.....	26	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Evangelist Fisher.....	3	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Deacon Sprecher.....	5	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Deacon Stevenson.....	17	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Graves.....	15	66
Baptized in England by Evangelist Cantel.....	16	
Baptized in France by Evangelist Cantel.....	1	
Baptized in Illinois by Deacon Sprecher.....	1	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder Voliva.....	12	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder McFarlane.....	5	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder Bouck.....	4	
Baptized in Wisconsin by Elder Bryant.....	6	45 111
<b>Total Baptized since March 14, 1897.....</b>		<b>9838</b>

The following-named fifteen believers were baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle, Chicago, Wednesday evening, April 10, 1901, by Elder F. A. Graves:

Atwood, Henry B.....	Maple Hill, Iowa
Bell, Mrs. Emma.....	173 Thirty-sixth Place, Chicago, Illinois
Christianson, Miss Alma.....	750 North Tolman Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Christianson, Clarence.....	750 North Tolman Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Clark, Mrs. Ada A. E.....	1718 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Dixon, H. J.....	326 South Corona Street, Denver, Colorado
Dixon, Mrs. M. E.....	326 South Corona Street, Denver, Colorado
Felsch, Miss Annie.....	747 Twenty-first Place, Chicago, Illinois
Gordon, Harry.....	360 State Street, Chicago, Illinois
Hoffman, Mrs. Annie S.....	Knox, Indiana
Russell, Herman S.....	Berlin, Wisconsin
Saunders, Miss Lena.....	18 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois
Schawaker, Mrs. L.....	779 West Twenty-first Place, Chicago, Illinois
Solem, Albert L.....	979 North Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Summerlatt, Mrs. Anna.....	779 West Twenty-first Place, Chicago, Illinois

The following-named sixteen believers were baptized at the Caledonian Road Public Baths, London, England, on Lord's Day, March 31, 1901, by Evangelist H. E. Cantel:

Blandford, Benjamin W.....	51 Baxter Road, London, N. W., England
Bristow, Robert.....	6 Burwash Road, Plumstead, England
Davidson, Gregory.....	130 Fernhead Road, London, W., England
Demithorne, Amelia.....	27 Pembridge Square, London, W., England
Dowthwaite, Robert.....	15 North Road, Southend-on-Sea, London, England
Edwards, Charles H.....	5 Caledonian Road, London, W., England
Esham, Helene.....	44 Glipstone Street, London, W., England
Gomm, John.....	151 Spa Road, Bermondsey, London, S. E., England
Gostomski, Moses A.....	115 St. John Street Road, London, N., England
Kingaby, Frederick Charles.....	78 Winston Road, London, N., England
Luxton, William Henry.....	Roxboro Road, Harrow, England
Maslin, Mrs. S.....	43 St. Stephens Road, London, E., England
Moody, Emily Louisa.....	12 Havelock Street, London, N. W., England
Sims, Mrs. Elizabeth.....	136 Holloway Road, London, N., England
Smart, Minnie Jane.....	51 Baxter Road, London, N. W., England
Warwick, John.....	10 Londeshoro Road, London, N., England

The following-named six believers were baptized at Marinette, Wisconsin, Lord's Day, March 17, 1901, by Elder Daniel Bryant:

Fleury, Joseph.....	927 Parnell Street, Marinette, Wisconsin
Jacques, Mrs. Elma.....	833 Marinette Avenue, Marinette, Wisconsin
Johnson, Mrs. Caroline.....	1239 Elizabeth Avenue, Marinette, Wisconsin
McClaskey, Mrs. Ellen.....	Stiles, Wisconsin
Pettet, George.....	1619 Ludington Street, Marinette, Wisconsin
Ross, John Elisha.....	2101 Thomas Street, Marinette, Wisconsin

The following-named two believers were baptized in Zion Tabernacle, Cleveland, Ohio, Lord's Day, April 7, 1901, by Elder R. N. Bouck:

Hummel, Adam.....	393 1/2 Case Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio
Klaustermeyer, Edith.....	745 Lorain Street, Cleveland, Ohio

The following-named believer was baptized at the Public Baths of the Rue Montmartre, Paris, France, Friday, March 22, 1901, by Evangelist H. E. Cantel:

Hostettler, John.....	52 Boulevard Maleherbes, Paris, France
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Tickets may be purchased coming to Chicago on and from May 21st to 25th within the Central, Trunk Line and Western Passenger Associations, which include territory from New York to Denver (not including New England). Returning, tickets from Chicago may be secured up to and including June 6th.

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and healeth them.



# LEAVES OF HEALING

I am the Lord that healeth thee.

And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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## GOD'S WITNESSES TO DIVINE HEALING.

MOTHER HEALED OF MANY TERRIBLE DISEASES; LITTLE DAUGHTER OF EPILEPSY AND ECZEMA.

THEY BROUGHT UNTO HIM MANY POSSESSED WITH DEVILS: AND HE CAST OUT THE SPIRITS WITH A WORD AND HEALED ALL THAT WERE SICK.

This mother tells a Story of terrible suffering and sorrow. She praises God for a glorious deliverance.

No pen can describe the torture of her body by the Devil.

He oppressed her with—  
A tumorous abscess,  
Bright's Disease of the Kidneys,  
Internal Diseases,  
Indigestion,  
and other diseases.

Physicians could not help her. They said she must die.

But her agony of mind was more terrible.

She saw her daughter born with a heritage of disease.

When but a babe, the Devil took possession of her body in the form of epilepsy.

The mother, with rending heart, could only stand by and see that beautiful and delicate frame twisted, distorted and convulsed by the cruel hands of the Devil.

Who but God can know the helpless anguish of that mother's heart?

For years the unutterable cruelty of that possession threw the little one into ever-recurring convulsions.

It seemed, again and again, that Satan would win his final victory over both mother and daughter: Death.

But, hallelujah, Christ is Conqueror!

He came to destroy the works of the Devil. When He was on earth, in the flesh, He performed that mission by healing the

sick and casting out devils. He has not changed.

He is with us "all the days"; for He said He would be.

His work is still to "destroy the works of the Devil."

The Devil has not changed.

He still oppresses with sickness and possesses his poor victims

Some falsely teach that God makes His children sick.

Can it be that God now does the work the Devil used to do?

It cannot be true; for God says:

"I am the Lord that healeth thee."

"I am the Lord, I change not."

He says, in His Word, "Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday and today, yea and forever."

The Little White Dove, LEAVES OF HEALING, carried this Message of God's love to this dying woman.

Soon she saw the light.

Soon she began to learn God's Way of Healing.

Throwing aside the worse than useless human means, she trusted God only and fully.

God's servant prayed with her



MRS. R. M. TOOKE AND DAUGHTER.



Instantly she, who had not walked for months, arose and walked, in the Name of Jesus.

Soon she was perfectly healed.

Later, the General Overseer prayed for her little daughter, when physicians had said that she must die.

When that prayer of faith ascended to the Great White Throne, the answer came.

All the years of that fiendish possession were ended

The child was free!

She is free and healthy to this day.

What a wonderful deliverance!

Who can tell the joy in that widow's household when God worked that miracle?

Since then the mother has been healed of typhoid fever, inflammatory rheumatism and loss of the use of hand and arm.

The little daughter has been healed of eczema of almost the entire body.

Such was the work of Jesus nineteen centuries ago.

Such is His work today.

The testimony of these witnesses is indisputable.

Its very simplicity gives it the undeniable ring of truth.

O, weary one, oppressed by Satan, do not delay.

Lose not a moment in turning to God your Father.

He loves you as no earthly father can love his child.

He longs to heal you.

He gave His Only Begotten Son, who "took our infirmities, and bare our diseases."

Can you reject that Gift?

Repent of sin, confess and restore; then trust and obey God.

Those are His conditions.

His promises to those who fulfil them are sure.

A. W. N.

#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF MRS. R. M. TOOKE.

1914 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD, }  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, March 26, 1901. }

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

*Dear General Overseer:*—It is now nearly four years since I was healed through faith in Jesus Christ, and in direct answer to prayer, of many diseases.

I was a total wreck.

I had a tumorous abscess in my left side, Bright's disease of the kidneys, internal disease and indigestion.

As one doctor expressed himself, I had nearly every disease peculiar to women and there was no help for me.

But God sent LEAVES OF HEALING to me, and Elder (now Overseer) Wilhide.

He taught me God's Way of Healing as he had been taught in Zion.

He prayed and laid hands on me and I was healed of them all, instantaneously.

I praise God for it and give Him all the glory.

At that time I gave my testimony in full in Zion Tabernacle No. 2.

It was published in LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume III, Number 8, December 12, 1896.

Many who knew me at that time, and knew what a wreck of humanity I had been, said, "That healing will not last."

I feel prompted by the Holy Spirit now, as I write a testimony of my healing one year ago, to tell them that after five years, nearly, I am still here and in better health than I have been for over twenty-two years.

I feel that I grow stronger, both bodily and spiritually, every day.

I thank God that He ever sent you to Chicago to teach us the Way of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living.

One year ago I sinned.

I overworked, and gave the Devil a chance to strike me.

Ere I knew it, I was prostrated with typhoid fever and inflammatory rheumatism.

I could not pray. I seemed so dazed I could not think, and often was very delirious.

At first Evangelist Loblaw visited me.

He prayed and laid hands on me.

But my healing did not come.

It was not God's fault nor the Evangelist's; it was my own.

I had gotten into that condition where I did not know myself.

I thank God for Zion and Zion's prayers.

They held me up when I could not pray myself.

That was when, I believe with others, if I had been under the doctors I should have passed away.

I was still very ill when Elder Stevens was sent to take charge of the West Side Zion Tabernacle.

He and Evangelist Loblaw attended me faithfully.

I used to wonder why I did not get my healing as I did before, instantaneously.

I thought I trusted God, and if I had never gotten my healing, I would have said, "God is the Healer still, and the only One. The fault is somewhere in me."

I prayed God to show me what was wrong.

My left hand and arm were nearly useless to me.

I could neither dress nor undress myself; I could not get up nor sit down without assistance, and many times had to be fed.

In my folly, when I found I was so helpless, I had exclaimed, "I will not be confined to my bed, I will not be dependent on any one."

God showed me I had sinned and permitted me to be dependent, even helpless as a babe.

I found I was always dependent on His mercy, and on Zion's prayers, too.

I found that Zion could live without me, but that I could not live without Zion.

I thank God for it.

As I began to get better, I had plenty of time for thought and searching myself.

I found I had not stood as firm and for God as I should.

I had not lived up to the light I had.

I also found that there was something to put right.

I vowed to God I would do so the first opportunity I had.

I did it, and was blessed. I began to get better rapidly.

As soon as I could be moved, my sister took me to her home in a suburb where there was plenty of fresh air.

I asked God to perfect the healing He had begun. I sent requests for prayer to Zion.

Elder Stevens said, "I will never cease to pray for you until you are perfectly healed."

On the Sunday I was to return home, I sat alone in the room. I was thinking seriously.

I had received a late copy of LEAVES OF HEALING. I looked over it and noticed that sermon, "If It be Thy Will."

I read it, and as I read I asked God for Jesus' sake to give me the perfect use of my hand and arm.

It seemed that while I was asking and trusting, something said, "Open your hand."

Praise God, I opened it.

I could hardly believe it, although I was asking for it.

I often since think how faithless I was and how good God was to me.

I opened and closed my hand several times.

Then something said, "Raise your arm over your head."

I did it.

I thank God I have had the use of my arm ever since.

I had not been able to do so since I had been ill.

I believe that if I had been using medicine I should have been paralyzed and helpless today.

From that time I consecrated myself anew to God and His service, my time, my talents, myself, my all.

Each morning as I awake and ask for grace and strength to do His will, I get it.

At nine in the morning I remember Zion prays for all Zion everywhere, and that, I feel, is a blessing.

The last few months of my life have been the happiest.

Words cannot express the thanks I give to our God.

One by one He is bringing my children to Himself and into Zion.

Three are members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

During my illness I found brothers and sisters in Zion such as the world knows nothing of.

Elder Stevens sent Deacon Mueller to lead Cottage Meetings in my home.

They have been a great blessing to us all in building us up in the knowledge and love of God.

They have drawn the members nearer together in the bonds of fellowship and love for each other.

Other members of my family have received healing many times.

I thank God for sending His servants, the General Overseer and Mrs. Dowie, to teach us the Full Gospel.

My prayer is that God will long spare you and yours in His service here.

Thanking you for your prayers and many kindnesses to me and mine, and giving God the glory for it all, I am

Faithfully your Sister in Christ, (MRS.) R. M. TOOKE.

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF MRS. R. M. TOOKE TO THE HEALING OF HER DAUGHTER.**

1014 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD, }  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, March 26, 1901. }

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

*Dear General Overseer:*—I have felt for some time that I was doing wrong in withholding the testimony to the healing of my daughter Louise of epilepsy, which was something wonderful.

From her birth she was a delicate child, and never knew what it was to be well.

She inherited kidney disease from me, the doctors telling me before her birth that I would live but a short time, I having Bright's disease of the kidneys.

When she was fifteen months old she began to suffer from epilepsy.

At that time the doctor said she could not live.

She had forty-two convulsions in about twelve hours.

Every doctor who saw her said that it was her brain and kidneys which caused her trouble. They said I could never raise her, and warned me not to set my mind on it.

She had always been a constant care until she was healed.

As she grew older, the convulsions grew stronger and affected her heart greatly.

Every day she had from four or five to sometimes a dozen convulsions.

Sometimes we thought she had passed away.

Satan tried hard for the victory.

I often used to think of what Overseer Speicher said to me one day, when called to pray with her. He said, "Hold fast, sister; never give up. We will get the victory yet." It has often been the means of helping me when cast down.

Five years ago last fall there was a convention of doctors held in this city.

Dr. Herrick, of the Presbyterian Hospital, had been called in consultation to see her.

At that time she had lain some six or eight weeks, utterly prostrated, after a severe attack of convulsions.

Dr. Herrick said nothing could be done for her. He said he had practiced in hospitals for years and had never seen a case like hers.

He asked me for a synopsis of her father's life and my own regarding our health; for he said he would like to bring her case before the convention, to see if they could suggest any help for her.

He said he could not understand her retaining her brightness under such terrible attacks of convulsions, it requiring the efforts of myself and her sister many times to keep her on the bed.

No one knows but God what struggles we had with the Devil at those times.

I have often felt ready to give up in despair, and have asked God, in my ignorance, to take her, instead of asking Him to cast the Devil out, and let her live for His glory.

Dr. Herrick presented her case to the convention and the verdict they rendered was, "Nothing can be done. She will die suddenly in a convulsion some day."

They said, "She will never live to be ten years of age."

At that time she was six, but I praise God and thank Dr. Dowie, she is now more than eleven years old.

She was ten years and two months old when she had the last convulsion. It seemed as if the Devil was determined to win then.

She had been nearly forty-eight hours in them.

Her elder sister and myself held her that morning.

I got discouraged, we had prayed so many times, and fear came into my heart.

When I looked at those poor little limbs all drawn out of shape, and her eyes distorted and staring at me like a Devil, not like my Louise, I took her by the shoulders and shook her.

I cried, "You old Devil, get out of my child and let her alone."

It was Sunday morning.

My daughter said, "Mother, go down to Zion Tabernacle and put in a request for prayer for her."

I said, "I cannot." It seemed all so dark.

In the afternoon she seemed some better, and they persisted in my going.

I will ever thank God, His Spirit led me to go.

I reached Central Zion Tabernacle at about four o'clock in the afternoon. When I stepped into the vestibule I heard you preaching.

I sat down at the table and wrote a request for prayer, asking you to pray at once for her that she would never have any more convulsions, for Jesus' sake and God's glory.

I handed it to Deacon Anderson.

It was passed along to you, and I think I can see you now, as you stopped speaking and looked at it.

You raised your hand and said, "All bow your heads."

Then you prayed, just a few words, and God heard and answered.

When I returned home she seemed perfectly well and was laughing and playing.

Oh what a change from the child I had left!

The Devil had gone and Christ came in.

Now it is one year and four months since she was healed, and she is healthy and has suffered no more from epilepsy.

It has gone forever, for God healed her.

When I look back and see the many anxious and weary years I spent with her, and think of our Father's goodness and mercy and love to us in making her whole, I feel that we can never thank Him enough.

I feel that her life should be given in His service, who gave her health. God has given her a good voice to sing for Him.

Last fall a rash like a blister full of water began to come on her limbs, below the knee at first. Then it spread all over her body, with the exception of her hands and face.

We prayed.

Elder Stevens pronounced her trouble eczema.

He prayed with her, and she seemed better at first; then it got worse and was very irritating, so much so that at times she hardly knew how to stand the burning.

When you returned from Europe, I wrote you telling you of her healing of epilepsy and asking you to pray for her again.

Praise God, He heard and answered, for the tormentor has gone and her limbs are well again.

Her head was one solid mass of eczema; now it is clean and as nice as it was before. Her hair did not come out, either.

I feel that the half can never be told of what God has wrought in her.

I pray God to give me wisdom to train her for His service, and to keep me ever humble before Him.

Now Louise sells and distributes LEAVES OF HEALING wherever she can.

I pray God that as this testimony goes forth it may be the means, in God's hands, of many weary ones, afflicted, perhaps, in the same way, being saved and healed, even as the testimonies of others have been helpful to us.

Dear General Overseer, thanking you for your prayers for both me and mine, we pray God to spare you for His service and abundantly bless you, for Jesus' sake.

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) R. M. TOOKE.

**CONFIRMATION OF THE ABOVE TESTIMONIES BY MISS ETHEL TOOKE.**

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I praise God that the above testimonies are all that has been stated.

No one who did not see mother could realize how sick she was.

My heart seems to jump with gladness when I look back to the time when, as I was coming home from work at noon, I saw mother walking instead of dying. When I had left her she was more dead than alive.

We feel that we cannot thank God enough for the healing of my mother and sister.

I also wish to say that I was healed of typhoid fever, caused by the constant work and worry of mother's first sickness.

I sent a request for prayer and was healed.

I was also healed of piles when I obeyed God in Baptism.

About December 28, 1900, I was healed of pneumonia.

When I was taken sick, we prayed and received no answer. We sent a request for prayer and I was delivered at once. I was able to go to work in one week.

I desire to give God all the glory, and pray that this, my simple Story, will be the means of helping some one nearer to God.

Faithfully your Sister in Christ,

(MISS) ETHEL TOOKE.

**TESTIMONY OF MRS. R. M. TOOKE IN ZION TABERNACLE No. 2, LORD'S DAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 29, 1896.**

Extract from LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume III, Number 8, December 12, 1896, pages 116 and 117.

"Two years and a half ago I was going home one evening, and there was a defective sidewalk; there was a hole of some four feet underneath the sidewalk, and I fell through. There were two other people with me, both of whom were young. I was in the center, and I fell through that defective sidewalk.

"The consequence was I fractured my right ankle. I struck this side,

bent my ribs, and it caught on the left lung. Then there was a tumorous abscess formed. For five months I laid on an invalid's chair, only they would carry me to my bed. Then I began to get around a little, and went on crutches for nearly a year.

"There were people on the cars who remembered me afterwards, just after I left off the crutches; they know until some time in August I could not walk, for I was very badly lamed, and this limb was somewhat shorter. It was one-half to three-quarters of an inch shorter than the left limb.

"I was taken to bed on the first Sunday in June. Dr. Smith attended me for over a year; Dr. Mitchell attended me, and Dr. Rittenhouse. He attended me at the time I was healed, and he told me I could never be a well woman.

"A lady came to see me.

"She brought me some LEAVES OF HEALING and she told me what a great work was going on here.

"I was a Christian, but I was a cold Christian. I thought I was doing God's will trying to be patient, but when I saw these papers, I thought to myself, 'Well, that Dr. Dowie is like lots of others: he thinks he is better than anybody else. I do not want anything to do with him, and I won't listen to him.'"

Dr. Dowie—That is the way I am summed up, you see. (Laughter.)

Mrs. Tooke—"I thought I would ask God to make me better, and if He chose to do it, all right; if He did not, I was willing to suffer; and as I said to my doctors, I would gladly die were it not for my children.

"But this lady persevered in coming to see me. I was so weak at times I could not talk to her, but she left LEAVES OF HEALING every time.

"One testimony that attracted my attention was that of a young lady who was holding up a brace; she had been photographed in that way, and I thought when I read that, 'There is something in it for me. If God can heal her, He can heal me.'

"But my proud spirit would not give in.

"However, this friend kept coming in, and one day she told me about Mrs. Paddock, and she told me she would bring her up to see me, and I told her I would be glad to see her.

"All the time I was longing to get hold of something, I did not know what it was. My pastor called to see me several times, and he never said he would like to pray with me.

"I belonged to a Baptist Church on the West Side.

"Mrs. Paddock came to see me, and she knows when she came to see me that I could not hold myself up. I was propped up with pillows in a chair.

"She told me of such a wonderful healing she had had. She prayed, and she went away, and I felt much better.

"She said, 'I know one of Dr. Dowie's colleagues, and he will come and see you; I will ask Mr. Wilhide to come out and see you.'

"The battle I had from the time Mrs. Paddock went, and until Mr. Wilhide came to see me, no one knows but God alone.

"There is a window right near my bed, and I often think it was nothing but God's mercy that kept me from jumping through that window.

"When Mr. Wilhide came, he said, 'You are a sick woman, are you not?'

"Yes, I am a total wreck.'

"Do you believe the Lord can heal you?'

"I said, 'He can if He will.'

"If He will," he says, 'what do you mean by that?'

"I mean just what I say: He can if He will.'

"Has He not taught us to ask whatever we will in accordance with His will?'

"I said, 'Did not Christ in the Garden say, "If it be Thy will, let this cup pass from me?"'

"You are not Christ, are you?'

"No, sir.'

"Well, He did not say, "I leave that prayer for My disciples," did He? Did He leave a prayer for His disciples?'

"I said, 'Yes, sir; He did.'

"What was it?'

"Why, every one knows the Lord's Prayer.'

"He found the prayer, and gave it to me, and said, 'Read it.' I read along, and got to 'Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done.'

"He said, 'Stop. Now, how does the Lord want His will to be done on this earth?'

"As it is in heaven.'

"He said, 'Do you see the point? He wants His will done here as it is in heaven. Is there any sickness in heaven?'

"No, sir; there is no sickness in heaven.'

"How do you know it?' he asked.

"I replied, 'Because God's Word says so.'

"Well, you believe God's Word?'

"Why, certainly I believe God's Word.'

"Well, if He wants His will done here as it is done in heaven, and if there is no sickness in heaven, He does not want any sickness here, does He?'

"I could see it at that time.

"I think I have taught in a Sabbath School these very verses; I have taught them to my children, and I never saw them in that light before.

"He stayed about two hours in my house; I could not walk at all, for I had lain in bed for ten weeks. Before he left the house, I got up and walked right across the room; and I did not have any lameness either, because he asked the Lord to take my lameness away.

"From that day to this—that was only the last of last August—I have been coming out here.

"When Dr. Rittenhouse came in, next day, 'Why,' he said, 'Mrs. Tooke, you are wonderfully better?' 'Yes, sir; much better than I ever expected to be at any time.' He seemed so surprised he did not know what to say; he just looked at me.

"I feel better than I have for twenty years.

"I feel perfectly healed; and there are people who come from distances around who knew what a cripple I was, and wonder to see me going about."

## NOTES OF THANKSGIVING TO ZION'S GOD.

### God Heals Bad Cough, Scarlet Fever, Etc.

BRANCH, WISCONSIN, March 21, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I wish to give a few words to Zion and tell what God has done for me.

Four years ago I was taken to Zion on account of nervousness and a bad cough, as the doctors here could not help me any.

My aunts from Chicago (Mrs. C. H. Lamb and Mrs. A. McGuire) had told us of Dr. Dowie and of several persons who had been healed in Zion.

When I entered Zion Tabernacle for the first time, Dr. Speicher prayed for me.

I became stronger right away and have kept improving ever since.

I was also healed of sore throat and scarlet fever this winter in answer to a request for prayer.

I have been healed of other troubles several times through my own prayers.

I praise God for His kind blessings and thank Dr. and Mrs. Dowie and all Zion for their prayers.

(MISS) EMMA L. VOGEL.

### Child Healed of Measles and Severe Cough.

SOUDERTON, PENNSYLVANIA, March 19, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I have for some time thought of writing to tell you of our youngest child's healing when he had measles.

He broke out with measles on the 30th of January.

As they left him he got slowly worse, as he was tight on his chest.

We prayed and trusted the Lord without using any means at all.

He continued to grow worse.

I wrote to you to pray for him.

The letter reached you some time next day, February 6th.

The morning of February 6th he was still a little worse and did not take any nourishment.

I rested on the promises of God and my burden rolled away, for I received the assurance that our prayers would be answered.

I was full of joy after that, and toward evening I noticed the change. His cough was loose and he was better and improved rapidly.

The next day he sat up and played.

Thanks to you for your prayers and all glory to God for answering our prayers.

I then thought I must tell it to others who were afflicted, and I did.

I have much more joy since I go to people who are sick and tell them what I know, and take them LEAVES OF HEALING and give away tracts.

Some are howling and some say I must be crazy.

It gives me joy to meet with some who are willing to learn.

A few families have already a good deal of Zion in their hearts.

Your humble Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) ANNA R. FRETZ

### God Heals Injured Eye.

TITUSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA, March 19, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I am so glad to tell you that my grandson's eye is about well.

He says God healed it.

We give Him all the glory, and thank you for your prayers.

He seemed to know just when you prayed for him.

He was blind in the eye until the next day. About 10 o'clock the next day he could see a little. God knows all about what we had to go through.

(MRS.) SARAH A. MEEKS.



To HIM therefore that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.—James 4:17.

**H**AVE YOU permitted the Little White Dove to fold its wings and hide away in some nook in your home? If you have, send it out to carry blessing to other homes. Its Message has power to break the bonds of evil habits and to deliver from sin and sickness. Every home will be blessed where its Message is accepted.

Then send it forth in prayer and faith that it will be guided into hands that are reaching out for the help it brings.

**A Roll of Zion Literature Blesses a Home in England.**

We give some extracts from a letter written by a gentleman in Birmingham, England, who writes:

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—It is with the greatest pleasure I write to you to tell you how good God has been to me.

He has wonderfully blessed me, far above all that I ever thought or dreamed.

About two years ago my wife's brother, Alfred Hall, of Cincinnati, sent us a package of old LEAVES OF HEALING.

Of course I would not read them.

I let them lie about for a long time. My wife was quite taken up with them. She read them a great deal and asked God to help her realize that the Message brought by the Little White Dove was for us.

At that time my wife was just getting over the rheumatic fever.

She had been at death's door, and I was afraid that I should lose her.

She went to Derby, and was much better when she came home. She sbon got as bad as ever.

She could do nothing, she was so weak.

The Vicar of our village brought several bottles of medicine, but she would not take them.

I told her she was silly; she would be dead if she went on like that.

She kept firm and read LEAVES.

She prayed that God would heal her.

Praise Him, He did.

After that I began to read LEAVES myself.

I could not see why you should condemn swine's flesh and doctors.

All my life, more or less, I had been under the doctors.

I felt I could not live unless I kept taking medicine to keep my body right, as I thought.

How blind I was!

My wife had not touched pork in any form since she first read LEAVES.

She talked to me about it until I decided not to use any more.

I kept my promise for a time; but a young man whom we had lodging with us had some bacon, and I began eating it.

In reading the LEAVES myself I became convicted, through some of your words inspired of God. I thank God I have never tasted any swine's flesh since.

That is over twelve months, and even the smell of it makes me sick.

I had a bad attack of lung fever.

I could scarcely breathe or talk.

We asked God for my healing, and our prayers were answered.

I improved until I met with an accident to my leg.

It ulcerated and was very bad. The shin bone had become diseased.

I could not walk.

At the very time you say you prayed, my leg began to grow better and, thank God, I am at work now.

I suffer nothing from my leg, and am as well as I ever was.

I intend to trust God more for everything.

I thank you very much for your kind words and help.

I thank God today for LEAVES OF HEALING, and for the good it has done to our little home and others around us.

We are still having our meetings among ourselves.

Your Brother in Christ,

ALFRED PLANT.

Mrs. Plant writes confirming her husband's testimony:

BELOVED GENERAL OVERSEER:—With much joy we answer your kind letter of the 4th of February.

You stated the time you prayed, at our request, for Mr. Plant's leg.

We are happy to say that God answered your prayer, for it was at the time you stated that you prayed that his leg began to get well.

The Devil fought hard against us, but our Father gave us the victory.

All who work where my husband works have to be in a "sick club."

When they are sick they are allowed 6/- per week if a doctor's note is sent to prove that the person is unable to work.

When my husband's leg was bad they refused to give him his sick pay unless he had a note from the physician.

The doctor refused to sign his note unless he would have his so-called "proper treatment."

He said the bone in his leg was diseased, and that he would be compelled to go to a hospital.

My husband said he would go, to get his note signed, as he must have the 6/-, as we had nothing else to live on, but that he would not let them touch his leg.

He asked me to go with him.

I said, "I will stay at home and pray to the Father and He will heal it."

Then for three days the pain was terrible. He fainted often, but we put nothing on to ease it.

We prayed earnestly for God to stay the Devil's power and give us the victory. Praise His Holy Name, He did.

His leg began to heal.

When we got your letter we found that at the very time you prayed it started to get better.

On Sunday he walked seventeen miles to Erdington, to Mr. Price's Zion meeting room.

We give God the glory and never cease to thank Him for sending to us His faithful Messenger, the General Overseer, to deliver to us the Full Gospel.

Since my husband's leg was healed a friend of ours was taken seriously ill.

As they had read some LEAVES we had given them, her husband came to me and said, "Shall we get a doctor?"

I said, "No; she will do better without one. We will commit the case into the hands of the the Great Physician. He will heal her."

We prayed, and she was healed.

Cut out or write the following form and send with your contribution:

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—Mark 16:15.

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"THANKS BE UNTO GOD WHICH GIVETH US THE VICTORY THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST."

ZION CONTINUES to receive Victories from God over all her Foes.

THE FOLLOWING is from the Columbus Dispatch of Saturday, April 13th:

Governor Nash attended the meeting of the Magazine Club, held at the residence of Colonel Kilbourne Friday night, and read an interesting paper on "The Power of the Governor in Times of Disturbance."

The paper was especially interesting in that in it Governor Nash referred to his acts done to prevent the prize fight which was to have been held at Cincinnati for the heavyweight championship of the world.

The Governor said that, after a careful examination of the Constitution and statutes of Ohio, he had arrived at the conviction that his predecessors were wrong in their theory that the Governor of the State can call out the militia to suppress a local disturbance only upon the request of the local authorities.

He said that, in his opinion, it was not only his right, but his duty, to use the military forces of the State, if necessary, to prevent such a violation of the laws.

Judge Shauck, of the Supreme Court, asked a suggestive question at the close of the paper. He asked Governor Nash how the latter reconciled his action in the Cincinnati case with his failure to act in the case of the Dowieites at Mansfield who had petitioned him in vain for protection.

Governor Nash answered that Governors, like other men, are fallible, and that in the Mansfield case he had been mistaken as to the scope of his duties and authority.

ZION is a great Educator.

It has been our privilege to educate, recently, the Legislature of the State of Illinois, and now it is our delight to know that at last we have been able to educate so great a lawyer as Judge Nash.

WE WONDER, however, if this education has not come, in a measure, through the sharp lesson which was given to him the other day in the defeat of Mayor Huntington Brown, the chief offender in the horrible outrages against Zion Elders and Zion people in Mansfield, Ohio, last year.

The possibility of a like disaster to Governor Nash himself, and to the Republican party in the State of Ohio, may have had something to do with the enlightening of his understanding, when he read his "interesting paper" on "The Power of the Governor in Times of Disturbance."

OUR READERS will remember that at the beginning of the trouble we addressed a long letter to Governor Nash, dated July 26, 1900, which will be found in our issue of LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume VII, Number 14, pages 434 and 435.

We sent this to the Governor by a Special Messenger, the Rev. E. B. Kennedy, A. B. He was treated with scant courtesy, and told that the Governor could not interfere, notwithstanding the fact that the mob had nearly murdered one of our Elders. Howling hoodlums had dragged this godly man from the Vonhof Hotel for nearly a mile through the streets, tearing every shred of clothing from his body, except his shoes and stockings, cruelly beating him and nearly killing him.

Mayor Brown had meanwhile professed his inability to preserve public order, and to protect a good man and citizen from mob violence.

This was followed by an assault upon a widow's cottage, in which about fifty Zion people were assembled.

From this quiet meeting Evangelist Fisher and Elder



McClurkin were dragged into the streets and subjected to the shameful indignity of being stripped of all their clothing except their shoes and hose, daubed from head to foot with blue paint, and marched up the principal thoroughfare of Mansfield in that condition at a time when the streets were crowded with a howling mob.

WHEN THIS fact came to our knowledge, we sent the following telegram to Governor Nash:

MONTAGUE, MICHIGAN, July 31, 1900.

GOVERNOR OF OHIO,  
Columbus, Ohio.

Both Mayor and Sheriff again proved their incompetence to preserve the peace, and protect the lives, liberty and property of law-abiding and good citizens in Mansfield, last night.

Two excellent men, Revs. E. P. Fisher, B. D., and A. W. McClurkin, B. A., B. D., were shamefully abused and outraged by a mob who broke into a private house and dragged them through the streets.

I respectfully ask, Is it necessary for some one to be murdered outright before you will move?

We shall never surrender to mob law, and will continue to minister to the members of the Christian Catholic Church in Mansfield.

The authorities having failed, I claim the immediate protection of the State.

JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

To that telegram Governor Nash thus insolently replied:

COLUMBUS, OHIO, July 31, 1900.

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE,  
Montague, Michigan.

When civil authorities at Mansfield and Richland County inform me that they are unable to preserve the peace and protect life and property, it will be time for me to act.

In the meantime it will be well for you to temper your zeal with some degree of prudence.

GEORGE K. NASH.

We answered him as follows:

MONTAGUE, MICHIGAN, July 31, 1900.

GOVERNOR GEORGE K. NASH,  
Columbus, Ohio.

Reserve your impertinent advice for the authorities at Mansfield, who have today made common cause with the cowardly mob of housebreakers and outragers of decency, and have forcibly ejected four inoffensive Christian gentlemen and ministers against whom there was no charge of violating any law.

What further proof of their incompetence and criminality do you require? Has the "point within the circle," the emblem of Baal, replaced the National flag, and has opposition to Freemasonry become high treason?

Zion's Elders will return to Mansfield in due time and perform their duties.

JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

BUT "the point within the circle," the Baal-flag of Masonry, floated over the Capitol at Columbus, and over the Town Hall at Mansfield, and under it unspeakable horrors were committed.

THIS ACT of Governor Nash was the signal for months and months of brutality, during which Elders, Evangelists and Deacons of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion were beaten and bruised, and stripped, and driven from Mansfield again and again by mobs which neither the Sheriff of Richland County, nor the Mayor of Mansfield, nor Governor Nash for one single moment checked.

But Zion went forward, sending her ministers every Lord's Day, no matter how they were received, and her people continued to suffer, private houses being broken into by the mob again and again.

Overseer Piper, during our absence in Europe, continued most ably to defend the rights of Zion. He quoted, in a communication to Governor Nash, Section 3034 of the Ohio Annotated Statutes, showing that "the active militia known as the Ohio National Guard may be ordered into active service by the Governor to aid the civil officers, to suppress or prevent riot." Yet Governor Nash would not act and the disgrace continued.

At LAST, HOWEVER, this foe of God and Zion, in answer to the suggestive question of Judge Shauck, of the Supreme Court of Ohio, calmly admits "that in the Mansfield case he had been mistaken as to the scope of his duties and authority."

HOWEVER, ZION won long ago.

For many months our Elders and other officers have openly held meetings in Mansfield, without any repetition of the scenes of violence which last summer and fall disgraced Governor Nash and the State of Ohio.

INDEED, ONE or more of the rioters has been sent to prison by Judge Wolfe, who at all times did his duty.

One of these men was convicted as far back 'as January 2d last, but the Judge allowed him to go upon his promise to behave. He, however, showed the character of the persons composing the mob, by drinking heavily and shamefully abusing his wife and family.

He was rearrested, and on Friday, March 29th, was given a sentence of thirty days in the Canton workhouse, and fined a hundred dollars.

A Mansfield paper says: "Unless the fine is paid, Andrews bids fair to sojourn at Canton until the song-birds wing their way southward."

THESE FACTS are all evidences of the victory which Zion has won in Mansfield. We recall them in these Notes today, especially, because of a fresh outbreak in another part of the State of Ohio, information concerning which reached us on Thursday morning in the following telegram:

ADA, OHIO, April 18, 1901.

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE:

Mobbed last night at church.

Doors opened.

Eggs and bottles of drugs thrown.

Windows broken.

Building inside and out besmeared.

I tarry here for directions.

S. MOOT.

AFTER MUCH consideration we have sent the Rev. Wilbur G. Voliva, A. B., from Headquarters, to make a thorough investigation concerning this new and shameful outbreak.

Elder Voliva delivered the following letter to the Mayor of Ada:

ZION, CHICAGO, April 18, 1901.

TO HIS HONOR,

The Mayor of Ada, Ohio.

MY DEAR MAYOR:—I have received this forenoon the following telegram:

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S. MOOT."

The bearer of this letter, the Rev. Wilbur G. Voliva, an Elder in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, is also an assistant Overseer, and I have directed him to make inquiries as to all the facts connected with this outrage, and to represent me as the General Overseer of this Church in this matter.

He will inform you verbally as to what instructions I have given him, and I trust that the issue will be a peaceful one.

But I can only say that as this is now the third outrage committed in Ada upon inoffensive Elders of this Church, I will not permit it to pass without getting such guarantees that it will not be repeated as will be satisfactory.

I am very respectfully yours

JOHN ALEX. DOWIE,

General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

AND NOW we shall see whether the Mayor of Ada desires to emulate the experience of Mayor Huntington Brown, of Mansfield, or the opposite.

In the former event, we shall have the pleasure to call Governor Nash's attention to his recent conversion to Zion's conceptions of the law of the State of Ohio, and of the duty of Governors in general in times of disturbance, as set forth in his recent interesting and able paper, to which we have drawn attention at the beginning of these Notes.

SINCE WRITING the foregoing Notes on the subject of the Riot of April 17th at Ada, Ohio, the following letter has been received at Headquarters:

LIMA, OHIO, April 18, 1901.

DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:—I sent the General Overseer a telegram this morning concerning the proceedings at Ada last night.

I learned afterwards that as soon as the Mayor learned of the disturbance he had six extra policemen sworn in to go with the Marshal to quiet affairs. Though they came too late, yet he assured me that we should have police protection hereafter, and stated he was very sorry for what had happened, and if he had been aware of this he would have been prepared to quell it.

Three panes of glass in two windows were broken, although the eggs pelted many more.

I stayed, and the house was set in order again before leaving.

Everything very quiet today, and I think will be hereafter.

Those LEAVES OF HEALING are doing good work in Ada and here, too.

Please let the General Overseer know further report concerning Ada.

Pray.

Your Brother in Jesus Christ,

SILAS MOOT.

ZION is a great Educator.

The Mayor of Ada has learned the lesson so effectually taught to Governor Nash at Columbus, and ex-Mayor Brown at Mansfield.

We sincerely hope that Ada will sin no more.

NOW WE TURN to that which is much more pleasant, and rejoice to tell our readers of the continued goodness of God, through the work of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion throughout the whole world, and to the showers of blessing which have come upon our operations at Headquarters and in Zion City.

We are grateful to God to be able to record that within the last two weeks we have taken title to 384 acres more of our purchase in Zion City.

Our weekly visits continue to be extremely interesting. We are glad to know that we are able to help forward, effectually, the initial stages of many departments of Zion's operations there, and to make preparations for great Gatherings at the end of next month, and at Zion's Feast of Tabernacles, July 14th.

LAST LORD'S DAY, in Central Zion Tabernacle, we called attention at considerable length, in our prelude, to THE ZION BANNER. We ask our readers attentively to consider what we then said, a report of which will be found on pages 816 and 817.

Our artist, Mr. Charles Champe, has perfected a very beautiful title page for the new semi-secular weekly. It will be printed in five colors.

WE CALL the attention of our readers to the advertisement concerning THE ZION BANNER on page 823.

We trust that a large number of subscribers will at once send in their names and subscriptions.

WE DESIRE again to call attention to the Announcements connected with the Welcome Home of our dear wife, Overseer Jane Dowie, and the important series of Conferences which will follow, closing with two special sermons by ourselves upon "The Messenger of the Covenant" and the "Coming of Elijah, the Restorer of all Things."

WE REJOICE in the Coming of the Lord, "Whom the heavens must receive until the Times of Restitution of All Things, whereof God spake by the mouth of his Holy Prophets which have been since the world began.

OH THAT God would make plain to His people everywhere the Signs of the Times.

"WHY STAND ye here all the day idle?"

This is the question of the Master of the Vineyard, the Householder Himself, in that wonderful parable concerning the Kingdom of Heaven.

How sad the answer: "Because no man hath hired us"!

WHAT MULTITUDES there are idle all the day until this Eleventh Hour, because no man hath made known to them that God is seeking laborers for His Harvest!

It is the Eleventh Hour.

The Master of the Vineyard has called for "laborers," not theorists, not theological fossils, not critics, not speculators, not bazaar promoters, not try-to-do-its, not cumberers of the ground.

Zion has entered into the Vineyard, and with glorious success has begun to gather in the fruit and is receiving the Reward: for Zion labors all the time, and everywhere, with every God-given power.

"SO THE last shall be first, and the first last."

THIS WONDERFUL parable of the Householder hiring laborers all the day long, even to the "Eleventh Hour," to labor in His Vineyard, represents the Infinite Patience of God in calling forth His people into His service, and in rewarding them according to His will.

Let it also be noted that those who went into the Vineyard in the early part of the day turned out Envious, Jealous, Impudent, Presumptuous Grumblers.

Let it also be noted—see the Denominational Press almost without exception—that these Grumblers are grumbling and snarling continually at God for blessing our labors in Zion.

THE SPEAKING of this wondrous Allegory was followed by Christ's revelation to His Twelve Disciples of His coming Betrayal, Condemnation, Mocking, Scourging and Crucifixion, and beyond it all the Glorious Resurrection.

HOW LITTLE did the mother of the sons of Zebedee understand, when she sought for them so high a place in Christ's Kingdom!

How little did she know what she was asking.

How truly the Master's words may be applied to many: "Ye know not what ye ask."

How careful should we be not to ask for place and power

since those to whom God gives high place and great power must needs drink of the same Bitter Cup of Sorrow and Suffering which our Master drank to its deepest dregs!

How little men know when they unthinkingly say: "We are able to drink it, too"!

How many there are who, when the Cup means to them what it meant to Christ, condemnation, death, shameful mocking and scourging, and crucifixion, falter and flee!

But how glorious is that Cup to those who can drink it; for they who drink that Cup, and they alone, can enter with Him into that Baptism, no longer of Water at the Jordan, but of Fire.

That is a Baptism which maketh His Messengers and Ministers Spirits of Flaming Fire, as His Word declared they should be.

Christ casts this "Fire" upon the earth.

He kindled it: that quenchless Fire of Holy Hatred for Evil, and a Consuming Love for Good.

In these latter days we rejoice to know that this "Fire" is burning in tens of thousands of hearts in Zion.

WHILST DICTATING these NOTES, in the Silence of the Night, we had occasion to call for our scrap-books of Clippings from the Press in order to verify certain references.

We had not looked at them for months.

The number and virulence of the attacks and falsehoods against Zion astounded us.

For one brief hour it seemed to us as if, Prometheus-like, we were chained hand and foot and torn by the countless demons of this horrible Newspaper Press; because we had given the Fire, which was in our hearts, to multitudes throughout the world, whom God had, by that Fire, cleansed from sin, purified from corruption, healed from sickness, restored to life, with power to live soberly, righteously and godly in this present evil world.

BECAUSE OF all this, which had brought Salvation and Healing and Cleansing to the multitudes, we saw in these hundreds of millions of attacks in the aggregate, the old myth of Prometheus reënacted.

We saw the Vultures of the Press darting their foul beaks into our very heart, endeavoring to poison and destroy our life.

We heard them fill the air throughout all the earth and sky with the screeching, howling, hoarse screaming of the Unclean Birds of Prey, endeavoring thereby to make humanity everywhere believe that these foul attacks upon our very vitals were dictated by desire to warn the whole earth against an unspeakable monster.

FOR ONE brief hour in this midnight, we turned over those hundreds of pages of clippings from newspapers whose issues of foul falsehood multiply like the "lice in Egypt" as they roll forth in countless millions between the sharp teeth of demoniacally driven printing presses.

BUT "THANKS be to God who giveth us the victory."

WE HAD scarcely closed the volumes before we realized that Prometheus was not bound, and that the "old gods" were dead.

We realized that the Word of God was not bound; that the Living Fire and the Baptism of the Living Fire in our hearts had extended to hundreds of thousands in Zion and through Zion was reaching every land beneath the sun.

We realized that, God being our Helper, that Fire should yet one day burn up these vile presses and restore once more to this earth the reign of Truth.

We realized that in the power of His Life, these countless fiends of Hell should be bound with their master and cast out of this earth into the depths of Death and Hell, there to remain until out of these depths they shall learn to cry in deep and true penitence for the Cleansing Fire of that Infinite Love which shall yet destroy Death and Hell.

WE HAVE arisen from our "rock," and realize that, after all, the myriad harpies of the foul press, the innumerable broods of this "generation of vipers," could not touch us, and that by the Grace of God we had been and would be able to tread them beneath our feet, even as they did who returned to their Master with joy, saying: "Lord, even the demons are subject unto us in Thy Name."

AND SO WE HEAR Him say, as the night rolls away and the dawn of the new day is breaking, as He said to them long ago who came back from their mission with such delight:

I beheld Satan fallen as lightning from heaven.

Behold, I have given you Authority

To tread upon Serpents and Scorpions,

And over All the Power of the Enemy:

And Nothing shall in any wise hurt you.

O CHRIST OF GOD, Thy Voice still speaks these words of cheer to those whom Thou hast sent into this Satan-defiled world where serpents and scorpions and demons on every side hold sway.

O Christ of God, Thou art with us All the Days, and the Consummation of the Age is drawing nigh.

O Christ of God, we bless Thee for the Joy which lifts us higher than the passing Victory, and adds to the promise of Overcoming Power these wondrous words of grace which Thou didst speak to the Seventy long ago:

Howbeit in this rejoice not,

That the Spirits are subject unto you;

But rejoice that your Names are written in Heaven.

SO ONWARD we go, rejoicing, not merely in the possession of that Authority and Power, which God has given to us, by which we always overcome the Enemy, but in the knowledge that, notwithstanding that the demons of the press have written our name with hatred in their books of death and dishonor, we have the Divinely implanted assurance that our "Name is written in Heaven."

And, thanks be to God, it will be "A New Name."

ZION, AWAKE!

Go Forward!

Go Upward!

CLAD IN the Holy Armor of God, let all Zion go into the battle and strike for God, for purity, and for the destruction of these countless foes who are fighting under the Black Pirate Flag of Disease and Death; who are under the Red Flag of that "Red Ruin and the Breaking-up of Laws," which God's prophets have foretold as among the Signs of the Latter Times when the Lawless One should be revealed.

REJOICE! REJOICE! REJOICE! For it is written:

The Lawless One, whom the Lord Jesus shall slay with the Breath of His mouth, and bring to naught by the Manifestation of His coming; even

he, whose coming is according to the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceit of unrighteousness for them that are perishing; because they receive not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

THERE ARE but Two Great Armies, then, which are contending for Power: the Lovers of Truth, who are the Servants of God, and the Lovers of Lies, who are the Servants of the Devil.

Which shall prevail?

LET THE God who answered by Fire on Carmel answer once again.

Let the Baptism of Fire descend and consume the Living Sacrifice which we lay in Zion upon the Altar of our God.

I BESECH you therefore, brethren,  
By the mercies of God,  
To present your bodies a Living Sacrifice,  
Holy, acceptable to God,  
Which is your Reasonable Service.

CAN THERE be any service more reasonable than that to which our Master calls, and in which we shall continue until we have been baptized through and through, spirit, soul and body, with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and of Fire?

OUR READERS will know that a few weeks ago we wrote at some length in these Notes, and we spoke on the platform in Central Zion Tabernacle, concerning the need of a very much larger auditorium to contain the thousands who flock to Central Zion Tabernacle on Lord's Day afternoons, and have quite frequently overflowed it.

It is impossible to estimate how many have gone away who could not find seats on many occasions, and the still larger number who have not come because they knew that after a certain time they would not be likely to find seats.

This has been a matter of much prayer and consideration with us ever since we returned from Europe.

Our readers will now be glad to know that we have come to a decision which is the best possible under all the circumstances.

We have secured the Chicago Auditorium, one of the largest, and by many considered to be the finest, audience rooms in the United States.

Our Agreement is for every Lord's Day afternoon from the first Lord's Day in September next to the last in May of next year, and then for another year, from the first Lord's Day in September, 1902, to the 31st day of May, 1903.

We have left, therefore, the Lord's Day afternoons in June, July and August out of our engagement in each year, for two reasons:

First, because large audiences are very much oppressed by the heat in any public building during those months;

Second, because we intend to hold a number of services at Zion City in those months during the next two years.

The sum which we pay is quite a large one, but the gentlemen who control the great building have dealt with us in a liberal spirit, and we do not think it would be right to disclose the sum publicly.

It will be enough to say that it is, we believe, within the power of Zion, and we know that our people everywhere will aid us in this needful expenditure.

Above all, we ask Zion everywhere to pray for Showers of Blessing in this splendid Auditorium, where God blessed us so signally before, when we spoke in it to large audiences every Lord's Day from October 27, 1895, to April 19, 1896.

Zion will now be able for Nine Months in each of the Next Two Years, God willing, to receive thousands of additional hearers to our Lord's Day afternoon special assemblies.

WE DO NOT think that the Auditorium will be large enough all the time, but it is the best that we can do, and we have been providentially favored in securing it.

The situation of this building is very fine, and the picture which we publish with these Notes will remind our readers that it is a most prominent architectural feature on Michigan Boulevard, facing the Lake Front Park.

Very large numbers of strangers who are guests at the Auditorium Hotel and other large hotels in the neighborhood will doubtless come, as they did in 1895-1896.

God blessed multitudes in the vast building during that period, and He will doubtless bless many more during the period for which we have taken it.

The word "Auditorium" has a fascination for very large numbers of persons in Chicago, who admire the majestic character of the interior and its beautiful decoration, lighting, etc., and many of our hearers five years ago, who at first came from curiosity, received permanent blessing and are now amongst our most earnest workers in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.



THE AUDITORIUM.

BUT THIS and many other temporary leases of large properties in Chicago are but stepping stones to our permanent buildings at Zion City.

We are, however, gaining experience in connection with construction, and are taking much pains to be in a position to instruct our architect as to the nature of the building which we shall require in the great Zion Temple, which will be the central feature in Zion City, and where we hope to seat 25,000 persons.

We are bringing a specially qualified architect from Europe, who will be permanently attached to our staff at Headquarters.

We shall doubtless be able to avail ourselves of the services of many widely-experienced architects in Chicago and in other American cities, during the coming years, when everything is to be done in the way of providing public buildings in Zion City.

However, until then, we live moment by moment, and walk step by step, every hour and every day, with God; not hurrying and not idling, pressing forward in the strength of Him whose work we do, and whose service we love.

THERE ARE many things concerning which we should like to write this week, but the night is not only far spent, but has passed away. We are writing in the morning light of a new day, rejoicing in the glad strength and the increasing vigor of spirit, soul and body which our gracious God provides so abundantly for the many toils and trials and temptations which beset us, of necessity, in the labors which God in His Infinite Wisdom imposes upon us, for the extension of His Kingdom and the elevation of humanity.

No service can ever be half so sweet as this service which we constantly have, in which God is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, and in which we are building up for God an Holy Temple, as He gives us grace. We can do no work for our fellowmen the strength and wisdom for which does not come from God alone, who "worketh in us to will and to do of His good pleasure."

ALL IS WELL.

The Shadows are fleeing away.

The Sun shines brightly from a cloudless sky over the blue waters of the great unsalted sea, Lake Michigan, upon which we look from our window in Zion Building as we dictate these closing words.

ALL IS WELL.

The days in which we live are the Beginning of the "Times of the Restoration of All Things."

And we are happy in the consciousness, no matter what the world or an apostate church may say, that we are humbly and faithfully doing our Father's will.

We go on, knowing that beyond all the conflict and the toil the Century's swinging portal has opened upon "Times of Refreshing from the Presence of the Lord" in these Latter Days.

ALL IS WELL.

God reigns o'er all the Universe, in Boundless Love and Mercy, pursuing the Path of Eternal Wisdom and providing in Zion Blessing for all His creatures.

ALL IS WELL.

And Hope Divine, with rays of Love and Faith and Truth, forever shines o'er all the lands, revealing all the beauties of that Everlasting Gospel which countless voices far and wide are singing sweetly beneath the sky, telling God's Message, that "all that is beautiful shall abide, and all that is base shall die."

ALL IS WELL.

And we go on, with the prayer ever in our heart:

Heavenly Father, still direct us;  
Still instruct, console, protect us.  
Guide us by Thy hand,  
Till we safely stand  
In our Father-land.

HAVING FULFILLED God's will on earth, and leaving—if we do not tarry until He come—a Royal Generation in Zion to carry God's Message from Zion to every land, we cry again from Zion's lofty Watchtower, to Zion o'er all the earth, Brothers, Sisters,

ALL IS WELL.

BRETHREN, PRAY FOR US.

Let members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion who are competent to teach either Preparatory or Collège Branches, and who wish employment in Zion College the coming year, apply at once to Rev. William Hamner Piper, Vice-President Zion's Educational Institutions, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

## DO YOU KNOW GOD'S WAY OF HEALING?

BY THE REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

Let it be supposed that the following words are a conversation between the reader (A) and the writer (B).

Q. What does this question mean? Do you really suppose that God has some one special way of healing in these days of which men may know and avail themselves?

B. That is exactly my meaning, and I wish very much that you should know God's Way of Healing, as I have done for many years.

A. What is the way, in your opinion?

B. You should rather ask, WHO is God's Way? for the Way is a Person, not a thing. I will answer your question in His own words, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; no one cometh unto the Father, but by Me." These words were spoken by our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, who is both our Saviour and our Healer. (John 14:6.)

A. But I always thought that these words only referred to Him as the Way of Salvation. How can you be sure that they refer to Him as the Way of Healing also?

B. Because He cannot change. He is "the same yesterday and today, yea and forever" (Hebrews 13:8.) He said that He came to this earth not only to save us but to heal us (Luke 4:18), and He did this when in the flesh on earth. "Being unchanged, He must be able and willing and desirous to heal now.

A. But is there not this difference, namely, that He is not with us now?

B. No; for He said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world"; and so He is with us now, in Spirit, just as much as when He was here in the flesh.

A. But did He not work these miracles of healing when on earth merely to prove that He was the Son of God?

B. No; there was still a greater purpose than that. He healed the sick who trusted in Him in order to show us that He came to die not only for our sins, but for our sicknesses, and to deliver us from both.

A. Then, if that is so, the atonement which He made on the Cross must have been for our sicknesses as well as our sins. Can you prove that is the fact from the Scriptures?

B. Yes, I can, and the passages are very numerous. I need quote two only. In Isaiah 53:4, 5, it is written of Him, "Surely He hath borne our griefs (Hebrew *zibabim*), and carried our sorrows; and with His stripes we are healed." Then in the Gospel according to Matthew, this passage is quoted and directly applied to the work of bodily healing, in chapter 8, 17th verse. "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our diseases."

A. But do you not think that sickness is often God's will, and sent for our good, and therefore God may not wish us to be healed?

B. No, that cannot possibly be; for diseases of every kind are the Devil's work, and his work can never be God's will, since Christ came for the very purpose of destroying "the works of the Devil." (1 John 3:8.)

A. Do you mean to say that all disease is the work of Satan?

B. Yes; for there is no other sin (which came through Satan) there never would have been any disease, and Jesus never in one single instance told any person that sickness was God's work or will, but the very contrary.

A. Can you prove from Scripture that all forms of sickness and infirmity are the Devil's work?

B. Yes, that can be done very easily. You will see in Matthew 4:23 and 9:35 that when Jesus was here in the flesh, He healed "in all manner of disease and all manner of sickness among the people." Then if you will refer to Acts 10:38 you will see that the Apostle Peter declares that He [Jesus] "went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the Devil." Notice that all whom He healed, not some, were suffering from Satan's evil power.

A. But does disease never come from God?

B. No; it cannot come from God, for He is pure, and disease is unclean; and it cannot come out of Heaven, for there is no disease there.

A. That is very different from the teachings which I have received all my life from ministers and in the churches. Do you really think that you are right, and that they are all wrong in this matter?

B. It is not a question as between myself and them. The only question is, What does God's Word say? God has said in all the ages to His Church, "I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26), and therefore it would be wicked to say that He is the defiler of His people. All true Christians must believe the Bible, and it is impossible to believe that good and evil, sickness and health, sin and holiness could have a common origin in God. If the Bible really taught that, it would be impossible to believe our Lord Jesus Christ when He says, "A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit." (Matthew 7:18.)

A. But even if I agree with all you say, is it not true that the Gifts of Healing were removed from the Church, and are not in it now?

B. No, the Gifts of Healing were never withdrawn, and can never be withdrawn, from the true Church of God; for it is written, "The gifts and the calling of God are without repentance." (Romans 11:29.) There are nine gifts of God to the Church (enumerated in 1 Corinthians, 12:8 to 11), and all these are in the Holy Spirit. Therefore, so long as the Holy Spirit is in the Church, all the gifts must be there also. If they are not exercised, that does not prove that they do not exist, but that the faith to exercise them is lacking in God's servants. The gifts are all perfectly preserved; for the Holy Spirit, not the Church, keeps them safely.

A. What should a Christian then do when overtaken with sickness?

B. A Christian should obey God's command, and at once turn to Him for forgiveness of the sin which may have caused the sickness, and for immediate healing. Healing is obtained from God in one of four ways, namely: First, by the direct prayer of faith without any aid from the officers of the Church, as the Centurion did in Matthew 8:5 to 12; second, by two faithful disciples praying in perfect agreement, in accordance with the Lord's promise in Matthew 18:19; third, by the anointing of the elders and the prayer of faith, according to the instructions in James 5:14 and 15; and fourth, by the laying on of the hands of them who believe, and whom God calls to that ministry, as the Lord commands in Mark 16:18, and in other places.

A. But are people healed in this way in these days?

B. Yes, in thousands of cases. I have myself laid hands upon many hundreds of thousands of persons, and I have seen the Lord's Power manifested in the healing of great numbers, many of whom are living witnesses in many countries, who have testified publicly before thousands, and who are prepared to testify at any time. This ministry is being exercised by devoted Christians in many parts of America, Europe, Australasia and elsewhere.

A. Is it not the same as Christian Science, Mind Healing, etc.?

B. No. Divine Healing is diametrically opposed to these diabolical counterfeits, which are utterly anti-Christian. These impostures are only seductive forms of Spiritualism. Trance Evangelism is also a more recent form of this delusion, and it deceives many.

A. But how shall I obtain the necessary faith to receive healing, which faith I am at present conscious I do not possess?

B. It is written, "Belief cometh of hearing, and hearing by the Word of Christ." (Romans 10:17.) Our Missions are held for the express purpose of teaching fully the Word of God on this matter, and I very heartily invite you to attend the meetings which are announced for Zion Tabernacle. All are welcome and there are no charges of any kind made, for all God's gifts are free gifts. Salvation is the first of these, without which you cannot be healed through faith in Jesus. All the costs of this work are covered by the free-will offerings of the people who attend these meetings, and others whom the Lord leads to help; but the poorest who have nothing to give are as heartily welcome as the richest.

A. Do you see the sick and lay hands upon them in this Mission?

B. Yes; after we feel satisfied that they are fully resting in the Lord alone for the healing, we see privately, so far as time permits, those who attend; but under no circumstances do we claim the power to heal any; for "power belongeth unto God."

A. Have you any writings upon this subject which can be purchased?

B. Yes; these can be obtained at the office of Zion Publishing House, 1207 Michigan Avenue, or at Zion Tabernacle, 162-1633 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill. But the best book on Divine Healing is the Bible itself, studied prayerfully and earnestly.

We extend to you a hearty invitation to attend the meetings, which are free to all. Our prayer is that you may be led to find in Jesus Christ our Lord and God, your present Saviour from sin, your Healer from sickness, your Cleanser from all evil, your Keeper in the way to Heaven, your Friend, and your All for Time and Eternity. We pray that these words may be many witnesses, and that our little conversation may bear fruit in leading many readers to look to Jesus only.

"The Healing of Christ's seamless dress

Is by all beds of pain;

We touch Him in life's throng and press,

And we are whole again."



# CHEERING WORDS FROM ZION'S GUESTS ←

## NOTES FROM ZION HOME

THE regular Praise and Testimony Meeting held in Zion Home, Saturday evening, April 6, 1901, was conducted by Deacon Stevenson.

After the usual opening exercises, the meeting was thrown open for testimony.

MRS. HOMER KESSLER, 1456 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, said: "I do not believe any one in Zion has more to thank God for than I have. All our family are in Zion. We have had many blessings and healings in our family. My oldest son was saved in Zion. We have now moved to this city to be engaged in Zion work and hope to live in Zion City. We can never praise God enough for what He has done."

DEACON SAMUEL STEVENSON, Zion Home, said: "I have been very much helped in the early morning meetings. God has been present. Those who attend these meetings are always blessed and strengthened. We cannot value too much waiting upon God. To learn how to wait upon God and how to pray, is one of the most essential things. I have been especially blessed this week."

MISS ETHEL BEVIER, Zion City, Illinois, said: "I praise God for what He has done for me in the past week or ten days. I have been sick the greater part of the time for three and a half years. Four weeks ago I was taken very sick. I got no help for a while. I then seemed to get a little better, but became worse again until I could hardly raise my head on account of the fluttering in my heart. Then we prayed in Zion City that I might come to Chicago if it was God's will. The next day but one I came. I could hardly walk from the car to the cab. I was so weak that it seemed as though I could hardly get to the Tabernacle. That was a week ago yesterday. I improved so fast that I now feel as well as I ever did. I praise God for what He has done for me."

AUGUST ERHARDT, Zion Home, said: "I thank God for His keeping power. He has kept me all winter and delivered me from a cold or two. I thank God that in His compassion He delivers us from the bondage of sin and disease and the powers of hell. I thank God for Zion. I thank God for all the blessings I have received in Zion, and for the many blessings it is our privilege to enjoy."

T. H. KETTEL, Tipton, Iowa, said: "I wish to thank God for Zion. The teaching has made a great difference in my life. When I was young, I had quite a clear idea of God. As I grew older my faith became very weak. Since coming to Zion there is such a change in me when reading the Bible. For a number of years the Bible seemed quite cold and harsh; yet in the depths of my heart I knew there was a sweetness in it I was not getting. Now, when I read the Bible, it fills me with joy. It gives me new hope and courage. I know very well that if it were not for the teachings of Zion, I would never have gotten out of the dark dependency I was in."

GEORGE MARTINEAU, Zion Home, said: "I thank God for His keeping power. For three years I have not lost a day's work on account of sickness. I have had some severe attacks of cold, but God has always heard and delivered me instantly. I thank God for Zion. I know He keeps me day by day. I thank God that I was led out of the Roman Catholic Church. I thank God for salvation and for the healing I have received, and for being delivered from the tobacco habit. When I was

servicing the Devil I used to get up from my sleep in the night and smoke my pipe. When I came to Zion Home all the desire for tobacco was taken away, for which I thank God. When I came to Zion I could not read a word in the Bible. The Lord has taught me to read. I can say that when Jesus came to the world, He came to teach the ignorant. I thank Him for it."

The meeting was then closed by the benediction.

THE regular Praise and Testimony Meeting held in Zion Home, Saturday evening, April 13, 1901, was conducted by Elder Graves.

After the usual opening exercises, the meeting was thrown open for testimony.

FIELDING H. WILHITE, Salisbury, Missouri, said: "I am very thankful indeed that God has so blessed me and my family out of Zion, and that I am in Zion. My heart has been in Zion since I first heard of this work, some four years ago. My wife and four little ones will live among you, and hope to be used of God as He may see fit. God certainly has been good to us. We have been greatly blessed and kept. Our little ones have been kept in perfect health. We have two Zion babies. Since we made up our minds to come here and be among God's people, and to take a part in this movement, it seems that God has led us continually and opened up the way for us. I praise God for it, and now that I am here, I want to be used of God for the extension of His Kingdom, and for the spread of the glorious Good Tidings which are taught in Zion."

DEACONESS HERTRICH, Zion Home, said: "My heart is filled tonight with joy and gratitude to God for the increased blessings which are coming into my life from day to day in Zion. I am so thankful to God for the testimonies which we hear daily from the people who have accepted this wonderful teaching of the Full Gospel. They are carrying it on to others, and others are being blessed through their testimony and their prayers. The blessings and spiritual strength which have come to me in these Cottage Meetings, as I hear one after another tell of the wonderful things God is continually doing for them; the rich blessings that I have witnessed in these meetings; the wonderful work that Deaconess Paddock has been enabled to do in Zion Home of Hope by the Grace of God; all have been an inspiration to me. I rejoice even more for that peace and calmness of spirit, amid trying times, that I never knew before in my life. I know what it is to worry, and I am glad that in Zion I have learned to leave things with God as I never have before in all my life. I rejoice tonight for the peace and joy that come to me in having a part in this great work and in this great movement in Zion.

"I will tell of an incident that occurred at the home of Deacon Kristoffersen. His little daughter got her finger into the clothes-wringer and severely bruised it. Two or three of the other children were in the room when it happened. The little boy, four years old, when he saw how the finger had swollen and how painful it was to the little one, said, 'We must fight the Devil, we must fight the Devil.' Then he and the other children prayed. The swelling went down immediately, and nothing could be seen but a little scratch across the finger. The little fellow then said, 'We got the Victory over the Devil

this time.' That is what rejoices my heart, as I see these mothers and fathers plant these truths into the hearts of their children. Let us give the Gospel to the little children as far as lies in our power."

PETER GEORGE LEWIS, Big House, Narberth, South Wales, said: "Tonight is the first Saturday night for me in Zion. I do thank God that the way opened for me to come here, and I am full of gladness to Him for being here and for being present with you in this meeting tonight. I have many times desired to be in closer connection with the movement of Zion. I desire tonight with all my heart to give praise to God for LEAVES OF HEALING, which was sent to me by a Deacon in this Church. In South Wales the people think that the Welsh people must be reached in some other way than that which the General Overseer uses. I rejoice to see so many Welsh people in Zion, and I am convinced that the Welsh people with all their differences can be reached through the Word of God as taught in Zion. I am especially thankful for LEAVES OF HEALING and for the free distribution by Deaconess Hill. It certainly is a good work."

DEACONESS HILL, Zion Home, said: "I am thankful for the blessings I have received since I have been in Zion. On Thursday I was sick. I asked Elder Graves to pray for me and I was relieved almost immediately."

AUGUST PETERS, Benton Harbor, Michigan, said: "I am glad for the precious truths that have come to us from Zion, and that we have learned in Zion that the gifts of God are free, that we can go to Him with our sorrows and troubles, and that He will supply all of our needs out of His fulness. I praise God tonight for Zion."

W. P. SWEET, Champaign, Illinois, said: "I am glad to be in Zion. This week has been a very joyous week to me, although I took such a tumble on last Lord's Day in Zion Tabernacle. There were no seats left and I went to the further end of the gallery. I saw Elder Dinius and wanted to speak to him. I stepped where there was no step and over I went. I did not see how badly it hurt the door against which I fell, but I know it hurt my head very badly. Elder Dinius prayed, and I suffered no evil results from my fall, but sat throughout the services. I was glad that I was in Zion, for if I had been at home, my sons would have sent for a doctor."

JAMES MORRISON, Chiselhurst, Ontario, Canada, said: "I thank God for His kindness to me. Since LEAVES OF HEALING came into my home, it has been a source of great blessing. I trust it will be a great blessing to others."

The meeting was then closed by the

#### BENEDICTION.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

#### GOD PROTECTS EYES.

SHERIDAN, WYOMING, March 19, 1901.

DEAR DR. DOWIE:—With pleasure and heartfelt thanks to you and Mrs. Dowie, I send you my testimony.

I do thank God for His keeping power and for the healing I received when you prayed for me.

If you remember, I wrote you some time ago asking you to pray for the healing of styes on my eyes. They do not come and stay on my eyes like they did.

It seems as if the Devil keeps trying to bring them back, but when I commit it to the Lord He takes it away.

Mamma's eyes are also better.

Your little Sister in Christ Jesus,

AMY B. MCCULLOCH.

## GOD'S WAY OF HEALING.

BY THE REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

### God's Way of Healing is a Person, not a Thing.

Jesus said, "*I am* the Way, and the Truth, and the Life," and He has ever been revealed to His people in all the ages by the Covenant Name, Jehovah-rophi, or "*I am* the Lord that Healeth thee." (John 14:6; Exodus 15:26.)

### The Lord Jesus Christ is Still the Healer.

He cannot change, for "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yea and forever"; and He is still with us, for He said, "Lo, *I am* with you always, even unto the end of the world." (Hebrews 13:8; Matthew 28:20). Because He is Unchangeable, and because He is present, in spirit, just as when in the flesh, He is the Healer of His people.

### Divine Healing Rests on Christ's Atonement.

It was prophesied of Him, "Surely He hath borne our griefs (Hebrew *sicknesses*), and carried our sorrows: . . . and with His stripes we are healed"; and it is expressly declared that this was fulfilled in His ministry of Healing, which still continues. (Isaiah 53:4, 5; Matthew 8:17.)

### Disease Can Never be God's Will.

It is the Devil's work, consequent upon Sin, and it is impossible for the work of the Devil ever to be the Will of God. Christ came to "destroy the works of the Devil," and when He was here on earth He healed "all manner of disease and all manner of sickness," and all these diseases are expressly declared to have been "oppressed of the Devil." (1 John 3:8; Matthew 4:23; Acts 10:38.)

### The Gifts of Healing are Permanent.

It is expressly declared that the "Gifts and the calling of God are without repentance," and the Gifts of Healing are amongst the Nine Gifts of the Spirit to the Church. (Romans 11:29; 1 Cor. 12:8-11.)

### There are Four Modes of Divine Healing.

The first is the direct prayer of faith; the second, intercessory prayer of two or more; the third, the anointing of the elders with the prayer of faith; and the fourth, the laying on of hands of those who believe, and whom God has prepared and called to that ministry. (Matthew 8:5-13; Matthew 18:19; James 5:14, 15; Mark 16:18.)

### Divine Healing is Opposed by Diabolical Counterfeits.

Amongst these are Christian Science (falsely so-called), Mind Healing, Spiritualism, Trance Evangelism, etc. (1 Timothy 6:20, 21; 1 Timothy 4:1, 2; Isaiah 51:22, 23.)

### Multitudes Have Been Healed Through Faith in Jesus.

The writer knows of thousands of cases and has personally laid hands on scores of thousands of persons. Full information can be obtained at the meetings held in Zion Tabernacle, 1621-1633 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, and in many pamphlets which give the experience, in their own words, of many who have been healed in this and other countries, published at Zion Publishing House, 1207 Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

### "Belief Cometh of Hearing, and Hearing by the Word of God."

You are heartily invited to attend and hear for yourself.



# A VOICE TO ZION AND GOD'S PEOPLE IN EVERY LAND.

O thou that tellest Good Tidings to Zion, Get thee up into the high Mountains lift up thy Voice with strength: Life it up, be not afraid: Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Isaiah, XL: 9.

## A BAPTISM OF FIRE.

*Report of Meeting held in Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Afternoon, April 14, 1901. Sermon: "A Baptism of Fire." Baptism of Thirty-Two Candidates by Triune Immersion, by the General Overseer.*

REPORTED BY S. D. AND E. W. AND A. W. N.

IT was a plain, simple address.

It was but a few direct words.

There were no oratorical flights of eloquence. There were no stately rhetorical periods. But in its simplicity and unpretentiousness it was one of the mightiest and most momentous Proclamations of the Christian Dispensation.

It was Potent because it came with Divine Authority.

It was a Message from God.

It was delivered by His Chosen Messenger in these latter days.

It was a part of the great Eleventh Hour Call for laborers, which this Messenger was sent to deliver.

It called into the Vineyard that hitherto idle but mighty force in Christ's Church, the Laity.

The Baptism of Fire was set forth as a preparation for the Eleventh Hour Mission.

The Cup of Persecution, and the giving up of life itself, perhaps, in the fulfilment of that Mission, were seen between the undertaking and the accomplishment.

The sure reward of the Eleventh Hour Laborers was seen at the close of the Day: the end of the Dispensation.

Nearly 3000 people sat listening, silently, hushed by the power of the Message which they heard.

Then came the call to those who were ready for that Baptism of Fire; for the enduement from above with power for service in the Vineyard in the Eleventh Hour. To the thousands who heard the Call, it was a Call to enter upon a work of glorious privilege.

It was a Call to persecution and perhaps death; but Zion's officers and laity looked beyond to the End, when Christ shall reign upon the Throne of Universal Empire.

With a holy joy in every face, they arose and simply and trustfully consecrated themselves to the work.

This Message was delivered in Central Zion Tabernacle on Lord's Day afternoon, April 14, 1901.

As usual, on Lord's Day afternoon, this great auditorium was filled.

God, by His Spirit, was present in the solemn and impressive exercise with which the service was opened, the Processional of Zion White-robed Choir of boys and girls and men and women, and the resident officers of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion. All hearts were lifted to God in praise and worship in the words which the white-robed singers joyously sang as they marched:

Love Divine, all love excelling,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down,  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,  
All Thy faithful mercies crown,  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, oh breathe Thy loving Spirit  
Into every troubled breast;  
Let us all in Thee inherit,  
Let us find Thy promised rest;  
Take away the love of sinning,  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver!  
Let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more Thy temples leave,  
Thee we would be always blessing;  
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above;  
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,  
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation,  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation,  
Perfectly secured by Thee,  
Chang'd from glory into glory,  
Till in heav'n we take our place;  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Afternoon,  
April 14, 1901.

The services were opened by the congregation singing Hymn Number 164:

Behold, what love, what boundless love,  
The Father hath bestowed  
On sinners lost, that we should be  
Now called the sons of God!

The Apostles' Creed was then repeated by the General



Overseer and congregation. The General Overseer then read in the Inspired Word of God, the nineteenth Psalm and the twentieth chapter of Matthew.

Prayer was offered by Overseer Piper, followed by the General Overseer, at the close of which all joined in chanting the Lord's Prayer.

The announcements were then made by Overseer Speicher. The General Overseer then said:

I would add a few words to what the Overseer has said:

#### Concerning The Zion Banner.

I have placed orders for a large quantity of new machinery to be added to our present plant. The purchase of large new presses, with automatic feeders, folders, new type, and an increased cost in many directions, will necessitate our finding thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for these alterations and additions, so that THE ZION BANNER may be properly floated.

This can easily be gotten in Zion with our tens of thousands of people, if each of you will only make a conscience of giving a Special Offering to the Lord for this Special Purpose.

I have received about fifteen hundred dollars toward that thirty thousand.

I have been a little remiss, perhaps, in not pushing this matter, because I wanted to deal with some other things and let it rest. Now that the order has been placed, however, for large, beautiful and effective machinery, and our staff has been increased, and will be increased, and now that the whole building at 1300 Michigan Avenue will be given up to Zion Printing and Publishing House, a large expenditure will be required to be made at once.

#### The Real Sources of Zion Are in God, and in God's People.

Sir Samuel Baker, many years ago, was endeavoring to find the sources of the Nile. Suddenly, while he was traveling up the bed of a tributary of the Nile, he lost it completely. The river disappeared. There was no water.

He kept on traveling day after day, day after day, but there was no water. It was simply a dry water-bed—a water-course where the water once had been.

Where were the sources of the Nile?

He was talking with Lady Baker about it one night, camping in the bed of the dry river, when suddenly in the middle of the night they heard a cry, "El Athara! El Athara!" and some one pulling at the tent poles. "Get out quick! The river! The river!"

They all rushed up the banks, and scarcely had they gotten on high ground before they heard the thundering noise of the river coming down.

In a moment there was a mighty river filling the dry water-course, giving in a moment the answer to the question: Where are the sources of the Nile?

Away in the distant mountains where snow had melted and come down in floods.

Oh, if I could only reach the frozen resources of God's people; if they would only melt at the Word of God, they would send down into the presence of God, and for the salvation of men, not only thirty thousand dollars, but thirty million dollars!

All our sources are in God, and only the warm rays of the Sun of Righteousness can melt the hearts of God's people, and cause the ice-bound rivers of hoarded wealth to flow.

But these icy rivers shall be reached: for God is Our Strength.

#### The Secret of All Zion's Power.

One Senator at Springfield said, after we had won our little fight—it was not a very hard one with these poor "where-asses"—"You are not going about it the right way to fight Dr. Dowie. You must find out the secret of his power, and destroy that."

Ah, Mr. Senator, you were right. You must find God and destroy Him; for He is the secret of the power of Zion.

All our Springs are in God.

While I know this is the case, yet God must melt the snow-capped mountains and the glaciers, and make them pour down over the dry water-courses.

I speak not only to you; I speak to the multitudes of Zion everywhere today.

Let us have this money quickly.

If we could only tell you a tithe of what LEAVES OF HEAL-

ING, A VOICE FROM ZION, BLÄTTER DER HEILUNG, in German, THE BANNER OF ZION, in Arabic, and Zion Literature are doing, it would make your hearts leap with joy.

But we cannot tell the story; it would take too long.

It would take every issue of LEAVES OF HEALING to print the Notes of Thanksgiving which come in from all lands every week.

I am pleading for those who are athirst for the Water of Life.

#### The Zion Banner is a New Departure in Zion's Literary Work.

We have confined ourselves to LEAVES OF HEALING for six and a half years without a single advertisement in it.

Never have we permitted it to contain any outside business advertisement. It has always been kept for God and for Zion. We did not want it to be an ordinary secular and business paper.

We wanted it to be "Zion on Wings," and we wanted the wings to be always white and clean.

But Zion has gone down into the world to win bread and homes for her children; and we need a semi-secular weekly paper: for Zion must be up-to-date in her business, as well as in education and religion.

Zion is engaging in business, as God said she would, in the latter days.

Thy Gates (the Gates of Zion) shall be open continually;

They shall not be closed day or night;

But men may bring unto Thee

The wealth of the Nations.

Thank God, the business is very successful, so far.

The land which we purchased is worth already at least ten times what we paid for it. There is no question about that, for already 6000 lots have been applied for.

When these 6000 lots are sold, and the value of Zion City land is established by that fact, the real estate value of Zion City will be at least \$20,000,000.

Zion has been blessed. God is blessing us in our business undertakings, and from every State in this country, and from almost every land and continent, those who have Zion in their hearts are on their way to Zion City.

As General Overseer I am at the head, of course, of all this, and while I love the Business undertaking, the Church undertaking and the Educational undertaking are the first things.

The spiritual, moral, mental and manual training of our children comes first, and then the business.

#### The Zion Banner Will Advertise Your Business.

THE ZION BANNER will give you information concerning Zion City.

I hear that the people are coming from all parts of this land; that the prairie schooners are sailing over the prairies as in olden times.

Whole families with their children and their furniture, a whole train of wagons in some cases, are on the way to Zion.

Some of them got there last week. There they stay, and they say, "We intend to remain here until we get our lot." (Laughter.) One good old brother, of some means, too, came down at the beginning of last winter with his teams and belongings, and squatted there in a shanty and "dug out," and there he is waiting for the gates to open.

There is no doubt that God will bless Zion in a business way.

We wish to help our people to understand Zion's principles of business.

We wish our people to understand what is going on in the world, and to look at the events of the world in ecclesiastical, social, political, and commercial affairs through the eyes of one who sees them as in God's sight.

#### The Zion Banner Will be a Very Lively Paper.

We shall not hesitate to call a spade an old shovel, if it is an old shovel. We shall not hesitate to call things by their right names.

I tell the politicians of Chicago and of the United States that there is a lively time in store for them when Zion unfurls her BANNER. (Applause.) We fear none but God; and that fear is filial love—we only fear to offend an Infinitely Loving Father.

We think we have been studying the affairs of this world to some purpose: for we are diligent and constant in study, with every help we can get.

All of you go to Zion Publishing House and place your subscriptions right away.



It is very important, before we pass the paper through the postoffice at second class rates, that we should show a large subscription list.

We are making every preparation for the publication of the first number of THE ZION BANNER on the 22d of May. That will be just about the day Overseer Jane Dowie gets here. It will be a part of her Wonderful Week of Work that she will be here when the first issue of THE ZION BANNER appears.

We will make that paper as good as we can. If you wish us to make it good, you must help us.

**You Should All Subscribe to The Zion Banner.**

That is your matter.

We have toiled for six and a half years constantly to produce LEAVES OF HEALING, amidst all the other toils of our work for God and for His people, and for suffering humanity, and shall toil night and day to establish THE ZION BANNER. Can you not come along with your dollar and a half for a year's subscription?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Then come along quickly. (Laughter.)

Let me hear of thousands of subscriptions in before next Wednesday.

Besides that, can you not find eighty-five cents for half a year's subscription to THE ZION BANNER for some distant friend?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Then do it quickly!

Can you not take ten extra copies of the first issue? (Laughter.)

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Thank you for these hearty responses from thousands of hearts and lips.

We have seen a number of papers that have attacked Zion, dead and buried.

The *Dispatch* is gone, and cannot have any resurrection.

The *Record* died by absorption. (Laughter.)

**Zion Banner is Unfurled; It Will Never be Furled Until the King Comes!**

I rejoice in the Song written long ago—probably over 2900 years ago—called a "Michtam of David." The word "Michtam" means a Golden Psalm. It was written after a great Victory for Israel. At that time the Anointed King unfurled a Banner—a new Flag—and sang of it in these words:

Thou hast given a Banner to them that fear Thee,  
That it may be displayed because of the Truth.  
That Thy Beloved may be delivered,  
Save with Thy Right Hand, and answer us.

I am very thankful for the privilege of unfurling this Banner in this hour of Victory.

We have the toil of unfurling it. If you knew only half the toil I have, you would wonder that I am not in my grave; but I am not. I am very much alive today.

I feel very happy. I feel delighted in the prospect that we shall have a semi-secular paper which will be published every Wednesday in the City of Chicago, God willing.

As soon as we can, we shall give you reliable news from all the world, and if we blunder, it will be because these miserable foreign telegraphic dispatches led us into it. However, we will try to keep out of that and give you reliable news.

We will try, as quickly as possible, what our own telegraphic means of communication will do; for we have our people now in all parts of the world.

We have correspondence by letter even now with all the continents: for Zion is established on them all.

Pray for this and, if you pray, you will pay your subscription.

You who advertise and say "We will pay afterwards," cannot do that in THE ZION BANNER. You must pay before you get in. That is a fact.

You can pay without going in, but you cannot go in without paying. We intend to have Zion's advertising business upon a strictly cash basis. We have no use for credit business.

If any one is too poor to get THE ZION BANNER, somebody will be kind enough, I know, to buy it for him.

If any one is too poor to buy in Zion City General Stores, and is hungry, Zion will help its poor and hungry members; and, so far as we know, none in Zion suffer hunger. We are ready to relieve at all times God's poor in Zion, and esteem it a privilege.

But we intend to carry on Zion upon a cash basis.

That is the best basis, is it not?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—I am glad you think so. This credit business is a great folly.

May God help us and provide for us the resources from good, honest, hard labor.

I thank you for your great love and confidence. I know you will take the matter up. I know, also, that you need reminding, and, therefore, I have spoken these plain, honest words of appeal.

But I go further.

**An Appeal to Zion Throughout the World.**

I speak to those outside of Chicago. Let my voice reach them in all parts of Zion: Help us here.

Every one in all parts of the United States, help us.

Let those in Canada help us.

Let those in England help us.

Let those in Scotland and Ireland help us.

Let those in Australia help us.

Let those in Asia and Africa help Christ's Banner.

Let those in the little places of the world help us.

We are doing a work for all the world.

May God help those to whom we are appealing from this platform.

I am going to keep at it until I get that thirty thousand dollars. Mind you, this subscribing for THE ZION BANNER, taking ten extra copies, and sending a half year's subscription to your friends is all quite independent of what you are going to give me to start it.

I expect you to give me quite a large sum of money as a Free-Will Offering: for this is Zion's Capital—the Gifts of God's children for God's work.

I know you will get blessing from your Offerings for this purpose.

Has God ever made any of you poor in paying your tithe?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—Have you been increased and blessed?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Has He ever made you poor on account of giving Special Offerings?

Voices—"No."

**Great Prosperity of Zion People.**

General Overseer—The very look of this people, and the facts which we know through our Financial Institutions, prove that this people are more blessed than any other in this land, taking their educational and social positions and their business advantages or disadvantages into consideration. We ought to be profoundly grateful. You do not have any doctor bills to pay, and you do not spend your money for beer and skittles.

You do not pay for goats and Secret Society badges.

You do not pay for a great many things that the world pays for, and pays quite heavily for. I think you ought to give your help to us who are needing your help to carry on this work. I know you will, only you need stirring up, and keeping up to it.

I will beg for God as I have begged all the way along. I will not beg from the world outside. Zion has never sent her collectors to those who are in the world to ask for money for God's work.

Under God, all that has been done, we have done through our own endeavors. We will never ask the World, the Flesh or the Devil to help us extend the Kingdom of God.

We are quite able to go out and take possession of what God has given us in this Earth, which is His by right of Creation, by right of Redemption, and by right of Preservation.

Only let us be very strong, and very courageous. Do not let us go back at all. Let us Go Forward.

**"The Zion Banner" Will Have a Very Beautiful Front Page.**

It will be printed in three colors and black and gold, and the Banner will hang over Zion Flag and the Stars and Stripes.

We desire, when the prospectus comes out, to send that far and wide.

We are going in for work more and more. We cannot do too much for Zion and for God.

During this transition period, between this and Zion City, our Headquarters Offices will have to be in Chicago. For years to come, perhaps, we shall have to keep places for business purposes in Chicago. For that purpose I purchased the

present Zion Building for Zion. God blessed me very much in that purchase. I would not sell it for three times the money I paid for it.

We are renovating Zion Building for Headquarters purposes, and the Administration Offices of the Ecclesiastical, Educational and Commercial divisions of the united work of Zion will all be there until we build a great Administration Building in Zion City.

We found it necessary to open a new Divine Healing Home and a place for Zion College and its students. We have taken a new place with 150 rooms at the northwest corner of Thirteenth Street and Michigan Avenue.

May God bless these new undertakings. (Amen.)

Pray for them earnestly.

Pray for me, and for my good wife.

You will see in last Saturday's LEAVES OF HEALING a notice which we have just received from London, concerning Overseer Jane Dowie's meetings in that city. She speaks in Zion Tabernacle in Euston Road, in London, on May 5th

After arriving in America, she speaks in Zion Tabernacle in Boston on May 19th.

Then we intend to receive her here, God willing, upon the evening of May 23d. She will have her first public meeting in the Auditorium with myself on Lord's Day, May 26th. A whole week of Conferences and an Excursion to Zion City on Decoration Day, will follow, and on Lord's Day afternoon, June 2d, I shall preach a Closing Sermon for the Special Gatherings in the Auditorium on "The Coming of Elijah: the Restorer of All Things." And after that Mrs. Dowie and I will hope to spend a few quiet days at Ben MacDhui—a kind of Silver Wedding honeymoon.

Then will come the preparation for Zion's July Festival and Encampment, which will hereafter be called

#### Zion's Feast of Tabernacles.

Deacon Sloan and I went over the matter the other day. We have, with our other officers, worked out a plan. We will put up some miles of tents in Zion City, so that you can come out and camp there with your family for a week. Some of you can come and camp there for a month by making proper arrangements ahead.

We will try to make these tents comfortable, with boarded floors.

We hope that God will favor us with good weather; yet we will take precautions against sudden showers.

We hope in July to have tens of thousands of people in the first Great Zion Feast of Tabernacles.

May God make an Annual Feast of Tabernacles until the King shall come! (Amen.)

We hope that it will be a glorious time.

I am looking forward to it.

I am getting younger all the time.

I had a letter today from dear Old Mother Stewart, of Springfield, Ohio, asking me to present her dear old motherly love to you.

She is the real founder of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, the leader of the first great Temperance Crusade in Ohio.

She said to me in the letter, "I long to come and see your bonny bride, the Magnificent Overseer!"

She knows my wife very well.

She said, "I would like to give her away at your Silver Wedding."

But the dear old mother thinks that she cannot come. She is considerably over eighty years old, I think, pretty nearly ninety. She sends her great love. She is one of my old sweethearts, you know. (Laughter.)

I am very fond of these dear old ladies.

I told her once that she was always young. She said, "That is how I feel."

#### The Ancient of Days is Eternal Youth.

She said, "I was talking to an assembly of young people among whom I was wheeled in my chair. I spoke to them about their silly amusements. 'Now,' I said to them, 'don't think that I am an old foggy talking like this, because I am light-hearted and happy, and I am younger than any of you in the room.'"

I think that is how she felt.

Happy Christians like dear old Mother Stewart are a

blessing and a joy forever; and from Zion's thousands here today, we send her Zion's love, and our wishes for many joyous days in her bright eventide. We hope still to see her at our Silver Wedding, and the Inauguration of Women's Special Work in Zion.

As you get the Love of God, and the Life of God within you, you will learn more and more that the Ancient of Days is Eternal Youth, and that he who lives for God is ever young, and will "bring forth fruit in old age." May God grant us that blessing.

This speech ought to be worth a hundred thousand dollars for THE ZION BANNER.

I am pleading not for myself, but for the people everywhere.

I hope that in founding these many Institutions in Zion City we shall find them so strongly that the gates of hell shall never be able to shake them.

God grant you, my noble coworkers in Zion, a blessing for Jesus' sake.

The tithes and offering were then received, Zion's White-robed Choir singing Le Jeune's arrangement of that grand hymn, "Jerusalem the Golden," with a spirit which told that the wonderful words which they sang were not mere meaningless sounds to them.

#### THE BAPTISM OF FIRE.

The General Overseer then delivered the following address:

##### INVOCATION.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, be profitable unto this people, and unto all to whom these words shall come, in this and every land, in this and all the coming time, till Jesus come. (Amen.)

In the twentieth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, and the twenty-second verse, you will find the portion of Scripture to which I wish to call your attention:

##### TEXT.

But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the Cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the Baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto Him, We are able. And He saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of My Cup, and be baptized with the Baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on My right hand, and on My left, is not Mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of My Father.

Also in the twelfth chapter of St. Luke, the forty-ninth verse:

I came to cast Fire upon the earth; and what will I, if it is already kindled? But I have a Baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished! Think ye that I am come to give Peace in the earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division: for there shall be from henceforth five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three. They shall be divided, father against son, and son against father; mother against daughter, and daughter against mother; mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

The Baptism of Fire is that Baptism to which all other Divine Baptisms lead.

The Baptism of Fire is that Baptism which enables us to receive God Himself: the All-Consuming, the Everliving Fire.

I desire to speak very briefly this afternoon concerning that Baptism.

Christianity is Essentially Destructive and Essentially Constructive.

Construction follows upon the destruction of those things that are shaken and which must be removed and burned up.

There is no use in supposing that we can ever be at peace with the Devil; that we can ever be in friendship with the world that "lieth in the evil one."

"Ye adulteresses," says the Apostle James, "know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore would be a friend of the world maketh Himself an enemy of God."

Many seek to be at peace with the World, the Flesh and the Devil. For the sake of peace they will not fight. They let things alone, and let every one do as he likes and go as he pleases without any protest or forcible words.

If any one is as plain as we are wont to be, they say, "That is not the way to win men. Men can never be won to God by such processes as you adopt."

I was told that a great many years ago, long before I came to America, by "friends" in Europe and Australia; and I soon

heard the same timorous counsels when I arrived in the United States, nearly thirteen years ago.

#### A False Prophecy of Failure and Death.

I had spoken only twice in San Francisco when a very "potent, grave and reverend senior," belonging to that miserable mass of wretched theological granite called Presbyterianism, came to me. He said most gravely, "My dear Dr. Dowie, you had better take the next steamer back to Australia, if you intend to talk like that. There are some parts of the United States where they would mob you and shoot you for half what you have said already. If you go on like that, I will give you about six months to live."

I said, "I am not sure about that."

"I can only tell you that my impression is that you will be killed," was his reply.

"That would not hurt me," I replied.

"What!" he said.

I said, "No. There are a great many people who live too long. The trouble about them is that they ought to have been killed twenty years before. (Laughter.) If they had died and gone to heaven, they would have been a great blessing, but they have lived beyond their usefulness. They were brave for God at one time; but for twenty years they have been influenced by such advice as you now give me, and they have been compromising on every side. They are a perfect curse. I am inclined to think that you are one of them." (Laughter.)

"Oh," he exclaimed in amazement and wrath.

I said, "What are you doing? You do not smoke?"

"No, sir."

"But do you tell your people who smoke that they are dirty stinkpots?"

"Verily no."

"What do you do?"

"I talk to them privately, sometimes, about the deleterious action of nicotine poison upon nerve centers."

I said, "How much good does it do in getting them to abstain?"

"None at all."

"If you say to them, as I do," I said, "'You are an unmitigated mass of dirt and a miserable, filthy stinkpot; you may be a Christian, but you smell like a devil,' they would quit."

"Do they do it, when you say that?" he asked.

I said, "Sure!" (Laughter and applause.)

What would you say, O men of Zion?

Voices—"Yes."

#### A Great Company of Those Delivered From the Tobacco Habit in Zion.

General Overseer—All that have given up tobacco, say Yes. Voices (from hundreds of men, in every part of the Tabernacle)—"Yes."

General Overseer—All these were stinkpots once. (Laughter.)

One gave this up today (exhibiting a "corn-cob" pipe). (Laughter.)

My friend said to me, "My dear Doctor, you are dreadful. You pitch into me."

I said, "Yes, I think you need pitching into."

"Well," he said, getting very angry, "six months will settle you. You will want to go back to Australia."

I said, "My friend, I will never go back until my work is done. If it is one year or six months, or ten years, I will do the work God sent me to do. Furthermore, the people will come, and will be blessed."

He said, "They will not."

I said, "You are wrong. You come in three weeks, and if you do not come early, you will not get into this place."

It resulted as I had predicted. You could not get near the Y. M. C. A. Hall in Sutter Street long before the three weeks were up. We had to take the Grand Opera House for our next Mission.

#### A Secret Society Coward Rebuked.

The next mission of any considerable importance I had was in Los Angeles. A gentleman came up to me. He was a lawyer, a professed Christian, and a splendid specimen of the men who are at peace with the World, the Flesh and the Devil.

"My dear Dr. Dowie," he said, "I am struck with your wonderful power and inspiring eloquence. Let me tell you, however, you have come to a wonderfully intelligent city, and

the language which you are using is so coarse, and so vulgar, and so horrible, that people will not hear you. I know, my dear Doctor, that you are quite capable of using more refined language, for you are an educated gentleman. I beseech you in Jesus' Name to use more refined language in addressing the people of Los Angeles—(the City of the Angels)!" (Laughter and applause.)

I said, "Let me see. What are you?" I picked up his watch-charm. "What does this mean?"

"I am a thirty-second degree Mason, sir."

"Ah," I said, "I see. You belong to the World, the Flesh and the Devil. You are not a good angel. You have bowed down at the shrine of Mah-hah-bone. You are not a true Christian, but an unmitigated hypocrite!"

"Oh-h!" he cried. (Laughter.)

I said, "Did that hit you?"

"I should think it did," he said, and he went away. (Laughter.)

The next night, however, I spied him there with his wife, and he continued to come every afternoon and evening for many days, but did not again tender me advice as to how to speak. After about ten days he came up to me with tears in his eyes, and he said, "You are right. Give it to us hot and strong. I am glad you are not refining it down."

"No," I said, "I'm refining you." (Laughter.)

"That's true," he said, and he handed over his Masonic charm.

God blessed my plainness of speech. I began in Los Angeles with fourteen people and closed my meetings with over four thousand in the Hazard Pavilion, and many could not get seats at our closing meeting.

When I came to Chicago they said, "If you talk like that, you will offend the people."

"They need offending," I said. "I am glad to hear that."

"But you will hurt them."

I said, "They need hurting."

"You will not get them."

"But," I said, "I'll smash them, anyhow. (Laughter.) Then they will be glad to come to God for healing." (Laughter.)

They said I would not succeed, and for some time it seemed as if they were right. But you all know that God at last gave me victory. I went on alone in a little place, as you will remember, Zion Tabernacle No. 1, called in derision the "Little Wooden Hut."

The people passed by at first, but by and by God brought the people, and

#### They Were Glad to Get a Kitchen Chair to Sit Upon.

I noticed what a Presbyterian minister in this city said on a recent Monday morning. May God save the people from these Monday morning meetings where the preachers all seem to have headaches and appear to be cross, and critical, and blue, and dismal.

The minister to whom I refer read a paper upon what should be done to strengthen the little Presbyterian churches in Chicago. He said that it was a shame on the part of the rich people to leave them—he was a pastor of one of these little churches—in little wooden buildings with second-hand wheezy organs, and nothing but kitchen chairs for the people to sit upon.

The people would not do it, he complained, when there were salaried quartettes and cushioned pews in neighboring churches.

When I read that, I thought of the meetings in Zion Tabernacle No. 1. The only things we had were kitchen chairs, and the people were exceedingly glad to get even half of one, let alone a whole one.

I used to see the people sitting three on two chairs. (Laughter.) Sometimes I saw an average of two on a chair, because the mother carried the little boy, and the father carried the daughter. They wedged in somebody between, and I saw five persons, big and little, on two chairs, on one occasion.

We had only a second-hand organ, and we did not have much of a choir, did we, when we started?

But the people came.

#### If You Have a Living Gospel, the People Will Come.

You must be baptized with the Baptism with which Christ was baptized before you can get the people.

I desire to talk to you a little about that Baptism: for from

the very beginning of His ministry to its end, it was a Baptism of the Holy Ghost and of Fire.

I confess that I brought Fire when I came to America.

I needed to bring Fire.

Fire was needed to destroy "the wood and hay and stubble," which the Denominations were building up.

Fire is still needed.

God "maketh winds His Messengers; His ministers a Flaming Fire."

Unless they have the Flame of that Fire of Divine Love which destroys unclean desire, which sets a man free, they will not be able to do God's work.

In the beginning of that work there is always division. Wherever Zion enters a home, what people sometimes say is perfectly true: it produces conflict.

#### When Zion Comes to a City, It Creates Divisions.

Of course it does.

It divides the sheep from the goats.

It divides the Secret Society fiends from the true Christians.

It separates between the altar of Baal and the altar of Christ.

It separates between the World and the Church; between God and the Devil; between a real religion for twenty-four hours of every night and day, and a sham religion that goes only in silver slippers and Sunday clothing to church when it is fine weather.

The fact of the matter is that Zion must be a Dividing Force. "Stronger than steel is the Sword of the Spirit."

The Word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and quick to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature that is not manifest in His sight.

Christ, the *Logos*, the Eternal Word of God, rides on in the heavens, and on earth at the head of the Armies of the Living God.

He is arrayed in a garment sprinkled with Blood:  
And His Name is called The Word of God.

And He hath on His garment and on His thigh a Name written,  
KING OF KINGS and LORD OF LORDS.

And they also shall overcome that are with Him,  
Called and Chosen and Faithful.

They partake of His Spirit, and do His Work.

This Baptism is the essential thing, the Baptism of Fire.

Poor Mrs. Zebedee thought that she would bring her dear sons, James and John, to Jesus to get a little gift.

O mothers, how loving, and rightly so, you are about your children! But Mrs. Zebedee did not know that she was asking an absurdity when she came and said, "Grant that this boy, John, and this boy, James, whom You have made apostles, may sit, the one on Your right hand and the other on Your left hand, when You come into Your Kingdom."

Oh how little she knew what that Kingdom was!

She seemed to think it was but the earthly throne of David; that it was to be established at Jerusalem, and that the Romans, the Herodians, the Sadducees and Pharisees were to be swept aside while Jesus became King at Jerusalem.

She wished her sons to be His prime ministers.

#### How Shortsighted Even Christ's Apostles Were!

They did not understand that it was essential for Christ to suffer and to die. They thought He was talking a parable when He said that He must be crucified and buried, and the third day be raised again.

A great many people now, when you declare to them the straight Word of God, immediately assert their presumptuous ignorance by saying that it is a parable.

It is no such thing.

Jesus was talking as God always talks. His words, if they are to be understood, must be taken exactly in their plain literal and positive meaning, except where He speaks in parables.

He was to suffer.

He was to die upon the cross.

He was to go into the grave.

He was to rise again; completing His Baptism in Fire, and having passed through the very Fires of Hell itself unscathed, He was to come up and take to Himself that body which lay in the sepulchre in the garden of Joseph of Arimathea; and in that body He was to visibly reascend to Heaven.

He was to send down to this earth the Holy Spirit, the Living Fire. With that Living Fire His Messengers were to be baptized. They, too, should suffer, be crucified, die, rise again, and their spirits live on forever.

But Mrs. Zebedee did not understand that. He answered: "Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink the Cup that I am about to drink?"

They said, "We are able."

Then Jesus said, "My Cup indeed ye shall drink: but to sit on My right hand, and on My left hand, is not Mine to give, but it is for them for whom it hath been prepared of My Father."

I have always contended that Christ recognized the supremacy of the Father. This is another saying of His in confirmation.

James and John thought that because they were among the first apostles, they must take the highest places. They had forgotten that He had said in their very ears but a few hours before, that the last should be first, and the first should be last.

#### The Greatest Apostles Will Not Be Found in the Ranks of the First Apostles.

The greatest apostles will be found in the ranks of the last apostles, in the last age of the Christian Dispensation.

The most successful workers of Christ will not be those who were called in the morning, or at midday, or in the waning day at the ninth hour. Those who will win the battle and get the prize are those who enter into the field, the Great Vineyard of the Lord, in the Eleventh Hour, and do the work that all have failed to do in all the preceding hours of the day.

The Day is far spent, and it is the Eleventh Hour.

God has sent forth Zion at the Eleventh Hour into the Vineyard.

Let us do His work, and be baptized with the Baptism of Fire.

I know that we who are last are called upon to do the work that they were called upon to do at the first, and did not do it.

I make no charge against them.

I merely state a Fact—Christianity has never been the predominant religion of the whole earth.

It has been, and even now is, only the religion of a small minority.

The work of worldwide conquest for Christ has not been done.

You say the first apostles did it.

I say they did not.

You tell me that John the Baptist was Elijah.

I say, "Yes, that is true."

Jesus said, "Elijah indeed cometh and shall restore all things."

That is true.

Did John the Baptist restore all things? No.

Christ said that Elias would come again and do it, and so it is: for He said, "And if ye are willing to receive it (or him), this is Elijah, which is to come."

And Elijah must come, and do that work at the End of this Period of the Dispensation, namely, "the Times of the Restoration of All Things."

Did that Early Church fulfil its Mission? No.

In the midst of the apostolic college, one member was a traitor, a falsifier, a liar, a thief, and sold his Master for silver and betrayed Him with a kiss.

Another Apostle was a "Doubting Thomas," who said, "Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my fingers into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

When Christ appeared upon the mountain on the day of His giving the Great Commission, the very last words in Matthew tell us that when the eleven saw Him and worshiped Him, there were "some who doubted."

Peter himself, greatest of all the apostles at that time, denied his Lord with curses and with oaths when Christ was bound, bleeding from the cruel scourge and the crown of thorns, mocked, suffering and rejected. Fear and doubt choked his faith and made him an apostate. He was a renegade and a coward, not only then, but twenty-five years afterwards at Antioch in Pisidia. The Apostle Paul had to tell him to his face that he was not walking uprightly according to the truth of the Gospel.

Great as these first apostles were, the Church must recognize the fact that

**The First Apostles Did Not Fulfill Their Mission.**

They could not, perhaps, but they certainly did not.

Has that mission been fulfilled since?

Has the Church been brought into unity?

Has the principle of Divine Authority been established in the Church, in the Home, in the School, in the State, in the Nation, in Business? No.

While you talk of Christian cities, they are sunk in heathenism and sin. The work has not been done, and the work cannot be done, until God shall send some one with the Baptism of Fire, who shall "sit as a refiner of silver and purify the sons of Levi" in the Fire which purifies, until they shall "offer unto God offerings in righteousness."

God send more Fire! (Amen).

God give us grace to keep alive what we have.

God give us grace to sit continually over the Refining Fire until we see the Master's image there.

The thing must be done. Are you able?

"We are able," said James and John.

How little they knew!

How little they knew that, within a few hours of that time, their Master would be arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane! How little they knew that they who claimed to be able to bear the Fire of hottest persecution would immediately flee in full retreat! It is written, "They all forsook Him and fled."

Friends, they who were called in the first hour of the day of the Christian Dispensation were not competent to do the work.

They who were called at the noontide hour were also incompetent.

In the afternoon of the day great and mighty men were called into the Vineyard of the Lord. But after they had been buried, their sons and their daughters did not carry on the reformation of a Luther, the work of a Whitfield, the work of a Wesley, the work of a Rowland Hill. They failed, and their spiritual descendants have failed until this day.

**The Eleventh Hour Call to Zion.**

Now God is calling at the Eleventh Hour those who have been standing idle all the day long, because no one hath hired them. The Church has not called upon its laity to go and do its work; but now I stand here as Christ's Messenger today and I hire you. Come into the Vineyard, and in the last hour ye shall receive the penny. Make no mistake, however, through much tribulation you must enter the Kingdom.

**The Beautiful Zion Banner Will be a Blood-Stained Banner Before the King Comes.**

Its Gold will be dipped in blood.

Its White will be dipped in blood.

Its Blue will be dipped in blood.

It will be passed through the fires.

But I predict today that Zion Banner is the Banner of the Conquering Army of the King in the Eleventh Hour of the Dispensation. (Amen.)

The Baptism to which all other Baptisms lead in Zion is the Baptism of Fire.

There is no discharge in this War. No man can come to me and ask to be discharged from the service of God in Zion. I cannot discharge him. Let the dead bury the dead. I have nothing to do with discharging people from doing their duty in Zion. I can drive out hypocrites, cowards, liars and thieves who come in on false pretenses, and never had Zion in their hearts; but I cannot discharge any one who is "dead." Death discharges them.

Let the Devil who killed your spiritual power, bury you.

I cannot transfer you to any other Church. I cannot transfer you to some other communion. If you die in Zion, you die the Second Death.

Blessed is he that hath part in the First Resurrection:

Over these the Second Death hath no power;

But they shall be Priests of God and of Christ,

And they shall Reign with Him a Thousand Years.

The First Resurrection is the preparation for the Millennial Glory.

But whosoever shall miss that Blessing will have no part in that Reign of Christ as King here on earth for a Thousand Years.

He that overcometh shall inherit these things; and I will be his God, and he shall be My son. But for the Fearful, and Unbelieving, and Abom-

inable, and Murderers, and Fornicators, and Sorcerers, and Idolaters, and all Liars, their part shall be in the Lake that Burneth with Fire and Brimstone; which is the Second Death.

If you die to Zion's work, then are ye dead indeed; for you are dead to God. But you must keep this Fire, Holy Fire, within your heart.

Quench not the Holy Fires within you.

Though temptation's darts shower down upon you,

Gird thine armor on; fight well,

And thou shalt see

After these wars,

Thy head wear sunbeams

And thy feet touch stars.

You must let the Fire burn.

I came to cast Fire upon the earth; and what will I, if it is already kindled?

That Fire is kindled. He kindled it, and it has never gone out. Somewhere the Holy Fire has been kept burning through all the centuries.

**The Holy Fire Burns in Tens of Thousands of Hearts in Zion.**

Let the Baptism which has come as one of water become one of spiritual purifying power.

Let the Baptism come now as a Baptism of Fire.

Wherever you go, may men and women say, "When he speaks, it is as if he had left a spark of the Divine Fire within our hearts that will never be put out."

It is a beautiful thought, this thought of the Holy Fire.

Prometheus was bound to a rock, so the myth is told, by the cruel gods of Olympus, because he stole the fire and gave it to men, and so he was doomed to have his vitals dug into by the claws of vultures. But, according to the story in mythology, he sings, even as his heart is eaten by the vulture of hell, "I am glad I stole the fire from Jupiter and gave it unto men."

Oh, if it means that we, for Christ's sake, who gave us this Holy Fire to give to men, shall be chained to a rock and our hearts dug out by some vulture of hell, shall we not rejoice that we received the Fire given to us by God, and that we communicated it to men? (Amen.)

No matter what the sacrifice may be, it is worth while.

Christ, who was Baptized with the Baptism of Suffering and of Death, arose triumphant; He reigns in heaven; He will return and reign on earth; and He will establish His Father's Kingdom over every heart, and every spot of ground.

Because He lives, we shall live also.

We cannot die.

In Adam all died once, but in Christ all shall live again.

He hath said, "He that believeth in Me, though he die, yet shall he live. Whosoever liveth and believeth on Me shall never die."

Believest thou this?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—Then live it, and carry the Fire that will consume every unclean desire in every heart, in every home, in every city, in every nation, until the earth is purged with the Purifying Power, and Christ our King has come to reign, until the Time when every foe is vanquished, and He delivers up the Kingdom to God even the Father.

All who want that Baptism of Fire, and are willing to be consumed that God may dwell in them as a Consuming Fire, rise and tell Him so now. (Apparently all arose.)

Pray with me.

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.**

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. Take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be, in spirit, in soul, in body. Give me power to do right, that by a true Repentance and simple Faith I may receive the Holy Spirit as the Breath of Life, as the Water of Life, and as the Living Fire. Give me that Fire. Purify my heart, and all my life with that Purifying Fire. Help me to carry Fire to other hearts and other homes, and other lands, no matter what the suffering may be, for Jesus' sake. Amen. (All repeat the prayer, clause by clause, after the General Overseer.)

Did you mean it?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—Will you live it?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—Then God will bless you.

In the roll of the Church above your vow is recorded, and the way you keep it will be recorded, too.

After the Recessional, Zion's White-robed Choir and Zion's Robed Officers passed slowly out while the audience stood,



bowed in silent prayer. The service was closed by the General Overseer pronouncing the

**BENEDICTION**

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

After a brief intermission, Overseer William Hamner Piper came upon the platform and made a strong, stirring appeal to those who had not obeyed God in Baptism by Triune Immersion to surrender fully to God and obey Him at once.

God blessed the word spoken and many signified their desire to be so baptized.

The General Overseer then administered the Ordinance of Believers' Baptism by Triune Immersion, "into the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," to thirty-two Christians.

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# THE ZION BANNER

*A Weekly Semi-Secular Paper for the Extension of the Kingdom of God and the Elevation of Man. \* \* \* \* \**

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**W**ILL a man rob God? yet ye rob Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with the curse; for ye rob Me, even this whole nation. Bring ye the Whole Tithe into the Storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you happy: for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the Lord of hosts.

—Malachi 3:8-21.

## God Gives Largest Earnings and Provides for One Who Paid All Back Tithes.

4817 CHAMPLAIN AVENUE,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, March 24, 1901.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—I wrote you a few lines last December, asking you to pray for me, that God would enable me to pay all my tithes on money earned before I knew of Zion and the Storehouse.

He has answered.

I finished paying them the last of January, and God has greatly blessed me.

I am earning more at present than ever before in my life, and God is wonderfully strengthening me.

I praise Him for all His goodness.

I had a struggle to come to the point where I could take the little sum out of Zion City Bank for back tithes, as I was in need of clothes.

But God does supply all our needs when we trust Him.

He furnished me with the best suit I ever had.

I thank God that I came here. God is good to me.

I thank you for your prayers in the past.

I pray God to bless you and yours, and all of Zion's faithful everywhere.

Your Sister in Christ,

(MISS) HATTIE I. COWELL.

## God Gives Increase in Allowance.

631 SUPERIOR STREET,  
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, April 3, 1901.

*DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:*—Last fall I asked for prayer to be kept from a cough that I have had come on me at the beginning of cold weather for several years.

It would usually last nearly all winter. It was becoming more severe.

I have always dressed comfortably, but thought it necessary to wear extra pieces of flannel over my lungs.

This winter I decided to trust more to the power of God and less to the extra pieces of flannel, and can say to the glory of God that I have been kept from any cough.

Satan has tried several times, but I have trusted God to keep me, and He has.

We have received many, many blessings for spirit, soul and body, for which I thank God.

I have been blessed in tithing, as I have usually found that the other nine-tenths goes farther.

I have also had an increase in allowance, which will bring a little more into the Storehouse.

May God bless you all in Zion, and give Zion great victories.

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) BERTHA BOYCE.

## One Hundred Per Cent Increase When God Receives His Own.

CAMBRIDGE, OHIO, April 3, 1901.

*DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:*—I am happy to add my testimony to the many in Zion, and say that God has blessed me in paying tithes.

Before I was a member of Zion, it was impossible for me to save anything, try as hard as I would, although I earned good wages and did not spend any money foolishly.

I thank God that since I have quit being a thief, and bring the Whole Tithe into the Storehouse, I am able to save \$100 per month and live better and happier.

I have also been able to take stock in Zion Land and Investment Association.

It is a joy to pay tithes, and even from a financial point of view it brings one hundred per cent.

Yours in Jesus' Name,

HOWARD L. SUITT.

## Increase in Income and Money Supplies Wants Better.

PLANKINTON, SOUTH DAKOTA, April 8, 1901.

*DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:*—I write to tell you that God has blessed us in tithing.

My husband and son got work which amounted to four or five times the amount of tithes they paid last fall, after paying tithes.

That was the first tithe they had paid.

We have been blessed in many other ways.

It seems as though the money goes farther and our wants have all been supplied better than before we began paying tithes.

We thank God that He has showed us what a blessed privilege it is to help in the extension of His Kingdom.

We thank and praise Him every day that He does "open the windows of heaven" to us. It seems as if they are never shut any more.

We thank Him for our General Overseer and for Zion teaching.

Ever your Sister in Jesus' Name,

(MRS.) FRANK HOUGH.

## Disobedience Brings Disasters; Repentance and Obedience, Prosperity.

EPSILON, MICHIGAN, March 28, 1901.

*DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:*—The Lord has blessed us, spirit, soul and body, since we have been paying our tithes, and we have been kept wonderfully from sickness and accidents.

When we first began paying tithes we did wrong, and took \$2 of the tithes and sent for LEAVES OF HEALING, because we did not have money enough at that time to send.

Everything went wrong from that time.

It seemed as if we would starve, but we promised we would not do it again, and the good Lord has helped us ever since.

Before coming into Zion I could not get \$5 to pay the preacher in the Evangelical Church, but now we have more than five times ten to give to God's cause.

Thanking you for your prayers, and praying God's blessings on all of the work, I remain,

Your Brother in Christ,

QUINCY G. HASSETT.

## Work at Double Former Salary.

1012 YALE AVENUE,  
CINCINNATI, OHIO, March 26, 1901.

REV. W. HAMNER PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—I wish to express my thanks to God for the opportunity given me to tithe.

I had been in institutional work for seven years and after coming into Zion found myself unable to enter any institution.

The day following the General Overseer's visit to Cincinnati, I was engaged to attend an invalid Jewish lady, with the understanding that I give no medicine, at twice the salary I had received in the institution.

I have been blessed in paying tithes ever since.

It seems as if the more I pay, the more I get financially and spiritually. God bless the Officers of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion and Zion everywhere.

Your Sister in Christ,

REBECCA ARMSTRONG.

## Tithing a Great Blessing.

WINNECONNE, WISCONSIN, March 25, 1901.

REV. WILLIAM H. PIPER.

*Dear Overseer:*—It truly has been a great blessing for me to pay my tithes.

When I receive money I pay my tithes first of all.

I am crippled in feet and cannot do any work, but the Lord has blessed me with a little, and it is all in Zion's Investments.

When I was in the Baptist Church, the question was asked, "Where shall we pay our tithes?" The Elders could not say.

I thank God we have a Messenger who has the authority to command his people where to bring the Whole Tithe.

Your Brother in Christ,

S. W. TUCKER.

## Income Goes Farther When Tithes Are Paid.

WOLCOTT, NEW YORK, April 5, 1901.

*DEAR OVERSEER PIPER:*—I wish to testify to the fulfilment of God's promise in Malachi 3:10, in my life.

For a number of years I have tithed most of my earnings, but since coming into the Christian Catholic Church I tithe all.

God has blessed me with work and strength to do my work.

He has also sent me unexpected help many times, so my income goes further than a much larger one might without God's blessing.

Yours in Christ,

MYRTLE R. CLARKE.

Let the members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion who are competent to teach either Preparatory or College Branches, and who wish employment in Zion College the coming year, apply at once to Rev. William Hamner Piper, Vice-President Zion's Educational Institutions, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,

May 23, 1901,

TO

June 2, 1901.

Celebration of Silver Wedding Anniversary  
of Rev. and Mrs. John Alexander Dowie.

PROGRAMME

Thursday, May 23, 1901.

**WELCOME MEETING TO OVERSEER JANE DOWIE**

Central Zion Tabernacle, at 7:45 O'clock P. M.

Tickets, limited to 4000, will be issued. Obtainable free, at Central Zion Tabernacle and Zion Printing and Publishing House.

A beautiful Souvenir Program will be given to each person present.

Friday, May 24, 1901.

**ORDINATION AND COMMUNION SERVICE,**

Central Zion Tabernacle, 7:45 O'clock P. M.

About One Hundred and Fifty Elders, Evangelists, Deacons and Deaconesses will be Ordained. Zion White-robed Choir and Zion Robed Officers will be in Attendance.

Lord's Day, May 26, 1901.

**GREAT DEMONSTRATION AND INAUGURATION  
OF WOMEN'S WORK**

At the Chicago Auditorium at 3:00 O'clock P. M.

Rev. John Alex. Dowie, General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, will Deliver the Inaugural Address. Overseer Jane Dowie will Speak on Women's Work in Zion.

Lord's Day, May 26, 1901—Continued.

**EVENING SERVICE.**

Central Zion Tabernacle, at 7:45 O'clock P. M.

The General Overseer will Speak. Subject:

**"SEEST THOU THIS WOMAN?"**

A Discourse on the Social Problem.

Monday, May 27, 1901.

**MORNING PRAYERS, OPEN TO ALL,**

At Central Zion Tabernacle at 9:00 O'clock A. M.

Overseer Piper will preside.

**Conference for Women Officers of the Christian Catholic Church  
in Zion Only,**

Central Zion Tabernacle, at 11:00 O'clock A. M.

SUBJECT:

**"THE GREAT HOST OF COMING WOMEN EVANGELISTS IN ZION."**

Overseer Jane Dowie will preside.

**CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN ONLY,**

at 2:00 o'clock P. M. Subject:

**"THE WORK OF DEACONESS MESSENGERS OF ZION."**

Overseer Jane Dowie will preside.



**PROGRAMME**

**Tuesday, May 28, 1901.**

**MORNING PRAYERS, OPEN TO ALL,**  
At Central Zion Tabernacle, at 9 O'clock A. M.  
Overseer Speicher will preside.

**CONFERENCE.**

SUBJECT:

**"WOMEN'S WORK FOR CHILDREN."**

Central Zion Tabernacle, at 11:00 O'clock A. M.  
Open to all. Overseer Jane Dowie will preside.

**DIVINE HEALING MEETING FOR WOMEN ONLY.**

Central Zion Tabernacle, at 2:30 O'clock P. M.  
Conducted by the General Overseer and Overseer Jane Dowie.

**CONFERENCE.**

SUBJECT:

**"WOMEN'S WORK FOR MEN."**

Central Zion Tabernacle, at 7:45 O'clock P. M.  
Open to all. The General Overseer will preside.

**Wednesday, May 29, 1901.**

**MORNING PRAYERS, OPEN TO ALL,**  
At Central Zion Tabernacle, at 9 O'clock.  
Overseer Mason will preside.

**CONFERENCE.**

SUBJECT:

**"WOMEN'S WORK FOR WOMEN."**

Central Zion Tabernacle, at 2:30 O'clock P. M.  
Overseer Jane Dowie will preside.

**Ordinance of Believers' Baptism by Triune Immersion.**

Central Zion Tabernacle, at 7:45 O'clock P. M.  
Conducted by the General Overseer and Overseer Jane Dowie.

**Thursday, May 30, 1901, Decoration Day.**

**GRAND EXCURSION TO ZION CITY SITE**

Trains leave Wells Street Chicago and  
Northwestern Depot at 7:00 to 11:00 A. M.

Great Assembly at Auditorium, near Zion Temple Site, at 2 o'clock  
P. M. Grand Procession of Zion White-Robed Choir, Zion  
Robed Officers and Zion Guard, 600 Strong.

**Friday, May 31, 1901.**

**MORNING PRAYERS, OPEN TO ALL,**

At Central Zion Tabernacle, at 9:00 O'clock.  
Elder Wilbur G. Voliva will preside.

**CONFERENCE.**

SUBJECT:

**MEN AND WOMEN'S PREPARATORY WORK FOR ZION CITY**

Central Zion Tabernacle, at 11:00 O'clock A. M.  
The General Overseer will preside.

**Friday Evening.**

The Rev. and Mrs. John Alex. Dowie will give a

**RECEPTION**

in their Private Drawing Room in Zion Building, 27 Twelfth Street  
(corner of Michigan Avenue and Twelfth Street), to the

**OFFICERS, MEMBERS AND FRIENDS**

OF THE

**Christian Catholic Church in Zion,**

FROM 7:30 TO 10:00 O'CLOCK P. M.

On this occasion Zion Building will be thrown open and the Council  
Room, Library, and Offices of the General Overseer, the Offices of Over-  
seer Jane Dowie, the Overseer-at-Large, the Overseer for Chicago, the  
General Recorder, Recorder of Zion Seventies, Zion City Bank, Zion  
Land and Investment Association, and Zion City Engineering Depart-  
ment, will be open to visitors.

Visitors may also cross Michigan Avenue and inspect the new Zion



College Building and Zion Home on the northwest corner of Thirteenth  
Street and Michigan Avenue, and Zion Printing and Publishing House,  
at 1300 Michigan Avenue, at which places they will be received by  
officers of the Church, and shown the principal points of interest.

Zion Building will then have been fitted up in a handsome manner  
throughout, for use as a modern bank and office building; Zion College  
Building and Zion Home will have been newly acquired, newly opened  
and splendidly equipped, while Zion Printing and Publishing House  
will have added tens of thousands of dollars' worth of new machinery  
to its equipment and expanded to fill the entire building in which it  
is now located.

**Lord's Day, June 2, 1901.**

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS INTO FELLOWSHIP**

Central Zion Tabernacle and Chicago Auditorium.

Special Ordinance of the Lord's Supper  
and Closing Services of the Series.

**Central Zion Tabernacle, at 11 A. M.**

The General Overseer will Deliver  
an Address Subject:

**"THE MESSENGER OF THE COVENANT."**

At the close New Members will be received into Fellowship.

**Lord's Day, June 2, 1901, at Chicago Auditorium,**  
3:00 O'clock P. M.

The General Overseer will deliver an Address. Subject:

**"THE COMING OF ELIJAH, THE RESTORER OF ALL THINGS."**

Ordinance of the Lord's Supper  
will be Celebrated at the close.  
Grand Processional of Zion White-Robed Choir and Zion Robed Officers,  
about six hundred in line.

ALL WELCOME.

ALL SEATS FREE.

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**"CHRIST IS ALL AND IN ALL."**

## NOTES OF THANKSGIVING TO ZION'S GOD.

BY DEACON O. L. SPRECHER, PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE GENERAL OVERSEER.

HE WAS WOUNDED for our transgressions  
 He was bruised for our iniquities:  
 The chastisement of our peace was upon Him;  
 And with His stripes we are healed.  
 All we like sheep have gone astray;  
 We have turned every one to his own way;  
 And the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.—Isaiah 53:5, 6.

**H**OW BEAUTIFUL the teaching of God's own Word!  
 How sublime the fact that Christ died for our sins and our sicknesses!

How gracious the truth "He is no respecter of persons"!  
 How blessed to realize "He is the same, yesterday, today and forever"!

The stream of testimony continues.  
 Zion goes on declaring the Everlasting Gospel of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living, through faith in Jesus Christ.

The General Overseer continues to lead on the army of the Lord, praying the prayer of faith, and going from Victory to Victory.

Again we record a small part of the story to the Glory of God.

**Healed of Many Diseases and Morphine Habit.**

YORK, NEBRASKA, March 29, 1901.

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

*Dear General Overseer:*—I have been very much impressed for some time with the duty I owe my Master in giving public testimony to what He has done for me through your blessed ministry.

He hath redeemed me from sin, sickness, and the morphine habit of more than two years' standing.

Eleven years the 16th of last September, I lost my health through confinement.

I very nearly lost my life, as a last resort my child being taken with forceps, sacrificing his life to save mine.

He was a most beautiful child, to me, as I looked upon him.

His little head was crushed all out of shape by the instruments.

He only lived a moment or two and was gone.

I was more dead than alive, almost, and was told by my physician that I must submit to a surgical operation, as I was badly lacerated.

Accordingly, two days after the confinement, my attending physician, with the best surgeon obtainable in that part of the country, met at our house for that purpose.

After making examination, the surgeon pronounced it the worst case in his practice of over forty years.

I can never tell any one what I suffered through that operation.

My husband stayed right by me.

Mother went as far from me as she could get (and remain in the house at all), and she said my screams rang in her ears night and day for months afterwards.

That "repairing" was such a shock to my nerves that it brought on other serious trouble, which came near ending my life.

Finally, after about five weeks, I was able to sit up a little, but gained very slowly.

Soon after I got upon my feet, kidney and bladder trouble began to develop, and gradually grew worse.

I was treated by four different physicians.

I would gain a little relief only for a time, then the old trouble would return with double force.

Thus I lived and suffered for about seven years.

The last physician said that I would have to go to a hospital and have an operation performed.

There was every indication, he claimed, of gravel in my bladder, which he failed to find in repeated search.

There might be a pus cavity in one of my kidneys, he said, and it might be necessary to remove the left kidney altogether.

I said I would die before I would submit to any more operations; for I had "suffered many things of many physicians, and was nothing bettered, but" very much worse and discouraged.

The only relief I seemed to get was through morphine.

For about two years it seemed that I could not live if I allowed myself to get from under the influence of it. I bought it in bulk form of the druggist, and was taking from one to three doses daily; of course gradually increasing the dose.

I fully realized where that was leading me, and yet my suffering was so intense I could not let it alone.

I cannot describe on paper what I suffered at times when I allowed the effects of that deadly drug to wear off.

My husband and I attended the World's Fair in Chicago, taking rooms with Mrs. A. L. Lee.

The following fall she and her husband visited us.

Witnessing my suffering, Mrs. Lee said to me, one day: "Mrs. Van, I have a neighbor who was just as you are, and she went to Dr. Dowie and now she is well and doing her work."

She then began telling me about Dr. Dowie and the wonderful things that were being done there.

I simply smiled, and said Yes or No, for I had not a particle of faith. She finally said, "I cannot explain it, but when I go home I will send you some of his papers."

She sent me two copies of LEAVES OF HEALING.

Husband and I both read them.

He said, "I never saw anything look more reasonable, and the first money I get I am going to send you to Chicago."

We saw our Bible (after reading those papers) in a new light.

Never before had we heard of Divine Healing.

Owing to two crop failures in succession (resulting from drought), it was not until three years ago last August that the way opened for me to go to Chicago.

I thought when I went there I was a Christian, as I had been a member of the Methodist Church for fifteen years or more. As far back as I can remember I had a very earnest desire to do right. I knew I had made many mistakes and committed sins, but I always earnestly repented and sought God's forgiveness.

After sitting and listening to your teaching for a short time, I saw myself in a very different light. I made up my mind to do my part to get right with God, come what would.

I knew that if the Lord had healing for one He had for all, if we did our part.

I shall ever thank you and praise God for the good advice you gave me, Dr. Dowie (in a few moments of private conversation I had with you), which I followed.

The Lord at once delivered me from the morphine habit.

As I did my part, one after another my diseases disappeared, until I can say today, I have not enjoyed such health in years as I have in the past three, and never was I as happy spiritually.

Much as I praise God for my many physical blessings, I count my spiritual blessing above all else.

Oh! the blessedness of having the witness of the Spirit, witnessing within.

God has most graciously kept me and mine for over three and one-half years without the aid of either doctors or drugs. Two years ago the 5th of last September I was delivered in confinement without the aid of a doctor, and we have a bright, healthy little son, a true Zion baby, never having tasted either pork or medicine.

When he is overtaken with sickness, I take it to the Lord, and He heals him.

God has most graciously answered my prayers for all my family at different times, thus proving Himself "an ever-present Helper in time of need."

I give these few lines, hoping they may be the means of helping some one else, as I have been greatly blessed many times in reading the testimony of others.

I give God all the glory and thank you, Dr. Dowie, from the bottom of my heart for your teaching, and for LEAVES OF HEALING.

Yours in Christian love, (MRS.) MAGGIE VAN FLEET.

P. S.—One thing more I wish to make public statement of.

I hesitated about coming out of the M. E. Church until I found I was hindering my healing by doing so.

The following spring I went to the Rev. Mr. Stewart, then pastor of the M. E. Church of York, for my Church letter.

He grew very indignant and said a great many harsh and unkind things, some of which were: "I can't give you a letter, for our rules forbid such a withdrawal."

"Dr. Dowie has no Church; just a thing like Jonah's Gourd—sprung up of a night."

"Dr. Dowie will die some of these days, and then where will your Divine Healing be?"

"Now don't do anything rash; you will regret this more than anything you ever did. You go home and read your Bible, and I will come out and see you."

But "none of these things moved me." My mind was fully made up, and I was greatly blessed in doing it.

MRS. VAN FLEET.

#### God Gives Safe Deliverance in Childbirth. Blessed in Paying Tithes.

1319 AUBURN STREET,  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, March 31, 1901. }

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—A little over a week ago we forwarded a request to you to pray for the deliverance of my dear wife in childbearing.

We received a letter in return, which contained the assurance of your continued prayers, also a few passages of Scripture which were a great help.

We are now pleased to forward the good news to you that wife was delivered of a bouncing baby boy last night (Saturday, March 30, 1901) at 7:30 o'clock.

Elder Hammond, Deacon C. F. Kelchner and two Zion ladies were there at the time of birth, and God wonderfully delivered.

No midwife or doctor was present.

Wife and baby are in first-class condition.

Praise the Lord for a Zion baby.

God has also blessed us in tithe-paying.

I have had more steady work and am now able to clear all my debts slowly, and repent of all things.

I had been engaged in Independent Rescue and Mission Work in different States, having been trained by the Hadley Brothers, of New York City and other places.

I was last Superintendent of Rescue Mission not far from here.

Everything went back on me and the Mission failed, and I am now in Zion.

By paying tithes since January last, I have steady work, and expect by God's help to pay all Mission and other debts, and in the present and future obey God and Zion in all things.

I will be humble and stay in any place in which I am put.

Praise the Lord for all His wonderful goodness.

Pray for us.

We shall always pray for Zion everywhere.

Thanking you for your interest in our behalf and giving God all the glory, I remain,

Your Servant in Christ,

HARRY W. BUTZ.

#### God Heals of Liver and Kidney Disease of Eight Years' Standing, and Catarrh of the Head.

AUBURN, WISCONSIN, March 9, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—About one year ago I wrote you a request for prayer for myself.

I had been troubled with kidney and liver disease about eight or nine years.

In this time three different doctors had treated me. They proved to be physicians of no value.

I also used in this time many patent medicines. I grew no better, but rather grew worse, not being able at times to do any of my work.

About the time you prayed for me I was instantly healed of kidney and liver trouble.

I also had catarrh of the head for about five years, and in that time used many medicines, all in vain.

In September last, the disease broke loose from my head and commenced running down my throat, and from my nose.

I went to Eau Claire on the 19th of October, and there met Deacon Sloan, who prayed for me.

In an instant of time, something broke loose in my head and ran out.

My head has been well ever since.

"Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ," I am as well as ever and give God all the glory.

Thanking you for your prayers, and also for the teaching which I got through LEAVES OF HEALING, I am

Your Brother in Christ,

FRANK BOWERS.

#### Wonderfully Healed of Many Diseases.

AUBURN, WISCONSIN, March 9, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I wish to thank you for your prayers.

Nearly all my life, until last summer, I had been troubled with stomach trouble; also liver and kidney trouble, a pain in my left side, and many other diseases.

I wrote to you for prayers and got a wonderful healing.

This winter I was healed of rheumatism and neuralgia.

I thank God for His healing power.

I was treated by three doctors, all of no avail. I was getting worse all the time until I found Jesus as my Healer.

Your Sister in Christ,

(MRS.) JOSEPHINE BOWERS.

#### Children Healed of Severe Allments.

AUBURN, WISCONSIN, March 9, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—Our son Albert is twelve years old. He had the measles in June, 1898. After he recovered we noticed that his ears, and also his eyes, were badly affected, and kept getting worse.

Often in calling him up in the morning, we would have to go to his bed and take hold of him to wake him up.

It was a sorrowful thought to us that our boy was going to be deaf, for we had very little faith in doctors.

In the spring of 1900 we sent you a request for prayer for him, and he received a complete healing of partial deafness.

His eyes were much better, but they were weak until Deacon Stochholm came up here to hold meetings. He prayed with him and he got a complete healing.

Our girl Etta, thirteen years old, had corns on her little toes that grew out so far that they made holes in her shoes and were very painful.

She often used to sit and hold her feet in her hands and cry.

Her mother told her to ask the Lord to heal them. She and her mother went to God in prayer.

The corns went away, and have not returned.

We are so glad that we have learned to trust the only true Physician for all things.

Our little ones have been healed of bad coughs and colds this winter.

Our oldest boy Fred, seventeen years old, was taken with a very sore throat.

Not knowing what the nature of the disease was, and thinking that God, who knows all things, would know what to do, we united at the family altar in prayer to God.

Great hard chunks came from his throat, and he recovered in a short time.

We thank God for the teachings of Zion, and give Him all the glory.

Yours in Jesus,

MR. AND MRS. F. BOWERS.

#### One of Zion's Choir Boys Healed of Severe Injuries.

1619 MICHIGAN AVENUE,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, April 13, 1901. }

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—Thursday evening, about 5 o'clock, I telephoned to you to pray for my brother John, who had been run over by a lumber wagon, on his way home from school.

Praise God, your prayers were heard. From that time on he has been steadily improving.

We feel that there might have been fatal results were we trusting in man instead of God.

The wagon ran over his left arm and leg and he received several bruises in other parts of his body.

When he reached home he was unconscious, and went from one spell into another.

Several times we thought he was gone.

He also spit up blood, showing that he had received internal injuries.

We do not know just to what extent he was hurt, as we had no physician examine him, but it is enough to know that God has heard and answered prayer.

As soon as he had recovered sufficiently to know anything, he said: "I'm so glad they didn't take me to a drug store. God brought me home."

We are so thankful to God that no bones were broken, and for this wonderful deliverance.

We wish you to continue to pray for him, that he may grow to be a good man and live his life out for God.

John received a wonderful healing in 1896 through Mrs. Dowie's prayers.

He is a member of Zion Boys' Choir, and loves it dearly.

Thanking you for your prayers, and also Evangelist Fisher, who called and prayed for him, we are

Yours in Christ,

GRACE GILLIS AND MOTHER.

#### Instantly Healed.

453 RIVER STREET, ELGIN, ILLINOIS, March 20, 1901.

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

Dear Overseer:—Your kind and welcome letter, stating you had prayed for my healing, received today.

I am thankful to God that I can say that I am healed. The pain left suddenly, I can hardly say when.

I give God all the praise and thank you for your kind interest.

Yours in Jesus' Name,

O. H. MARTIN.



### Southwestern Kansas.

Zion's faithful messengers in Southwestern Kansas, Elder and Evangelist David A. Reed, continue to ride from place to place, carrying with them Zion's Message, the Everlasting Gospel, and "Zion on Wings," the Little White Dove, and Zion Literature.

God blesses them in that work, and many in their widely scattered field are finding their way to God and are rejoicing in His wonderful Gifts, through His Son, of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living.

Elder Reed sends us the following account of his visits at a number of places recently:

My visits at Wichita, Marion, Abilene, Delphos, Nickerson and Sterling were blessed of God.

Many wept as God convicted them of their sins.

They gave up their tobacco and sins of every kind, came out of their hiding places of Secrecy, and presented their bodies, souls and spirits to God.

Some of them had horrible diseases—the dreadful cancer—but, thank God, nothing is too hard for Him to heal if people get right and keep right.

We returned home Saturday at 11:30, and left for Hoisington at 9:10 that evening.

We had a blessed time Lord's Day, with the people there.

Mrs. Reed held the fort at Great Bend.

A correspondent in Marion, Kansas, sends us an interesting account of a mission held by Elder Reed in that place:

Zion here has been made to rejoice again by a short visit from Elder Reed.

His stay was brief, lasting only from March 11th to the 13th, yet his work here was both encouraging and strengthening, not only to us in Zion, but to many others.

The people here have been brought to see and know that Zion teaching is the Word of God.

The services were held in the Court House.

The attendance was good, and many were interested.

When Elder Reed asked if there was anything wrong with Zion teaching, a voice from the audience rang out, "It's all right."

A lady who, when the Seventies called, rejected them and the blessed Message, throwing it into the street, attended the meetings.

We praise God for what has been done.

We trust God will enable Elder and Evangelist Reed to visit us more frequently.

We ask the prayers of Zion for Marion, that the people may be led out of the apostate churches and accept the Everlasting Gospel of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living.

### Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Rev. Edward Williams, Elder-in-Charge.

The testimonies from Benton Harbor which we give below, witness to the blessings which God is bestowing upon Zion in that city and the work and prayers of His servant, Elder Williams.

Salvation, Healing and Cleansing follow the proclamation of the Message which God has given to Zion to carry to the ends of the earth:

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I have felt it my duty for some time, to write you and let you know of some of the blessings we have received through the teaching of Zion this year.

The Lord hath done wonderful things for us.

The first day of February, our son, aged fifteen years, was taken with scarlet fever.

The next evening Zion in Benton Harbor, and our little Gathering in the country, met for their usual prayer meeting and prayed for him.

He had been very sick all day, and just about the time they were pray-

ing he aroused and said, "I am much better. The soreness is leaving my throat."

Thanks be to God, from that time he improved very rapidly, and in a short time was perfectly well.

Nine days later our thirteen-year-old son was taken with the fever. He was only sick one day and a half and only missed one meal.

He did not break out with the rash, as God gave wonderful deliverance.

Just nine days later our dear little Marie, aged six years, who has wonderful faith in God, was taken sick.

She had very high fever, her lips were parched, her gums very much swollen and inflamed, and her eyes looked as though she could scarcely open them.

I immediately knelt and asked God to bless and give perfect deliverance.

She arose and dressed, perfectly delivered from fever.

To God be all the praise.

Very early last Wednesday morning she awakened me by her sobs, caused by a very severe earache.

We prayed for her, when all at once the sobbing ceased and she fell into a deep sleep.

That forenoon her ear opened and discharged all day.

The next day we had the Elder pray for her, as she was very weak from the pain and fever.

She has been perfectly well since.

Before we learned to trust God fully through the teaching in Zion, our dear little one was a sufferer nearly all her life.

No matter how great a sickness, or how light, she would almost die.

She came very near death's door with chickenpox.

Thanks be to God, since we have been in Zion, God steps in and heals. We cannot praise God enough that He has given us hearts to receive the blessed truths as taught in Zion.

We are glad that we have learned to pay God what we owe Him in tithes. We find great blessing in doing so.

As much as we believe that John the Baptist was the forerunner of Christ, so much we believe that God has raised up our beloved General Overseer to prepare the hearts of His people for the second coming of Christ.

May God bless you and family and all Zion everywhere.

We thank you for sending our dear Elder Williams and family to us in Benton Harbor.

Yours for Christ,

MRS. P. L. HUMPHREY.

BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN, April 6, 1901.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:—I love to give my testimony with many others to the goodness of God and for His power to heal.

I was troubled for many years with salt rheum in my hands so severely that I could scarcely do anything without gloves.

They would break open and bleed.

I suffered for many years and tried many remedies, but I became no better, but rather grew worse.

When I turned to God, and Elder Williams, of Benton Harbor, laid on hands and prayed the prayer of faith, the Lord healed me, praise His Name.

Since the Lord healed my hands, I have had the grip twice.

When Elder Williams prayed for me, I was instantly healed.

I praise God for such a remedy for the grip.

Good-by, doctors; I have found something better.

I praise God for raising up such a man as our General Overseer to preach this Full Gospel.

Elder Williams is doing a grand work in Benton Harbor.

We believe he is a man of God, and God does answer his prayers.

Your Brother in Christ,

PETER HUMPHREY.

### Zion College Needs Three Pianos.

The Musical Department of Zion College is growing rapidly and its needs are increasing. Three pianos are very much needed. Who will give one or all of them to be used for God? Send to Rev. William Hamner Piper, Vice-President, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

# ZION'S BIBLE CLASS.

CONDUCTED BY DEACON DANIEL SLOAN.

## MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS LESSON, MAY 1st or 2d.

### The Evils of Doctors With Drugs.

- God has but one remedy for sin.*—Hebrews 9:11-22.  
Were there no sin, there would be no sickness.  
Were there no sin, there would be no disease.  
Were there no sin, there would be no death.
- A strong alkali will not remove sin.*—Jeremiah 2:20-27.  
The flesh may be eaten by acids, but sin remains.  
The flesh may be seared by caustic, but sin remains.  
The flesh may be scoured by alkalis, yet sin remains.
- Ointments will not cleanse a festering skin.*—Isaiah 1:5-9.  
Pollution gets into the vital organs and pores.  
Then it gets into the blood.  
Corrupted blood will ever decay the flesh.
- Opiates will not restore life.*—Mark 5:25-29.  
They deaden the pain by killing the nerves.  
These poisons enter into the circulation as well.  
Some weak organ becomes the repository for these evils.
- Balms and lotions cannot heal running sores.*—Nabum 3:16-19.  
Only life can conquer death.  
Only the pure can cleanse the impure.  
Let the blood be corrupted, then the fountain is defiled.
- Alcoholic tonics cannot cure disordered appetites.*—Psalm 107:8-18.  
Death in the stomach does not improve digestion.  
To keep one alive by stimulants is to kill by slow death.  
God only can give one power to eat food.
- Medicines are no escape from the grave.*—Jeremiah 46:7-12.  
Remedies of fifty years ago are discarded.  
Remedies of twenty years ago are abandoned.  
What is used today is being supplanted as failing.
- The Body and Blood of Christ is God's remedy for sin and death.*—John 6:47-58.  
Not to eat of the Bread of Heaven is to die.  
Life comes from the shed Blood of Christ.  
The bread is for the same purpose that the manna was given.  
*The Lord Our God is a Salvation-Providing God.*

## SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS LESSON, MAY 5th.

### Why People Die.

- A disobedient ancestry affects posterity.*—Exodus 20:4-11.  
The same seed sown is reaped again.  
Diseases are communicated through heredity.  
Practiced sin weakens the next generation.
- Parental sinning causes children to die.*—Ezekiel 18:1-4.  
The folly of fathers is seen in sickly children.  
The complaints of mothers affect their offspring.  
High mortality among children is caused principally by parents' sins.
- Weakened vitality impairs the functional life in children.*—Leviticus 17:10-16.  
The senility of a father is seen in his offspring.  
The poor circulation of a mother affects her child.  
Sow intestinal inactivity, and you get bowel paralysis.
- Living in ignorance menaces the life of the unborn.*—Hosea 4:6-12.  
Children die mostly because of ignorance.  
People drug their bodies through ignorance.  
Men and women submit to surgery through ignorance.
- Carelessness in dress brings sickness and disease.*—Isaiah 3:16-26.  
Lacing crowds the organs of the body out of their God-given places.  
Vanity in dress frequently brings death through exposure.  
The goddess of fashion destroys health-happiness.
- Perverted taste in eating corrupts the blood.*—Proverbs 23:1-8.  
Vinegar, which is decayed vegetation, cannot make rich blood.  
Rich pastry should not be relied on as nourishing food.  
Death is in the pot from which many dainties come.
- Being fretted by cares, worry and fear diminishes deep breathing.*—Luke 21:25-38.  
Sudden fright paralyzes digestion.  
Constant worry opens the pores of the skin, causing a loss of vital fluids.  
Being weighted by care interferes with the heart's action.  
*God's Holy People are a Life-Seeking People.*

## DAILY SCRIPTURE TEXTS FOR MAY.

### To Memorize and Meditate Upon, Morning, Noon and Night.

**PARENTS:** "Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."—Deuteronomy 6:7.

**CHRISTIANS:** "Thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then thou

shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."—Joshua 1:8.

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| 1. Wednesday—2 Kings 5:14; m. c.   | 17. Friday—Psalm 34:4; w. v.          |
| 2. Thursday—Hebrews 3:14; f. c.    | 18. Saturday—Romans 2:7; f. c.        |
| 3. Friday—Galatians 6:1; l. c.     | 19. Sunday—Mark 9:23; l. c.           |
| 4. Saturday—Leviticus 10:41; l. c. | 20. Monday—Psalm 51:11; f. c.         |
| 5. Sunday—1 Peter 3:10; m. c.      | 21. Tuesday—Psalm 100:2; l. c.        |
| 6. Monday—Malachi 3:17; l. c.      | 22. Wednesday—Psalm 110:3; f. c.      |
| 7. Tuesday—Proverbs 29:1; w. v.    | 23. Thursday—2 Corinthians 7:1; l. c. |
| 8. Wednesday—Galatians 5:16; w. v. | 24. Friday—1 Timothy 6:12; m. c.      |
| 9. Thursday—Jeremiah 6:16; m. c.   | 25. Saturday—2 Timothy 4:5; f. c.     |
| 10. Friday—Isaiah 12:6; f. c.      | 26. Sunday—2 Timothy 2:22; f. c.      |
| 11. Saturday—Psalm 66:16; l. c.    | 27. Monday—Psalm 139:23; l. c.        |
| 12. Sunday—Isaiah 61:3; m. c.      | 28. Tuesday—Luke 11:13; l. c.         |
| 13. Monday—2 Peter 1:2; f. c.      | 29. Wednesday—Matthew 13:38; l. c.    |
| 14. Tuesday—Luke 1:13; m. c.       | 30. Thursday—Revelation 21:10; m. c.  |
| 15. Wednesday—Romans 12:9; l. c.   | 31. Friday—Isaiah 62:10; l. c.        |
| 16. Thursday—Matthew 11:12; l. c.  |                                       |

f. c. first clause. m. c. middle clause. l. c. last clause. w. v. whole verse.

## ZION IN KANSAS.

Elder and Evangelist Reed, of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, will conduct Divine services—

*At STERLING, KANSAS, May 6th;*  
*At NICKERSON, KANSAS, May 7th;*  
*At WICHITA, KANSAS, May 8th;*  
*At MARION, KANSAS, May 9th and 10th;*  
*At MANCHESTER, KANSAS, May 11th, 12th and 13th;*  
*At DELPHOS, KANSAS, May 14th and 15th;*  
*At ESKRIDGE, KANSAS, May 17th and 18th;*  
*At KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, May 20th.*

Services held every afternoon and evening.  
Freewill offering. All seats free. Everybody welcome.  
Bring Bibles and Gospel Hymns Nos. 5 and 6.  
Christ is All and in All.

## ZION IN COLORADO AND KANSAS.

The Rev. D. A. Reed, Elder in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, will conduct Divine services—

*At ENTERPRISE SCHOOLHOUSE, LAMAR, COLORADO, April 21st and 22d;*  
*At LAMAR CITY, COLORADO, April 23d;*  
*At LA JUNTA, COLORADO, April 24th;*  
*At SYRACUSE, KANSAS, April 25th;*  
*At SPEARVILLE, KANSAS, April 26th and 27th;*  
*At SHELDON SCHOOLHOUSE, KANSAS, April 28th.*

All welcome. Freewill offerings received. Bring Bibles and Gospel Hymns Nos. 5 and 6.

## ZION IN MOUNT MORRIS, ILLINOIS.

The Rev. William Hamner Piper, Overseer-at-Large of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, will conduct Divine Services in

*SEIBERT'S HALL, MOUNT MORRIS, ILLINOIS,*  
Saturday, April 27th, at 7:30 P. M., and Lord's Day, April 28th,  
at 10:30 A. M., 2:30 and 7:30 P. M.

The Ordinances of the Lord's Supper and of Believers' Baptism by Triune Immersion will be administered on Lord's Day, the 28th.

## ZION IN INDIANAPOLIS.

The Rev. J. G. Excell, Elder in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, will conduct Divine Services in

*MAGNOLIA BUILDING, CORNER CAPITOL AND KENTUCKY AVENUES, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA,*

April 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, inclusive, at 2:30 and 7:30 P. M.



**OBEYING GOD IN BAPTISM.**

**"Baptizing Them Into the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost."**

**Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Baptisms by Triune Immersion Since March 14, 1897.**

Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Believers have joyfully followed their Lord in the Ordinance of Believers' Baptism by Triune Immersion since the first Baptism in Central Zion Tabernacle on March 14, 1897:

Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle from March 14, 1897, to March 14, 1901, by the General Overseer.....	4447	
Baptized by Elders, Evangelists and Deacons.....	2092	
Total Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle.....		6539
Baptized in places outside of Chicago by the General Overseer.....	504	
Baptized in places outside of Chicago by Elders, Evangelists and Deacons.....	2684	
Total Baptized outside of Chicago.....		3188
Total Baptized in four years.....		9727

Baptized since March 14, 1901:		
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by the General Overseer.....	58	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Evangelist Fisher.....	3	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Deacon Sprecher.....	5	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Deacon Stevenson.....	17	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Graves.....	15	
Baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle by Elder Mercer.....	13	111
Baptized in California by Elder Taylor.....	1	
Baptized in England by Evangelist Cantel.....	16	
Baptized in France by Evangelist Cantel.....	1	
Baptized in Illinois by Deacon Sprecher.....	1	
Baptized in Minnesota by Deacon Crane.....	5	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder Voliva.....	12	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder McFarlane.....	5	
Baptized in Ohio by Elder Bouck.....	4	
Baptized in Oregon by Elder Ernst.....	2	
Baptized in Wisconsin by Elder Bryant.....	15	62 173
Total Baptized since March 14, 1897.....		9900

The following-named thirty-two believers were baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle, Chicago, Lord's Day, April 14, 1901, by the General Overseer:

Anderson, Elmore.....	624 Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois
Bedke, A. C.....	5740 Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois
Brame, Mrs. Ida.....	1563 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Brame, Miss Minnie Bell.....	1563 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Chenoweth, Clarence P.....	1414 North Maplewood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Chenoweth, Mrs. A. M.....	1414 North Maplewood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Christensen, Mrs. Atta L.....	Clarinda, Iowa
Clifford, Mrs. Lovina.....	10 East Sixteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois
Cotton, S. F.....	4853 Armour Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Cotton, W. W.....	4853 Armour Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Dick, Miss Maggie B.....	119 Mountain Street, Montreal, Quebec
Eaton, Mrs. H. M.....	6745 Marshfield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Garrett, Mrs. Annie.....	643 Twelfth Street, Chicago, Illinois
Greenamyre, C. E.....	409 West Main Street, Alliance, Ohio
Holman, Gustaf H.....	1020 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois
Johnson, E. R.....	6001 Morgan Street, Chicago, Illinois
McIntosh, J. L.....	Marion, Illinois
Oldenberg, Mrs. Nellie.....	63 Grove Street, River Forest, Illinois
Quarells, Miss Amelia.....	2133 Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois
Schleier, Mrs. Florence.....	5811 Sophia Street, Austin, Illinois
Schroeder, Mrs. Bertha.....	580 West Thirty-seventh Street, Chicago, Illinois
Steindorf, Mrs. M. E.....	6820 Paulina Street, Chicago, Illinois
Streeter, Master Ray.....	6012 Wentworth Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Thomas, John D.....	464 Fulton Street, Chicago, Illinois
Toll, Mrs. B.....	455 Paulina Street, Chicago, Illinois
Vincent, Henrietta.....	Menles, Illinois
Welty, Mrs. Fanny.....	Florence, Kansas
Welty, John B.....	Florence, Kansas
Welty, H. Mead.....	Florence, Kansas
Wesco, Fred P.....	Washington, Iowa
Wilhite, Mrs. Kate E.....	Zion Home, Chicago, Illinois
Williams, Miss Agnes.....	39 Grove Street, River Forest, Illinois

The following-named nine believers were baptized at Marinette, Wisconsin, Lord's Day, April 7, 1901, by Elder Daniel Bryant:

Cameron, Miss Harriet E.....	1827 Liberty Street, Marinette, Wisconsin
Docket, Salanda.....	1010 Walnut Street, Marinette, Wisconsin
Fleury, Jessie C.....	927 Parnell Street, Marinette, Wisconsin
Granstrom, Henry.....	1308 Logan Avenue, Marinette, Wisconsin
Granstrom, Miss Nora.....	1638 Logan Avenue, Marinette, Wisconsin
Johnson, Mrs. Anna C.....	411 Stephenson Avenue, Menominee, Michigan
Moore, Leah E.....	1026 Walnut Street, Marinette, Wisconsin
Whitman, Ida.....	Peshigo, Wisconsin
Winters, Peter G.....	Menominee, Michigan

The following-named thirteen believers were baptized in Central Zion Tabernacle, Chicago, Wednesday evening, April 17, 1901, by Elder Frank A. S. Mercer:

Davis, William S.....	414 Twenty-seventh Street, Chicago, Illinois
Dennis, Master Benjamin.....	942 California Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Dewsenberry, Elliott.....	157 Plymouth Place, Chicago, Illinois
Dynes, Master John.....	Hanna, Indiana
Farnam, Mrs. Anna.....	McIntyre, Iowa
Hessling, C. W.....	822 North Artesian Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Johnson, Mrs. Albitene S.....	866 West North Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Lumpp, Mrs. A.....	665 North Rockwell Street, Chicago, Illinois
Miller, Miss Lillie.....	477 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Scholz, Miss Ella.....	477 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Smith, Edward.....	Zion Home, Chicago, Illinois
Sturr, D. W.....	41 East Eighteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois
Sturr, Mrs. Lillian.....	41 East Eighteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois

The following-named five believers were baptized at Owatonna, Minnesota, Lord's Day, April 7, 1901, by Deacon J. W. Crane:

Crane, Miss Bertha Maud.....	Owatonna, Minnesota
Garlock, Barney A.....	Owatonna, Minnesota
Garlock, Mrs. Stella E.....	Owatonna, Minnesota
Habein, Miss Clara Dena.....	Owatonna, Minnesota
Irving, Miss Isabelle E.....	Owatonna, Minnesota

The following-named two believers were baptized at Portland, Oregon, Lord's Day, March 31, 1901, by Elder August Ernst:

Beck, George J.....	373 Cable Street, Portland, Oregon
Hinderman, Mrs. Mary.....	461 Grand Avenue, Portland, Oregon

The following-named believer was baptized at San Francisco, California, Lord's Day, April 7, 1901, by Elder W. D. Taylor:

McCaffery, Mrs. Malene.....	927 Pacific Street, San Francisco, California
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**Notice to Officers and Members of the Christian Catholic Church.**

Send all newspaper clippings concerning the General Overseer, the Elders, or any department of the work in connection with the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, to Mr. Carl F. Stern, Room 309, Zion Home, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Send as soon as possible after publication, and carefully mark *name and date of the paper clipped from* on each article. If this is not done, the clippings are absolutely useless.

**One of Zion's Great Events**

**OF 1901**

**THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON WOMEN'S WORK IN ZION**

—BEGINS—

**FRIDAY, MAY 24th and continues until MONDAY, JUNE 3d**

A SERIES OF HELPFUL AND PROFITABLE SERVICES WITH DISCUSSIONS WILL OCCUR WITHIN THIS TIME

A GREAT DEMONSTRATION IN

**Chicago Auditorium, Lord's Day Afternoon, May 26**

Will be Zion's hearty welcome to Overseer Jane Dowie, Overseer of Women's Work in Zion Throughout the World, with her greeting to Zion.

**AN EXCURSION OF ZION'S HOSTS TO ZION CITY**

**WILL TAKE PLACE THURSDAY, MAY 30th**

Tickets may be purchased coming to Chicago on and from May 21st to 25th within the Central, Trunk Line and Western Passenger Associations, which include territory from New York to Denver (not including New England). Returning, tickets from Chicago may be secured up to and including June 6th.

Full fare must be paid coming and a certificate taken of the agent at the time the ticket is purchased. These credentials will be certified on Monday, May 27th, when return tickets can be purchased at one-third of the regular fare paid coming.

Persons coming from New England are notified in coming to pay full fare and take a receipt, and if enough from this territory come the return rate of one-third fare will be possible. **This rate is now secured.**

Correspondence and information concerning Railroad Rates, if the above notice is not explicit enough, should be addressed to

DEACON DANIEL SLOAN,  
1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.











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