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PATIENCE

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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The Gospel of the Kingdom

"The Prayer of Faith"

By the Associate Editor

LIFE is one continuous looking ahead, a series of events each presenting a hope of something more favorable to the happiness of the individual. Faith is more or less a common heritage, i. e., faith in things in general; but real faith, special faith in the beneficent Creator and Father of humanity, is born and grows only as a result of contact with the Divine Spirit and a surrender to His leadings.

The one possessed of Divine faith and quickened to exert the powers of his being by the inrushing current of truth is an overcomer with a reserve of strength that cannot be measured. The coming in of this special faith marks the course leading to one's destiny. To him who is possessed of it, all things are possible; but the man who is not actuated by faith is empty and all his efforts are impotent to accomplish anything abiding.

"Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

"By it the elders received a good report.

"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."

That is, all things that consist have their foundations in the invinsible God, and they were brought forth—"framed"—in conformity with "the word of God," that is to say, as a result of faith.

As truly as "the worlds were framed" through faith by the Word of God, so truly are man's real accomplishments the results of faith, or the obedience to established laws.

Any effort to produce or bring realities into existence without faith is to violate God's order of things, and is an attempt to usurp established law in doing other than God's bidding.

"Without faith it is impossible to please God."

"Whatsoever is not of faith is sin;" and

"Sin is the transgression of the law."

Hence "the prayer of faith" is a petition to God the Father in accordance with Divine law; and the instant Divine law is invoked in proper form its process, and proceedings, and judgment, and execution are unerring and just, and all opposition will be overcome.

As lust or evil desire is the seed of sin, and sin's consequences are a troubled spirit, unrest, weakness, sickness, anguish, pain and death, so the only power that can arrest the judgment

Zion's Watchword For 1909

For God Will Save Zion

PSALM 69:35

FAITHFULLY IN JESUS' NAME

John Alex. Dowie

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of sure destruction for violating law, is genuine repentance and "the prayer of faith." By this exercise a new lease of life is obtained to be lived in behalf of the One who gives it.

God, having foreseen the exigencies of man's condition, and the consequences of his erring, has provided a way for man's crossing over from the rough path toward death to the smooth path toward life, and agencies to assist him upon his first call for help. God's polity is one of order, not of chaos; His sovereignty is a unity, not a multiplicity; His government is a Kingdom, not a democracy; He names His offices for governmental and developmental purposes and calls to fill them men of faith who will obey His laws under the guidance of His Holy Spirit.

His Church is the body in which His authority to work for Him is vested, and its unity is vouchsafed by its officers being named and their qualifications declared. (See 1 Cor. 12; Eph. 4; 1 Timothy 3; and Titus 1.) Also, the duties and privileges of members are declared: To love one another; to be obedient to those who have the rule: to pray for one another; to bear one another's burdens; to be steadfast, etc., and, as if to say, if the Devil catches any, a way of release is provided, and the Apostle James tells how; and here, sickness and sin are mentioned together, and repentance and the prayer of faith through man yielding to God's only declared way: "Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any sick among you? *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* [or as authoritative agents]: AND THE PRAYER OF FAITH [obedience to every condition] shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:14-16.

"A righteous man" is a law-abiding citizen of the Kingdom of God, and this implies that both the Elders and the sick one are in line with God's truth.

In this declaration of the Apostle there are to be found: The troubled man; the sick one; his desire and hope in God; his repentance; his call upon God's officers in his willingness to conform to law in "the prayer of faith," of the Elders and the sick one; the Elder's authority; God's promise; the result: Health and freedom from sin.

The possibilities of "the prayer of faith" are boundless.

Confidence In God

A Divine Healing Address delivered on Tuesday Afternoon, October 6, 1908, in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Ill.

BY ELDER FRED RICHERT

AFTER singing a number of hymns and having a number of prayers offered, Elder John Taylor read from the First Book of Kings, Eighteenth Chapter, beginning with the seventeenth verse, the story of the remarkable prayer of faith of Elijah the Prophet, and the punishment meted out to the worshipers of Baal, and the downpour of rain in answer to Elijah's petition to the Throne of Heaven.

ADDRESS BY ELDER RICHERT

Our God and Heavenly Father, wilt Thou bless the words which have been read and spoken. Wilt Thou bless the words which I shall speak. Grant that each and every one may be filled with Thy Divine and Holy Spirit, and wilt Thou take possession of every heart. Cast out the evil spirits, heal the sick, and help us all. O God, that we may realize the sacred presence of the Most High. We pray it in Jesus' name and for His sake. Amen.

As the Elder has been reading to you this most wonderful chapter, I have been meditating and thinking about the times when Elijah lived.

Consequences of Forsaking God.

At the beginning of the chapter, you will find mention of a great famine in Israel. The sky was blue, the sun rose every morning and set every evening, but in the blue sky was no God. Why did the fountains and rivers and wells dry up in the land of Israel? Did not God promise He would lead His people into a land flowing with milk and honey? Did He not promise He would lead them into a land where there would be rivers and wells and beautiful and plentiful harvests? Why was it the land was so dry that Ahab had to go away from his capital and with one of his servants seek for water? Because Israel had left the living God.

While the sun was rising and setting, and under the scorching rays of the sun all life died and the people were dying; also the beasts, they found that there was a prophet in Israel who could pray the prayer of faith.

Elijah prayed that it should not rain for three years and six months, and the heavens were closed; they were as brass. I imagine those people cried unto their gods. They prayed and cried, but no answer came. So it is today, dear friends. While the sky may be blue, while the sun of prosperity may rise, yet there is no rain and no spiritual blessing, and under the scorching rays of adversity, spiritual life will die if people do not seek the living God.

This is the case here in Zion City with many a family. People are at home and do not come to the meetings. They do not seek the living God. While for a time the sky may be blue, and the future may be bright, or seem to be bright, yet the time will come when the spiritual life will wither and die, and adversity will come and they will cry to God, but there will be no God to hear and answer prayer; for the people have sinned and they have left the living God.

Divine Boldness a Preparation for Duty.

Elijah comes back again. There he stands like a hero. God was with him during those three years and six months. He stands before the servant of Ahab and said, "You go and tell Ahab, your master, I have come back." That man trembled. He said, "What! if I did that I should perish. If I go to Ahab and tell him you have come back, and the Spirit of the Lord should take you away, then he will slay me."

Elijah said, "You go and just tell him I have come back."

A Representative of Eternal Authority.

He was there in the power of God and did not need to fear Ahab, or hell, or the Devil. He stood before Ahab and before the hosts of Israel in the name of Jehovah and in fear of Him. He represented the God of heaven before a godless world; and we stand here in the name of our Blessed Lord and Redeemer, and represent our God in heaven. We do not need to fear before any one, nor any power, nor hell, and sin and the Devil combined, because we have the power of God, and we stand in the power of God before the world and deliver the message in Jesus' name and the Devils have to go. God in heaven will answer and He will bless and sustain His servants and give spiritual life and grace to deliver the message.

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Facing God's Enemies.

You follow me on the heights of Carmel. There you will find Elijah standing before all those hundreds of prophets. They all knew that he was the man who had prayed the prayer of faith that it should not rain for such a long time. They all knew it and they hated him. Not one of them loved him. Did you ever see the time when a man of God was loved by the world, or the flesh, or the Devil? Never. When a man undertakes to fight the battles of Jehovah, the Devil will hate him.

Elder Taylor: "We expect that."

Relying Upon God's Promises.

Elijah stood upon the promises of His God. He knew there was a living God in whom he trusted. The truth of the living God was his shield and his buckler, his protection. As long as the truth of the living God is your shield and your buckler, you do not need to fear the fiery darts of the Devil.

His faith was grand and glorious and reached up to the Throne of God. He was sustained in the past when he prayed the prayer of faith that it should not rain. God said to him, "Elijah, you go to that little brook and I will be with you." He went away from the godless court of Ahab, from the godless people of Israel. He was all alone with his God. Zion people, it is better to be alone with God than to be among the crowds of godless people. It is better to be alone with God at the little brook of the living water which is flowing from the Throne of God, than to be in Chicago—that godless babel where the world, the flesh and the Devil are ruling and driving people to perdition.

Fountains of Salvation and Healing Always Flowing for Believers.

So he went. His faith was strong enough to trust his God. And beloved people in Zion City, you have seen how the heavens have been closed in the past, perhaps, but if you go with God and trust your heavenly Father He will not leave you. The fountains of life are well-open, and they are flowing. You can go to those fountains and take of eternal life today, because the life of God is flowing freely for each and every one if you will only go with your God. Do not go your own way. If you do, you will perish with Ahab and all the people of Israel. If God leads you into the solitude and secret place of the Host High, go with Him. Enter into holy communion with your heavenly Father, and there you will find out that spiritual life is flowing for you, while all the wells of Salvation, Healing, and Holy Living may be closed and sealed up by the hand of the righteous God in heaven to a sinful world who have forsaken their God.

It is good to go with God. [Amens.]

Unbelievers Go Thirsty, But Faithful Are Satisfied.

But the day came when that little river dried up. Elijah did not look upon the scenery. He did not lament. He did not say, "O Lord, shall I die now in this terrible wilderness?" He was not afraid. He looked up to His God. When all the fountains dry up, you can still look up to your heavenly Father, and by faith claim His direction, protection and guidance. He will lead you, even in the desert. He will guide and lead you through all time, and whatever it seems like, whether gloomy and dark and hopeless, yet the hand of God which has led you so far will lead you on.

He directed Elijah in that way. He said, You go, Elijah, to a certain widow. She has not very much, only a little flour and oil; go to her, and God will protect you and sustain you. Elijah went. God blessed the oil and the flour, and Elijah was sustained to come back and stand upon the heights of Carmel and look up with the same faith.

Elijah Kept to Prove God to Israel.

He did not look to those Priests of Baal. He looked not to the people of Israel. He wanted to lead those people back who had departed from the only true and living God. Therefore he looked to his Father in Heaven.

Today, if you want to lead people back to God, you have to look to your Heavenly Father; you cannot look upon human beings.

Some have got away from God. They may worship in some way their idols. They may unite, as they did in the Hospice, but if you want to bring those people who have departed from God back to their Heavenly Father, you will have to look to God, and He will crown your faith. You will find out, by faith, that He is just the same yesterday, today and forever, the unchanging God, who always is true and faithful to His people. He has never changed. Never! Never!!

One With God a Majority.

Elijah stood alone on Mount Carmel. There were eight hundred and fifty prophets against him, and all the people as well.

Was that a sign that Elijah was wrong? They claimed to be right, but Elijah, although alone, knew in his heart that he was right. He knew God had called him, and that God had led him. He knew, also, that God had spoken to him and given him a message, and that God was his power. He stood there in the strength and power of God before all the united hosts of hell. He did not tremble, because he was a man of God. He could say, "Jehovah is my God."

Proof That Jehovah Was God.

As you have heard, he said to those priests of Baal, "Now you select a piece, cut it up, put it on the altar, and call upon your gods." They did so. They called upon their gods, but there was no answer; and there could be no answer, because their gods were dead.

As the Elder was speaking about the wonderful healings in the Little Wooden Hut, I thought of all the ministers in Chicago at that time. The Methodists prayed; the Baptists prayed; the Lutherans prayed; all those people prayed; hundreds and thousands prayed; but there was only one man, Dr. Dowie, who stood there in the name of God and he called upon the Most High, and He answered and sent down the fire from on High. When the faith of Elijah was crowned with the answer from on High, and God sent down the fire and the fire consumed the sacrifice, then all the people cried, "Jehovah is God; Jehovah is God!"

After Elijah had convinced the people that God was their Leader, that he was (Elijah) the prophet of the living God, that God alone can answer prayer, and after they had experienced that scene---the crying of the eight hundred and fifty prophets of Baal which did not amount to anything---then came something which is strange; that is, he took all those priests and prophets of Baal and led them down to the river and killed every one of them.

All That Offends to Be Removed.

I will tell you what that means. It means sacrifice. When you come to God and acknowledge Him, you have to destroy every sin in your heart and every unclean thing in the camp. We have not reached the place where Elijah could pray the prayer of faith.

Jesus the Christ, in the Sermon on the Mount, said you should pluck out your right eye if it should offend you, or cut off your hand if it offend you, for it is better to go maimed or crippled to heaven than go to hell with a whole body.

Therefore, dearly beloved, is there anything in the midst of us which is unclean and impure? If so, take it down to the river and destroy it. It must be taken out.

Since I came here, I have been thinking, We all come to the living God, we all draw nigh unto heaven, we all present ourselves as a living sacrifice upon the altar of our God, and

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"FOR GOD WILL SAVE ZION."

This is Zion's Motto for the year 1909.

It was selected after earnest prayer and consideration. The words are taken from the Sixty-ninth Psalm, and form a part of the wonderful climax of the Psalmist's intense outburst of praise.

Zion was the name of one of the hills in the City of Jerusalem, and in time came to be used synonymously with Jerusalem.

Zion--Jerusalem--the type, and the Kingdom of God the antitype--the inauguration, the rise, the development, the intense opposition, trials, persecutions and triumphs were all foreshadowed, to a greater or lesser degree, by Zion, or Jerusalem's, trials, persecutions and triumphs.

The sixty-ninth Psalm is the cry of one suffering bitter persecution; persecution due, in part, to the individual's own transgressions, but in the main, to his loyalty to God.

This Psalm resembles, in a very striking manner, Psalms twenty-two, thirty-five and forty. It is supposed to have been written at the time of Adonija's rebellion.

There are five divisions:

No. 1 consists of verses 1-4;
No. 2, of verses 5-12;
No. 3, of verses 13-21;
No. 4, of verses 22-29;
No. 5, of verses 30-36.

No. 1 is a pathetic complaint;
No. 2 is a confession of sin;
No. 3 is an earnest prayer;
No. 4 is a description of the forthcoming judgment upon David's enimies; and
No. 5 is an outburst of praise. This outburst of praise apparently centers around the statement "FOR GOD WILL SAVE ZION."

The All-Night Meeting, December 31, 1907-January 1, 1908 was held in the Zion Tent-Tabernacle, which, for thirteen months, through sunshine and rain, through storm and calm, through the sweltering heat of summer, and the bitter cold of winter, sheltered the faithful, loyal, true and steadfast Zion people,

The thirteen months were, indeed and in truth, months of labor, trial, and persecution, but thanks be to God, also months of delight, enjoyment and triumph.

Many were the earnest prayers offered up to God at that All-Night Meeting for deliverance, and while a little of the history of what God has wrought in Zion through the year 1908 has appeared in LEAVES OF HEALING and ZION HERALD, yet eternity alone will reveal the true extent of the wonderful things wrought by God in the name of Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit, through a faithful, loyal, devoted people.

In a most wonderful way, during the year 1908, God gave back to Zion, Shiloh Tabernacle, and having taken possession on the first Lord's Day in July, and having spent the subsequent months holding numerous delightful and profitable meetings, it was with unspeakable joy that all of Zion, who possibly could do so, gathered in Shiloh Tabernacle on December 31, 1908-January 1, 1909 to hold another All-Night of Praise, Prayer, and Testimony with God.

Promptly at 7:45 the Devotional Service began with reading by Elder Carey, and prayer by Elder Richert.

From 8 to 10 p.m. the "Messiah" was rendered by the Choir and Orchestra. During this period, there were present between two and three thousand people, the exact number not being definitely known.

The members of the Choir and Orchestra who had practiced faithfully for many weeks and months acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner, and when the last sound of the last chorus of the great Oratorio had died away, many were the words of praise and appreciation heard upon every hand.

God bless Zion Junior Choir.
God bless Zion Senior Choir.
God bless Zion Band.
God bless Zion Orchestra.

Pray for the Conductor. Pray for the Organist. Pray for all the Members, young and old, that in years to come, these

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organizations may become a mighty power in the hands of God for the extension of His Kingdom.

From 10 o'clock on through the night and into the early hours of the New Year's Day, the program, as printed repeatedly in LEAVES OF HEALING and THE ZION HERALD, was carried out.

It is impossible to put into cold type anything like an adequate description of the All-Night Meeting in its entirety.

Let one and all begin at once their preparations to attend the next All-Night Meeting. In the meantime, let all remember that the most important event of the entire year will be the CONVOCATION in JULY.

As I look back over the year 1908, and reflect upon all that has transpired, I cannot help shouting "Glory to God! Praise His Holy Name!"

During the year, among other things, the work of Zion has been well organized. Shiloh Tabernacle has been secured. Zion Stores have been established. Zion Printing and Publishing House has been established., and is now well equipped for the printing of Leaves of Healing and Zion Herald, Zion Battle Axe, and all other Zion Literature, and a fine line of job work.

Best of all, the spiritual life of the people has been quickened and deepened, and, all things considered, the future is bright with promise.

Zion will have her trials.

Zion will have her battles.

Zion will have her struggles.

Zion will have her persecutions.

But thanks be unto God, if the people are faithful, He will fulfil every one of His precious promises, and He will save Zion from all of her enemies.

Let Zion everywhere throughout the world pray morning, noon and night, that God will drive back the powers of darkness and save Zion City for Himself, for Zion people, to His name's honor and glory.

I wish to thank all Officers, all members, and all Friends, who have been faithful, steadfast and true.

My toils are many, but the grace of God is sufficient.

The task of reorganizing Zion's work, and placing it upon a firm and solid basis, is, by no means, an easy one, and were it not for the consciousness that God is with me, I could not go forward a single day.

In the name of the Lord, I most heartily thank one and all for their earnest prayers, for their tithes and offerings, for their love, sympathy, confidence and support in every way.

I have just read interesting letters from Elders Royall, Viking, Reder, Kosh, Deacon Peckham and Evangelist Darms, and have appreciated all of these letters beyond the power of words to express, and I say to these brethren, one and all, God bless you, and make you a blessing in your respective fields.

I wish also to thank all persons, in all places, who are and have been conducting meetings under the direction of Zion at Headquarters, in their homes, in the homes of members, or in halls.

Let one and all, not only in Zion City, but everywhere throughout the world, rally to make the year 1909 a wonderful one in Zion's history.

May Zion people everywhere realize increasingly the keeping power of God.

WATCH YE THEREFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS.

"The Prayer of Faith."

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now comes the answer, or rather the question, Will God accept our sacrifice? Will the fire of the Holy Spirit come down, and will God accept our prayer? Will God accept our heart, our voice, and will God bless us?

Will God heal the sick? Will He send down the fire and grant that our prayers may be heard? Will He give unto us His presence, and grant that all those who are oppressed by the Devil may be healed?

Right Conditions and Right Asking Will Bring Blessings.

All those who are not well may be healed. All those who pray for healing may be heard. We come together and pray to God. When Dr. Dowie was in the Wooden Hut he led the people to God and in searching the Scriptures. I remember, in those days, when Zion lifted up the banner of Jesus the Christ, and when the eternal truth of God was proclaimed in Jesus' name, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and in accordance with the will of God, our Heavenly Father, Dr. Dowie led the people to the wells of Salvation, and he also led them to the Cross of Calvary. He told them, "If you do not repent, if you do not confess your sins, if you do not make the wrong things in your life right, God will never heal you. The prayer of faith will be a curse to you; it will never be a blessing."

The people read their Bibles. I was many times in the meetings there, but I did not hear as much gossip as I hear nowadays.

Last night I made a sick call. I was called to the bedside of a dearly beloved mother, who has been healed (some years ago.) Her children, three of them, were standing at the foot and head of the bed weeping. Her husband sat there resigned to the will of God, but clinging to the Cross of Jesus the Christ. I thought of all the people who were talking, talking, talking against the General Overseer, against this and that. I said, O, if those people would only be on their knees and cry unto

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the living God, that God, in His infinite love and mercy, might spare the life of this dear mother!

I cried unto my God and said, "How can God hear? I have heard, both from the Lace Factory and from some others, of our people, that instead of praying, they talk against Voliva, against the Stores, against Zion, and against this officer and that officer. If people would think that the whole world is dying and the Devil is trying to make you sick, and killing people, and if they would get on their knees and cry unto God, I assure you, in the name of the Most High God, He would answer and send the fire down from above, and you would see the sick raised up and those who are seeking salvation would enter the narrow gate and repent and come home to their God. (Amens.)

Follies to Be Corrected.

How many of our young people are on the broad way to destruction! How many of our young men are out until eleven at night! Young girls of fourteen and fifteen years of age do as they please. Parents do not seem to have any power over them. They sit out there on the Stores steps until eleven o'clock at night. Is that pleasing to God? In Zion City, we have to do as Elijah did. If Dr. Dowie was Elijah the Restorer, then we must destroy every thing that is evil. His ministry was not only the ministry of salvation, but a ministry of destruction to evil. He fought against sin, evil and the Devil, and every thing which was wrong. As long as he was true and faithful to God, God honored him and heard his prayers. When he failed, he was set aside.

Let us take, I say, all this gossip and all this sinfulness down to the little river and kill it. Let us be cleansed from all filthiness and all unrighteousness and go to God and so be right in His sight. (Amens.)

Pray That Sin be Removed.

When Dr. Dowie used to pray with the sick, in his early days, he often said, as he stood upon the platform, "If that man or that woman had known what I prayed in my heart, they would not have asked me to pray for them." When he laid his hands upon the sick and said, "In the name of the Lord Jesus the Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and in accordance with the will of God," he very often said, "O God, in Thy infinite mercy, destroy this scoundrel, take him away to the place where he belongs." That is what he prayed. That is the man of God he was. Did you ever hear that?

I do believe in destroying sin. Elijah destroyed those who were priests of Baal. If we do not stamp out all sin and be clean before our God and Father, and if that gossip will not cease, and as children of Zion and children of God we go to our closets and cry for the sick, I tell you the prayer of Elijah will be, "O God, close up the heavens. Do not let the rain of spiritual blessings come down upon those people until they repent in sackcloth and ashes and face their sins, and make their sins right with their fellowmen, and that prayer will be heard.

Prayer to be Asked For, Given and Answered in Conformity with God's Will.

If you people believe that God has called the General Overseer, if you believe that God has called the Elders, and that what James has said, that when you are sick you should call for the Elders, and that the prayer of faith shall save the sick and raise him up, you must certainly believe also, that God will hear the prayer of His servants when they cry unto Him, "O God, bring this man to repentance or take him away. He is a hindrance to Thy work. Take this Achan and let him be burned and let him be stamped out. Take the whole crowd out of Zion and let Zion be cleansed and free, and let us go forward in the name of Jehovah as the children of God."

Who Can Pray the Prayer of Faith.

When that takes place, then God will once more answer and you do not need to ask, "Who has the power to pray the prayer of faith?" I mean what I say. I have been in Zion since 1890. At that time there was no Zion, but there were Zion meetings. I have seen how God answered. Unless we do the will of our heavenly Father, we can come to these meetings and go through the performance, pray for you, lay hands on you, but God looks into your hearts. The sky may be blue, the sun may be shining in our meetings, it may be so nice, we may feel good and have a blessed time and say, "Well, I have had a good time. It was a good meeting." But if there is sin in your heart, if there is any sin in our ranks, if that gossiping does not cease, if those people do not repent, if we cannot get to the place where we have only five hundred, if need be, of true, consecrated, humble and holy children of God who can pray the prayer of faith, there will be no God in our sky.

The wells of salvation, the river of life will dry up in our meetings. The people wonder and then they talk. When a man comes and says, "Why, I have no confidence any more in this man. I would rather believe what a Deaconess says than what the General Overseer says." Certainly you would. Then when you are sick, you call for the Elder. I tell you we have to do some repenting. You follow Elijah.

After they killed those priests, he ascended again, and you see him there on Carmel's height. He took his mantel over his head and knelt down like Daniel in Babylon. I will tell you how he felt. He repented for his people. O, he felt so sorry. Would God forgive his people? Would God once more accept of their offering? There he cried unto his God.

I believe that from the very depths of his heart he cried unto his God that God would forgive; and if the people will only repent, if they will only come to God, I would be willing to be on my knees day and night in sackcloth and ashes, asking God to forgive everyone, to restore everyone.

God has given His only Begotten Son. Jesus the Christ has shed His blood for every one of you, and we will cry to God that no one may be lost, that all may be restored, that every one may confess, and that we may once more be cleansed in the blood of the Lamb.

My beloved brothers and sisters, when we have our thoughts on Divine things, when our sins are blotted out---and "though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow"---you can draw nigh to your heavenly Father and pray the prayer of faith that shall save the sick.

After Cleansing, Then Come the Blessings.

It was only after Elijah had cleansed Israel and taken away those priests of Baal, that he could ascend to the heights of faith once more and there, alone with his God, cry from the very depths of his heart to the living God to hear and once more be merciful and gracious. God sent down refreshing rains from on High. In my heart I believe that God will bless Zion again as He did in the Wooden Hut. (Amens). I do believe it. I believe the time will come when streams of mercy and love will flow down abundantly upon the parched ground. I believe that God, in His infinite mercy, will send the showers of blessing from on High, but we must do right. Each one must confess.

We have to wash our robes in the blood of the Lamb, and instead of talking about our neighbor-- do you know what battles he has to fight, what sorrows and what cares he has? When I go from house to house, and see you and hear about your sorrows and the battles you have to fight, and the attacks the Devil makes upon you, the sickness, etc., then my heart is bowed down with grief and sorrow. I go to my God and cry unto him, "O God, bless this sister or this brother. Heal them, and grant that this horrible cancer may be destroyed. Grant, O God, that this sickness may be taken away. Grant that this sister may hear again." There are so many burdens to bear. If you

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talk about one another, where is your love and sympathy? Are you one in the Body of Christ? Are you filled with the Spirit of Christ? Paul says, "The Spirit of Christ constraineth us." The Spirit of Christ was love, Divine love. Are you prepared to give your life for your neighbor, or do you begrudge your neighbor a nicer home than you have? Those things must be stamped out.

Zion an Expression of Divine love.

I believe that God has founded Zion. (Amens.) I would be willing to lay down my life for this conviction. The moment I cannot believe any more that God has founded Zion, I will have to step out. If God has founded Zion, when we are trusting in the living God for Salvation, Healing, and keeping, shall He not answer my prayer when I go to the sick and lay my hands upon them?

Why is it that we do not have more healings?

Elder Taylor: We have healings.

Elder Richert: I want more. A man who has seen the healings under Dr. Dowie could not be satisfied with present conditions. If you are satisfied, you are not hungering after righteousness. You are filled and are therefore satisfied. We long to see the sick healed. When I see these sisters here (referring to several sisters in wheel-chairs,) my heart bleeds. I want them to be raised up in the power of the Most High. I want these horrible cancers killed.

Life and Health More Than Raiment and Wealth.

Someone says, "You need beautiful clothes." That is what the Devil said when Zion tried to get as much money as possible. "Get as rich as you can." I said to my wife, before I went to Europe, "If Zion goes on like this, and follows this gospel---to get rich as quickly as you can---Zion will go to the Devil." That is the surest way to the Devil. The Lord Jesus Christ did not have where to lay His head. A follower of the Lord Jesus the Christ cannot touch the people and try to get as much money as he can. It is impossible. The things of this world pass away, but the eternal truths of God, the Word of God, will never pass away.

Undaunted Faith.

Elijah prayed. No answer. He sent his servant and said, You go and see if there is anything coming." No answer. If Elder Taylor is sick, and he calls me and says, "Elder Richert, I do not feel well; you pray for me." I look into my heart and he looks into his heart. We have then done as Elijah did. We believed in the living God. We have repented. We have destroyed every sin in our hearts, and now we pray the prayer of faith. No answer. Now, what shall we do?

Elder Taylor: Pray again.

Elder Richert: "I have done all I could. I do not know why God does not answer. I have made everything right, I am the best man on earth." I was called to a certain person to pray for her. She said, "I have made everything right. I believe God does not do His duty; He does not heal me." She says she has made everything right, and that she is right in the sight of God, but He does not do His duty. Think of that! What shall we do? Elijah prayed again. No answer. Then he bowed down lower and lower and cried unto God. He said to the servant, "You go again and see if there is anything. "Still no answer. The sky is just as blue and there is no answer. He prayed again. He sent that servant seven times, and when he came back the seventh time, he said, "I see a little cloud." For three years and six months they did not see any cloud. "I see a cloud as large as a man's hand."

The faith of Elijah was just as glorious, rising up to the sky. That faith claimed the blessing of God and the promises of Jehovah. He said, "You go and tell Ahab to hurry up, to get home or he will get wet."

All at once the sky was covered and the clouds gathered, the thunder rolled and the lightning flashed. All at once showers of blessing came down abundantly.

Elder Taylor: In God's time.

Elijah was filled with the power of God, and he ran before Ahab a distance of forty-two miles, He ran just as fast as the horses could run.

If you have the power of God in you today, you will not halt any more, but you will run and go in the name of Jesus the Christ, and the way will be clear, and the blessings will come down and the rain will come abundantly and fill every heart with Divine hope and trust and praise and glory to our heavenly Father.

"Pray Without Ceasing."

Elder Taylor: "Men ought always to pray and not to faint."

Always pray. Never faint. When the showers of blessings are coming down, we will see once more the mighty power of God revealed in the salvation of the lost, in the healing of the sick, in the blessing of those who are walking upon the highways of Jehovah and in the keeping of the children of our heavenly Father.

I cannot say very much about healings, myself, in Zion, because God has kept me wonderfully. God has kept me all the time. I have scarcely ever been sick since I have been in Zion. I was always able to conduct my meetings, make my calls—sometimes in Chicago I conducted as many as six to ten meetings a week, may be one hundred fifty to one hundred seventy-five calls a month, and I was happy, too. God kept me in the winter when it was very cold, in the snow; and in the summer in the hot weather. He is the same God. I can today testify to the keeping power of God, and you know, when you look at me, He keeps me well. (Laughter). Although disease has been abroad in Zion City, God has always kept me and supplied a well of salvation for me. The ravens always came and brought bread. So they will. They will supply all our needs.

Burdens for the Sick and Afflicted.

I cannot tell you how my heart is bleeding when I look at the sick. It seems to me that all those I visit who are afflicted are the burden of my prayers, upon my heart. O, my God, grant that every one in Zion may remember the sick. Think of the poor, suffering people. You enjoy health; but they would like to walk. This sister would like to hear again. She has been crying to God. Why do not you help her to fight the battle? This brother told me today, "I do not know what is wrong. I do not know why I am not healed. I would like to be healed and work for Jesus." There are others who would like to be healed. If you are united in the Body of Jesus the Christ, united in one faith, one Spirit, if your sins are destroyed and you are washed in the blood of the Lamb, it will take away every stain and kill the work of the Devil in your heart, and God will answer prayer, and the sick people will be healed.

Shall we say, because God did not answer before, that the teaching of Divine Healing is not true? Let all men be liars, but God be true. (Amens). All those this afternoon who have been healed by Divine power, will you stand to your feet?

[A large number stood.]

If God has healed all you people, can He not heal this grandmother, this sister, this brother, all you people who have come to this Divine Healing meeting? Some are longing to walk. They are crying to the living God. They cannot fight the battle alone. They look to the Elder, but the Elder looks to you. You have to be united. You have to be of one heart and soul. You have to have a strong faith, and you will have to go to your God,

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knowing that the God of Israel is the same God who has healed the sick in the past. The same true, loving Father, who has led you will heal them. Will you not make it a burden of your prayer, instead of talking about things which may not be what you wish, that God may bless, heal and give those people the bodily strength they need; that they may be able to walk again and hear again; the terrible cancers killed; and that we may once more see the power of the living God manifested in Israel. May the fire of the Holy Spirit come down from heaven, and burn out every sin and give life to every believer, and hope to all who are in despair, and faith to every one who is weak, and strengthen the weak hands, and give to all those who are weak in faith grace that they may climb up the steep heights of Carmel and look to their God and claim the promises, so that when they see a cloud as large only as a man's hand, they may hold onto the promises until the heavens are overspread with clouds and the rains and the showers of blessing come down once more and fill Zion with eternal life, joy, and gladness.

A BIBLE STUDY

On the Kingdom of Heaven, or of God

BY O. L. TINDALL.

What Is It?

The Kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. Rom. 14:17.

For the Kingdom of God is not in word, but in power. 1 Cor. 4:20.

Where Is It?

The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Matt. 3:2.

But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the Kingdom of God is come unto you. Matt. 12:28.

Know ye not that the Kingdom of God is nigh at hand? Luke 21:31.

For behold the Kingdom of God is in the midst of you. Luke 17:21.

Conditions of Membership.

Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. John 3:5.

. . . the Kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. Mark 1:15.

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for their's is the Kingdom of Heaven. Matt. 5:3.

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 who is in Heaven. Matt. 7:21.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. Mark 10:15.

No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God. Luke 9:62.

. . . flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. 1 Cor. 15:50

. . . the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God. Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the Kingdom of God. 1 Cor. 6:9,1.

What Does it Cost to Gain It?

The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof, goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. Matt. 13:44.

. . . when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it. Matt. 13:46.

. . . Go sell that thou hast, and give to the poor.

. . . verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. Matt. 19:21,23.

. . . whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be My disciple. Luke 14:33.

It is Small at First, But Grows.

. . . like to a grain of mustard seed . . the least of all seeds; . . becometh a tree. Matt. 13:31,32.

. . Like unto leaven . . hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened. Matt. 13:33.

It is like seed a man sowed on good ground and it grew and brought forth a hundred fold. Matt. 13:3-8.

Parable of the Pounds.

Thy pound hath gained ten pounds. Thy pound hath gained five pounds. Luke 19:16,18.

The Kingdom: How Extended? By Preaching and Work.

And as ye go, preach, saying, The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils. Matt. 10:7:8.

Parable of the Sower.

Sow the good seed, the Word of God. Matt. 13:3,9.

Parable of the Fishermen and Net.

Matt. 13:47.

Parable of the Talents.

Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same and made them other five talents. Matt. 25:14-23.

The Kingdom is Not Yet Perfect.

It has tares among the wheat---"children of the wicked one." Matt. 13:24-28.

It has some bad fish in the net. See Matt. 13:47.

It Will Be Clean and Triumphant.

The tares will be gathered and burned. See Matt. 13:30.

Bad fish will be cast away. See Matt. 13:48.

The wicked husbandmen will be destroyed, and the vineyard given to others. See Luke 20:16.

And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a Kingdom, which shall never be destroyed; . . it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. Dan. 2:44.

The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever. Rev. 11:15.

"And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful Witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the Prince of the kings of the earth. Unto Him that loved us, and washed as from our sins in His own blood,

And hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy."—Psalm 107:2.

"For this purpose the son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the Devil."—1 John 3:8.

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.

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I am the Lord that healeth thee.

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

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The Gospel of the Kingdom

The Faith That Heals the Sick
Why So Many Failures?

BY O. L. TINDALL

MANY people stumble over the many failures of those who pray for the sick and those who are prayed for and do not get the healing. The Word of God says plainly, "The Prayer of Faith *Shall* save the sick." This must be true, and always true. Why, then, are not all healed, and what kind of faith heals the sick? I answer, first, that a general faith does not do it. It must be a particular faith. To say, "Yes, I believe in Divine Healing, and that the Bible is true," is one thing, and to say "Yes, I believe *now* that God will heal me," is quite another. Christ made it personal: "Believest thou that I can do this?" that is, open *your* blind eyes, and more, do you believe that I am willing *now* to do it? The woman said, "If I may but touch his garments I shall be whole."

That was present, particular, personal faith, and not a general one. Until a person has that kind of faith, he need not expect present healing, for it is "according to your faith be it done unto you." Most people do not have this. Many go to the Elders or call the Elders and never expect anything in particular. What they need is to pray, "Lord, increase our Faith," and "Lord, I believe; help Thou mine unbelief."

Some people seem to think that it is repentance that saves and heals them. No, "Thy *faith* hath made thee whole. Repentance is only a preparation to, or for faith. Judas repented, but had no faith; so have many poor sinners repented and never gone any further; so have many saints who are seeking healing.

What about the Elder's faith? Will that save you? No. Two must be agreed as touching anything that they shall ask, before an answer is promised of the Father, said Jesus in His teaching. The sick man and the Elder must be agreed in their faith, both believing for an immediate answer.

How can an Elder know or believe that a person will be now raised up as he prays? He knows there are *certain conditions that must be met* before God can heal the man. Have they been met? The man says they have, and thinks so; but is it *true?* What saith the Word? It is here a man must have help. It is here many are troubled. They dare not say to the impotent man "Stand upright on thy feet" No, for many times it would be presumptuous and would fail. Just here comes to our relief what Paul says on this point: "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities, for we do not know what to pray for as we ought." We do not know whether we can pray absolutely for immediate healing of that man and believe that God will raise him up then and there, and say to him, as Christ did, and as Paul did, "Thou are made whole: arise, take up thy bed, and walk. But the Spirit maketh intercession and knoweth the mind of God the Father. He makes it known unto us. No man can properly pray without the help of the Spirit.

We have a perfect illustration of this point, I think, in the case of the man at Lystra who was impotent in his feet and had never walked. He listened to Paul preach, and Paul, it is said, "steadfastly beholding him, and *perceiving* that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, *Stand upright on thy feet*; and he leaped and walked." Acts 14:8-10.

This shows that the man must have had faith, and Paul had spiritual discernment to see his faith.

We have seen many similar cases in Zion when instantaneous miracles of healing have been wrought, quite equal to the one at Lystra.

I am the Lord; I change not."

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Prayer and Steadfastness in the Work of the Kingdom

An Address Delivered at the Early Morning Meeting, Lord's Day, October 4, 1908, in Shiloh Tabernacle

By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva

Hymn No. 167: "What a friend we have in Jesus" was first sung.

The General Overseer then announced Hymn No. 173:

I have a Savior, He's pleading in glory,
A dear, loving Savior, tho' earth-friends be few;
And now He is watching in tenderness o'er me,
And oh, that my Savior were your Savior, too.

General Overseer: Every individual needs to pray for himself, and stands in need of the earnest prayers of others for himself. What an important place in the Scriptures does prayer occupy! Always, in reading the Gospels, and especially the Gospel according to St. Luke, I am very strongly impressed with the references to the times that the Savior prayed. One time He prayed all night. How often He prayed! You know that Jesus was the Son of man as well as the Son of God, and in the Garden of Gethsemane He prayed. He said, "The Spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." And I always like to sing this hymn, "For you I am praying." When you are praying for a person you are not criticising or finding fault.

The Great Question is, How to Save Men and Establish the Kingdom.

The great question that presents itself to me is how to establish the Kingdom of God and make this work what it ought to be, and at the same time lose none. It is not a very pleasant thing to any man who occupies an office in the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ to contemplate the loss of any; and the great question is how to establish the work, how to maintain it and extend it, and lose none. You remember that Jesus, just before His crucifixion, commented upon the fact that of all those whom God had given to Him he had lost none, save the son of perdition—Judas Iscariot. The ultimatum of all teaching and all preaching and discipline is the salvation of the individual. No greater sorrow can come to one who bears office under God than to feel and to have to say, "Well, he is lost," or "She is lost." What we need in Zion today is more prayer. We need more prayer in private. I am very sure that a good many things that I am having to bear would never come up if we had more prayer in private. Now the time has come when, humanly speaking, I must let up, because I can see that there are enough people still who are not praying---not keeping close to God---to wear a man's life out.

Prayer the Solution of All Difficulties.

The solution of all difficulties is, first of all, private prayer. You go to God in private prayer every day, and pray for your brothers and sisters, and you will not have any time to find fault with them. There will be no place for the spirit of envy and jealousy. You will not have time for criticising them. What God wants is praying men and women; not people who are fault-finders.

Pray in public. Study God's Word, and do not lose sight of the important place that prayer occupies in the Word of God. All great, wonderful and good things that ever have been accomplished have come about through prayer. The one distinguishing characteristic of Dr. Dowie's early ministry was, he was a man of prayer. This work was established through prayer. It was built up through prayer, and it must be saved through prayer. There is no other way.

Let us sing "I have a Savior." That is a beautiful thing to be able to say. When a man can say that from the bottom of his heart, he ought to be very happy. "I have a Savior:" that is a positive declaration; there are no "ifs" about it; it is a positive declaration. "I have a Savior, He's pleading in glory;"- -He is at the right hand of God. He is continuing the work there that He began here.

And now He is watching in tenderness o'er me,
And oh, that my Savior were your Savior too.

Many people find comfort through hearing the Word of God sung as well as through hearing it preached. It does not matter whether the Word of God gets into a man through singing it, through reading it himself, or through hearing it preached. Many people have been melted and brought to God through hearing it sung. It is just as necessary in the house of God that the singing be inspired of the Holy Ghost as that the preaching be inspired of the Holy Ghost. God must be well pleased with all parts of the service.

Study the chorus: First of all, "For you I am praying." What does that letter "f" stand for before the word "Chorus?" That first part must be sung with a great deal of force. What does the letter "p" stand for? It means that the second "For you I am praying" must be sung softly; the next time loud again; and then, as you close the chorus, very softly. I remember that much of my music lessons, if I do not remember any more.

I tell you what I like in singing (of course we are at a disadvantage in this large place), but you can just sing that chorus so as to remind you of the waves of the sea---if you have ever stood on the sea shore and seen the waves coming in. That is what I like to hear---these little, gentle, delicate touches. I do not know what musicians call them, but I can put it in my own way. A man's spirit wells up within him. I remember one man who said, "I like to hear that fellow sing. It comes from his boots." But I like to hear a person sing when it comes from his spirit. When it is simply from the lips it does not amount to anything. What does the Word say? To sing with the spirit and understanding. The mouth, the tongue and the vocal organs are like the strings on a violin. Behind the violin must be the person---the individual, or you would get no music. The same is true of the vocal cords and lungs. They only express what the spirit wants to sing. Preach with the spirit; sing with the spirit; pray with the spirit. Isaiah says, "This people honoreth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me." May God forbid that that should ever be true of us. Let us draw nigh to God with our hearts, and put our hearts into the work.

We will sing the first and last stanzas, and I hope you will sing it well. They are wonderful words, full of meaning, rich in thought and expression. Then we will bow our knees in silent prayer.

The Hymn was then sung.

With heads bowed the congregation then sang, also:

There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus:
No not one; no not one.
None else can heal all our soul's diseases:
No not one; no not one

CHORUS:

Jesus knows all about our struggles;
He will guide till the day is done.
There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus;
No not one; no not one.

A season of quiet, earnest prayer then followed, interspersed with the following beautiful hymns:

"I have heard my Savior calling; I'll go with Him all the way."

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It may not be on the mountain's height,
Nor over the stormy sea;
It may not be at the battle's front,
My Lord may have need of me.
But if, by a still, small voice, He calls,
To paths that I do not know,
I'll answer, Dear Lord, with my hand in Thine,
I'll go, where you want me to go.

CHORUS:

I'll go, where you want me to go, dear Lord;
O'er mountain, and plain, and sea.
I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord;
I'll be, what you want me to be.

Not my own; not my own,
Savior, I belong to Thee.
All I have, and all I hope for,
Thine through all eternity.

General Overseer. We have sung some very beautiful choruses. I remember the first time I ever heard the Consecration Hymn. I remember the first time I ever read it in the Leaves of Healing, and God only knows how many have been blessed through the reading and singing of that Consecration Hymn; and God only knows what it would mean if there were a body of people on this earth who would sing it and live it. It is one thing to sing, "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord," and it is another thing *to go*. It is one thing to say, "I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord," and it is another thing *to say it* when an opportunity is given. "I'll be what you want me to be."

Then that beautiful chorus, "Not my own." I heard that for the first time, Zion, in an officers' meeting.

Not my own; not my own,
Jesus, I belong to Thee.
All I have, and all I hope for,
Thine through all eternity.

I thank my God that I can say from the bottom of my heart that that chorus is true in my life, and I am not afraid, in the name and in the strength of the Lord, to sing those hymns, because, by His grace, I am ready to carry them out. If I were not, I would not sing them.

The Word of God tells us that in the last days they will have a form of godliness but denying the power thereof; and today, for the most part, it is only "a form" of godliness.

Longings For Victories.

There are some tremendous struggles going on in my spirit at the present. I can only stay and go on with the consciousness that God Almighty has put me here and is with me. I can see the great world wide field and the multitudes—the millions—that are in need of the beautiful Gospel of the everlasting Kingdom; and when I read the other day that 15,000 little boys and girls in Chicago went hungry every day—that they go to school without anything to eat, the tears came into my eyes, and I said, "My God, where is Christianity!" How dreadful to think that there are people who are not only rolling in luxury, but wasting millions of dollars worth of God's products, while 15,000 little boys and girls in a land that is called a Christian land, are going to school every day with nothing to eat.

The Unjust and Unmerciful Landlord.

When I read the other day of a rich landlord who served an evictment notice on a poor man who had a wife and little children, my blood boiled. The next to the last day came: they had no money: they had no where to go; and that night in order to get something to eat for his wife and children, he broke into a man's house, and the man shot him three times and killed him; and when the wife stepped into the scantily furnished little home from which they were to be thrown out that evening, she was confronted with the corpse of her husband. The man who shot him did a noble thing, according to the newspapers: he was an intruder. O, I tell you, the wretched system that passes for religion is to blame for that.

An Example of Inequalities.

Deacon Forby was telling us yesterday in the conference of two cases that came under his observation in a western city. In front of a bakery stood a couple of cans of milk. A starving man came along, and he broke through the window of the bakery, and helped himself to bread and cookies and then to the milk. He was arrested and sent to the penitentiary for five years. About the same time a well-to-do respectable (?) man forged a note. He was arrested and sent to prison for twelve months.

Workers Chosen. Their Equipment and Confession.

Now, in keeping with these choruses, I want to read you some passages, and then I have a practical thing to say. Turn first to the tenth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew. I never tire of reading this chapter and the tenth of Luke. One is the story of the sending out of the Twelve Apostles, and the other the story of the sending out of the Seventies.

As I want to read a number of selections, I will have to omit the greater part of the chapter and begin with the 32nd verse.

I am not aware, my brothers and sisters, that the way to Heaven is any different now from what it was then; or that the way to Heaven is any easier now than it was then; or that God has ever changed an iota since those days.

I am not aware that the Devil has changed.

I am not aware that human nature has changed. It is just the same.

Mock Christianity.

I am getting very tired of the "thing" in this world that is labeled Christianity; and for my part I will do what I can to help kill it, and in it's stead to give to the world the genuine Gospel of the Kingdom as taught by Jesus the Christ.

Confessing Christ and the Father Before Men.

After Jesus has given the commission and assigned the field, and told them what they might expect, He says:

Whosoever, therefore, shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before My Father who is in Heaven.

There is a world of meaning in that sentence. It does not mean much today to the average Church member to confess Christ, because they know practically nothing about Christ, and they are so linked up with the things of this world and so much a part of the warp and woof of the present iniquitous order of things, that it is never a very difficult matter for them to parade whatever little false religion they have. It means just as much to confess Christ today, properly, as it meant then. We have religion in theory, plenty of it; but religion in practice, there is precious little of it.

I want you to follow me very closely because I am going to ask you some questions. You have to decide these questions as well as myself.

Confess Jesus the Christ as the Healer, and what does that mean? Well, it means to be laughed at; to be called a fool; to be threatened with imprisonment; and so on and so forth.

Some have stood nobly; some have not. Same have failed. I am willing for anybody to take my record in Australia and say whether I ever compromised one iota, or whether I stood up boldly for Divine Healing, as boldly as I ever have in Zion City. and defied them, and gave them to understand that I would go to jail;that I would be burned at the stake, before I would deny my Lord and Savior. It is a very serious thing to deny Jesus Christ and to want to come to Zion City through fear.

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HEADQUARTERS OFFICES OF THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH IN ZION, CITY HALL BUILDING, ZION CITY, ILLINOIS, U. S. A., January 14, 1908.

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! Psalm 133:1

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word;

That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me. John 17:20, 21.

Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing. 1 Cor. 1:10.

The above passages of Scripture present to us:

First: A simple statement of a sublime truth.

Second: An important part of the supreme prayer of Jesus the Christ.

Third: An earnest entreaty to the Church at Corinth---a burning exhortation, that has come ringing down through the centuries to one and all who have named the name of Jesus.

You will observe that there is no reference in the statement, the prayer, or the exhortation, either immediate or remote, direct or indirect, to the possibility of any union or fellowship between the sons of God and the sons of the Devil.

In the statement, it is "brethren who dwell together in unity."

In the prayer, it is believers in Jesus the Christ.

In the exhortation, it is the members of the "Church of God which is at Corinth."

The Word of God draws very sharply the line of distinction between the righteous and the wicked, the Kingdom of God and the kingdom of the Devil.

Moses said, when the Children of Israel apostatized and went into idolatry, "Who is on the Lord's side?"

Joshua said, "Choose you this day whom you will serve."

Elijah said, "How long halt ye between two opinions?"

Jesus said, "He that is not for Me is against Me."

Paul said, "What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?"

"What communion hath light with darkness?"

"What concord hath Christ with Belial?"

"What part hath he that believeth with an infidel?"

"What agreement hath the temple of God with idols?"

There is a vast difference between divisions among brethren, and the division between Christians and sinners.

The preceding Notes I have dictated to prepare your minds and hearts, and to pave the way for the emphatic statement:

ZION IS NOT DIVIDED. ZION IS UNITED.

There exists today sweet Christian fellowship among Zion people in Zion City, and with Zion people everywhere throughout the world.

There are divisions in Zion City, but these divisions are of God, who, in His own way, has separated those who are not Zion from those who are Zion.

Paul says, in writing to the Church at Corinth:

"For there must be also heresies among you, that they who are approved may be made manifest among you."

I have been repeatedly asked to unite with others in earnestly praying that Zion City might be united, but I have always refused to respond to the request for the simple reason that Zion is not divided, except from the world, the flesh and the Devil, and I do not care to effect any union with them, but to overcome them by the grace of God.

The Zion People in Zion City worship in Shiloh Tabernacle. The Zion traitors, haters and would-be destroyers, in little guerilla bands, meet everywhere they can, and bite and devour each other.

Poor Bryant came all the way from South Africa as the Apostle (?) of Unity, the Devil having deceived him into thinking he was something when he is nothing (except in his proper place), and in making him believe that he could unite into one body individuals who were at sixes and sevens with each other, and united on one thing only, viz., How to down Voliva.

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He found John A. Lewis with a little company of people apparently living in harmony, and before many weeks, he had succeeded in splitting them into four parties.

He found the Parhamites, or the crazy so-called Gift of Tongues people, apparently getting along with some harmony, and ere long he split them into nine parties.

Poor man! He himself has been astride the fence, under the fence, through the fence, and on both sides of the fence, and the Lord only knows where he is now.

A man who recently attended a number of the different meetings in Zion City said to me, after attending the meetings at Shiloh Tabernacle, "It is easy enough for any one to see where Zion is, and there is no doubt that you are the one man who represents Zion, the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion; it is to be found nowhere else."

Jesus the Christ likens the Church to the human body, which consists of many members.

Suppose the little finger should say to the head, "I do not propose to be under your direction any longer. I am going to separate and go off on my own."

Suppose the left ear, hearing the remarks of the little finger, does likewise, and then one of the toes joins in the schism, and these three members, each having separated from the body, attempt to go their own ways.

After a short period of time, the finger begins to realize that he cannot get along very well separated from the body, and then later the ear realizes the same, and still later the toe, and then each of these members addresses a communication to the head recommending a prayer meeting that unity may obtain, and asks the head to come over and join with them in praying for the destruction of the conditions existing, and for unity in the body.

Do you not think it would be perfectly right and proper for the head to reply, "You separated in a spirit of rebellion, and now, if you want to be a part of the body, all you need to do is to repent of your conduct, return, and ask forgiveness, and take your proper places?"

Of course, the head may receive some communications which demand careful investigation as to whether they are from a finger, an ear, or simply from some corn or bunion, and most surely, when corns and bunions have once been separated from the body, it would be very foolish for the head ever to want them to return and unite.

I am satisfied that some who have stepped aside from Zion's pathway may be fingers, ears, or toes, and I am also fully satisfied that some of them are nothing more nor less than corns, bunions and warts who attached themselves to the Zion Movement for the sake of the loaves and fishes, or interest and dividends, and prospective fat jobs.

Let no one be worried for a single moment concerning the situation in Zion City. God's hand is over all, and in His own time you will see the Zion Movement standing ready, purified, and equipped for the greatest fight ever waged against the world, the flesh and the Devil by any body of people under the leadership of Jesus the Christ.

There is, and can be, no question as to Zion's teaching. Zion is a Theocracy. Democrats, Republicans, as such, have no place in her ranks.

The rule of man must give way to the rule of God.

Zion must go forward, fully realizing that the time is approaching when "the kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ."

FIGHT!

The mere mention of the word "Fight" causes a shudder to run through milk-and-water, wishy-washy, good-for-nothing, putty, soft-soap, jelly-fish, backboneless monstrosities who, in soft, sweet, nauseating tones, proclaim themselves lovely.

Men and women can go to hell on "flowery beds of ease."

Men and women can never go to heaven on "flowery beds of ease."

God is at war with all evil.

Zion is at war with all evil.

How many have been deceived, side-tracked and wrecked by the silly cry "He is too harsh?" May God help Zion everywhere to catch the spirit of the Prophets and the Apostles!

How many you will hear say, "O I am tired of this fighting." Thanks be unto God, I am not tired of this fighting, but I enjoy it, and by the grace of God I intend to fight as long as there is breath in my body, or just so long as there is one person in rebellion against God.

Listen to John the Baptist: (?)

"Oh ye dear, darling, beloved Pharisees and Sadducees! I am so happy to see you, and to enjoy sweet fellowship with you. You have certainly bestowed a great honor upon me by coming to my service. I do trust nothing has been said to hurt your feelings, for I believe in being charitable, and allowing others to think for themselves, and therefore I would not, for anything in the world, say anything that could reflect upon either your theories, or your practices."

No, indeed, John the Baptist said:

"O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

Jesus the Christ said to the Scribes and Pharisees: "Hypocrites, whited sepulchres, serpents, generation of vipers."

Paul said: "Thou child of the Devil. Thou enemy of all righteousness."

Jesus said: "For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie."

These are days like the days of Noah.

These are days like the days of Sodom and Gomorrah.

These are days when evil men wax worse and worse.

These are days when Zion must cry aloud and spare not.

Oh Zion in the strength of the Most High God, smite the apostate churches.

Oh Zion, smite the accursed liquor traffic.

Oh Zion, smite the accursed drug traffic.

Oh Zion, smite tobacco, and by wielding the Sword of the Spirit, cause smokers, chewers and spewers to realize how dirty, filthy and stinking they are, dirtier than dogs, dirtier than hogs —filthy human skunks that they are, destroying not only their own lives, but the lives of their wives and their children.

Oh Zion, smite secretism.

Oh Zion, smite dishonesty.

Oh Zion, smite every sin in the catalogue, and let us fight for the destruction of the Devil's kingdom, and for the establishment of the Kingdom of God our Heavenly Father.

The present fight between the sons of God and the powers of darkness centers in and around Zion City.

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Who shall have the victory, God or the Devil?

In the name of the Most High God, whose I am, and whom I serve, I defy the whole outfit who are fighting for Zion City's destruction.

Let every Zion heart throughout the world be set on fire, and let one and all cry with tears day and night that God will drive out the powers of darkness, and set His people free, and redeem Zion City for Himself and for Zion people.

You can pray.

You can pay your tithes.

You can give your offerings.

You can support LEAVES OF HEALING and THE ZION HERALD.

You can pray that God will open the eyes of the investors that they may take their interests out of the hands of Zion traitors, haters and would-be destroyers.

How often John Alexander Dowie used to cry to Zion:

"Lift your heads, ye sons of light;
Zion City is in sight.

Today, let the cry go forth,

Lift your heads, ye sons of light;
The redemption of Zion City is in sight.

God only knows what John Alexander Dowie went through in order to establish the City, and God only knows what must be gone through in order to save the City from the Devil's foul hand of destruction.

You cowards! who have run away, and have withheld your tithes and your offerings, your words of sympathy, love and confidence.

May God smite you with deep conviction, and bring you to repentance. Unless you do repent, and that speedily, you will soon cry for the rocks and mountains to hide the face of God from you.

Zion's ministry is a world-wide ministry.

Zion realizes that the day is drawing to its close, and the night is approaching, and she wants to proclaim the Everlasting Gospel of the Kingdom of God to earth's remotest bounds.

Let one and all be sssured that, as Zion's leader under God and His dearly beloved Son, Jesus the Christ, I have taken my stand, and there, by the grace of God, I shall stand.

My eyes are upon God and not upon man, and God helping me, I shall do right if I have to stand, humanly speaking, alone.

There is one course, and absolutely one course open before those who have gone away from Zion, and that course is to repent, acknowledge that they were tricked by the Devil, apply for fellowship, and be willing to take the humble place assigned to them.

I say to Zion in all the world, GO FORWARD. Stand by Zion at headquarters. Do not permit self-appointed leaders, who have no authority from myself as General Overseer, to persuade you to send your tithes to them, but send your tithes and offerings straight to headquarters, where they will be used in the proper way for the extension of God's Kingdom.

The Zion Movement will have a Theocratic form of government, and I shall never vary an iota from my present position.

The cry of the "one-man-rule" is the cry of the Devil, taken up by envious, jealous, narrow persons who are longing for places and positions for which they are in no sense fitted, and for which God, by His Holy Spirit, has never called them.

If John Alexander Dowie, who for many years was greatly used of God, had controlled his family instead of permitting them to control him, and had exercised strict economy in handling the finances of Zion, there would have been very little in his work to criticise.

Leaders in God's Israel are seldom side-tracked by outside people. Their worst enemies are often supposedly their best friends.

I give God all the glory, for it is He who has taken care of Zion, but I humbly, and without hesitancy say that had He not enabled me to stand for Zion principles and truths, then, today, there would be no Zion Movement on the earth.

Shame on those who have gone away?

I am impressed that the time has come to go straight for the individuals in all parts of the world who have at any time been connected with the Zion Movement, and say unto them, one and all, "If there is a spark of Zion in your hearts, take your stand. Be men and women of principle, and then, in the Day of Judgment, you will not need to be ashamed."

God bless Zion in all parts of the world!

Morning, noon and night I pray, "God bless Zion everywhere, and give victory over all opposition."

Pray! Work! Wait! Watch!

Again I exhort you one and all to pray.

WATCH YE, THEREFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in 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 alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

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Prayer and Steadfastness in the Work of the Kingdom

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Jesus Christ is in Europe as well as here, and He is in Africa. Compromises are dangerous and destructive. You will never get an answer to prayer where you compromise. Never. There are many people in Zion City for whom I tremble: and the way they are living, when the Devil strikes them there will be no answer to prayer. The Heavens will be as brass.

Divine Healing Ought to Keep Men Near to God.

I have often said that Divine Healing ought to keep a man closer to God than anything else; and the great question that I am beginning to ask in the great struggle that I am passing through is, How many people in Zion City are here from principle and for principle, and how many are here for something else? A man or woman will be of no use in this organization who is not a man or woman of principle. A man or woman of principle will go to the stake for principle's sake.

To Deny the Christ Fixes Doom.

To deny the Son of God settles it. He will deny you. He will not own you. You must confess Him if you die for it; and the man who goes with the crowd is unwise; the crowd will go to Hell; and, as in the days of Noah, they have crowded God out of all their thoughts and plans, and from morning to night God never enters their thoughts. They are "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." Confess Christ everywhere; it is a tangible, material, literal thing.

Men and women will stand up and say "religion and business will not mix," while all God has to say is that a man who will deny the Son of God in his business or in his politics, Christ will deny him. That is one thing certain.

A man can deny Christ with his mouth closed. He does not have to speak it in so many words.

Christ Came to Send a Sword.

Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.

The Christian religion has nothing in common with the systems and governments of men. Absolutely nothing. The Christian religion is a revolutionary movement, and it means the overturning and destruction of every plan and purpose of man and the establishing of the plans and purposes of God the Almighty.

There were many things in Dr. Dowie's ministry that were truly remarkable. What the seed that he sowed will develop into, time will tell.

Peace Obtained Only By Obedience.

For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.

Some people are always wanting peace and love. Yes, you can have peace with the Devil by letting him have his own way, can't you? And you can have peace with naughty people by letting them have their own way. You can have peace with a bad boy or a bad girl by letting them do as they please.

Sure Destruction Out of God's Way.

Poor Bryant, hemmed in now by the Parhamites, told them last Sunday that if it had not been for Voliva and his unholy course everybody in Zion City would have been lovely today and all standing together. Well, what about his course? He has about run his course and is very close to the pit. They are going to land in the pit; and very shortly too, because they are not in God's way.

I will guarantee that Overseer Voliva's unholy (?) course will bring out of this thing a remnant of true people that have the love of God in their hearts, and the sifting process is not over yet. It has only begun, and when I get the men and women of principle rallied, there will be a people that God can use. Now I want you not only to listen but to do some good hard thinking.

It is not worth while to talk without thinking. I am leading up to this question that has got to be settled. It is a question some people have got to settle:

IS A ZION COMMUNITY POSSIBLE?

That is the question that has to be answered. That is the question I put to these four men yesterday morning. Is a Zion community possible? If it is not, why then, we are a lot of fools to be trying to save this place or talk about a Zion community.

How many of you people came into Zion before Zion City was ever established? (A large number arose.)

Well, a lot of you came in after it was established.

Then you did not come into Zion for Zion City. Well, you are fortunate. I think I can do something with you people. I might be able, God helping me, to do something with those who came in after the founding of Zion City, but the people who came into this movement before Zion City ever started, I think there is very good hope of them; because a greater blunder never was made than to confound Zion City and the Zion Movement. Zion City to the Zion Movement is just what this coat is to my body. I can throw this coat away, but I have still the body. Zion City might perish tomorrow, but we have still the Zion Movement.

No Peace When There Is Sin Present.

The worst thing, my brothers and sisters, we could have in Zion City would be peace. There is not anything that could be worse than to have peace in this city. God forbid! That is where people are tricked of the Devil. As long as there is one iota of the Devil in this city, God forbid that there ever should be peace. Is that sound teaching? Sound doctrine?

I am at war with all error.

I am at war with everything that opposes the Kingdom of God; and I want no peace with them, and I do not intend to have any.

The prophet said they will cry "Peace! Peace! when there is no peace."

When God Almighty calls upon a man to stand, he must stand, no matter what father or mother, brother or sister, uncle or aunt or cousin may say. Take your stand for God and Zion and never compromise. There is no half-way business about it.

Why Prayer Not Answered.

I can see many hindrances to answer to prayer. It is no wonder that prayer is not answered. I do not think these officers are perfect, but I have been out making some sick calls myself, and I am not surprised that their prayers are not answered. I tell you, my brothers and sisters, we have got to get down to business; and either God wants a Zion community, and it is a part of His plan, or He does not. I want to help you see some things.

He that loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

What a foolish thing to allow father or mother to come in between you and your God.

In Zion For Principle's Sake.

I did not come into Zion because somebody else did. Some people have come in because certain relatives came in. When

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the relatives go out they go, too. Where is the principle? I came into Zion for principle's sake.

For what did many people come in? If a man has discovered that the principles were false, there might be some reason for him to change his position; but they all say, do they not, "We are for Zion?" Yes . . Zion. Well, what is a Zion man? A Zion man is a man against everything in the World; that is a Zion man. That is about as good a definition as I can give. A Zion man is a Kingdom of God man. I want to tell you that the kingdoms of this world—the republics of this world—have not anything in common with the Kingdom of God. Therefore, you are against them. All of them have to perish and go under. Then there is a chance for a Zion settlement.

I hope you are thinking. I want you to think. Do not ask me to decide everything for you. Think for yourselves.

Serve God and His Son Christ Jesus First.

Notice: When it comes to choosing between Jesus Christ and father and mother, it is Christ, is it not? When it comes to a choice between Jesus Christ and your son and daughter, it must be Jesus Christ.

And he that taketh not his cross and followeth after me is not worthy of me.

He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for My sake, shall find it."

The average Church member knows just about as much about this verse as a new-born baby knows about Greek; and the whole thing makes a man who is thoroughly alive to God sick when he looks at it; and when I hear preachers read it, it always disgusts me, because they are mouthing something they do not know anything on earth about. It is hypocrisy of the rankest type. Talk to me about a preacher who draws a fine salary of $6,000 to $8,000 a year and has everything that he wants in the way of luxury; what does he know about it. He is only a minister to a fashionable club of hypocrites. But then, you know some people have said, "Zion is too hard on the Churches!" And that was said from this platform a few months before I got back here. Do you remember an Overseer's face when I took that matter up from the platform? It turned as red as a beet. If we are living in the last days of the Gospel age, then God Almighty has spewed the Churches out of His mouth. That is the only consistent thing.

Will Christ be Followed? Will Zion be Built Up?

Look at the ninth chapter of Luke.

I am going to call upon you people to decide this question as to whether a Zion community ought to be established—whether it can be, and then, if you say yes, I think I can accomplish some things that I cannot accomplish now. If you say yes, then your lives will have to conform with that answer.

Let us look at the 57th verse. The Bible is not a little toy to play with and dangle around. It is something to be lived, and we should have only one purpose—to devote our life to the practice of the principles and tenets of the Kingdom of God.

The Religious World Dead in Cold Formalism.

The religion that the world has is up yonder in the air, and they are quite satisfied as long as it does not touch their business or politics, or home life, or interfere with them; and when you bring them the Zion message they cry, "You let us alone!" That is what the Devil said to Christ; and that is what people say today: "Let us alone! What does it matter about fifteen thousand children in Chicago starving to death; that is not our concern." They go up to a beautifully furnished Church and spend half an hour, and what does it matter? Ah, that is the question.

"And it came to pass,"—now I am not responsible for this. There is no use to get mad at me. This is a statute that I, as the minister of God, am called upon to enforce.

Will Christians Do As Commanded.

And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto Him, Lord, I will follow Thee withersoever Thou goest.

Now that is a very easy thing to say. It is just as easy to say as, "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord; I'll say what you want me to say." Suppose God Almighty, by the Holy Ghost should call upon you to go into some Heathen land; what would you think about that? The man who sings that, he has got to be prepared to follow the Holy Ghost wherever He calls him. That is what that man has got to be prepared to do. Did you ever hear an audience sing, "I surrender all to Thee." Yes; I have heard it sung by a lot of hypocrites and liars.

I remember a Church I used to go to when a boy, and they used to sing very often, "Lord, I care not for riches, neither silver nor gold." That was the Church where there was an old fellow of immense wealth who would give seven dollars a year to the Church. It was the richest Church in the County, and yet it paid the preacher only $240 a year, and they had hard work to raise that. They had a membership of between two and three hundred, and there were men in that Church who owned six thousand acres of prairie land. Yet they would sing that hymn, "Lord I care not for riches," when money was their god. The fact of the matter is that money is the god of ninety-nine out of every hundred.

What It Means To Be A Disciple.

After we determine whether a Zion community is according to God's plan, and possible, then we are going to go to work to dissect this thing to find out where the trouble is. You can say, "Well, Dr. Dowie did this, that, and the other thing." Yes; but Zion, there were others who had something to do with it. Can a man fix a watch until he finds out what is the matter with it. I am determined to find out what is the matter.

And Jesus said unto him, the foxes have holes—

How often Jesus mentioned the animals.

And Jesus said unto him, the foxes have holes, the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.

He was poorer than the foxes and the birds.

I wonder what that man thought. Then he was not so jubilant about following whithersoever He went, was he. There is the meaning of discipleship. Jesus came to establish the Kingdom of God. When He went away He left it in the hands of the Apostles, and they made a fair beginning; and I believe that Dr. Dowie stood in such relation to God that he could have done more even than the apostles did if he had only measured up to it. It is easy enough to talk about measuring up; it is easy enough to talk about following the Voice of a Vision, but when it comes right down to actually following there is where the trouble comes. He had the vision all right, but he never followed it. He was afraid to face it; he sidetracked. One of the rashest things he ever did, one of the things that caused the most misery, was his false teaching---"Get rich as fast as you can." Wherever people obey that exhortation they start on the straight road to hell. That is the plain word of God.

And He said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the Kingdom of God.

There is a verse that is deep enough to keep you busy the rest of your lives. You get a glimpse there of what it means to be a disciple; and you can see how far short we fall; and you can get some idea of the spiritual condition of this people, can you not?

And another also said, Lord, I will follow Thee: but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.

And Jesus said unto him, No man having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God.

Those are very strong statements, and they give you an idea of what it means to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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The Gospel of the Kingdom

"The Spirit Also Helpeth Our Infirmities"

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THAT is a great truth for Christians to think about. What a comfort to know this. If we knew how to avail ourselves of this help, more and better work would be done, and less blunders and mistakes would be made by God's people. How few people realize this privilege.

How many are like little Samuel. When the Lork spoke to him, he thought it was Eli the priest. It is a great thing for a man to know the voice of the Spirit of God. There are other spirits calling men also. They often imitate and counterfeit the Spirit of God, and so deceive good-meaning people and cause them to follow strange voices.

God has always had a way of directing His people. He spake to Moses. How often is it written, and "the Lord spake unto Moses," saying. Just think how many things He told him to do. His directions to Moses were not confined to any one line of life. He gave him directions about all the affairs of His people, secular, as we call them, sanitary, business, social, political, domestic, educational, legal and ecclesiastical—not much theological, theoretical, or philosophical. Now-a-days, men seem to think that God is only interested in the theoretical, and so-called theological. Hence the kind of preaching we hear, and the cry of hypocrites who do not want God to have any hand in their every-day affairs of business, politics, etc.

They admit that Holy men of old spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost, and that the Bible was given by Inspiration of God, but that it stopped with that.

My text, if I may so call it, teaches that the Spirit has a great mission among men yet; and more, it is not confined to apostles or prophets or holy men of old, simply.

When it says "The Spirit helpeth our infirmities," it covers an immense field, as anyone will readily discern when he goes into the subject of "our infirmities."

They begin with our birth and only end with our demise, if then. Infirmities physical, infirmities mental, infirmities spiritual, infirmities to right of you, infirmities to left of you, infirmities behind you, etc., etc. Infirmities in all the walks of life. O how infirm and weak and imperfect is man!

"I have seen the end of all perfection," said the Psalmist.

Does the declaration of the Apostle mean that the Spirit will help us in all these infirmities? I answer "Yes." Does not the good Word declare that "He is a present help in every time of need?" How strange that Christians would ever want to rule God out of the walks of life! You say, "I am guided by my reason, or by wise men, or even by the "Bible." None of these are sufficient alone without the help of the Spirit. He was given to supplement all these. Even the written Word does not go into the details of life and give minute directions for my every-day life. It gives the rules of life, and so is the man of our counsel and, as it says, "a lamp to our feet;" for example, when Paul came down to Troas he assayed to go into Asia to preach, but was prevented by the Spirit. He could not find in the Bible a solution of that question where he was to preach. No man could tell him, nor could his reason, only a revelation from God. There are many things in life that can be determined only by the Spirit.

The Spirit had to direct Philip to leave Samaria and go on

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the way to the South to meet that Eunuch for which God had a special message.

It was the Holy Spirit that had to point out to the teachers and prophets the men that God wanted to go on His mission when they selected Barnabas and Saul and made them Apostles.

What bungling work we would make in God's service if the Holy Spirit did not help us. Yes; but it is not confined to selecting Apostles or making Elders and Overseers of the flock that we need the help of the Spirit. We need Him, as Jesus indicated, when we go into court and are taken before the magistrates. Think of the Holy Spirit playing the advocate or lawyer in a modern Chicago Court-room! But it is verily true. The Master said, "Take no thought (or anxiety) what you should say, for the Holy Spirit would be mouth and wisdom to you and give you the right words, and such as they could not gainsay." I wonder how many lawyers today ever think of that when they go into court with their wicked pleas for iniquity. Lawyers need the Holy Spirit. But I am afraid He would spoil the business of most of them.

The Holy Spirit Senior Partner in Business.

James says a man has no right to say he would go to such a city and buy and sell there for a year without first finding out what the Lord's will was concerning it. [Read James 4:15.]

If men would follow that rule we would not need be concerned about the business of Zion City, for God would not send these devils here to buy and sell, and curse our beautiful city with their iniquitous business systems. He would have none but Zion men—men who pray over their business.

How did Paul know how to manage in regard to the voyage to Rome when they got into that awful storm and ship-wreck? How dared he, a prisoner on board, presume to give directions to the captains and centurions and ship-masters?

How could he tell them when to sail, and where to winter with their crew? How came he to stand up in the midst of the darkness and gloom and dispair and tell them to be of good cheer; that not a hair of any of them would be injured, when the rest of them had lost all hope of ever seeing land again? Why, it was revealed unto him, from Him who rules the storms.

The Spirit Helps in Prayer.

"We know not what to pray for as we ought." "Lord, teach us to pray" cried the disciples unto the Master. So say we yet. "Teach us to pray." Here comes the Holy Spirit, to do His most important work—to help us to pray. There would not be so many fruitless prayers if we remembered that the Spirit indited true petitions. "He maketh intercessions." He knoweth the mind of Him who searcheth the hearts of men, and He knoweth what is the will of God. He leads a man to ask according to the will of God. Then we are told that we shall receive if we ask anything "according to His will." A most important thing for Christians to study and consider. A man should not pray at random, hit or miss, and for everything that he may think of.

How would Elijah dare to pray for the heavens to be shut up for three years, had not that prayer been inspired of God's spirit? How could Moses pray for the plague of lice, and frogs, and murrain and locusts, etc., unless those prayers had been inspired of God? How could Paul pray for blindness to smite the sorcerer, unless he had been led to so by the Spirit? It is said, "Saul or Paul, being full of the Holy Ghost," said unto him so and so.

How can a man pray intelligently or acceptably to God unless he has the Spirit to teach him?

What kind of a preacher is a man who depends only on his own wisdom? Paul said he preached in "the demonstration of the Spirit," and of course, "with power."

That is what gives power to a sermon, or message, or witnessing. "Ye shall be witnesses after the Holy Ghost has come upon you," said the Christ.

How much could be said on that subject!

"The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities"—

Prayer and Steadfastness in the Work of the Kingdom

An Address Delivered at the Early Morning Meeting, Lord's Day, October 4, 1908, in Shiloh Tabernacle

By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva

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Lusting for Things of the World.

I hear men around this town say, "Well, we have got to furnish entertainment of some kind for the young people so that they will not go to Waukegan,"---In other words, the way to keep a man from drinking whisky is to bring the whisky home and give it to him! That is logical. Very logical. The young people of Zion City---some of them---are not a whit better than the young people of the world. They will not stay at home fifteen minutes. They swallow their supper and are off.

Elders Not Permitted to Unite in Marriage Non-Christians.

I want to say this to you officers: That you will not be permitted as ministers in this Church to marry anybody except those whom you know are Christians. You will not be allowed to marry any couple unless they are a son and daughter of God. We have not any right to join the Devil's children nor have anything to do with their offspring. I do not purpose to do it.

Restore the Home to God.

The restoration of the home, that is the first thing, and if you cannot have true homes you will never have true anything. A mother told me the other day that one of her own children was never at home before ten and eleven o'clock at night, and that is in Zion City. It is running after the things of this world —after pleasure. We have people in Zion City that, if they could not hang around near Chicago, would go to Hell. They just imagine that if they cannot keep somewhere near Chicago, they would not want to go to Heaven. Well now, except for doing God's work, I would never want to go near Chicago. I feel for Chicago just as Lot felt over Sodom and Gomorrah.

The young people of Zion will have to find their enjoyment in serving God. I tell you there is something radically wrong with sons and daughters who are never content at home with father and mother. I am going to diagnose this case.

Foundations Examined.

What is there in the foundation of this City that is not right?

I asked these brethren this question yesterday morning: If the whole earth were swept clean of all the present order, and God Almighty put it in your hands to reconstruct it, how would you go about it? They did not know. I think they would make a pretty bad mess out of it.

We know the details of the arrangement of this community. Why, of course, if I asked you if a Zion community is desirable, you would all say, "Yes;" and thousands of people not in this movement would say, "Yes, a community inhabited by Christian people, wanting to serve God, and keeping out the vices of

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the world, is certainly a very desirable thing." But, IS IT POSSIBLE? I want you to show me.

We have arrived at the meaning of good discipleship, and I want to read in the Sermon on the Mount a little.

Treasures to be in Heaven.

Ths nineteenth verse of the sixth chapter of Matthew is one of the most wonderful statements ever made, and it is a statement violated by almost every Church member in Christendom; and I would just like to know how many people that came into this community, or into the Zion Movement, have any real, true conception of the force of what Jesus Christ said and what He means by it. The majority of the people you meet have only one thing to think about, and that is hoarding money. They will point to a bank account with the same pride that a little boy will point to his red express wagon. I believe the Word of God: that they are hoarding up treasures for the last days when they will throw their gold and silver to the bats. We can never found a Zion community with people who violate the Word of God. Jesus said:

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth where moth and rust doth corrupt and where thieves break through and steal."

Nearly all that the people think about is laying up money. That is almost their sole thought. I want to know if a Zion community is possible, and if so, how are we going to establish it.

Earthly Treasures Make Trouble.

Your treasures in Heaven do not bother you, but your treasures on earth give you a tremendous lot of trouble. How many sleepless nights have your treasures on earth given you? Money will make a man insane.

I had a letter the other day from a man in New York who has a few hundred dollars invested in Lace Stock. The thought of having lost this, he said, was enough to make a man curse God Almighty. We should have no troubles like that; none whatever. Such people deserve to worry.

Everything today is steeped with commercialism, is it not? Things are fixed up and put on the market, because people need them, is that it? Because they are necessary for them? Because they furnish nourishment for the body and are for the honor and glory of God? No; *because there is MONEY in it.* The day is coming when Zion will have to throw all that kind of thing off, and the spirit of commercialism has got to go. We must get on the Kingdom of God basis. When people get on a common-sense basis, then one hundred and one troubles will be removed. What does that mean? You take every last trouble in Zion, and I will trace it directly or indirectly to money. There is not a case we have before us for adjustment that is not traceable directly or indirectly to money. Money is involved somewhere.

How Lay Up Treasures in Heaven.

How does a man lay up treasures in Heaven? If I find a poor little street urchin, (to illustrate that,) who never went to a Bible class, and never went to Church, who was brought up in vice, and I take that little dirty street urchin and put him into a good Zion home, educate him and make a lovely Christian character of him, what is that? Suppose that Zion spent $500 dollars in developing that jewel; what is that? A treasure for eternity. But if you take that $500, gloat over it and stick it in the bank, when the bank goes under you lose it, and then you moan and groan.

I tell you that we have people who are lovely people in many respects that love money better than a baby loves milk. Some of them are here this morning. Money! They love money. What a fool a man is that loves money instead of loving his God.

Life Shortened by Greed.

Why do farmers kill themselves? To furnish the necessaries of life for themselves and families? No; *to make money.* They will go out and sit on the fence waiting for daylight, and work as long as it is light. A farmer may have 300 acres of land, but he will work and work and try to get 200 acres more. Why? To do good? To extend the Kingdom of God? No; to say, "*I* own 500 acres," when he does not own a foot. Dr. Dowie was right when he said, "It will own you. It will fill your ears and mouth. You do not own a foot of it." There is not a man in this house who owns a foot of ground. God Almighty owns it. You did not bring it with you, and you cannot take it away when you go.

Zion in Fact, Not in Name.

I want to tell you, the thing I am getting at is, what is the matter with this community; and where is the trouble, and how to go about to save it; and, if it cannot be saved, how to establish a community that could be maintained. That is what I would like to have you answer. I would just like to see how you would establish such a community. I will give you a chance. We will get out the blackboard, and you can show us what is the cause of all the trouble.

Here we are in this community. We have some people in here that are as mean as the Devil. There are about 25 little guerrilla meetings going on to-day. The Lewis people are split into three now, and there is not much to any of them. The Parhamites have twenty-five or thirty divisions. I understand now that some of them have gotten back to "the Adamic condition." They will probably be going around without any clothes on, shortly. That is about what that accursed, demoniacle stuff leads to. "But if Voliva had only pursued a different course everybody would have been in line perfectly lovely," and all of them would have had Zion on a little piece of pasteboard there. Well, we do not want Zion on a piece of pasteboard. We want Zion stamped on the forehead by the Holy Spirit. We want Zion down deep in the hearts of the people. We have to have it there.

Self to be Subordinated to the Kingdom.

Lay not up for *yourselves treasures* on earth." That is the Sermon on the Mount. We can never establish a Zion Community with a lot of people who are all the time thinking of hoarding up money—accumulating money.

God and Mammon Cannot Both be Served.

"But lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body will 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 that darkness!"

If you have an eye on Mammon and try to have an eye on God at the same time, it is double and you are full of darkness. Here is an axiomatic truth—a truth that cannot be made any plainer by demonstration.

You cannot serve God and Mammon—God and the world at the same time. There are a lot of people in Zion City—and they are in this Tabernacle, too—who are spending their time trying to serve God and Mammon at the same time. You cannot do it. I tell you, the way things were going for some time here, it was principally Mammon: high salaries, fine clothes, fine furniture, and God's servants rolling in luxury, while the masses of the people were almost starving. Do you call that the Kingdom of God? I call it Hell, and a trick of the Devil.

Let Thought and Service be Godward, Not Upon Food and Clothing.

Therefore I say unto you, take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink.

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.
PATIENCE
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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General Overseer's Notes

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FAITH!
FIGHT!
OVERCOME!

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Heb. 11:1.

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Heb. 11:6.

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." Rom. 10:17.

The foregoing quotations present to us:

First: A clear, concise definition of faith;

Second: A declaration that fuith is absolutely necessary to please God;

Third: A specific answer to the question, How does faith come?

The steps which every sinner must take in his return to God are in regular order as follows:

I. REPENTANCE.
   (1) Confession.
   (2) Restitution.

II. FAITH.

III. OBEDIENCE.
   (1) Obedience to the Christian Ordinance of Baptism by Triune Immersion.
   (2) The bringing of the whole tithe into the storehouse—in brief, keeping all the sayings of Jesus the Christ. (John 14:21, 23.)

IV. HOLY LIVING.

Thus you will see that the obtaining and the exercising of faith is the second step in the Christian life.

To walk by faith is one thing:
To walk by sight is another thing.
Zion people must be pre-eminently people of great faith:
Faith in God,
Faith in His Son, Jesus the Christ,
Faith in the Holy Spirit, the Comforter and Guide,
Faith in the Bible.
Faith in each other.

The more extensive and thorough your knowledge of a good man, the greater will be your faith in him.

The more extensive and thorough your knowledge of a bad man, the less will be your faith in him.

The more extensive, thorough and genuine your knowledge of the Word of God, the greater will be your faith in God.

Christian husbands are called upon to exercise faith for the conversion of unconverted wives.

Christian wives are called upon to exercise faith for the conversion of unconverted husbands.

Christian parents are called upon to exercise faith for the conversion of unconverted children.

Christian children are called upon to exercise faith for the conversion of unconverted parents.

You are called upon to exercise faith for the salvation, healing and cleansing of many.

I therefore exhort one and all, both young and old, to be diligent, earnest, prayerful students of the Bible, and to be faithful in reading and studying LEAVES OF HEALING and THE ZION HERALD, and other Zion literature.

"I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel." Matt. 8:10.

"And Jesus seeing their faith." Matt. 9:2.

"Thy faith hath made thee whole." Matt. 9:22.

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"Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto Him, Yea Lord." Matt. 9:28.

"O woman, great is thy faith." Matt. 15:28.

"And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

"For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

"Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Mark 11:22-24.

In Hebrews, the eleventh chapter, we have presented a long list of the mighty heroes of faith.

By faith the worlds (ages) were framed by the Word of God.

By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain.

By faith Enoch was translated.

By faith Noah prepared an ark to the saving of his house.

By faith Abraham went out, not knowing whither he went.

By faith Abraham became a sojourner in the land of promise.

By faith Sarah received power . . . since she counted Him faithful who had promised,

By faith Abraham offered up Isaac.

By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau.

By faith Joseph made mention of the departure of the children of Israel.

By faith Moses was hid three months by his parents.

By faith Moses refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter.

By faith Moses forsook Egypt.

By faith he kept the passover.

By faith the Children of Israel passed through the Red Sea.

By faith the walls of Jericho were thrown down.

By faith Rahab perished not.

By faith God's servants subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned the armies of aliens to flight.

Faith is the victory that overcomes the world.

Have faith in God!

Zion people are called upon to fight some great battles.

Zion City must and will be saved if the people will exercise an unwavering faith in God who is able to deliver.

Fight the good fight of faith.—I Tim. 6:12.

Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.—II Tim. 2:3.

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might.

Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the Devil.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench the fiery darts of the wicked.

And take the helmet of salvation, and the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God:

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.—Eph. 6:10-18.

The Christian armor consists of:

1. The girdle of truth.
2. The breastplate of righteousness.
3. The sandal of peace.
4. The shield of faith.
5. The helmet of salvation.
6. The Sword of the Spirit.
7. Prayer and supplication.

Overcome the enemies within, and the enemies without.

Overcome the temper, the appetite, the world, the flesh, and the Devil.

The Christian life is a life of overcoming, and all who overcome will ultimately enjoy the privilege of sitting with Christ on His Throne. (Rev. 3:21.)

WATCH YE, THEREFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS.

Prayer and Steadfastness in the Work of the Kingdom.

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As to whether it is Postum, coffee, tea, chocolate, cocoa, or a hundred and one other things, God Almighty gave us only one thing to drink: cold water; pure water. There is some very fine water in this City. We have some of the best wells here I ever saw anywhere. Pure water! He did not even tell us "to boil" it before we drink it. No; it is a good thing to drink what God gives us to drink. The fact of the matter is that if we were simply to take what the body needs, we would get along with little trouble. If you could find a hickory nut tree and an apple tree, and drink cold water, you would be provided; but the only trouble is that by the time you reach out to get the fruit some fellow will yell out, "Here, you, get out of there! That is *mine*." I remember one time in New York when I was a boy, I went up into a tree—a hickory nut tree---and my word, didn't I catch it! I tell you I was nearly arrested. God Almighty made that tree, but if some poor fellow reaches out to take an apple some old crank will yell out, "That is *mine*!" That is a funny arrangement. "Keep off! That is mine!" A man cannot eat without being interfered with. [Laughter.]

Now, my brothers and sisters, is it not a fact that the people put in most of their time thinking about what they shall eat, drink and wear? Is not that true? You poor women rack your brains day and night---"O dear me, here is dinner. What shall

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I have for dinner!" Then you no sooner get through dinner and washing dishes, than you look at the clock and exclaim, "What can I get for supper! Fried potatoes, stewed chicken, etc." Then you wash dishes, and sleep a little, and then it is breakfast. What a hum-drum of life! "Civilization" is the greatest curse on the face of the earth. I tell you, when I look at the South Sea Islanders, I envy them. No doctors, no drugs, no hats two feet in diamneter! You never see a man bald headed there. They do not wear hats; but when civilization strikes them, then come drugs and doctors, saloons, horse racing, and all sorts of paraphernalia. And fancy Zion---Zion---Kingdom of God---Zion people, eating, drinking, dressing, living just exactly like the children of the Devil---pricisely, not one bit of difference; not an iota; all drinking, eating, acting just like the Devil's children do.

To Live More than to Eat and Dress and Pass Away Time.

Nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

I'll warrant some women have added several gray hairs to their heads thinking about what kind of hats they will get for the winter. You women have my sympathy; my heart-felt sympathy. I have a little old black hat there that I have worn two years, and it is good yet. When I look at the Dunkard women, I think, My, aren't they saved from a lot! What a God's blessing for Mrs.——— if she had worn a little Dunkard bonnet and a plain dress all made in one piece hanging from the shoulders! What a God's blessing! There would have been no Parisian gowns then. It would be the best thing for women to have their clothes made in one piece hanging from the shoulders. May be some day they will have. But no, that would not do, because "people would laugh at me." Yes, and people will make clothes racks out of their bodies just because somebody might laugh. Let them laugh. It does not make any difference how much they laugh. That does not matter; not a particle

Now, there is just the whole thing. The people's time and their thoughts are on these three things, when Jesus says positively that they should give no thought—no anxiety.

Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit to his stature?

And why take ye thought for raiment? Cansider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

And yet I say unto you; That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall He not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

Therefore take no thought, saying, what shall we eat? or what shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

In a Kingdom of God Community, where everybody seeks "first the Kingdom of God," nobody need lack for anything. There would be plenty for everybody and a whole lot to spare. There would be plenty for everybody in the world, the only trouble is that a few scoundrels build a fence around it and put the price so high that the rank and file of the people cannot get it. You just let the Post Office Department get into the hands of a corporation like the Standard Oil Company. I'll guarantee you would not send a letter to 'Frisco for 2 cents.'

Zion is a Nation and Must Have Statesmen.

I tell you, Zion must have Statesmen—greater than all the statesmen put together. What is a statesman? A statesman is a man who knows how to create, maintain, and foster a nation. A statesman, generally speaking, is a man who deals with questions of state and proposes solutions that solve. A man who does not solve questions of state is not a statesman; and Zion must decide everything in accordance with the plain Word of God: and a Zion community is a nation. Dr. Dowie told you that. Even when you used to come out from Chicago, he would say, "Zion is a nation." Zion is a nation, but Zion is a Kingdom; and I tell you that the policies of the kingdoms of this world will never be the policies of Zion.

We have members in this Church, and even Deacons, who will stand right up and say, "Well, I do not believe in Zion having anything to do with business at all;" and then you talk about building a Zion community with people of that kind. It is an absolute impossibility. "Except a man be born from above he cannot see the Kingdom of God."

Zion Ruled by Grace and by Law.

A Zion community must be ruled by grace and by law. Launching a Zion community is one thing and maintaining it is another. We have hundreds of undesirable people here at the present time. What are we going to do with them? They are here and what are we going to do with them? And as long as they are here it is not a Zion community. The all-important question is, "What shall we do with them?"

Dr. Dowie, in his editorial notes, wrote once, "All that is necessary for the maintenance of Zion City is to have it so arranged that a Democrat"—that meant a good deal more to him than you might think—"That a Democrat could be immediately expelled."

Individuality in Zion Submerged in the Community Life.

A member said to me, "I do not believe in Zion owning all the business. I believe in individual business houses. Let every person run his own business—his individual business—in harmony with the community idea." What a flat contradiction! What a flat contradiction! Yes. When you talk about forming a community, it is made up of individuals, but you must sink your individuality for the sake of community life. That is a Zion community. The fact of the matter is, there are a lot of people that do not even understand the first principle of what community life is; and there is where the trouble comes in. You can never have a Zion community with individual business in it. If you can, at another meeting you may take the blackboard and demonstrate it. It cannot be Zion.

In the Kingdom Ideal there is no Private Ownership of Land.

Another thing, you can never have a Zion community as it ought to be with private ownership of land. If you can, I would like to have you show me how. You think into this question, because there is no use to indulge in a lot of sentiment about saving Zion City or establishing Zion community settlements.

Sentiment does not count. Face hard facts. My life is before me. I know there is a marvelous work to be accomplished, and facts have to be faced; but show me how you can ever have community life with individual business and private ownership of land, or with competition.

Dr. Dowie gave some beautiful teaching. He said the land was God's and was never to be sold; it was to be held in pepetuity. He would not give deeds, but he gave 1100-year leases having certain covenants, arranged so that a man violating these covenants had to take the value of his property, as fixed by a board of arbitration, and go out of the city. He thought he had it so that he could maintain the community, but that remains to be proved.

Keep the Membership in Harmony With the Ideal.

What I am after is some good hard thinking. Here is our Section Seventeen Prophet.(?) He hoists a banner, "Mt. Zion." How are you going to get him out?

There is no use to establish a community to be a Zion com-

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munity unless you get rid of those who get out of line with the community life; and I will never open my mouth, I will never spend one ounce of my strength in establishing a community or in saving this one unless good sound sense is used in doing it. There is no use to knock one's head against a stone wall just to see which is harder, the head or the stone wall. There is no use to call a thing "a Zion community" when it is not a Zion community; and so far as the Zion Movement is concerned, rather than have a hodge-podge of a community, I would rather have none—ten thousand times, because Zion's great power is in preaching the Gospel, and this city was established to demonstrate the principles and tenets of the Kingdom of God, was it not?

The Kingdom More than to Pray and to Sing.

I tell you, my brothers and sisters, it takes more than simply prayer meetings and a singing school to run Zion. We have some people whose whole religious life is made up of a little prayer meeting and a little singing school, and that is all they see in the Kingdom of God—only that.

How to Establish a Zion Community and Keep it Pure.

If I had time, I would like to go on the rest of the day. Now, how are you going to establish a Zion community? I am going to preach on this this afternoon. This is going to be settled shortly, too. I am thirty eight-years of age, and I want to be working—doing something for God and humanity. I am not going to waste one second. It would have been better twenty years ago to have lost an hour than to lose a single second now. I cannot afford to waste a single second of time.

If you establish a community, where you permit private ownership of the land, there is (as I look at it) an element of destruction; because, for example, Dr. Sayrs buys a lot and he owns it. Then he can sell it to the dirtiest Devil in the State, if he elects; and once the gate is open, the disintegration begins.

Another thing, with the private ownership of land in that settlement, the law of inheritance will ruin that settlement. A godly father and mother may have two godless sons. The father and mother may die and the sons inherit that house and land; they move into it, and the community is again gone. You will see I have thought into this thing.

Zion Communities Part of the Kingdom of God.

I strongly believe in Zion Communities. I believe a Zion community is just as much a part of the Kingdom of God as is the preaching of the Gosple; and it is a wonderful thing that on the day of Pentecost, just as soon as the sermon was preached and the three thousand converted, they went right to work to establish community life. That is the first thing they did. Why? God Almighty says, "Come out from among them and be ye separate." I want to tell you that a few thousand people on 10,000 acres of rich farming land could snap their fingers at the rest of the world and could be absolutely independent. You could grow your own potatoes and cabbages, and so forth, and raise your own sheep and grow cotton and make your own clothes, and be absolutely independent. Give a man two Jersey cows and a few sheep, a few acres of potatoes and beans and cabbages and onions, corn and wheat, and he can snap his finger at the rest of the world, can he not?

Zion Communities a Preparation for the King's Coming.

I would like to know what a Zion community is if not a part of the preparation for the coming of the King. Is not that the purpose?

What will you do when State Street runs in blood up to the knees? The elements are there now. Zion men going out for work have to join the labor unions. I am a strong believer in a Zion community that is independent of the world, the flesh and the Devil, and it can be. And I believe a Zion Community is possible; but it can be organized only in a certain way.

Zion People not Afraid of Rules and Regulations.

True Zion people are never afraid of rules and regulations and covenants. It is the man that calculates to do wrong that is afraid. I can outline a plan for a Zion Community that a Zion man will want to live under until the breath goes out of his body; but a man who is not a Kingdom of God man will never want to live under it.

I am a strong believer in Zion communities, but I would like to know now many people there are in Zion City (and they are said to be the best people on earth) who, if called upon to do what they did on the Day of Pentecost, would do it. I'll guarantee that there would be many disciples who would walk with us no more.

Let the Community Life be Studied.

I will tell you, we can start a Zion community with ten people, can we not?

I want to say a few things more here. Every time I hear of a man going off to Texas, or to North Dakota, and another going over to Michigan, a terrific struggle goes on in my spirit. I think, What a pity that these Zion men should be allowed to go north, east, south and west, and separate, and disintegrate! There is one of two things: The farmers it this community must be provided for in a Zion community, or sooner or later we will lose the majority of them, and that is just what is happening now; and I propose to get together in a band every Zion man; I do not want the others. These selfish, greedy folks I do not want. They can go to Texas, or Dakota, or wherever they like, and the sooner they go the better; but men that love the Kingdom of God, men who are not bothering about themselves or their families, or about getting farms for their sons and daughters, but who want the Kingdom of God on this earth—I want to get all these farmers together, for I have some things to say to them. I want to talk to them. It is a pity, a great pity to have men that know how to farm sitting around here for the next twenty years picking their fingers. When Zion ought to be producing immense wealth for the extension of the Kingdom of God, we have got to stand around like dummies.

I want to get at the right time the true Zion men together who are farmers, and if we cannot do something here to get them again on the land, then I am going to establish an agricultural colony, and get you onto land together where we can do something.

I will take say ten men, and we will get ready and go out and take up claims. That will be Zion land; and then we will allow Zion farmers to have the use of it for life, as long as the Zion man does what is right. Zion men who seek first the Kingdom of God, you cannot be too strict for them. There is no true Zion man or woman here that has any complaint to make against any restrictions, is there? It is only people who do not want to do right who complain of restrictions.

I tell you another thing: It seems mighty hard, God knows how heavy my heart is, but people ought to be admitted by selection. A woman might be the best woman on earth, but her husband is not right; they ought not to be admitted into a Zion community. That would only destroy the Zion settlement. That would only ruin. Then there are men who are lovely Christian characters who have very mean wives. They will tell you with the greatest impudence that they did not want to come here, that they never had any use for Zion City. It is such a pleasure to meet such people; such an inspiration!

Deacon Forby has snggested that a Zion community be founded with a basement, and first, second and third stories. Certain people will be admitted to the basement, and then after they prove themselves we can let them go up into the first story, etc. [Laughter.]

Zion Communities as Places of Refuge for the fallen.

What I am after is not only Zion communities for God's people, but settlements so that we can send our Seventies out to the large cities and rescue the fallen and put them on a nice acre of land and help them Godward.

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Witnesses to Divine Healing and God's Keeping Power

Given in Shiloh Tabernacle, Lord's Day Evening, October 25, 1908.

Testimony of Miss Myrtle R. Clarke.

2317 Gilead Ave., Zion City, Ill.

I have lived in Zion City six years. I came from Corning, New York, and have been a member of the C. C. A. C. in Zion eight years.

It is nearly eight years since I accepted Divine Healing, and I have had better health than ever before. When I was first healed, I had perfect health, but I did not know how to take care of my health, nor how to use it for God, therefore I have not been as strong as I should be; but during these years that I have lived without doctors and medicine, I have been happy—they have been happy years.

I have been very happy in Zion and in Zion City, and I praise God for the great privilege of living here.

I thank God for keeping me physically and strengthening me.

I thank Him for the privilege of being in Zion Choir. Sometimes I have been so sick and tired and discouraged that it seemed to me as though I could not stand up to robe, but I have gone to the service, and God has helped and strengthened me and blessed me.

I do thank God that the Seventies are going out again, and that we can tell the story of God's healing and keeping power.

Pray for me that God will keep me strong and well to serve Him.

Testimony of Mrs. Ellen Graham.

2905 Elisha Avenue, Zion City.

Healed of Inflammatory Rheumatism and Heart Trouble.

I have been in Zion City seven years, having come from Ontario, Canada, and have been a member of Zion nine years.

I accepted Jesus as my Healer about ten years ago.

About three years ago I had severe sickness. I trusted God and He healed me.

I have attended nearly all the Zion meetings. God wonderfnlly healed me of inflammatory rheumatism this last spring I was healed some time before of rheumatism, also. I was very low last spring, but God graciously healed me. I am almost as well as ever.

I have also been healed of heart trouble. At one of the Divine healing meetings I was wonderfully healed of this trouble. I praise God for it.

I have had no desire for doctors or drugs since I was healed of heart trouble.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in 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 alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.

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I am the Lord that healeth thee.

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

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The Gospel of the Kingdom

THE WAY OF HEALTH

BY THE ASSOCIATE EDITOR

WHAT a world of thought in the little word "Health!" In it are the germs of "righteousness, joy and peace," the very essence of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Psalmist, in discoursing upon the goodness of God to Israel while in Egppt, and of the plagues to Pharaoh and his people, and of God's deliverance of His chosen people, says:

"He brought them forth also with silver and gold; *and there was not one feeble person among their tribes.*" Psalm 105:37.

What a commentary for a *whole nation*—"not one feeble!"—and from a land full of scourges, and there were of the children of Israel several millions. Think of the "Way of Health" that kept them!

At the bitter waters of Marah, when the Israelites thirsted for several days, God had mercy and caused the waters to be sweetened that their burning thirst might be allayed. Here God put before His people a test and the "Way of Health," saying:

"If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought [permitted to be] upon the Egyptians: for I AM THE LORD THAT HEALETH THEE"—(*i. e.*, "I am the Way of Health.")

Consider that perpetual health was promised TO THE WHOLE NATION in consideration of:

1. Diligently hearkening to the voice of the Lord;
2. Doing right in His sight (being in a state of righteousness.)
3. Heeding His commandments and keeping all His statutes.

RESULT: Freedom from disease—health.

The door to "The Way of Health" is OBEDIENCE. Christ is "The Way, and the Truth, and the Life," and all who find the Way and keep Him shall live in perfect health.

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness [*i. e.*, Keep within God's Covenant made at Marah] for they shall be filled." Matt. 5:6.

The thirst allaying at Marah was temporary, while on their journey (John 4:13); but they soon came to Elim [*i. e.*, trees, or a place of refuge] "where were twelve wells of water, and threescore and ten palm trees" [why "twelve" and why "seventy?"] "and they encamped there by the wells of water." Ex. 15:27.

In the Way is perpetual water. "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life," [eternal health]. John 4:14.

The Marah Covenant is true in Christ:

"For the bread [strength] of God is He which cometh down from Heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

"And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst." John 6:33, 35.

"If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink." John 7:37.

From Marah, on through the years, went Israel, sometimes faithful to the Covenant and sometimes complaining. How marked it is all through their history, not only as a nation, but

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also as individuals, that when they heeded God's voice and kept God's commandments and statutes and did righteously that they prospered and none could stand against them; and it was not until they apostatized—fell back and away from God—that the scourges of the nations came upon them and as a nation they fell, and as individuals they lost power with God. But God's mercy endureth forever, and the cry of His Son echoed throughout the land, "If any man thirst [*i. e.*, lacks strength, health, life] let him come unto Me and drink." John 7:37.

"Repent: for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

Oh, how anxious God is to get His people into perfect health—even the nations!

He opened the way—the fountain of health—in the house of David for sin and uncleanness, and Christ cries, "Repent—remember the Covenant at Marah—the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

"And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness, and all manner of disease among the people." Matt. 4:23.

"That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." Matt. 8:17.

Health for all and joy forevermore is God's plan.

The Good Shepherd

An Address Delivered in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, at the Divine Healing Meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 3, 1908.

BY ELDER F. RICHERT

REPORTED BY T. FROST

I would like to turn your thoughts, for a little time, to the Gospel of John, the tenth chapter, beginning with the twenty-seventh verse:

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me:

And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand.

My Father, which gave them Me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father's hand.

I and My Father are one. John 10:27-30.

Jesus the Christ, the Good Shepherd, is our Leader and our Guide. As He was a child Himself, He is our Leader in childhood, too.

What a blessing for the families, for the mothers who have dear children, to know that Jesus the Christ was a child Himself.

When these dark and sorrowful nights come into the home where the mother has to watch over the cradle of the baby, it is well to know that the same glory which enlightened the night when the shepherds watched over their flocks, filling their hearts with Divine confidence and blessed assurance, will be manifested; and we can remember that Jesus was a little child, too, and that He has compassion for His own. Through the still and solemn hours of the night you will hear the voice of Jesus the Christ saying, "Let the little ones come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of heaven."

Hope will enlighten your heart with new confidence, and you will be led to the Throne of grace, and there you will lay down the sweet child whom God has given you, and ask God to heal and bless.

How often has God heard the prayer! How often has God given the victory, and turned seeming defeat into rejoicing!

Death Defeated, and Zion Won.

This is what brought us to Zion. When our little boy was very sick and near the gate of death, we had no other hope but in God. I went to the depot and forwarded a message to Dr. Dowie, asking him to pray. When I came home, having about four blocks to walk, I found the boy sound asleep—the angel of death had passed away. The voice of the Blessed Redeemer said, "Fear not: it is I." That was heard at the very moment the doors of eternity seemed to swing open, and the invisible but almighty hand of the Blessed Redeemer gave unto us the victory over sickness and the Devil, and the little boy is here with us today.

I said to my wife, "Mamma, there is a mighty power in prayer. The prayer of faith will rise to the Throne of God, and those people in Chicago have found the beautiful gate of Divine Healing through which they enter and will lead us. We want to go and walk with those people, and follow our Blessed Redeemer."

God's Ear Always Ready to Hear Our Humble Cry.

I never regretted that I came to Zion. [Amens]. I have always found the door open through which to enter and pray. I have always found that God will answer when we ask aright. I have always found His loving and smiling face when I have been seeking Him. You will find your Heavenly Father, for He will always answer when you go to Him and pray aright.

The Wicked Tremble at the Voice of God.

When the Children of Israel were near Mount Sinai, they began to tremble and get fearful when they heard the thunder and saw the lightning flashes. God said to Moses, "The people have spoken well. You come up and meet me, and I will give unto you the law."

Sooner or later the nations who are not in Jesus the Christ will have to meet their God before His Judgment Seat, and then they will hear the voice of His righteousness, as rolling thunder, speaking their doom, and then they will tremble and pray for the mountains to fall upon them and cover them and hide them from the face of Him who sitteth on the Throne.

The Righteous Rejoice Under the Savior's Keeping.

Jesus the Christ will lead you under the gloom and the Judgment, and upon the mountain top of Zion, and there the clouds of God's wrath will be rolled away and the thunders will cease, and His curse will be taken away, and His love will enlighten and the faithful will stand in the broad sunlight of God's redeeming love. Your faith will look up to Him, and you will know that there is a God in heaven who is your Father. You will know that God does not send you your sickness, and you will see that sickness is the work of the Devil, and that Jesus the Christ came down from heaven to take away your sins and sicknesses, and carry them upon the Cross. He died to deliver you from the bondage of sin; to heal you with His merciful hand, and to give unto you the glorious victory which He has promised you from the beginning to the end. He will be faithful and true to every one who trusts Him and who walks in His way.

Wonderful Leadings of the Savior.

Look at the people of Israel, how God led them so wonderfully out of Egypt.

As I look at you, and think of the different places from which you came, I marvel. Some of you never belonged to a church before you came to Zion. You received the LEAVES OF HEALING, and you read them and compared the truths in the LEAVES OF HEALING with the Bible, and you said, "It is true;

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this teachiug is true; it must be a revelation from God, because the Bible sustains eveything that Dr. Dowie teaches." In studying your Bibles, and in reading the LEAVES OF HEALING, you have found the Son of God. You have heard the voice that calls you out of bondage into the glorious liberty of the sons of God. You have seen the outstretched hand of the Blessed Redeemer, willing to lead you even over the mountains of difficulties, or through the depths of tribulation, or through the hosts of enemies, or the burning desert, or through the cold blasts of the world. He will be faithful to you, and will give unto you the grace to follow Him; and today, you can glorify your Heavenly Father, because Jesus the Christ has led you out of bondage, out of the terrible yoke of sin, out of the service of the Devil, and He has made you free.

If there is any one here who is not free, may God grant that Jesus the Christ may deliver you from all sin. Draw near to the Throne of God, and present your petition to the Father of Mercies, and He will hear and answer, and give you the victory.

Christ Promises Power to Resist Temptation.

Jesus the Christ will also lead you through every temptation.

As we go along, we have to fight the Devil. Sometimes he comes like a roaring lion, and sometimes as an angel of light. Sometimes he comes in tribulation, as in the case of Job. Job was a consecrated man. He loved his God, and was a prayerful man, but the Devil came when the angels or the the sons of God came to the Throne of God. He came to that meeting also. The Devil goes to every prayer meeting. It is never too cold for him. He never gets tired. Some people get sleepy when they sit down, and when the preacher speaks, they say "Yes" to everything he says. They are "so consecrated" and assent to everything the preacher says. The Devil attends the prayer meetings just as he did when the sons of God came before the Throne of God.

The Devil a Schemer.

God asked him, "Devil, where didst thou come from?" "Well," he said, "I was roaming about and walking around the earth." God said, "Didst thou see My servant Job?" "Certainly I did." The Devil knows. I think you see the point. He is always ready to strike you and take you in the weakest spot.

The Devil said, "He is a good man because You reward him and You give him everything he wants, and he has plenty, and it pays to be a good man. God said, "He is in your hand; but do not touch his life." Then the Devil came along and took everything away from him. But Job was consecrated. The Devil says to God, in our days, "Now those Zion people have put everything on the altar, every dollar and every cent, and they have stood and said, "We want to consecrate everything to our God, and we want to stand by Zion with the last dollar. We want to give our lives if need be."

When I think of the wonderful congregations which we had when we sang, "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord," when everybody seemed to be inspired, when everybody seemed to be guided by the unseen hand of God, when everybody seemed to go over the mountains of difficulties, and through the depths of tribulation, everybody seemed willing to go down into the lion's den, and into the fiery furnace. They seemed to be willing to lay every dollar upon the altar.

The Killing Power of Money.

God said, "Devil, you have got those people in your hand." The Devil said, "I cannot attack those people, I cannot make inroads, but I will attack the Leader. He loves money." That is where he came. He said, "Dr. Dowie, you are a great man." Dr. Dowie said, "I believe it." The Devil said, "You are a rich man. Look at that twenty millions." It was rising and rising higher and higher until the glorious Sun of righteousness was being obscured.

That mountain of gold filled him with worldly desire and worldly honor and glory, and he lost sight of the glory of God. Therefore the Devil came at you dear people; and now it is up to you whether you will remember the days when you consecrated your all to your Heavenly Father, when you sang and shouted that you would go where God wanted you to go, "O'er mountains or plains or sea." Are you willing to face the Devil and say, "Although you have taken the last dollar away, although you have assailed me, I will face thee with the faith of God, and I will fight to the last ditch, and He, who has permitted this to come upon us, is Mightier and more powerful than thou, and will turn this into a victory for us. We stand upon the promises of God."

Fidelity to Truth and Principle Rewarded.

The eternal truth of God is always the same. [Amens].

When Jesus the Christ sees your determination and consecration, and that you are willing to lay hold upon the glorious gold mines which God has given to you in His Word, and that you are willing to take your pick-axe and shovel and to work in those gold mines and bring the pure faith to the sunlight of God's eternal love, and to toil day and night for the poor, He will lead you onward unto good works; and then, when you follow Him in regard to those beautiful thoughts in Matthew the eighth and ninth chapters, you will find how the Lord Jesus healed the sick and blessed the people when they came to Him, and how He revealed unto them His eternal love. You will find that He entered the homes of the poor, the down-trodden, and the sick; that he brought the sunlight of eternal truth and power into the homes of the destitute, and opened unto them the treasures of the House of God, revealing the righteousness of God and the Kingdom of His Heavenly Father.

The Transforming Power of the Christ Life Within.

As you follow your dear Lord and Redeemer, He will lead you on and transform every one of you into His own glorious image, and fill you with His Divine Spirit, so that when on life's journey you find a poor man who has fallen among the rubbish and into the company of those who come to steal and rob the people of what they have, you are perfectly willing to take the man and care for him and pray for him and help him out of every difficulty.

Christ Leads in Sacrifice.

In the next place, you will find that Jesus the Christ leads you as a good Shepherd upon the highway of sacrifice. When He comes to the steep place of sacrifice (you remember that in the sixteenth chapter of Matthew Jesus the Christ tells His disciples how the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men) you think of the many people in Zion who shouted "Hosanna" and "Hallelujah" when everything was bright and prosperous, but when they heard those words, they said, like Peter, "No, Lord, do not do that. You remember that you came to erect the Kingdom of David again, you came and called us and we have left everything, and you promised that we should have ten-fold, and now, if you are crucified, if you die, where is our hope and our gain?"

The Way of Self-Sacrifice Too Much for Some.

From that very day, when, as recorded in the sixth chapter of John, Jesus said that they must eat His body and drink His blood, many left Him and walked no more with Him.

We have the same thing today. All shouted "Hallelujah" when they sang about the great and wonderful Salvation spoken of in the thirty-fifth chapter of Isaiah, when the eyes of the

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.
PATIENCE
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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PRAY!

Pray without ceasing.

Men ought always to pray, and not to faint.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

For I am the Lord, I change not.

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever.

God, in times past, spake unto His servants as follows:

To Abram, He said: "Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward."

To Joshua, He said: "There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

"Be strong and of a good courage.

"Only be thou strong and very courageous.

"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord; and their righteousness is of Me, saith the Lord."

"Saying, touch not Mine anointed, and do My prophets no harm."

The following letter, just received, from Elder F. M. Royall, Elder-in-charge of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion in China, speaks for itself.

Let all readers give it careful and prayerful study.

SHANGHAI, 24 HASKELL ROAD, December 28, 1908.

REV. E. L. CAREY, Ecclesiastical Sec.,
Zion City, Illinois, U. S. A.

Dear Elder Carey:

Peace to Thee!

I am glad to say that I have received the two packages of Application blanks for which please accept my thanks. I am returning to you ten which have been made out on new blanks. In addition, there are twelve which were our Christmas present, for they were baptized the Lord's Day before Christmas. Among them are two of Miss Hoskens' little girls, one of whom had a terribly poisoned head and most fearful sores. She said she was sure that she would be healed at her baptism, and Christmas, praise God, they were about all gone.

The last Lord's Day before Christmas was one not soon to be forgotten in Zion in Shanghai. The day was full of blessing. On account of the death of the Emperor our processions were discontinued for a time, so we began them again on that day. There was a crowd of boys, as usual, and with Zion colors and flags we created a great stir. When we returned to the Tabernacle Mr. Ehtman and a Chinese friend of his were there. They witnessed all the service with the boys, and afterward the baptism of twelve people. I saw he was much moved. The baptism was very impressive.

On Monday morning Mr. Ehtman came to my home and put in my hands a hundred Mexican dollars to be used for the work. In addition, he asked if he could have some garments made for the boys. I said, "Why, of course." That was all that was said. He never says much. In the afternoon a tailor appeared and said that Mr. Ehtman had ordered *two hundred and fifty garments*, three different sizes, for our boys, and he wanted to see the boys to take measures. I was amazed. They are to be blue serge—an upper garment semi-foreign. Yesterday I received one hundred and twenty of them and we used them in the procession. The boys were delighted, for many of the children are neglected ones and never had any chance only to grovel in the dirt. We marched on some broad streets and business was practically stopped as long as they could see us. Thous-

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ands of people filled the shop doors and streets to see what was going on.

They were amazed to see these poor boys "dressed and in their right minds" and carrying the gospel on flags and banners and boards.

Many followed us to the Tabernacle and thirty more boys enlisted to join us at once and to attend the service and go in the procession. It was glorious. Then at the night service men and women from other parts of the city were there to hear the blessed gospel. Women with their children strapped to their backs, walked long distances and sat in the services with the children on their backs to hear the words of light and life and truth. It was an interesting sight to see them filing into the service.

On Christmas Day we had a most interesting service. The Christians decorated the Tabernacle with wreaths and flags, and it was a most interesting sight. At the close of the service they brought up to the platform a large basket filled with confections all in small red paper sacks, and they gave each one of the Christians one of these and they were all very happy.

The only words the Christians say, and the heathen, too, are "It is wonderful! It is wonderful!" Just like Zion, we are already crowded out of our Tabernacle, and need a larger place. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Christians from other churches come and say, "You have a living church; you make things hum." The denominations are dead. They are mortally afraid, and watch every movement we make.

We shall carry the battle to the very gates. We have got the Devil on the run, and he keeps looking back to see where we are going to hit him next. We strike in the most unexpected places, in the solar plexus, so that makes him afraid. He is beginning to cry and howl to let up and not be so hot and hard after him.

The denominations say, "Don't talk about us in that way." We say quit your Masonic Mah-hah-bone-Hiram Abiff heathen worship, which is one and the same as Sun worship, Ancestral worship of China and the old Egyptian worship of "the point within the circle." There is no one else to make this fight and God helping us we shall go on with it. I was asked by a young man recently, perhaps a reporter, "How long are you going to keep this up?" I said, "Till you quit your meanness." He smiled and walked off.

I am glad that Zion has installed a new press. You ask that all pray for THE HERALD and THE LEAVES. Why, we pray while you sleep.

Are some crying to do away with the leases in Zion City? That makes my blood boil. After years of toil, persecution and pouring out one's life blood like John Alexander Dowie and others have done, and fighting the Masonic devil throughout the world, through almost seas of blood, in order to establish a clean city where God's people could gather and live and be taught and prepare a people for the coming of the Christ, then for some to try to destroy it! Even some of Zion's enemies say "SHAME! SHAME! on such deeds": for even the most degraded people are delighted to see a clean place. People of Zion, fight, fight, pray, pray, work, work, by night and by day. Move heaven and storm hell in order to save Zion City.

I see that some say they want 'liberty of conscience'. I ask, To do what? To serve the Devil? Then go back to Beer or Babel or to Waukegan, either one, and don't defile the only spot on God's green earth that is consecrated to God for a clean city. *Zion City was established for God and not for the Devil.*

John Alexander Dowie said that if he was good enough he hoped that God would let him go to hell to have it out with the Devil and lick the Devil there. I think, perhaps, that God has let him go to hell to finish up his fight, for he is the only one I ever heard ask God to let him lick the Divil even in hell. I think that John Alexander Dowie has made it so hot for the Devil in hell that the Devil has turned on Zion City to try to destroy the work done there. That is the only way I can account for some people wanting the hog to come to Zion City. Hogs eaten in Zion City! Will Jesus come again with His whip of cords to cleanse His dwelling place? Will He send the hogs into Lake Michigan? Did you say hogs in Zion City? Devils in Zion City? O God, what does it mean? Is self-respect and honor gone?

It is said that China's baby Emperor cries day and night. He must have heard of some people wishing to do away with the leases and let hog come into Zion City, for that is enough to make the sun turn cold and the moon turn black.

Every man and woman in Zion City, I send this message to you across the sea: Repent of your sins and come into Zion and follow Zion's flag and let her banner float high and do the work of God under the leadership of Wilbur Glenn Voliva. Stand as one man and never let a single man or woman, boy or girl tremble or be afraid. Keep step together, and you will feel the old world sway under your feet. The angels of God will fight for you. The mighty armies of heaven will fight for you. The stars in their courses will fight for you.

"Moses, what holdest thou in thy hand? "Only a little reed. "Consecrate it to God and smite the rock and give water to famishing people."

"Shamgar, what holdest thou in thy hand? "Only an ox goad. "Consecrate it to God, *smite the Philistines and save the people.*"

"David, what holdest thou in thy hand?" Only a little sling and a few stones. "Consecrate them to God, *slay the giant and save the people.*"

"Little boy, what holdest thou in thy hand?" Only two loaves and a few fishes. "Consecrate them to God and feed the multitude.

People in Zion City, what holdest thou in thy hand?" It may be a bit of paper for a vote, or it may be your lease. In the name of High Heaven, consecrate them to God, vote for the right, stand for the leases, cleanse the City, your hearts and your homes, and save Zion City for God and humanity. Send the message around the world that Zion City as a city still stands for God, free from pigs and pills. Send the message that Zion City is saved from the United Order of Nicotine Stinkpots, and from the World, the Flesh and the Devil, and from the Masonic Ma-ha-bone Methodist. That would awaken hope and joy and gladness in the hearts of thousands of people throughout the world.

We were amazed to receive a shower of Post Cards from hundreds of friends. We thank them every one; for every one brought with it joy and good cheer. We thank them for the deep love that prompted them. When we received the first lot, we laughed for joy. Then in a few hours there was a flood of them. And we laughed again. Oh it is wonderful that He should care enough for me to die for me! Oh it is wonderful, wonderful to me! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise God for Zion!

We shall be praying in the Tabernacle at eleven o'clock on New Year's Day, which will be nine o'clock in Zion City the last night of the old year.

Excuse this long letter but these things were on my heart and now that they are off I feel better.

With happy greetings from all to Zion City and Zion throughout the world,

Faithfully in the Master's service,

F. M. ROYALL, Elder-in-Charge.

WATCH YE, THEREFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS.

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The Good Shepherd.

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blind shall be opened, and when they heard of the wonderful promises and prophecies in the sixtieth chapter of Isaiah, of the gold and silver being brought into Zion, etc., and that Zion shall be a glorious nation; but when Jesus the Christ takes you by the hand and tells you, "Now, we are on top of the Mountain of transfiguration. It is true that the glory of Zion, as it is going to be in the future, will be manifested to you at certain hours, but listen, Peter; listen, John; listen James; I must be crucified. I have give My life, for flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of heaven. Between the place where you are now, and the glorious place of the Father's House which will be prepared for you, there is a bottomless pit, and there is no way and no bridge which leads across the bottomless abyss. I have to go down and fight the terrible enemies which are standing between you and your heavenly Father. I have to remove the high mountains of sin and transgression which separate you from your God. I have to go down into the realms of death, into the dark valley of the shadow of death. I have to go down and fight the Devil, and the hosts of hell, and I have to lead captivity captive. I have to lead you captives and set you free, and you follow Me."

Faith Severely Tested.

When He calls upon you to leave the broad sunlight of worldly glory, and enter into the valley of the shadow of death, to leave the broad highway which leads down into destruction and enter the narrow gate and walk upon the narrow way, sometimes climbing, sometimes crawling because you cannot walk any more, sometimes clinging to the Cross with the last power, because you have no more faith to go forward, then it is that many leave the Lord Jesus the Christ, for, in following the Lord Jesus, you will find that He leads you through the valley of the shadow of death; He shows you the suffering, sins, sickness and groans of the multitudes, and that there is no ray of life or sunshine in those homes of sorrow.

The Disciples to Carry the Message of Hope to the Oppressed.

He calls upon His followers to go out and bring the word of hope and truth and life to those who are oppressed, sick and and sin-stricken, and who are longing for the liberty of the children of God. He calls upon you to lay every talent and all that you are upon the altar; to give yourself as a living sacrifice to God in order to bring hope and salvation and healing, and to induce people to live holy lives.

The Joys of Following Christ.

It is so glorious to follow Jesus the Christ.

He says, "My sheep hear My voice, and they follow Me." Day after day you hear the voice of your God. Day after day you can go to Him in prayer, and open your Bible and read the blessed Gospel. Day by day the light of the Holy Spirit will enlighten your pathway, and the power of God will be revealed unto you, and you will know that Jesus leads you onward and forward in the work, and all is well.

The Power of the Resurrected Christ.

It is a glorious life to follow Jesus the Christ, and to be sure that He leads. As you follow Him through the narrow way of self-sacrifice you will behold His glorious resurrection. He will lead you to the empty grave. You will get the assurance, through the power of the Holy Spirit, that Jesus the Christ has risen. What a glorious knowledge! What a glorious assurance! Christ has risen, and the tombstone has been rolled away by the mighty and powerful hand of God. The glorious Easter morning of Divine life is revealed in the heart of every one who follows Him and trusts Him.

Christ Our Great High Priest.

As you look up to Heaven, you will see Him, by faith, ascending to heaven to His Father's glorious Throne to be a great High Priest who has given His life for you, who has said, "My sheep hear My voice, and they follow Me."

Today, you will see Him as Stephen saw Him. Your eyes will be opened, and you will see the Lord Jesus the Christ at the right hand of God, a great High Priest, presenting you washed in His blood.

As you are praying today for one another, and as we pray for the sick, the great High Priest is bending over, and He presents the prayer of faith to the Throne of God, who, in His infinite mercy and love, will answer, and will give unto you the overcoming life. As Christ overcame, you will overcome, also, and you will see, (although we have to go through tribulation, temptations, the Red Sea, and through the narrow way), a glorious victory.

Christ the Door of the Sheep.

There are some glorious truths in these verses which I present to you. "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."

I have to go to the very beginning of this tenth chapter of John and show you something which has been made very clear to me.

> Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

As I considered these words, I said, "O Lord, what did Christ want to say?" It occurred to me that He spoke to those Pharisees who tried to cast Him out and kill Him, and wanted to be lords over God's heritage. Jesus the Christ makes it very plain that there is not only a door in heaven, but that passage in Revelation 3:21, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock," and Matthew 28. (before ascending to heaven), "All power is given unto Me," make it clear that He gave to them the solemn charge "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

The Christ to be Heralded to All Nations.

According to this, we ought to teach the nations. This is a solemn trust which Christ has delivered unto us. What has this connection to do with the verse I have mentioned? I will show you. As we are sent out by our heavenly Master to go into all the world, we have to go in the name of our Lord Jesus the Christ, and when Dr. Dowie landed in California in 1888, he came in the name of the Lord Jesus the Christ. He knocked at the door of humanity in the name of the Lord Jesus. They came, and he appealed to the loyalty and faith of the people who were in sin and in the darkness of the night of despair, who were without hope, and who did not know the way of Divine Healing, who had not seen the gate of Divine Healing opened to any one. They never knew there was a God in heaven who heard and answered prayer, therefore he came in Jesus' name and knocked at the door of America and preached the Gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit, and these words, all at once, "were spirit and life."

Multitudes saw that the glorious day of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living had dawned for every one who comes in Jesus' name, and who prays the prayer of faith.

The Gospel Message to Be in the Name of Jesus the Christ.

John Alexander Dowie came in the name of Jesus the Christ. Many come in their own names. They do not teach the people in the name of the Lord Jesus the Christ and in the power of the

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Holy Spirit. They do not come before the people of God with a message from God, but they come with their own message. All those who come with a message which they claim to be sent by God, all those who say, "We are prophets and you have to hear and do what we tell you" are thieves and robbers. That is what Jesus the Christ meant at that time. It means exactly the same thing today. If any man teaches the people of God *in his own name*, he has no message from God. They go before the people with their own message, and lead them away from God into darkness and gloom. Those thieves and robbers, who rob the people of their faith and hope, rob the fold of the sheep also.

We do not need to fear, because He has given unto us all power on earth and in heaven.

While I was reading this chapter last night, I said, "Oh God, there is a justice in Heaven." The eternal God who has sent His servants out to teach all the nations, the eternal God who has said, through the name of Jesus the Christ, "Lo, I am with you alway," this God who has sustained His cause will still overrule everything not to His name's honor and glory.

Hope to the End. Deliverance Will Come.

There is a glorious hope in the Word of God. You dear people generally look at the gloomy surroundings. It sometimes looks as though the door was locked, like it was when Peter was in prison. There was no earthly hope for him, but, when those dear people prayed, did not God send an angel to open the doors? Cannot He do the same today? The doors seemed to be locked, and those terrible locks were made of solid iron. We have no key to the situation, and cannot open the doors. Those servants of Herod are guarding the doors. I do not know the names of these servants. I only read in the Bible those soldiers who guarded Peter were responsible for him, and that they had to keep watch over him. Well, let their names be what they may, God confounded those scoundrels, aud opened the doors and led Peter out, and the next day the guards were led away to execution and their heads were chopped off.

God gave a wonderful deliverance. We are appealing to you, and knocking at the door of your heart in Jesus' name, and we are sure that God has called us, and we know we stand here upon the eternal truth which God laid down when He founded Zion, and we are willing, ready to lay down our lives for those principles, and we are willing to say to the flock of Jesus the Christ, "Follow us as we follow Jesus the Christ. Walk in the way of duty, prayer, faith, consecration and work. You are in the way of victory. Then God will give you the glorious assurance, and the hand which has led Peter out of prison will lead you out of tribulation; that hand which has healed will heal you, and the hand which has raised the dead will overcome death today.

Christ's Sheep Will Hear and Follow Him.

Let us listen to these words: "My sheep hear My voice." How does Jesus speak? In the first place through His Word. It is all true, but I will tell you, dearly beloved, that the greatest blessing which the Christ bestowed upon lost, sinful, sick and dying humanity was the ministry which He left before He went to His heavenly home.

When He sent out His disciples He told them to go into all the world and "preach the Gospel," and when He sent them out and said, "Lo, I am with you every day," He sent them as the Heralds of the Kingdom to proclaim that the night of sorrow and suffering and despair will soon be over; to proclaim that the morning of eternal life, joy and victory will soon come, and although, when we look back through the centuries, we see the dark night of those things which I have named, yet we can see the glorious rays of Divine victory, the morning which God has proclaimed for an eternal day of blessed life and communion with God where there will be no evening. The sun will set no more, for we shall see Him face to face, when we will know Him as He is with His people and where there will be one flock and one Shepherd.

Ways of Speaking to Christ's Flock.

Jesus the Christ speaks to His flock through His Word and through His ministers. He says, "My sheep hear My voice." This is the very first qualification of those who follow Jesus the Christ. Those who are worshipping over there (referring to a certain place) hear the voice of hirelings. They do not hear the voice of the Blessed Redeemer. In 1895, 1896, 1897 and 1898, how wonderfully God healed the people who were carried in upon cots when the Gospel of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living was proclaimed with Divine Power, when John Alexander Dowie came as an angel of light, when he lay down his life, so to speak, for the sake of the sick, when he toiled day and night for those who were suffering and did not know their God; then the voice of God sounded through the stillness of the hour, and you could hear the voice of God in the innermost depths of your heart, and faith rose up to the Throne of God, and hope came down to those who were suffering. They took the hand of the Blessed Redeemer, and were set free.

Christ the Same in Zion Today.

Is not Jesus the same today? Have we not the same Zion, the same eternal truths, the same power, the same Almighty hand which can heal the sick, and the same Word of God which is living, the same Holy Spirit and the same Father to whom we can pray in Jesus' name, and bring all our burdens and sorrows?

If God has not changed, if we have the same Word of God which Dr. Dowie presented to us in the power of the Holy Spirit, and in the name of the Most High God, I say boldly, Zion is the same, and she has never changed; never.

Living the Laws of the Kingdom of God.

We have the same eternal Kingdom of God, and we are standing upon these foundations which God Himself has laid down. Let us be true and faithful to God, true and faithful to our vows and to Jesus the Christ and Zion, and also to our leader, the General Overseer, who will safely lead us through all these dangers, and bring us, as Moses led the hosts of Israel, through to the Promised Land. We are very sorry to see the bones of the untrue and unfaithful ones bleaching in the desert. If they do not repent they cannot enter the Promised Land. God will break down the walls of Jericho, and we can cut down those Canaanites and all those nations which God has commanded us to cut down, and not even an ass can be spared. All must be cut down. God has given us the Promised Land. He has promised us an inheritance which will be ours throughout eternity.

Dear friends, let us fight manfully. You have to face the Amalekites and fight, that is true, but Jesus, the good Shepherd, will lead on to victory.

The Appointed Shepherd Must be Obeyed.

In the first place, the sheep must hear the voice, and they must follow Jesus the Christ through the leader whom He has called and sent to lead and to feed the flock. They must look to God alone for help, protection, life and everything they need. The sheep must look to God alone.

What a glorious hope we have in Zion which God has revealed to us, a faith which the Devil can never take from us.

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It is glorious to know that He, who has died for us, will be true and faithful.

Christ's Atonement Covers Man's Every Need.

As we pray for you that God may heal you and bless you, and give you the victory, remember that the blood of Jesus the Christ has been shed not only for your sins, but for the healing of the sick. Remember that the Holy Spirit is dwelling in you and He will help you to pray. Remember that you have a Father in heaven who is willing to hear and answer, and that the Mercy Seat is free. You can come with all your sicknesses and burdens, as Dr. Dowie used to say, and do not take them home with you again, but leave them with your Father, and trust God, and the invisible and the powerful hand of the Blessed Redeemer will take away your troubles. The Savior loves you, and the Holy Spirit will lead you. We can take hold of the hand of God and claim the protection and promises contained in His Word. He will lead us through the still waters of his eternal grace, and there you will find that God is the same today as He was yesterday, the same as He has always been, and that the Good Shepherd will never, never leave His flock to be devoured by the wolves or torn to pieces by the lion or the bear. He will kill those thieves and set you all free.

May God bless you and give you the victory in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Benediction was then pronounced by Elder Tindall.

Testimony of Mr. Geo. H. Mann.

3110 Emmaus Avenue, Zion City, Illinois. Lord's Day Evening, 10-25-'08.

Healed of Indigestion.

I came from Chicago to Zion City about one year ago, but have been a member of this Church ten years. I was formerly connected with the Episcopal Church. I have three children, who have been trusting God all their lives. My wife has trusted God for ten years.

When I first came to Zion, I was given up by two doctors. One said I had indigestion, the other said cholera. Since coming into Zion I have had one attack. Quite a number of Zion people saw one side of my face when I was working in the Bakery. It was burnt almost to a crisp. One side of my face was one mass of blisters. I was perfectly healed. I have had several answers to prayer. I thank God for it.

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The Gospel of the Kingdom

CONFESSION versus PROFESSION

BY O. L. TINDALL

THE two words may be used in mostly the same sense, but they are different in meaning. I shall not attempt to explain the shades of difference in meaning as given by the lexicographers.

As I shall view the two acts, confession and profession, there is a wide difference between them, and a very important difference. I shall confine them both to a Christian use.

Shall I say a man confesses Christ, and professes himself? This is about the thought I have in mind when I contrast the two ideas. Christ, and the Bible generally, lay great stress and importance upon confessing Him. He made a great promise on the condition that we "confess Him before men." This is a duty, and one much neglected by men generally; and also by professed Christians.

If a man or a friend do them a favor they are quick to acknowledge it in a proper way. It would be a great breach of good breeding, and of etiquette not to do so. But do men acknowedge God for all His benefits? No, they are often ashamed to do so. Often they attribute the giver and benefactor to someone else.

They have success in their business, and say it was luck that did it. They escape some peril that was threatening, and attribute that to luck, also. They go through another year and enjoy health for themselves and family, and all they say is, We were very fortunate, or, We took good care of ourselves—no God in it all. If they get sick, a doctor comes and ministers unto them. They are not afraid, or ashamed to give him praise for it, and recommend him to all their neighbors. See the testimonials in your papers every day, and whole almanacs full of them are sent broadcast over the land, and over the whole world, praising some miserable nostrum compounded with whiskey, or deadly drugs. What matters it to them if it does cost a million dollars to advertise it; there's money in it.

What has it cost to make Hood's Sarsaparilla, and Ayer's Pills, and Winslow's Syrup—household words in all lands? Fortunes have been spent in printers' ink sounding their praises. What have we spent sending out our testimonials for our Lord and the Great Physician, who heals all our diseases? Are you singing: "Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise," and then keep the tongue you have as silent as the grave?

How do men get their favorites elected to office? Why, by sounding forth their praises among men—among friends and foes. They are not silent. Why don't men confess Christ as their Saviour more, and praise Him as their healer, and talk more about Him? "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation"—yes, from sin and from sickness.

Why did Jesus say they should receive the Holy Ghost? "*That ye may be My witnesses.*" Where? "Both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

Confession of Christ is not telling what you have done for Him or anyone else, but it is, Go tell what great things the Lord has done for you.

Christ said He would confess you before the Father, so you do not have to confess or testify of yourself—only that you were

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a miserable wretch and a wreck, and that God had mercy upon you and saved you and healed you.

God is calling for witnesses. What we want is a witnessing Church to spread the tidings far and wide, over hill and vale, till all the earth shall know about our Lord and His Christ. Don't tell half the story, as so many do. Tell them that He saves your spirit, your soul and your body, just as the Bible teaches. Tell the old, old story. We want none of your "new theology," nor your "New thought." If it is *new*, it is not true.

Let the Pharisees, and Christian Scientists, and hypocrites, and infidels do the professing.

We have a good sample in the one Christ Himself gave us of the man who went up to the temple to pray. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself: "God, I thank Thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers. I fast twice a week. I give tithes of all I possess." It is all *I*. He professes great things. God despises a haughty spirit.

The proud boast of Nebuchadnezzar: "Is not this great Babylon that *I* have built . . . by the might of *my* power, and for the honor of *my* majesty?" brought the voice from heaven saying, "O King Nebuchadnezzar, . . . the kingdom is departed from thee. . . . Thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field."

God's People a Nation in Community Life

An Address Delivered at the General Assembly, Lord's Day Afternoon, October 4, 1908, at Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Ill.

By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva

REPORTED BY T. FROST

The Zion Junior and Senior White-Robed Choirs sang the Processional "Who is on the Lord's Side," after which the General Overseer pronounced the

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.

Hymn No. 55—"A Shelter in the Time of Storm"—was sung, when the General Overseer spoke as follows:

Those of you who were here this morning will remember that I talked on a question which is of supreme importance to this people. [The address was printed in Leaves of Healing Jan. 13, 1909.]

This afternoon I want to read two other selections of Scripture to you, and continue along the same line.

This morning I touched particularly upon the questions:

Is a Zion Community Desirable?

Is a Zion Community Possible?

You will at once recognize that a man or a company of people would be very foolish to undertake to do that which was plainly an impossible thing.

I shall, also, in these preliminary talks leading up to something else, ask why communities that have been launched from high and lofty motives and with laudable purposes, have failed; and also the question, How is Zion City to be made, in deed and in truth, a Zion community?

What I want from the pew is some good thinking. These are the days that demand thinkers. These are the days when great and important problems confront mankind. These questions are not to be settled except in the light of God's Word by thinkers. When I can get a man to think, that is worth a good deal more than for him to do something simply because I say it. I want you to think for yourselves.

Peter's Sermon at Pentecost.

Now we will read Acts two, beginning with the thirty-seventh verse.

Now when they heard this (the sermon of Peter) they were pricked in their heart,—

It is not sufficient merely to reach a man's intellect, but it is necessary to reach a man's heart. So it is written here that "When they heard this, they were pricked in their heart." Peter had hurled arrows of truth that went right to their hearts.

Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

I presume all of you have been in places and circumstances in your lives when you have said the same thing, "What shall I do?" It is a very trying situation not to know what to do. Some people say, "Well, I don't know which way to turn, I am so perplexed." So this is not an uncommon question. It is a very common question. Peter had preached the Word, and they were pricked to the heart, and they said, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Peter gave the answer.

Peter's Answer to Perplexed Hearts.

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, 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.

You can at once see the divine order. God is a God of order; not of confusion. Peter did not put baptism here before repentance, nor did he put the reception of the Holy Ghost before baptism. What is the use, then, for the impenitent, stiff-necked and rebellious to cry to God day and night to bestow the gift of the Holy Spirit upon them when they have not taken the first step in the Christian life?

Peter said, "*Repent*, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

God's Promise to Believers, and Their Call.

For the Promise is to you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

You want to couple with this little word "call" another very remarkable statement, "Many are called, but"—what?

Voices: "Few are chosen."

Then you want to add to that another one—an exhortation—that we should make our "calling and election sure."

As to whether I am "elected" depends altogether, from one standpoint, upon myself. Here is an election where everybody is a candidate, and your election depends upon yourself. You can make your calling and election sure by being "steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

"Many are called, but few are chosen," simply because they utterly fail, and God has to cast them aside just in the same way that the stonemason, who has chiseled away and polished and worked, has to say, "Well, I cannot do anything with this piece of rock at all."

It is true that all are called, but not all are chosen, and many that are first shall be last, and many that are last shall be—

Voices: "First."

It is a matter of loyalty and devotion.

Urging Men to Repent and be Saved.

And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

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I am sorry we have not all of Peter's sermon, but it is quite clear from this fortieth verse that we have just a small portion of his sermon preached on the Day of Pentecost. We have the greater part, probably, of the sermon that pricked them to the heart, but the words of exhortation that followed we have not.

Christian Work Becoming More and More Difficult.

It must be apparent to every Christian worker that Christian work becomes more and more difficult every twenty-four hours. There are some of you sitting before me whose minds can easily run back fifty years—that is a long time, half a century—and, as you review the events of the past fifty years, and contrast the present with the past, so far as vital religion is concerned and so far as earnestness in Divine things is concerned, you must see that with each passing day Christian work becomes more and more difficult.

The very first difficulty that the proclaimer of the Everlasting Gospel has to meet is the inattention of mankind. So full are the minds of men with the things of this world that you cannot get them to give any serious attention to their spirit's salvation and their eternal welfare.

I remember a story about a certain man of whom it was said that, while the preacher was preaching, he was figuring up on his cuff how much his steers would come to at so many cents per pound. It is impossible to get "steers" and the Gospel into a fellow's mind all at the same time. In order to do people any good you must have their ear. "He that hath ears to hear, let him" what?

Voices: "Hear."

Inattention! So strong a hold has the world upon the minds of men, and so engrossed are they with the cares of this world, that it is next to an impossibility to get any attention whatever from them to the Gospel of the Kingdom of the Son of God.

I would like to know how much a teacher would accomplish with a class in mathematics if the pupils gave no more attention to the instructions than does the average person today who sits in a church where a sermon is delivered. They might spend twenty years in college under a good instructor and they would come out at the end of that period unable to solve a difficult problem.

That leads me to say, my brothers and sisters, that it is impossible for a man *to hear* the Gospel and SLEEP at the same time.

Obedience Follows Receiving God's Word.

"Then they that gladly received His word were baptized:"

I do not believe that people who are soundly converted have to be driven to do their Christian duty. I do not believe that an individual, who, in deed and in truth, has turned with his whole heart to God, has to be eternally coaxed and forced to perform the simplest Christian duties. On the Day of Pentecost "they that *gladly* received his word were baptized."

I can understand that an individual, who has not been taught, would not be in a position to respond; but the moment the light shines upon a man's pathway he is responsible if he does not walk in that light, and men and women are accountable not only for what they do know, but also for what they might know.

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added—"

That "unto them" does not belong there.

* * "the same day there were added about three thousand souls." That is quite a crowd. "Three thousand souls" all in a day! Quite a company, indeed. I suppose at one time Zion City had a population of seven thousand. The population of Zion City at the present time is a few over four thousand, so you see that on the Day of Pentecost there were within one thousand of as many people converted as there are in Zion City at the present time.

Believers Continue Steadfast in Doctrine.

"And they continued steadfastly in" whose doctrine?

Voices: "The Apostles'."

It does not say they "continued in their own doctrine," or "in the doctrine of some itinerant," but "they continued steadfastly" in the doctrine they had received from the Apostles. There was unity. It is easy enough to learn, if you will only study the Word of God, how they had unity in those days! They did not always have it, but there were places and there were times when they did have it.

The Lord did the "adding." You cannot do it. I cannot add any one to the Lord. I cannot add any one to the Church. God must do that. Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me." Jesus said, at another time, that "no man can come unto the Father, except," what?

Voices: "The Father draw him."

So you see that to be truly in the Kingdom, God must do the drawing. No man can do it. God must do it.

"And they continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine" and something else, "and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."

The Genuine Word Preached Produces Fear of God, and Results Follow.

And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the Apostles.

This is a wonderful record of what took place, and I want you to notice it very carefully.

And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the Apostles.

A praying people can accomplish wonders. I cannot emphasize too strongly, in the light of God's Word, the importance of prayer. Oh that God would set this people on fire with the spirit of true prayer! (Amens)

"And fear came upon every soul:"—fear to do wrong. Ah! my brothers and sisters, there are some, today, who venture to tread where angels would fear to tread.

Signs and Wonders Follow Right Faith and Practice.

And many wonders and signs were done by the Apostles.

It is well for you to notice in this connection that the signs and wonders following depend upon a number of things. Where the conditions are right and propitious, then you will see the signs and wonders follow. You will remember that it is written of Jesus the Christ, after He had been in a certain place, "He did there no mighty works" because of what?

Voices: "Their unbelief."

The hindrances to prayer are very many. In the home there may be many hindrances, and in the Church there may be many hindrances. You may rest assured that anything that grieves the Holy Spirit is a hindrance to the answer to prayer.

Christian believers Form a Community—a Nation.

"And all that believed were together, and had all things common."

I want to say, in reading this portion of God's Word, that it is one of those simple statements which leaves the student considerably in the dark. Was it not a wonderful thing? I simply want you to take the statement. Was it not a wonderful thing that, at that time—at this time we are looking at the scriptures—that three thousand people all believed, were all together, had had all things in common, sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to every man as he had need?

Was not that a wonderful thing? I do not know that I would want any more proof of the baptism of the Holy Ghost than that. That was certainly tangible evidence. That was certainly something that would prove conclusively that something had taken place that was very remarkable.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

BY O. L. TINDALL

O Zion, yours is a great work.

It is always necessary for a man to be inspired with his work before he can become a good workman.

God not only wants workmen, but he wants men and women who do their work heartily as unto the Lord, and not unto men.

Remember, God looks at the heart of a man, as well as at the hand that does the work.

God loves not simply a giver, but a cheerful giver.

Don't give your money grudgingly, nor your time, nor your talents. We are not to be hirelings.

Zion's mission and call from God is no ordinary one. It is unique. She is to be a City set on a hill, that cannot be hid.

Her banner is not inscribed as are other churches.

Zion has a twofold work. She has to maintain sound doctrine, and Holy Living.

She believes in theory as well as practice.

It is the cry of the Devil and of an Infidel age that says, "It matters not what a man believes, as long as he does what is right." That is the cry of this age of so-called utility.

It is a false principle. It is a specious argument to break down sound doctrine, and to discredit the fundamental principle of our religion. It strikes at our corner stone.

As if a man could hold false views and have a right life! If he does that he is only a hypocrite. He is dishonest, for he believes one thing and does another.

If a man believes it is right to cheat and take advantage of his fellowmen in trade, would you trust him? Why certainly not. He wants only an opportunity and he will put his views into practice. So it is in religion. A man who does not love God cannot love his fellowmen, An Atheist (if there be such) cannot be trusted when the real test of life comes.

Maintain sound Doctrine, says the apostle, and Jesus the Christ laid down the universal principle, that men are to be saved by Preaching.

He gave us the example when He went about in all their villages and cities teaching first, and preaching and then healing.

The world needs teaching. "My people perish from lack of knowledge" said the old Prophet.

Divine Healing, that glorious teaching which we got from our old leader in Zion, must be preached and men must believe it, and believe it strongly before they will discharge the doctor and pitch the medicines into the gutter where they belong, and learn to trust God absolutely, It took some persistent teaching, as well as practice, to establish this teaching, in this age patent medicines and so called medical science.

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God gave Zion some most wonderful teachings and doctrines, through a mighty man, if he did have some faults and infirmities, as was said of the first Elijah, "He was a man of like passions with ourselves; yet he prayed and it rained not for the space of three years and six months, and he prayed again and it rained." If God never answered any prayers except of perfect men, there would be much less answers than there are now.

John Alexander Dowie was a mighty man. His voice was heard throughout the whole world, and it gave no uncertain sound.

Zion, today, in spite of her short existence, is better known, and her teaching better understood, than any church in existence, although they have stood for centuries, some of them.

John Alexander Dowie made the world listen. He made even the enemy the carriers of his message. They spread it abroad, not for love's sake, but for spite and envy in many cases. Paul said there were some in his day that "preached Christ of faction, not sincerely, thinking to raise up affliction for me in my bonds."

Many of the Chicago newspapers and others throughout the world told the story, yes, and many of the teachings of Zion, to mock and ridicule them.

They brought many to Zion to see and to investigate, and they came and saw, and they were convinced by her great truths.

Are not these truths above rubies and diamonds, or would you, O Zion, part with them for a mess of pottage, as some would do.

Do you say it costs too much? What is the Law of God worth? His Commandments, and Statutes, and even His Judgments. Did not the sweet singer of Israel say of them:

"More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb?"

The great pioneer work has been done by our former leader. He was a kind of John the Baptist, to say the least, to blaze the way.

Will any man say that God made a mistake in choosing such a man to do that work? None could have done it better, whatever failing he may have had. He was a mighty promoter, and his teachings will stand. His works will follow him. They, like our own, will be put to the test. Every man's work shall be tried by fire, said Paul. The hay and stubble will be consumed, but the gold and silver and precious stones will endure.

Let Zion know that we have a glorious heritage left us. It belongs to us now to "Guard the Deposit."

It is a precious Trust. Guard it as carefully, to say the least, as you do that ten thousand dollars that you fell heir to. How careful you are to safeguard your money!

Zion must build like old Nehemiah did—with a trowel in one hand and a sword in the other. You must watch the Devil with one eye, while you keep the other on the goal, on the "prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

It is like the good seed that has been sown. The birds are coming to devour it. How they are flocking to Zion City, the Headquarters of Zion for the world!

Zion today is like old Zion. She is built on a Rock and one that is impregnable. Neither the old Roman legions, nor her battering rams, can break down her walls nor carry her ramparts. Zion's gates are Salvation, and her officers Righteousness. God is her Refuge!

Zion is one. We are not divided. We believe in the unity of the Body, as well as the unity of the Spirit. There is One Body, which is the Church.

"For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one Body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit:" says the apostle.

God has called Zion to establish and to maintain the teaching of the Christ, and of Paul, and of our old leader. That there is to be but one Fold, one Body—one Church. God's people must come together into one Body, as Christ taught and prayed, on that last memorable night. How He prayed that they might all be *one*, as He and the Father were one. And why, did He say? So "That the World may believe that Thou hast sent Me." That refers to an organized body of men and women. The world could not see any other kind of a union.

Zion was quite right in saying that these sects, and divisions, and denominations must be destroyed as organizations, and out

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of them must be gathered a church, "a glorious church without spot or wrinkle." This, I believe, must be done before the Christ will come again.

These are the last days. The signs are not hard to discern.

Let Zion have on her garments aud be ready to meet her King. May she have her lamp trimmed and burning, with plenty of oil in her vessels, for the cry will come, not many days or years hence, 'Behold the Bridegroom cometh. Go ye out to meet Him."

God's People a Nation in Community Life.

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There is nowhere on God's earth today a company of people, so far as I know, that would think of doing what they did then, much less of actually doing it. You will find people, who have not anything, who are ready to do it. There are a lot of people, who have not a cent in the world, who would give me a million dollars certain if they had it—so they say. But if they had it, I would not expect a cent. They would act like the people act who do have it.

I would like to ask you, Zion, what would have been the difference in this community do you think—I am not asking you to say—if it had been started as they started their's on the Day of Pentecost? This community was not started in the same way they started their's on the Day of Pentecost. There is a very radical difference. Here is an actual historical fact of what three thousand people did on the Day of Pentecost.

The Apostles Taught the People what Christ Taught the Apostles.

I tell you what I believe about it, I believe they did exactly what Jesus the Christ told them to do. I believe that during the forty days intervening between the Resurrection and the Ascension, Jesus the Christ gave those apostles positive instructions as to details, what they were to do in carrying out His instructions, and His plans and His work.

Unity Brings Favor of God and Wins Men.

And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

Praising God. and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added those that were being saved."

No man can say that he is completely saved. No man can say that he is altogether saved. He "added such as were being saved." You and I are *being saved.* What will happen before the work is completed I do not know, but we are being saved. "Those that were being saved,"— that is the correct idea.

When the Lord adds people there are no mistakes made. When I undertake to add there will be a great many mistakes made. God the Almighty knows. He looks upon the heart. We look upon the outward appearance too often. God makes no mistakes.

The Formalists and Law Officers object to the Apostles' Doctrine.

I will now read four verses of the 4th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, and then I will pass on to the 31st verse.

And as they spake unto the people, the priests and the captains of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them,

Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold (that is in prison) unto the next day: for it was now eventide.

Howbeit many of them which heard the Word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand. Acts 4:1-4.

On the Day of Pentecost there were three thousand souls. On the day this lame man at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple was healed, we are told there were five thousand men. "And the number of the men was about five thousand." No one supposes for a minute that the converts at that time were men only. There must have been a great number of women converted, because, as you go through the Acts of the Apostles, some of the most earnest, devoted followers of the Lord Jesus Christ were women. That was true during the Lord's own ministry. He had no supporters more loyal and more devoted than Mary and Martha, and Mary Magdalene.

That just leads me to say a word here. You know that a Zion preacher is always at liberty to shoot in any direction he likes.

The moment I mentioned the name of Mary Magdalene I thought of a number of people in Zion. Do you know that some of the most loyal and devoted members of Zion this day in this Tabernacle are men and women who were rescued from great depths of degradation and sin? Just think for a minute, and see if that is not true. One of the most devoted members of this Church today is —— ——. I just happen to see him over there. Perhaps no man in this audience was saved from more than he was, and while Overseers, Elders, and his own brother, and father, and mother have gone back on Zion, how thankful to God he ought to be that He has kept him steadfast in Zion.

I can think of many others.

How Establish Zion Communities?

Ah! yes; some people say, "I would like to know how Overseer Voliva would ever run a Zion community like he advocates. All poor people would want to come into it and sponge off the rich." Let me tell you that the danger from a Zion community is not so much from the poor, as from the rich. The Word of God says it is just as possible for a camel to go through the eye of a needle as for a "poor" man to enter into the Kingdom of heaven, does it not? Voices: No, no. (Laughter)

What is the matter? Was Jesus the Christ indulging in sentiment or did He state a fact? He said that it is just as possible for a camel to go through a needle's eye as for A RICH man to enter the Kingdom of heaven. He told the truth, and I know it as well as any man on God's earth today. Right at the present time you will find an old widow with thirteen children who invested everything in Zion, and has not got a dollar, praising God and shouting "Glory, Hallelujah!! That fellow over there invested $1.75, and he has $40,000 worth of property outside, and he is cursing Zion all around. Oh, he has had the horrible loss of $1.75!

Mammon Worship and Greed Destroy Life and Hinder the Kingdom.

I want to tell you that the gravest danger to a Zion community is not so much from the poor who have been rescued, as it is from the class of people who worship mammon instead of God; and it is mammon worship that ruins communities. The worship of God never ruined any community. It is the worship of mammon, the spirit of selfishness and the spirit of greed. That is where the trouble comes in.

The Slowness of Men and the Readiness of Women to Accept the Gospel.

There were five thousand "men" that day. At the present time there are about ten women who belong to Church for every man. Go into any prayer meeting in the churches, and you will find just two men present, and all the rest are women. The two men are the preacher and the janitor. (Laughter.)

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If there were ten women that day for every man, then there were fifty thousand women converted, were there not? Just think what a crowd! Fifty-five thousand—five thousand men and fifty thousand women—converted, because, I say, nowadays, there are ten women converted for every man. How many women there were the Bible does not say; there must have been a good many. The men are, for the most part, a dirty, low-down, stinking lot. They smoke, they stink; my, how they stink! They drink whiskey and chew and spit tobacco, which is something no hog would be guilty of doing. I have seen thousands of hogs, and I never saw one chew tobacco and spit it around yet. The fact of the matter is, a man away from God gets to be an animal, lower than a pig, and by the time that a man has smoked and chewed tobacco, and drunk whiskey, and served the Devil for thirty or forty years, he looks like his master. Then if they add to that the spirit of grab, selfishness and greed, what a picture you have!

Well, keep that in mind—five thousand men.

Power From on High Gives Boldness.

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the Word of God with boldness.

How did they speak?

Voices: "With boldness."

How many were there?

Voices: "Five thousand."

Five thousand at least.

The Spirit of God Guides to Unity of Thought and Action.

And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul:

They talked alike. There was unity there.

And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

I tell you when people act like that something has taken place. If one of you men had ten thousand dollars' worth of property and said, "This is not my own", I would not say I would drop dead, but I do not think I should recover for a few days. When a man comes with ten thousand dollars for twelve per cent interest and dividends, that would not give me a scare. There is nothing extraordinary about that. The biggest scoundrel in Chicago would loan ten thousand dollars at twelve per-cent interest.

True Cooperation and Help Accompany the Spirit of Truth.

You have to face the facts. On that day something took place. It was a marvelous thing. "Neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was" what?

Voices: "His own."

"But they had all things," what?

Voices: "All things in common."

If you talk about a Zion community today, a lot of people say it is impossible.

The early Christians had them.

Christian Communities and Growth Destroyed by Selfishness.

If you want to know what destroys communities, I will tell you in a few words. You may launch the most beautiful Christian community possible, and the one thing that will ruin it is the one thing, "selfishness." That is the reason Zion City is where it is today—the spirit of selfishness—and any arrangement that creates and fosters the spirit of greed and grab in men will make a Zion community an absolute impossibility.

How Zion City May Be Saved.

Brothers and sisters here this afternoon, the time has come to do some good sound thinking. You pray for Zion City to be saved. You say, "O God, save Zion City for Thyself and Thy people." When you pray that you have got to do some thinking and to remember that a revolution must take place before God can ever answer that prayer.

I ask you this afternoon to answer this question: Would you rather go back to your respective cities and localities and be as you were before, or do you desire a Zion community? That is the question.

Once, not many years ago, not only this body of people sitting here, but thousands of others who have been in this City, were living in hundreds of different parts of this and other lands. Some were in Chicago; some in London; some in Germany; some in Switzerland; some in New Zealand; some in Australia; some in portions of this country, all the way from coast to coast from the Gulf to the great lakes. You were part and parcel, warp and woof of the old order of things outside.

The question is: Do you want to go back to that former state and condition, or do you really and truly desire a Zion community? I do not want you to answer that question today, because if a man has not got a desire in his heart for anything better than the world's order of things, there is not any use of calling upon that man to take hold and help create something different.

Illustration of the Effect of Earnest Desire.

When a certain young man was brought to me some years ago, I was told he was threatening to take his life. I took him into my little office and he told me how many cigars he smoked a day, and how often he drank whiskey. I said, first of all, 'Do you, from your heart, have an honest conviction that your smoking and drinking are wrong?" "Yes", he said, "I have been smitten with that conviction." Then I said, "Can you say, before God, that you desire, with all your heart, to give up smoking and drinking?" He said, "Before God I can." I said, "Then kneel in prayer." He knelt in prayer. I prayed for him. God delivered him. I heard a few days ago, that from that night to this day he has not touched either tobacco or liquor.

So when a man comes you must find out whether he desires a thing or not. Christ said, "Whatsoever ye desire when ye pray, believe ye have that for which ye pray, and ye shall have it." The desire must be there.

My brothers and sisters who are in sin today, you must be convicted of the wickedness of your sinfulness. So long as there is no conviction there you will never take the first step toward God. When you are convicted of your sinfulness, then I want to know whether you desire salvation? If you do, then you can pray the prayer of faith.

My brothers and sisters, you who are in need of healing and deliverance, do you desire, with all your hearts, a perfect deliverance from your diseases and from your afflictions? If you do, then the next thing is to ask, believing that you have that which you ask for, and Jesus said, "Ye shall have it." There is not any "possibly you shall have it," or "perhaps you shall have it." Jesus said positively, "You shall have it."

Have Desire Based Upon the Word of God.

I tell you, the first thing is for that desire to be planted there by the Spirit of God through the study of the Word that all hell cannot root it up—the desire for the conversion of a son, or a dear one, the desire for the healing of loved ones, that all-consuming and overwhelming desire that sets a man on fire so that he can cry to God until the very gates of heaven shall swing open for him.

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

People are not going to take mere statemants.

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How wonderful when Jesus said:

Only Those Doing the Will of God Enter Heaven.

Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? and in Thy name have cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works?

Then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that werk iniquity.

It is he that does the will of God who will enter heaven. I want to point out that on the Day of Pentecost, and on the day when the man was healed at the Beautiful Gate of the timple, something must have come over those people. There is no question about that. Something took place which I do not know of having taken place on any such a scale since the Day of Pentecost. Five thousand men! More people than there are in Zion City now. Look at that if you please!

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Anxious for Zion.

BOULDER. COLORADO, January 24, 1909.

E. L. CAREY,
Zion City, Illinois,

Dear Brother in the Christ:

Your letter of the 21st inst. is just received.

I am glad to know that there is a Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion, true to the principles of the Church when first founded.

Your letter, with its enclosed tract, "A Message from Zion," is the first word that I have received since the decision of Judge Landis; or, in fact, since the suspension of Leaves of Healing. I have written for information concerning affairs in the Church and received no reply, and thought the Church must be broken up and thought there must be a change of Church policy.

I am glad to hear that Wilbur Glenn Voliva is General Overseer. I did not know that LEAVES OF HEALING had been republished, and I will soon send in money for it. I indorse everything you have said in your letter and in the message. I have been greatly blessed since I joined the C. C. C. in Zion,—blessed more than I can express.

I did not receive a copy of the call to those who desire to continue with you. I now signify such desire by sending for a Renewal Application form. Perhaps one was sent to my home in ———. If so, my friends failed to forward it to me. Before I came here, sickness in my daughter's family called me from home.

Please send application form to Boulder, Colo.

Faithfully yours in Jesus,

(Signed) —. —. ———.

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The Gospel of the Kingdom

God's People a Nation in Community Life

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By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva

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Witnessing With Great Power by Ministry and Membership.

And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

You see God has need of a Holy Ghost made ministry. Yes, and God has need of a Holy Ghost made Church. What I say unto you today is this, that it is not only necessary that there should be one man, or a dozen men, or a hundred men, set for the defence of the Gospel; but there should be a Church, an organization filled with the Spirit of God to go forward to carry into effect the teachings of our Lord and Saviour Jesus the Christ.

Poverty Abolished.

Neither was there any among them that lacked.

Where will you find a community today of whom it can be said, "There is not one among them that lacks?"

Go into a little town of three hundred inhabitants anywhere in the United States, and you will find people who lack clothing and food and shelter. Ah! shame on you who, without any thought, say "They are a lazy, good-for-nothing, shiftless lot." I want to tell you, no such thing. When I look back to the little country town where I used to go to school, I see a man with a wife and many children. That man was as willing to work as any man I ever met, and though he was between sixty and seventy years of age he would work in the harvest field, or he would dig ditches, or do anything he could get to do, and what magnificent wages he earned! A man will go out to one of those rich farmers, and he will get the magnificent sum of eighteen to twenty, sometimes twenty-four dollars a month, and a house to live in, and he will cultivate a large farm and make thousands of dollars for that farmer, and he draws the little pittance of a couple of hundred dollars a year.

Why Communities Are Necessary.

I want to tell you the reason why hundreds and thousands of the people have not the common necessities of life is because the Devil has control of things, and it is an impossibility for a considerable portion of humanity to make a decent living, and that is the reason why, as I believe, on the Day of Pentecost, and on the day when the lame man was healed at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple, communities were formed; and Christ intended His people should build communities. He never intended that His people should be mixed up and linked up with the world, the flesh, and the Devil. You will remember how the Apostle Paul, in words that cannot be misunderstood, in Second Corinthians, the sixth chapter, emphatically declares that God's people *should separate themselves;* that they should have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, that they should understand that there was no concord between Christ and Belial.

God's People "A Peculiar People."

In the Old Testament times, why do you think the Children of Israel were called apart and separated from all other nations? Simply as typical of God's children through the Lord Jesus the

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Christ. The promises made unto the fathers through the prophets are promises that come down to God's children today, and God has never changed. God's people ought to be "a peculiar people," a separated people, and they ought to be showing a very different condition of things from what we have.

One of the most wonderful things in the Bible is, my brothers and sisters, that with five thousand men they formed a community larger than Zion City. What about all the women? If you allow only five thousand women, they had a community of ten thonsand. What about all the children? They formed a community where they had all things in commop at that time, and there was not one in that community that lacked. It does not say that every family had an automobile, and it does not say that every man had a silk hat, nor a fine pair of coach horses. It simply says, "Neither was there any among them that lacked." Lacked what? What they needed—food, shelter and raiment. A man's needs are very few, but his wants are very many. Today, in all this broad world, with all the high-sounding professions of Christianity, there is not one single attempt made even to approximate what they had nineteen hundred years ago.

The World's Ideas Liberal.

The so-called religion of the present time is a poor miserable hodgepodge, ephemeral, chimerical, ethereal, soap-bubble nothing. You are a lovely preacher just as long as you confine your remarks to the hereafter, but the moment you bring the Gospel of the Son of God right down to *terra firma* and apply it to a man's acting and working, then a great howl goes up from Dan to Beersheba, and they say, "The Church and State must be separate. The Church and politics must be separate." As a very unwise writer in one of the Waukegan papers, under the heading "Zion City always with us" says,that "when the people of Zion City get some sense, and show a broad religious tolerance, they will prosper, that the Zion City experiment proves that the church and state will not mix." In other words, the Devil must run the State, and God Almighty the Church.

The Theocracy to Rule All.

Well, God Almighty refuses to go halves. He is determined to rule all, not only in this world, but in the Universe; and the movement that is going to live and attract the attention of the world is the movement that can give them something better than political socialism. That "something better" is the proclamation of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God lived out in the lives of those who profess to believe it.

How Power and Influence are Lost.

I want to read that again. They had a prayer meeting, and the place was shaken. You cannot shake a place with a lot of old worshipers of Mammon. You cannot shake a place with a lot of people who are as greedy as the Devil. You cannot shake a place with people who cry to God with the tip end of their finger, and hang onto the world, the flesh and the Devil with a death-like grip. The Holy Ghost cannot come into, permeate, nor work through people of that kind.

The Real Gospel the Power of God Unto Salvation.

I have made up my mind that the only way for the powers of Heaven to shake this place is to preach the Gospel, and cry to God to burn the love of money out of the hearts of all the people. [Amens.]

The Christian Community Cares for the Needy.

Now, once more, there was no one in that community that lacked. Did you get that? That was a wonderful community. There is nothing said here about the kind of houses they built. My opinion is there was no "Section Seventeen."[Laughter]. I have never seen any photograph of the "Shiloh Stables" they had there, either. They had too much sense to spend their money in such tomfoolery. The reason why nobody lacked was because they put the money to proper use. For anybody to lack in a Zion community is a burning shame and is a serious reflection upon the one that established it. If I had all that has been wasted in Zion City I could make you all comfortable and get you all a piano apiece, that is, for each house. [Laughter.]

Yes, God gives enough to supply our needs, but He gives us nothing to waste.

This is a wonderful thing to me, and I marvel that you are not all set on fire with it. We believe the Bible. We are looking for the coming of the King. Our only joy is in the Holy Ghost. It seems to me that we all ought to say, "Here am I; take me. I will do all I can to establish Thy Kingdom among the children of men."

The reason the United States of America exists today is because men were not afraid to take their lives in their hands, and face a rock-bound coast and an untrodden country inhabited by fierce Indians, and disease lurking on every hand, and willing that their bodies should be buried beneath the sand that a nation might be born.

So I tell you, my brothers and sisters, when this people are set on fire of the Holy Ghost,this "nation" will be saved,and will never die. There were not any of them that lacked. Was not that a beautiful community? Was not that a lovely community? Not one of them lacked. There was a fellow down there by the name of Barnabas who had a big farm. He said, "I am not going to help these lazy fellows. They are a low-down shiftless lot. I have worked for this farm, and I am going to keep it. "I am not going to the poorhouse. I am going to have something for my old age. Why should I help any of those fellows there? Let them work. I have earned my money, and I am going to keep my own."

That was a good speech Barnabas made. I am making it for him. I am bringing it down to date. Is that the way Barnabas talked?

A Noble Stand for Principle

And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas (which is, being interpreted, the son of consolation) a Levite and of the country of Cyprus,

Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

He sold it and invested it in Bank Stock? (Laughter). No; invested it in heaven. As I told you this morning, treasures on earth give lots of trouble, but treasures in heaven never cause you to lose a minute's sleep, do they?

I had eighty acres of land, and I sold it just before I went to Australia. I had a nice lot of books which I sold to buy the clothing I went in to Australia. I am glad I did. My treasures are in heaven. I have not any on earth. You say, "Well, thank God I am not in that fix." "What are you going to do when you get old?" Trust God. "What are you going to do if you fall and break your leg?" I am not in the business of breaking legs. The Bible says, "Not one of his bones shall be broken." He says, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High," what?

Voices: "Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

I believe that with all my heart. God's Word is true. Did not Christ say, "Take no thought what ye shall eat?" I will ask you candidly, How many thoughts have you had within the last fifty years as to how much you will have to eat? Is it not a fact that the rank and file of the people give more thought to what they shall eat than they do to their spirit's eternal salvation? There is no use of getting mad about it, and looking cross, not a bit. Is it not a fact that the rank and file give more thought to their bodies, what they shall put into them and on

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them, than they do to God and eternal things? I am glad to see you people are honest and will own up.

Seek First the Kingdom of God.

Christ said, "Seek first" what?

Voices; "The Kingdom of God."

You will never build a Zion community with people not doing it. There is no use trying it. If any considerable number of people in this town are not meeting that condition, this community will suffer, and it will be a long time before it can be saved.

"Seek first the Kingdom of God and" what?

Voices: "His righteousness."

And what shall happen?

Voices: "All these things shall be added unto you."

I believe it. The time I preached that sermon (some time ago) it was the last time, I think, that ——— and ——— ever came to hear me. That sermon settled them. It was too much for them. They never walked with me any more. Do you remember the time when I drew a circle on the blackboard representing the Kingdom of God, and wrote the Scripture "Except ye be born from above," etc.?

The Kingdom of Heaven Defined

The Kingdom of Heaven is not something up in the air, but a community of Christian people living in accordance with the Law of God. That is where people make great blunders. There is one thing you all have to face, and that is the fact that on the Day of Pentecost and a few days afterwards, two communities were formed, and not one in that community, which was probably two or three times as large as Zion City, lacked anything. Do you believe it? You have it to face.

Lovers of this World.

I remember, when in the Administration Building, Mr.——— said, "I do not believe in Zion communities at all. It was a mistake when Zion City was established. There is no scriptural proof for God's people to get together. They should scatter in the cities."

A Deaconess in Zion City came to my house and said, "I do not believe in Zion City. A man who does not know how to pass a saloon without going in and getting drunk is a weak character, and will never develop and get strong." I thought to myself, what logic, what wonderful logic! I am sorry to say she is an Australian, although she was born in the old country. (Laughter) I hope so, anyway. What argument! "It is better for the husbands and fathers and sons and brothers to live in a town where there are saloons, otherwise they won't know what it is to resist temptation."

That would make a beer garden out of Heaven. The angels must be very weak characters, because they have no saloons up there to tempt them. What an argument!

Zion Community Life Free From Saloon Suggestions.

I am told,—and you know, perhaps---that there are boys, ---young men---in Kansas who never saw a saloon. What a wonderful thing for a man to say, when he hears some talk about the accursed liquor traffic, "I never saw a saloon." What a wonderful thing to be able to say! What a wonderful thing for an army of boys and girls to be born in a Zion community, and brought up in a Zion community!

I wish the world was a Zion community, if it were no better than Zion City is now. Zion City is a long way short from what it ought to be, because it has proven true in Zion City, as in the case of Job, when the sons of God came together, the sons of the Devil assembled themselves also. No sooner had the sons of God come in here than the Devil came, also.

The First Church Community Life.

I will say as the blind man said, "There is one thing I do know, that whereas I was blind, I now see." There is one thing I do know, through my Bible, and that is, in the beginning, on the very birthday of the Christian Church they formed a community. I would just like to know why it is not in direct line with God's plans and purposes that His children should all form communities, and keep themselves away from the world, the flesh and the Devil. That is the Word of God.

Individual Property Surrendered to the Kingdom.

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 down at the apostles' feet; and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

If I had a million dollars here I would hate to have to distribute it according as every man "wanted." If I distributed it as every man "had need," I would have a good pile left.

What a wonderful thing. That is the kind of Christianity I believe in. That kind of Christianity amounts to something. There is something tangible to it, something that people can see. "Behold, how those Christians loved each other!" not "Behold, how those Christians skin each other!"

Then we have the story of Barnabas. He had a farm and sold it, and laid the money at the Apostles' feet.

The Half-Hearted Love and Service.

Ananias and Sapphira belonged to the Church in those days. They had a little farm just down south of "Waukegan", and sold it, and they—I think it was Sapphira who put Ananias up to it---agreed together that they should tell the Apostles that they sold it for so much. They were saying to themselves, "This is a pretty risky piece of business. If we are not careful we will come to want. We will put away half of this, and tell them that is all we got for it." They got homes at once. Yes, sir; they lied to the Holy Spirit, and paid the penalty with their lives. Money-cursed them. Today it is one thing or the other. There is Mammon; do you see him? I received a picture the other day, sent me through the mails, illustrating the greed of the present time. It is a very interesting picture, drawn, I think, by a man in Boston. There is Mammon; don't you see him? There is God Almighty, and Christ said, "Ye cannot serve God and Mammon." A man is a fool who tries to do it. It is an impossibility.

My brothers and sisters, you are here this afternoon, and you are here to think. Your one thought ought to be the Kingdom of God.

Why People Forsook the World's Ways for Zion's Paths.

Let us go back. I want to lead you up to something. How do you account for the fact that you ever went to the first Zion meeting? How do you account for the fact that in the years following 1896 you became members of this Church? How do you account to your relatives and friends for the fact that you left the Roman Catholic Church and came into this Church, that you came out of the Methodist Church, where your grandparents belonged, and your parents also, and came into this Church? How do you account for the fact that you left Ireland, Scotland, England, Switzerland, Germany, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the different states in the United States, and from other lands?

I want some good hard thinking done right there. I want every man and woman, before his or her God, to answer that question, not particularly this afternoon, but in the quietness of your homes.

The conditions of fellowship in the Christian Catholic Apos-

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.
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I am the Lord that healeth thee.
And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.
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EDITORIAL NOTES

BY O. L. TINDALL

O Zion throughout the world, "Peace be unto you."

How we thank God that we are able to give you this blessed salutation, which Jesus Himself taught us, as we go out into this sad world that knows no Peace, except such as the hollow world gives. It is the Peace that came to the world when the Heavenly Host said it to the shepherds on Judea's hills. "Peace on earth, good will to men."

How we should thank God for the Printing Press that enables us to greet you, as it were, face to face though separated by hundreds of miles.

My brothers and sisters, pray for Zion's press that it may be ever used for the Kingdom of God; that her messages may ever be inspired of God.

Zion has only one message. It is the same one that Jesus gave His disciples when He sent them out to preach.

It is the same one He gave to the Seventy and told them to give it to every home in every city and village to which they should go.

The Kingdom of Heaven. Christ gave his preachers only one text to preach from.

He used the same subject Himself. His fore-runner, who came to prepare the way before Him had the same theme.

"Repent ye: for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

The pulpit of today, as a rule, preaches instead of a Kingdom, a Democracy. This is especially true of the American pulpit.

A somewhat noted minister, now a bishop, said in a public address, "What we need is an American Church," up to date. That is not the church of Jesus Christ.

Nothing could be farther from the truth than that. God never made any kind of an organization that was to be governed by the people. Does not He know, and do not we know that the people are not fit or capable to govern themselves? If you want proof go read the story of Babylon, and Ninevah and the Roman Empire, and the Republic, and the Greek Commonwealth. Read their epitaphs in the cemeteries of buried nations. There is only one Kingdom that will stand forever and that is the one that good old Daniel saw in his vision that was like the "little stone cut out of the mountain without hands," that would crush and grind to powder all kingdoms of gold and silver and brass and iron. That is all any of the kingdoms, or republics of today are. They are based on gold, and silver and iron. Most of them worship the gods of gold and silver, etc.

Zion comes onto the field, and she boldly declares that God's Kingdom must be set up among men, which simply means that God must RULE in all the affairs of men.

This is what the Kingdom of God means.

Do you say "It is a hopeless task; it cannot be done?" That is the cry of the coward, and of the one who does not trust in his God. God has said through His prophets and through His Son, that His Kingdom must prevail, and all enemies must be put under His feet.

You say, "We are a feeble folk and our enemies are giants, and their cities are walled."

True, but it is not more true than when the obscure man, clad in camel's hair and whose food was locusts and wild honey, proclaimed the Kingdom of God. It is not more true than when the Master sent out His Seventy as lambs among wolves, without money or scrip, and said: "Go, Preach, the Kingdom of God is come nigh unto you."

Will you not remember Pentecost when in one day three thousand were born into this Kingdom, and five thousand soon after when God stretched forth His hand and healed the impotent man at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple?

Are we not told that "a nation shall be born in a day?"

All God needs is a faithful people who dare trust Him and not be afraid. Fear makes cowards of men.

"Wherefore didst thou fear?" The Devil and the host of hell are attacking Zion, or the Kingdom of God, by trying to break down her authority and her unity.

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They say you have no right to speak with authority. You should say, "It is simply my opinion of things," and "every man has a right to his opinion." That sets men free to do as they like. This simply means anarchy in the Kingdom of God.

In the Kingdom of God there is authority. A man has no more right to a wrong opinion or a wrong teaching and to preach it, than he has to carry a lighted torch and expose your property.

God rules through men.

A Kingdom means Government. It does not mean a conglomerate mass of men. It means order and discipline. Otherwise it would be like the heavens and the earth were in the beginning---without form, and only chaos.

The Devil has succeeded in dividing up the Kingdom of God, shall I say? Yes, in so far as the Church of Jesus Christ is concerned, or we may say the "form of godliness," as Paul puts it. They say it does not matter about the Form, only the "Power" is important, which means that it makes no difference about what kind of a boiler or engine you have, only get up the steam and have plenty of fire and power.

"Don't mind anything about the machinery." The form of Godliness is the machinery, the power is the Holy Spirit.

Zion says we must have a body as well as a spirit. If the body is sick and weak and crippled, what can the spirit do?

Think of turning a flood of water in upon a city without any pipes to convey it to your houses and then call that "water works."

That is the teaching of men who go about preaching the Holy Ghost and Power, and fire, etc., and say "We do not have any government or organization among men." They believe in no rule, or authority in the church.

They deny the scriptures where it says, "Obey them who have the rule over you." They deny the scriptures that teach that an elder is to rule in the Church, not lord it over the flock, but as Paul says, "Let him that rules, rule with diligence."

The curse of the apostate churches is that they have trampled this teaching under their feet, so they have nothing but confusion and disorder, and disgrace the very name of their Lord, our Ruler. They present to the world a broken and divided Kingdom. The world and the Devil despise it as a weak thing and well they might.

Why is the Roman Catholic Church strong and no church able to cope with her? Simply because she has maintained that one Divine element, Authority, and taught her people, from childhood, obedience in the church reverence, and respect to those in authority. To say they have abused this power is not to condemn the principle any more than it would destroy parental authority or governmental authority, because they have been shamefully abused.

Zion is to guard her Discipline as well as her Doctrine.

God's People a Nation in Community Life.

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tolic Church, from the beginning, have been four in number. The first one is: You believe the Bible to be the all-sufficient rule of faith and practice. That is a great deal. In the second place: That you must repent of your sins; and thirdly: That you must have the witness of the Holy Spirit in a measure that you are a child of God. The fourth condition is: That all other matters shall be matters of opinion that are not essential to Church fellowship. Those were the simple conditions.

I will ask you, Why were you attracted by Dr. Dowie's ministry away from the ministry of scores, and in the aggregate, hundreds of preachers of the denominations? What was there about his ministry, what was there about the Christian Catholic Church that drew you out of life-long associations, that led you to take a decided stand which cost you much thought and sacrifice and self-denial? If you will only answer these questions, my brothers and sisters, in the fear of God, and answer them correctly, it will settle a great many other questions. You will find yourselves anchored.

Zion City But an Incident to the Zion Movement.

The Christian Catholic Church existed long before Zion City. The Headquarters in Chicago grew rapidly. Branches of considerable size were launched in different cities and in different lands. The Zion literature was sent to all nooks and corners. In the leading hotels, on the great ocean steamers, at the large railway stations, in the Y. M. C. Associations and Y. W. C. Association rooms, and elsewhere, Zion literature was to be found. The ministry of Zion attracted world-wide attention, and the Zion Movement was growing at a tremendous rate, long before Zion City was ever established. I want you to think of that. The Zion Movement existed before Zion City. The Zion Movement did not depend upon Zion City. Zion City to the Movement is just the same as this coat is to my body. If I threw this coat off, and it was destroyed, my body would still exist. If Zion City were swept off the earth tomorrow, the Zion Movement would exist just as it did before Zion City was established.

Was the Establishing of Zion City a Wise Move?

My brothers and sisters, this brings me to the presentation of another question: Did Zion make a mistake when she launched Zion City? Second: Would it have been better for the Zion Movement, for her work throughout the world, if Zion City had never been launched?

In the next place: Do you conscientiously believe, from your study of the Word of God, that God's people in Zion ought to launch Zion communities, or do you not believe it? One says Zion made a mistake and never should have launched a Zion City. Another one says that the one thing about the Zion Movement that makes it *the* movement of the twentieth century is the fact that she advocates the practical demonstration of the truths and tenets of the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus the Christ.

My opinion is that in talking about saving Zion City the cart has been put before the horse, and until you people answer these questions and answer them properly, it is only beating the air to talk about saving Zion City. Is that sound reasoning? Do you see through that? I believe that position is as sound as possible.

If you answer me "No, Zion made no mistake in launching Zion City; the Word of God teaches that the Zion people should have communities." When you answer "Yes", then I ask you the next question: My brothers and sisters in Jesus the Christ,

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tell me what is the matter? If I take my watch to a jewelryman, the first thing he does before he tries to repair it is to find out what is the matter. I ask you, Is Zion City all right today?

Voice: "No."

No. Is this a healthful Zion community? No. Then what is the matter? Wherein were the blunders made in the foundation stones of the settlement? Mr. ——— said to me, "It is all very well for you to talk about launching communities, you can launch them all right, but you will never maintain them." But my God is all sufficient, and I tell you if it is God's will that Zion communities should be launched, God will maintain them if His people will do right.

Why Was Zion City Launched?

Let us look for a minute as to the way this City was launched. You have all been criticising. You have all pointed out Dr. Dowie's mistakes. I want you to do something better than that. You know so much about it, I want you to tell me how a Zion community ought to be launched.

In the first place, John Alexander Dowie preached those wonderful sermons, and I will say this, that his are the only sermons I have read in literature, outside of the Bible, that I could read many times and never get tired of them. I could sit down and read those pamphlets a whole day and never get tired. The secret of the power of those sermons is that that man was called and trained of God to do a mighty work (Amens), and he had something for the world that nobody else could give.

Voices: Right.

He preached those wonderful sermons. He pointed out to you that God's people ought to get together and they ought to be in communities. Then he proceeded to get money. He formed the Land and Investment Association, and sold shares for $100.00, which shares were to be accepted at par value for land.

I am not going to say it, but I will ask you that you may think: Did John Alex. Dowie make a fundamental mistake when he called for money *in the form of investments* to buy this land, instead of calling upon you people *to give* the money to buy the land?

Now, members of the Ecclesiastical Cabinet, you must answer this question at the next Conference. I will sit in a chair and listen. I am hastening on. My life is short, and my time is precious, and I have not a second to lose, and I propose to force this thing now to an issue, (Amens) because millions want Zion's message, and, God helping me, millions shall have Zion's message. (Amens.)

I do not intend, if it is a corpse, to stand sentinel over the corpse much longer.

I repeat the question:

Did John Alex. Dowie err, as all human beings do, when he got the money in the form of INVESTMENTS to purchase this land, or did he not err? That is the first question. I want you to answer it, but not now. May it not be possible that God set him on fire and gave him a vision of the plan, and told him to call upon the people as they did on the Day of Pentecost, and his heart failed him, and he was afraid to do it?

In the next place, the statement is a fact. After consultation with the lawyer, and having taught you people that the earth belonged to the Lord, and that this land should never be sold in perpetuity, he decided upon an eleven hundred year-lease, containing so many covenants, and when the stock was accepted for land, you were given a lease for eleven hundred years, the lease containing certain covenants, on violation of which, by a paragraph inserted therein, Zion, through her proper officials, could tender to you, in money, and by promissory notes, the value of your holdings fixed by a board of arbitration, and then you would be compelled to move out of the City.

I will ask you this question:

Did Dr. Dowie not decide upon an eleven hundred year lease with covenants? Did he make a mistake, or did he not? Was the arrangement made sufficient to maintain a Zion community, and enable the officials to expel from that community any objectionable characters who would come into it, and seek to destroy it?

In the third place: He told you that Zion City should be unlike the cities of the world, that every family should have a plat of ground where they should have sunlight and air.

Further, Did not all the people come into Zion City saying that they were coming to help establish a Zion community?

Voices: "Yes."

Did they not all come to Zion City understanding what the arrangements were? Did they not all come, understanding that there was one Church—the Christian Catholic Church in Zion City? Did they not understand that no other meetings were allowed in this City?

What are you going to do about it? That is the question. I will tell you what I would do before six o'clock tomorrow night in a community I would establish: I would line them up and march them up to the edge of the City and tell them never to return.

One Heart and Purpose Necessary for a Happy Community.

A Zion community! Now I go back.

Many people have been, and are members of this Church who have never lived in this community. It is one thing to be a member of the Church, and it is another thing to be a member of a Zion community. Do you see that? Men and women may live in Chicago, Cincinnati, London, Paris, and anywhere else, and may be members of this Church; but whenever men and women make up their minds to launch a community to live a community life, then I want to tell you there is something to be required more than the four conditions of fellowship. You can never have community life unless men and women are all of *one heart and one soul.* It is the height of absurdity to talk about it. You cannot do it. You have got one man, with a house and lot howling, "We want an American town." He has just as much right here as the Devil has in heaven. Cannot you people see that? When a man joins a community he knows that he has got to give up a great many things, and forego a great many things for the sake of the community which before, when he stood off as a single individual, he did not have to give up.

One thing that surprises me is the statement made by different people about a Zion community. They simply show that they have never thought into the subject, that they have never given it any real serious, earnest consideration. What is the use to found a community, and open the gates for the enemy to come in and ruin that community?

You may have one hundred men and women form a community of one heart and one soul and one mind, and let half a dozen foreigners come into it, and they will permeate it and leaven it and ruin it, and you have had all your work for nothing. If Deacon ——— takes in four boarders into his house, and he has no authority in any way by which he can order them out of that house, and they make up their minds to raise the Devil there, they can do it, and stay in spite of him. A Zion community is just the same thing. You launch a community, have everything lovely, and then have somebody come in serving the world, the flesh and the Devil, and they will ruin that community. I am afraid a lot of people who came in here had no understanding at all of what community life meant.

As a man of the world pokes his finger at you and says: "Men and women can never have a community with the selfishness, greed and avarice there is in them. They will ruin it sooner or later." That is what men of the world say.

I ask you now this question—and I have said enough to give

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you something to think about for a month—Is a Zion community possible, or is it an impossibility?

If you people say a Zion community is an impossibility, I am done with this thing and done with it now. I have no further time nor strength to spend on it.

If you say a Zion City is possible, then I say, "Line up to a man." (Amens.)

Who Stands for Zion, the Test.

I want to tell you, my brothers and sisters, there is not any question as to who in this City stands for Zion. There is no use for men and women to pray for God to save Zion City, and then furnish fuel to a lot of devils to burn the City down. There is no use to continue in wretched hypocrisy saying, "Yes, I want Zion City saved," and "pray for Zion City to be saved," and then, if you can get an article two cents cheaper anywhere else than Zion Stores, you will go and get it. I am done with that kind of business. You do not save Zion City by refusing to support Zion institutions. Loyalty! Many people do not know what loyalty means. Devotion to principles and helping to fight a battle and win a victory for God, some people know very little about it.

The Kingdom of God More Than Property.

The Kingdom of God is more than dollars and cents. Let us look at things in a calm, straightforward way. I do not propose to spend my life in a community and call it a Zion community with a lot of the Devil's representatives stalking abroad in it. I do not propose to do it. Every individual in this community, who is not Zion, is an eyesore, and it cannot be otherwise. Community life is one thing; individual life is another.

In closing this address, I for one say, most emphatically, that I believe with all my heart, spirit, soul, mind and all, in Zion communities. I believe they are possible. (Amens.) I believe they are needed. I believe they must be launched. The plan is plain. It needs only a man brave enough to carry out the plan.

It would not matter to me if there had been fifty failures, I would be just as enthusiastic in going forward, because I tell you the greatest success is often right on the heels of apparent failure.

Individualism Never Helps the Kingdom.

Men with individual business, talking about a Zion community! I am a reasonable being, but I think a Zion community with individual business, is an absolute and eternal impossibility. Anything that is individualistic is just as far from the communistic as the north pole is from the south pole.

You people who talk about having individual business in a Zion community just show me how you can have a Zion community with individual enterprises in it. That man does not breathe the breath of life who can show how to run a Zion community with individual enterprises. You cannot do it. It is an impossibility.

There is another thing: You cannot maintain a Zion community unless it is so established that when people go to the Devil, if they will not repent, you can put them out. Do you know that? If there is anybody here so wise that he can show me how to run a Zion community without an arrangement of that kind, I would like to know it.

A man who is not willing to put what talents he has got on the altar for the community life has no business ever to enter a community.

Hope of Aggressive Work.

I hope I have made you see some of these things. I think some of you have been doing some thinking. I have said some things this afternoon that will stir this whole people to earnest thought and earnest prayer. I tell you this: I am not going for ever to ask the men of this town to sit around and pick their fingers. Zion men ought to be producing for the Kingdom of God. You Zion men who want to farm, if we cannot arrange to do it here, I am going to take up a tract of land and arrange to do it somewhere else. I am going to put you to work. Every Zion man ought to be producing.

I tell you another thing, and I say it from the soles of my boots to the tip end of the longest hair on the top of my head: Zion people are not going to be slaves for somebody else all their lives. Every ounce of Zion's earning capacity must be for the Kingdom of God. That is community life. In other words, these questions that I have propounded are of great importance, and I am not going to sit keeping watch over a corpse while a lot of you good people die of starvation. In the true Zion community there is work for all; not a man would have to go outside for work. In a true Zion community not a man would look for anything outside.

The Joy of Saving Sinners and Showing the Sick to Christ the Healer.

I believe God's Word with all my heart, every word of it. God will save the sinner. God will heal the sick. One of the most wonderful things on this earth is to pray and reach the ear of God for yourself and for your loved ones. God's Word is all true. John Alexander Dowie's teaching was the most beautiful the world has had since the days of the Apostles. Is not this people then going, by the grace of God, to live that teaching and work it out? Shall we go back to Egypt and return to the pits from whence we were digged, or shall we set our faces to the future and go forward by the grace of God, even at the cost of our lives? Nothing great is accomplished without self-denial and self-sacrifice. You have not lost a wink of sleep too much for Christ. You have never lost a meal too much for Christ. "What shall it profit a man if he should gain the whole world, and lose his own life?" "He who would be My disciple, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me."

O, the Word of God, if it is only lived! That is all that is necessary to shake the world. All the preaching in Christendom does not amount to anything if it is not lived. We must LIVE the Word of God. We must work it out in our lives, and show that we differ from the people who profess to believe, but do not LIVE it. God burn all the love of money out of you. (Amens.) I would like to ask you if you could say, with uplifted hands before God, "I am seeking first the Kingdom of God. I have no love for money." Be very careful before you answer it. It is a very serious matter to say things because God will test you before you get out of this house. Men and women have said before, "I will stand by Zion with the last drop of my blood, and the last dollar." God has tested you. God has proven you. I can see today hundreds scattered north, south, east and west, who in days gone by have lifted, in a way, the shingles off this roof in shouting 'Yes, I will stand by Zion with my last dollar and last drop of blood," and they are cursing Zion today. God took them at their word. A man had better count the cost.

Sing and Confess Honestly.

This morning we sang that song:

"I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord" etc. I always tremble when I hear that song sung. What an awful thing for a man, if he is not prepared to pay the price, to say, "My God, I will go where you want me to go. I will say what you want me to say." He sent Moses to stand before the King of Egypt.

"I will be what you want me to be:" Give me five thousand people who will sing that from the heart and mean it, and the whole world will be stirred.

That Chorus: Not my own, Jesus, I belong to Thee;
All I have and all I hope for,
Thine for all eternity.

Ah! I can never get away from the force of that chorus. But

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what is the use of singing it if a man does not mean it? When the Kingdom of God is looked at, it is one of the mysteries to me what on earth all these "Zion" people want to be fuming and fussing about their investments for. The best thing for Zion investors to do is to put the last dollar of investment on the altar for the Kingdom of God as they did on the Day of Pentecost. Then all the world would tremble before the tread of Zion. Are you afraid of claiming the Word of God for food, shelter and raiment?

Look at the humble life of Tolstoi. When a man reads his books—his expositions of the teachings of the Christ—it puts professed Christians of all the world to shame. Tolstoi said, "I refuse to live in luxury while Russia's millions can scarcely get enough to eat." I honor that man for his position.

While I cannot help it, O, I would to God, John Alex. Dowie had taken the same position! He could have been the mightiest man on God's earth, and have done a work that would have revolutionized the world.

One magazine writer, in describing Zion City, said, "You talk about the Millennium, and say it is a long way off, but I tell you that John Alex. Dowie made a practical beginning toward the Millennium. Who can tell what that generation will be coming from ancestors who trusted their God for everything, free from whisky, drugs, tobacco, and other vices?"

The Seed From Which the Millennium Will Come.

He was right about that. John Alex. Dowie sowed the seed from which the Millennium can come all right.

No matter what mistakes he may have made, and no matter what errors he committed, the principles and truths he gave us, or that God gave us through him, are heaven born. Woe to the man that surrenders them and forsakes them! When he stands before God he will have to give an account of his stewardship. I want to be faithful, God helping me, even unto death, and be able to say, "My God and Father, I did what I could to establish Thy Kingdom among the children of men." (Amens.) "I never consulted my own ease, or thought of paltry gain, but only of honoring Thee, my God." Then it will be well. May God stir you today, and set you on fire.

The Holy Spirit Not in a Selfish Heart.

As I have read over some of my sermons on the Holy Spirit, and as I have been going into that subject and studying the Sermon on the Mount day after day, and pondering over single verses for hours, I have felt that the Holy Ghost will not come upon this people until all selfishness and all greed, all love of filthy lucre is burned out. Never. There is a lot of it here. O, my brethren in the ministry, if you have an iota of love for filthy lucre I do not want to fellowship you or associate with you. I am done with that kind of business. May God help us today is my earnest prayer.

The General Overseer then offered prayer and made some announcements, which were followed by the Lord's Supper.

Elder Carey then pronounced the

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The Gospel of the Kingdom

TITHING

A Brief History. Its Importance. Is It Still Binding Upon Christians?

BY O. L. TINDALL

Tithing, which means giving or paying one-tenth of a man's income for sacred purposes, has a long history. It is sometimes applied to paying of taxes for secular uses as well as for religious purposes. We wish to speak of it only as applied to the religious use.

The first mention made of tithing in the Bible is in Genesis 14:20, where Abraham is said to have paid tithes to Melchisedec a tenth part of the spoils taken in battle.

Jacob also offered unto God a tenth of his property which consisted of the fruits of the ground and increase of cattle.

In the law of Moses we find it carefully enforced. Everything was tithed among the Israelites.

The tithes were used for the support of the Levites who served about the Tabernacle, and who received no inheritance in the land when they came into Palestine, as did the other tribes. They, in turn, paid a tithe of their tithes to the priests who attended at the Altar, and the priests had no allowance of land. This second tithe was carried to Jerusalem.

After the exile, the people grew careless about their tithing and we see the rebuke the Lord gave them in Nehemiah's time, and again in Malachi. "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." (Malachi 3:8)

Little is said in the New Testament about tithing. This perhaps, was not necessary, for it was probably strictly observed, as we see from the testimony of the Pharisee that he paid tithes of all that he possessed, even of the mint and anise and cummin. Christ said to them, "But these things ought ye to have done, and not to have left the other undone;" that is, the weightier matters, such as judgment, mercy, and faith. Thus Christ Himself approves the paying of their tithes which was one of the oldest of God's laws and regulations and one well understood.

In regard to the payment of tithes in the Apostles' time, Schaff & Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge says:

"When the epistles of the Apostles never mention tithes, the reason is simply that in their time voluntary offerings of the members still sufficed for the wants of the Church. But complaints arose as soon as the zeal began to grow lukewarm. In the East, all soon agreed in demanding the introduction of tithes in accordance with the precepts of the Old Testament, and in the West Jerome and Augustine spoke in favor of the same idea. It was recommended in the Second Council of Tours in the year 567 A. D., and commanded under penalty of excommunication, by the Second Council of Macon 585. Even the Confessional was used to enforce the decree. Not to pay tithes was represented as sin by the Church. During the Carolingian Age the institution became firmly established in the Frankish Empire, that is in France and Germany. Charlemagne imposed it in 785 upon even the newly converted Saxons. At the same time, tithes were introduced into England. In Portugal and Denmark they were introduced in the eleventh century; in Sweden in the thirteenth.

With the Reformation the tithing system was not immediately abolished; on the contrary, in most places it was retained for the support of the Evangelical church, as it had been established for the support of the Roman Catholic Church. Luther

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spoke in favor of it. In course of time there was strong opposition to the system, partly from reasons of political economy and partly from antipathy to the Church; and in France it was entirely swept away by a decree of the National Assembly of 1789."

Among the old nations, you will find the Carthagenians, Greeks and Romans offering tithes to their gods.

Thus we see it is a scriptural custom or law, approved by the old patriarchs and by Moses, and by Christ and the Apostles, and by the early fathers, and by the Romish Church, and by the Reformed Church under Luther. Not only that, it is one of those laws that commends itself to our common sense and justice. It is required of us that we honor God with our substance. The Gospel requires men to serve the Lord with all their means and talents, and to recognize that all belongs unto the Lord. We are only tenants, leaseholders, and the Lord of the Vineyard will send His servants and demand His portion of the fruits; and all must admit that we owe Him a tenth, to say the least. This is a debt and not a free-will offering, merely. The offering is something over and above the tithe. Some one says, "Oh, this regulation belongs to the old law and we are not under the Law but under Grace." No; *tithing was before the law.* It was under the priesthood of Melchisedec, and Christ is a priest after that order.

"For he testifieth; Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchisedec." Hebrews 7:17.

Tithing, mark you, was an institution under that order and it has never been done away with. It was an infidel France that swept it away by a political decree, just as they did the Christian Sabbath.

Zion has done a great work in restoring tithing to the Church. She has put away a great disgrace to the cause of Christ. The way the apostate churches manage all their financial matters is a shame, and so is the way they hire their ministers, and the way they raise money, and the way they are in debt. The simple, scriptural plan of financing the Church is the best. It makes every man do his duty, which is plain. He is to pay into the treasury of the Lord *according as the Lord has prospered him.* It should not fall upon the poor to bear the burdens of the Church as so often happens under the old rule of men paying as they may happen to feel. Rich men should be taught the duty and privilege of stewardship that God does not accept a widow's mite from them. They must pay according to their prosperity. Zion has proved God in this matter as He promised, that, if we would bring in the whole tithe into the Storehouse, He would open the windows of Heaven and pour out a blessing upon us, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

It does not pay to rob God. It is not paying tithes to give to the poor and to the needy as you may see fit and as it may suit your fancy. God made other provisions for that besides tithing. Tithes go into the Storehouse that "there may be meat in My house," saith the Lord.

It is for the support of the work of the Lord's house, and for the support of His ministry.

If God's Israel was guilty in Malachi's time, what about her now? Are they not robbing Him now? Vastly more money is paid to the tobacco god than there is to God and His work.

Let Zion be faithful along all of these lines. The world needs her example, and God will bless now as of old if we fulfil and pay our vows and bring the whole tithe into the Storehouse.

Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

Christ's Intercessory Prayer

An Address Delivered at the Divine Healing Meeting, Tuesday Afternoon, December 15, 1908, in Shiloh Tabernacle

BY ELDER F. RICHERT

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Invocation.

Our God and Father, in Jesus' name we pray Thee wilt Thou give unto us the Holy Spirit, and through the Spirit, insight into Thy Word. Fill every heart with prayer, and help us to understand the great love which Thou hast toward us, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and for His sake. Amen.

I want to give you, this afternoon, a brief exposition of the seventeenth chapter of the Gospel according to St. John. It is a glorious chapter.

As we draw nigh to these wonderful truths, it seems as if God is saying to each and every one, "Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground."—Exodus 3:5.

Prepared for the Testing Time.

We are standing upon the ground where Jesus the Christ lifted up His eyes to heaven. That indicates to us that He had communion with His Father in heaven. He said, "Father, the hour is come; glorify Thy Son, that thy Son may glorify Thee."

It was a dreadful and very trying hour which had come for the Lord Jesus the Christ. Before Him were His terrible agony in the Garden, His suffering at the Cross all the loads of guilt and sin, and also enemies in the form of human beings who hated Him. He was just about to bear the sins of the whole world.

The hour comes for each and every one of us to fight the very same enemy. There is sin and sickness to fight, and the world, the flesh and the Devil.

In order that we may comprehend what Jesus the Christ meant when He said, "The hour is come," and that we may be able not only to resist, but to overcome, the Lord tells us, in the sixteenth chapter of John,

In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

What does it mean? He did not overcome the world for Himself, but He says, "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world;" and He will overcome the world in each and every one of us.

Paul said, "Christ in you the hope of glory."

When Christ is in us, the glorious, wonderful Conqueror, who has overcome sin, death, hell, the Devil and the Cross, then we can look forward with confidence and childlike trust and faith in our loving God to all the trials and temptations, sufferings, battles, and the world, the flesh and all hell combined; and we can lift up our eyes to heaven and say, "Although the hour is come and the battle, my God in heaven will sustain me, and give unto me the victory."

The Temptations Which Came to Christ are Common Today.

In Zion City, the hour has come when we have to fight, has it not?

Voices: Yes.

We have the same howling devils around us which Christ had to face. We have the same enemies of uncleanness against us. We have the same kind of hypocrites and the same class of Pharisees and Sadducees to fight. The powers of darkness have been let loose in order to destroy the life of Zion City just as

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those devils were about to destroy the life of Jesus the Christ. Bnt we can lift up our eyes in calmness, believing that the Lord who has fought those battles and overcome, will not only give unto us the grace to pray the prayer of faith, but will make each and every one of us a battle axe. We will see these Battle Axes every day and not only on Saturdays, and we will make the people acknowledge truth. It is a glorious thing when we can stand and testify for the truth, and can say, "I know in whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day."

How Much is Committed Unto the Lord.

I will ask you, Zion, what have you committed unto the Lord?

Voices: Everything.

Can you say that?

Voices: Yes.

Can you say what the Lord Jesus Christ said just before He left that upper room: "The Prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in Me?" Zion, can you say that? Jesus meant, "Are you all free from sin?" When you can face the enemies with a clear conscience, then let the lions roar and the devils howl. Stand up in the faith of a man of God like Daniel.

You can open your windows toward Jerusalem and go down upon your knees and pray to God. You can implore His assistance. I tell you when Zion goes down upon her knees, hell will be trembling, and death will be overcome, and sickness will be conquered, and the Banner of the Cross raised, and the name of Jesus the Christ must be glorified.

God to be Glorified by Each one Obeying.

"Glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son may glorify Thee."

Zion, it is all right to be on the mountain top of Transfiguration; to be in the sunshine of prosperity; to receive twelve per cent, and two or three hundred dollars a month, then you may shout as loud as you can, "Hallelujah for Zion;" but let me show you the way the Lord Jesus the Christ was glorified. He said, you will remember, "Take up your cross, and follow Me." Zion, every one of you, if you want to be glorified with the glory which Jesus the Christ had before the foundation of the world, you have to follow your Lord and Redeemer. There is no other way.

But One Way to God.

I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.

Jesus the Christ is the only Way. In order to be glorified with the Lord Jesus the Christ, we have to take our cross and follow Him.

That means, in the first place, a battle in the garden. We have to go through our Gethsemane, each one of us. We have to fight in the darkness, in the night of sorrow, and sometimes we feel like crying to the living God, "Oh God, if it is possible, remove this cup from me," but it is impossible.

The Spiritual Birth Required.

You remember what Jesus the Christ said to Nicodemus, in John 3:3-5: "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." You cannot see the Kingdom of God without being born again, and you cannot enter the Kingdom; in other words, you cannot be glorified. It is impossible.

To enter the Kingdom of God means the crucifixion of the old man. Let us crucify him. I think I ought to take myself instead of you. The old man must be crucified, and we must be buried with the Lord Jesus the Christ into His death. Where do you find this passage? It is in the sixth chapter of Romans. We must be buried with the Lord, and be raised up with Him in newness of life.

Victory Over All Things in the New Life.

Zion, here you will find the great victory. Unless the old man is crucified, unless we are all buried with Jesus the Christ, unless we are raised with Him, and walk in the newness of life, there is no use of talking about the salvation of Zion City. You can never save Zion City with a dead people, can you?

Voices: "No."

We must have the life of God in order to go forward and to conquer and to win the victory.

Jesus the Christ had to be glorified in the same way. He was crucified, and Oh, what a dreadful battle waited for Him. The darkness of sin, sickness, the grave and hell were around Him. It was terribly dark. He suffered and cried to His God. What did He say on the Cross, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me."

After a terrible conflict with the hosts of hell, He finally said, "It is finished." Then He was laid in the tomb.

As you see by the conversation of those two disciples who went to Emmaus, the hope of His followers was buried in the same tomb. They had no more hope. On the third day, you saw the glorious Easter morning break through the gloom and night of despair, and bring the glad and glorious sunlight of God's eternal love upon this world of sorrow, sadness, suffering, sickness and death. The glorious Easter morning revealed unto them the life-giving power of the risen Savior. Once more the angels came down and rolled away the tomb stone, and then Jesus the Christ was with His disciples, how long?

Christ Instructs His Disciples for Forty Days.

Voices: "Forty days."

And He spoke unto them about the Kindom of Heaven, and He led them out to Bethany, and there, as He stood, He lifted up His hands, and blessed them.

Cannot you see the Lord Jesus the Christ looking down and blessing you? After He blessed His disciples, He ascended into heaven. That was the glorification of our Lord Jesus the Christ.

Oh, what a glory was revealed! When He ascended to heaven, all the angels came down and escorted Him to heaven, His home, and to the throne of His Kingdom.

Christ's Glory Shared with the Redeemed.

Christ wants you to be glorified with the same glory that He has.

As Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as Thou hast given Him.

You see, all those who are received have been given to the Lord by the Father who is in heaven. We belong to God the Father, the sinner as well as the child of God. We are all the offspring of God the Father.

When a sinner repents, there is joy with the angels in heaven, and the Father gives them to the Son who has shed His precious blood for all. Jesus the Christ, having power over all flesh, will give you power to become the sons of God. How glorious it is!

Think what it is to look over a congregation and say, "Here are sons and daughters of God assembled in the name of the Most High, in the name of the Lord Jesus the Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit before the Throne of God. They are praying for blessings to come down upon them, for the gift of the Holy Spirit, for the glorious victory which can be won under the Cross of Jesus the Christ; praying for the light to break through the darkness and the gloom of a sinful world which is writhing under the curse of the Devil, of the flesh, and of hell;

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.
PATIENCE
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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"This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

"That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Savior." (2 Peter 3:1,2.)

"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." (1 Cor. 15: 57, 58.)

The above words are the inspired words of God given to the children of the Kingdom through the Apostles Peter and Paul, and through His loving watch-care preserved and handed down to us as a part of the Bible.

The Apostle Peter recognized the proneness of humanity to forget the words and the blessings of God, and therefore he wrote primarily that he might stir them up and cause them to recall the words which God had spoken by the holy Prophets, by the Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ, and through the Apostles.

The Apostle Paul refers primarily to the victory over death through Jesus the Christ, and uses that fact as a basis for the exhortation to steadfastness.

Realizing that humanity is the same today as it was when the Apostles Peter and Paul wrote, and receiving the instruction given by them, it is my desire, in these Editorial Notes, to stir up the minds of all the Officers, Members and Friends of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion by calling their attention to the fact that Monday next, February twenty-second, nineteen hundred and nine, will be the Thirteenth Anniversary of the organization of the Church, and to call upon one and all to render praise and thanksgiving unto God, who hath given so many victories over the world, the flesh and the Devil through faith in His dear Son, our Savior, Jesus the Christ.

The Christian Catholic Church in Zion was formally organized in Zion Tabernacle No. 2, in the City of Chicago, on February 22nd, 1896.

The most important events leading up to the organization of the Church were the appearance of John Alexander Dowie on the Pacific Coast, later at Western Springs, and still later in the City of Chicago; his scathing and uncompromising denunciations of sin of every kind in both low and high places; his faithful presentation of many lost and long neglected divine truths; and rejection of both the messenger and the message by the apostate churches.

God so wonderfully owned and blessed the ministry of John Alexander Dowie that in a comparatively short time hundreds were saved, healed, cleansed, and blessed, but when they returned to their Churches from his meetings, and attempted to testify to what God had done for them, their testimonies were rejected, and they were told either to keep still or get out.

From the foregoing, it will be clearly seen that the organization of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion was an absolute necessity, and that the step was in order in the working out of God's wonderful plans soon was made plain by numerous tokens of His love and manifestations of His power.

Approximately five hundred persons responded to the call and became charter members, and during the years of 1896-7-8-9 especially, the growth in membership was very rapid.

The word ZION, during those years, attracted world-wide attention, and provoked much earnest discussion. From multitudes came the question:

WHAT DOES THE WORD "ZION" MEAN?

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The apostate preachers and teachers replied:

"O, NOTHING BUT AN OLD HILL BACK OF JERUSALEM."

John Alexander Dowie answered in tones that shook the world:

"ZION MEANS THE KINGDOM OF GOD."

Zion's messengers, in the name of the Most High God, commanded all men everywhere to repent.

The Name "Christian Catholic Church in Zion" soon appealed to hundreds and thousands as a very appropriate one, while others wailed and gnashed their teeth because he made use of the word "Catholic." He simply replied:

Christian means Christ-like,

Catholic means general or universal,

Church means called out—not out of the world, but out of the Kingdom.

And he laid special emphasis on the fact that it was *Christian* Catholic, and not *Roman* Catholic nor *Greek* Catholic.

The basis of fellowship from the beginning was as follows:

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.

There is, I am sure, in every Zion heart throughout the world, the divinely inspired conviction that the name was all right, and that the basis of fellowship was a good one.

Some wicked people, who came in not from principle, but simply for position and money, have tried to take advantage of No. 4, viz. "That all other questions of every kind shall be held to be matters of opinion and not matters that are essential to Church unity."

They have sought to seize upon this as a license for setting themselves up as teachers of all kinds of doctrines, but all Officers, Members and Friends of the Church know that John Alexander Dowie simply meant by this fourth condition that individuals would not be barred from membership simply because they did not see eye to eye with the leader of Zion on all questions, but never, under any circumstances, was any Officer or Member to be permitted to teach anything contrary to the position taken by Zion's leader.

The Apostle Paul, in writing to the Church at Corinth said:

"Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

It may be necessary, at some time in the future, to add a simple explanatory note to this fourth condition, otherwise it is doubtful if the basis of fellowship could in any way be improved upon.

Many of the charter members of the Church, and in fact a large number who came into the Church during the years 1896, 7-8-9 and 1900 have a great desire, in view of the fact that the word "Apostolic" was added to the title during the year 1904, to drop the word and return to the first name, simply "Christian Catholic Church in Zion."

This is a matter which will be taken up in due time, and prayerfully considered so that the mind of God in the matter may be ascertained.

In closing these Notes, let one and all give prayerful attention to the following anouncement:

The Thirteenth Annual Convocation of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion will be held, God willing, beginning Lord's Day morning, July 11th, and will continue for ten days, the closing service being held on Wednesday night, July 21st, 1909.

Pray: "Thy Kingdom Come."

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness."

Remember that Zion's Message is the same old Message---THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM.

WATCH YE, THEREFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS.

Christ's Intercessory Prayer.

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praying that the Lord may soon send out the laborers into the harvest field." (Amens.)

The Power of Prayer.

O Brethren, pray! Time is going; "eternity is drawing nigh." Dr. Dowie used to impress us so much. Eternity is drawing nigh. It is coming. The sands of time are falling. Soon we shall stand before the throne of our God. Therefore the hour of prayer, such as we have this afternoon, means more for time and eternity than you think.

By prayer you can move the mighty hand of God and shake the world, the flesh and the Devil. You can tread down lions and stand upon the adder, and by prayer overcome the enemy. By prayer "we are more than conquerors, through Him that loved us," and gave Himself for us.

Brethren, pray! It is so glorious to know that we are here in the name of the Lord Jesus the Christ, and can pray to Him who is the Resurrection and the Life.

Appropriated Knowledge of God Through the Son is Eternal Life.

And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus the Christ, whom Thou hast sent."

Jesus the Christ came to reveal unto us the Father. When

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Moses desired to see the glory of the Father, God said, "Thou canst not see My face." No mortal face can see the face of God and live, but He hid him in the secret cleft of the rock, and then He passed by, and as Moses looked upon the Lord as He was passing by or had passed by, He saw the goodness of God. This is just what the Lord Jesus the Christ has revealed unto us, only we are not in the cleft of the rock. We are now face to face with the revealed glory of our heavenly Father which Moses could not see. We are face to face with His grace and love, and with His wonderful salvation. Jesus the Christ came to reveal unto us that God is love. We, in Zion, have especial reasons to be thankful for the wonderful teachings which we have received through Dr. Dowie.

The Churches' Teaching on Healing Contrasted With God's Word.

While we were taught in the churches that sickness comes from God, and that God sends sickness to all those whom He loves, and that we were to submit patiently, and that we have to take from the loving hand of God all the sicknesses, horrible cancers, dreadful consumption, etc., and when we are sick we are to call in doctors and take their drugs and poisons to get well again, Dr. Dowie taught us, according to the Word of God, that there is no sin in God, but that sin is of the Devil.

Dr. Dowie used to tell us this: "Let us go to the City of our God, and enquire of the angels of light, 'Is there sin in this City?' They would say, 'No.' 'Is there sickness here?' They would say, 'No, there is no sickness here.' Therefore God cannot sin; He cannot send what He has not. Sickness is the work of the Devil."

Zion Accepts Jesus as the Healer Sent of God.

Jesus has revealed unto us in Zion, through Dr. Dowie, the truth that God is indeed love, and that Jesus the Christ came down from heaven to destroy the work of the Devil. Where do you find that statement?

Voices: In 1 John 3:8.

Where do you find the passage that Jesus was anointed to heal?

Voices: Acts 10:38.

Let us repeat those words together-

How 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; for God was with Him.

Do you not see what a wonderful revelation of the name of God we have? The Lord Jesus the Christ says here in this seventeenth chapter of John's Gospel:

And this is life eternal; that they might know Thee the only true God; and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.

Who Cannot See God.

The world has no conception of God. What can those people who are day and night in the saloons squandering their money, their time, and ruining their spirits, souls and bodies in the service of the Devil, know about God? Think of those people who go to the theatres, looking at those obscene terrible things which cannot be described! Those people rejoice in the lusts of the flesh and of the eyes and of the world. Can they know God! Can those people, who smoke and chew tobacco, and eat swine's flesh, who give their bodies to the service of the Devil, know God? It is simply impossible. It is those who have come to Christ, whom the Father has given to the Christ, those who have been led by the Spirit into all truth, who will see God in the glorious revelation of His wonderful love. They will know that they can come to God and worship Him in spirit and in truth. We can come to our heavenly Father in Zion and do exactly what the Lord says in Matthew 7:7—

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find, knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

Here we have the wonderful promises of our Lord Jesus the Christ, and we can come to the Throne of Grace and ask our heavenly Father, in case of sickness, to give unto us His Spirit, the spirit of prayer and faith and trust, and ask Him for the victory which He has promised to each and every one.

An Example of a Father's Love and Willingness to Forgive.

In Luke 15 you will find the parable of the Prodigal Son, who came home and sought the house of his father, and the gracious and merciful face of the living God.

You remember when you and I came home to our heavenly Father, how He was standing before the door? He was standing ready, waiting for His people to come and receive Him as their Savior, Healer Keeper and Shepherd, and as their Guide to eternal life.

God has been waiting a long time for us to draw nigh to Him and say, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before Thee, and am not worthy to be called Thy son." The Lord then puts His arms of love around us and we can feel the warm glow of God's eternal love flowing into our spirit, soul and body; and many a time I have heard the people say, "When the Elder prayed for me, it was just as though a warm glow went through my spirit, soul and body, and I was healed."

What is that? It is the love of God. It is the love of Jesus. It is the love of the Holy Spirit. It is the life-giving power which flows through you, and casts out and destroys the power of the Devil, and disease, and death, and gives the grace to stand in the name of the Most High God upon His promises and His everlasting truth.

Truth a Sure Protection.

The Psalmist, in the 91st Psalm, says "His truth shall be thy shield and buckler." When you have this shield to ward off the fiery darts of the Devil, and this buckler, let the enemy come on, let the lion roar and assail us; they will not hurt us, for God will protect us and give us the victory as sure as there is a living God.

My brothers and Sisters, the Bible is true. There is the eternal truth we stand upon. It is just like a rock.

The Word of God Giveth Light.

"The Word of God is a light unto our feet." It is the light which shows unto the way of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living. We can walk in that light "as He is in the light," and then we shall have fellowship one with the other, and the blood of Jesus the Christ, the Son of God, will cleanse us from all sin. Glory to God!

There is so much in this seventh chapter of John that if I wanted to finish it today, I would have to preach as long as Paul preached. I wonder how many of you would sit up all night. It is a joy to preach to people. In the Gospel there is the power of God, and it is present, and God will reveal it to each and every one. So we have the revelation of God's eternal truth.

What is Eternal Life?

I will show you. In the fourth chapter of the Gospel by St. Matthew, you will find, in the 23rd verse, the following words:

And Jesus went about Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

In the eighth chapter of Matthew we have the story of Christ cleansing the leper; healing the centurion's servant and Peter's wife's mother; and in the ninth chapter of the same Gospel we have the curing of the one sick of the palsy, and the calling of Matthew. We also have, in this ninth chapter, the resurrection of Jairus' daughter, and the story of the woman who had the issue of blood, being healed. As she made her way to the Savior, she said, "If I can but touch the hem of

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His garment, I shall be made whole.". Then we have the story of the healing of the blind man.

As you follow the Lord Jesus the Christ, and see Him preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing the sick and raising the dead, and observe His perfect obedience and His holy life, do you not think, that by getting acquainted with the Master, and following Him, you will be more and more like Jesus the Christ?

In the first place, when you follow the Lord, you will be convinced that this Man must be the Prophet of God; He must be the Son of God otherwise He could never heal those people and raise the dead. You will be struck by the mighty power which will flow out of the Word of God which He preached. You will see the glorious power which Jesus the Christ revealed in healing the sick. You will see how the Lord Jesus the Christ came to set the captives free, as prophesied of Him in the 61st chapter of Isaiah, and in the fourth chapter of the Gospel according to St, Luke.

You will see Jesns the Christ coming to set the captives free and opening the prison doors, and giving grace to them to walk in the newness of life. He came to preach the Gospel to the poor. He came to heal the broken-hearted.

When you walk with the Lord Jesus the Christ, you will see that His power will give unto you the grace to become more and more like Him every day. As the Devil is cast out of you, and your sin is forgiven, and you are cleansed in the blood of the Lamb, and as the peace of God comes down, and the calmness of heaven fills your heart with divine hope, you will find the more you become like Christ, the more you will be filled with eternal life.

"This is life eternal" *to know God.*

In order to know God, you have to read your Bibles. Nobody can know God without reading his Bible. We can come to these meetings day after day, and kneel down, or roll around like the Parham people in the dust, and howl like those priests of Baal day and night for the gift of the Holy Ghost (When we do that we simply open the door for the Devil to come in) but we can find no God. You must study your Bibles. Nobody knows God without studying the Word. By studying the Bible you will become more and more Christlike, and walk in the light. Then the glorious promises will be fulfilled which Christ gave before He ascended into heaven when He said, "I will not leave you comfortless. I will pray the Father, and He shall send you another Comforter, the Holy Spirit who will abide with you forever."

So you see eternal life is wonderful. Eternal life is the gift of God. How glorious it is to think that after we pass out of this life, we will be raised again in the glorious resurrection when Jesus the Christ shall call His own. We shall see the Christ in His glory. We shall see death disarmed, hell conquered, sin overthrown. You will have eternal life in you like a well of living water.

Witness to Salvation and Eternal Life.

I felt this when I came into Zion. I heard the people tell of the wonderful healings and blessings in Zion. They used to talk of the wonderful salvation of the drunkards, of people delivered from tobacco, swine's flesh, and unclean lives, and how they consecrated themselves to God. They were glorifing God. Unless we get to the place where men and women meeting in the Tabernacle here, talk more of God and His works, in other words, glorify God, we shall not have the power of God manifested as in those days, because you cannot glorify God in gossiping. If it had not been for those people telling one another what God had done for them, I would not be in Zion. It meant my salvation, and the healing of my wife and son. It meant wonderful blessings which we have in Zion. I heard a woman tell of how she was healed of sixteen (I think it was) cancers on her left breast. A man who had been paralyzed talked with me, and many others talked with me when I first went to the Zion meetings, all telling of their deliverances. I did not hear a word of gossip.

I said to my wife, "Mamma, here is a people who are very much alive. They have something I have not got. They have a power of which I do not know. Those people can pray, and I cannot. It is wonderful. Let us investigate it." I went to the Home and subscribed for Leaves of Healing. I said, "I want to know more about this wonderful thing. I never heard anything like it in my life." I took my Bible and compared the Leaves of Healing with it. I said to my wife, "That is true."

Be Filled with the Spirit and Joyful in the Lord.

We must get to the place where every one of us will be filled with the Holy Spirit in such a measure that it is a joy and a glory to talk about the Word of God. We can talk about something else outside. Paul said that they were to pray for him that God would give him power to proclaim the Word of God with all boldness and power. A praying congregation makes a good preacher. If I could look into your hearts, what would I see? There is one thing sure, your thoughts would not all be here. Some people wonder if they locked the door at home. Then some say to themselves, "I did not make the bed. I did not sweep the floor," etc., etc. So they expect to be able to tell what the preacher says with their thoughts somewhere else. Many of you people are guilty. Get your thoughts on God. Never come to a meeting without first kneeling down and praying for one minute that God will go with you and bless you and give you the Holy Spirit. I would never think of going to a meeting without praying. I pray every time that God will bless me and bless the speaker. I pray, "O God, grant that I may uphold the speaker's arms by prayer. Help me, Father, to be a blessing, and let the Holy Spirit come with mighty power so that the house may be filled with Thy glory, and that God may bless, and the people be edified." You come with that prayer.

I know when the General Overseer steps before the people, and then lifts his hands and says, "God be merciful unto us and bless us" etc., that the waves of blessing will come down. You will feel the presence of the living God. The mighty power of truth will fill the hearts of the people with divine faith and hope, and the people will look up to the hills and say, "I know from whence my help cometh. My help cometh from the Lord who has made heaven and earth,"

If you Zion people come in such a spirit—in the spirit of prayer and consecration, in a spirit of faith and hope, God will bless and then we will have more healings again. God will heal the lame, and make this sister get up out of her chair and walk. God will fill every heart with divine faith, and we shall be able to reach forth and touch the hem of His garment. We can look to the Throne of God and implore His blessings. God will bless and fill every heart with divine faith so that we can pray the prayer of faith believing that what we ask for we shall receive.

Never Let Doubt or Fear Enter the Heart.

When a man gets down in bed sick, some people say, "I wonder if he will get his healing or not?" We have to persevere and keep on praying. How Dr. Dowie prayed for some people! He kept on praying for them until they got the victory. He taught the people to do the same thing. Keep on praying, and if you do not get the blessing today, do not be discouraged; keep on believing and God will fill you with divine power. Believe that He will fill you with divine life, and that He will give you the victory.

When my wife was sick in Switzerland, I kept on praying

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for ninety days and nights. I said, "There is a living God in heaven, and we are in His hands." Keep on praying. Do not be discouraged ,although there are clouds in your view, although there are mountains to be removed, and although you have a pathless way to travel over, and there is a Red Sea to cross, God will be unto you a shining light and a wall of salvation.

Zion is God's Movement for the Age.

Zion is a glorious Movement, a Movement which God has founded. It is the wonderful Movement of the Kingdom of God. It does not matter what the people say. God's power is just the same today. Zion has been founded in these latter days not only to reveal the truth to the people, but to take the Cross of the Christ and go forward into the ranks of the enemy, and into the night of darkness and gloom and despair of suffering humanity, to proclaim that the Lord Jesus the Christ has come to set the captives free.

Zion to Wear the Whole Armor of God.

Zion must keep on her armor, as given in the sixth chapter of Ephesians.

How Dr. Dowie faced and fought these enemies! There was no fear in his heart so long as he was faithful to his mission. Every enemy went down before him. God filled him with divine courage, divine faith and divine power. No weapon formed against Zion can prosper.

So God will fill you with divine courage, faith and power. We have to put on the armor and go forward in the name of the Lord Jesus the Christ. We have to fight enemies. We have to go out and proclaim to a sin-cursed world, to dying humanity, to the sick, and those who are far away from God, that there is a God in heaven who is Love, and who sent His only begotten Son "that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life;" a God who will fill every child of His with divine truth and faith; a God who will give unto you the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and who will teach you how to pray; a God who will make holy men and women out of you, and shining lights in the darkness of this world; a God who will sustain you in every battle, and who will be with you and help you to overthrow the enemy, and who will give you the victory. O for such a faith!

Be Faithful Unto Death and Receive the Crown of Life.

Cling to Him who stands before you in the name of the Most High God. I admonish you, cling to Jesus the Christ,and He will lift you up with a mighty arm and show you the wonderful salvation which He has brought down from the Throne of God.

We are standing in the presence of the great High Priest who sanctified Himself and gave Himself for us that we might live. He will give Zion the wonderful victory for which we are praying.

The 60th chapter of Isaiah is also a wonderful chapter. You remember how often Dr. Dowie used to read it. It speaks of Zion's glory in the last days, and how her sons should come from far and near, and all the treasure should be brought into Zion, and the nations should come to Mount Zion to worship.

The time will come, as you find in the book of Zechariah, fourth chapter, when the Lord Jesus the Christ shall come down as He ascended to heaven, and stand upon Mount Olivet. We are looking forward to Him who has promised unto us that we should finally conquer in His name.

May God grant that we may be better men and women.

Elder John Taylor pronounced the

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DIVINE HEALING

An Address Delivered in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, Lord's Day Afternoon, September 27, 1908

By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva

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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.

The opening exercises consisted of the Processional; Hymn No. 156, "I am Thine, O Lord;" Scripture Lesson, James 5:13-20; Selection by the Junior White Robed Choir, "I'll be a Sunbeam for Jesus;" General Supplication by Elder John Taylor; Hymn No. 181, "I need Thee, Every Hour;" Announcements; Selection by the Junior and Senior White Robed Choirs (sung antiphonally) "Art thou weary, Art thou languid?" and then three stanzas of Hymn No. 223, "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

The General Overseer then spoke as follows:

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, and richly blessed unto this congregation, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Let me read to you again the simple Scripture lesson in the fifth chapter of James, beginning with the thirteenth verse:

Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him (or as the Revised version translates it "having anointed him" that is, the anointing is first in order) in the name of the Lord:

And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. (James 5:13-16)

In the time at my disposal, I want to present to you in a clear and concise manner, the subject of Divine Healing as set forth in the Word of God.

All Have Broken God's Law—Are Sinners.

The very first lesson that must be learned by all mankind is a very simple one, and yet, for many people, a very difficult one. It is simply this, that "all men have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

The briefest and best definition of sin is the one given in the Bible, viz., "Sin is the transgression of the law."

There is little use to talk to men and women about anything else in connection with the Plan of Redemption until they have learned the lesson that *all are sinners*. One of the most horrible things in this world is self-righteousness.

This afternoon, if there are people here who fancy that they are perfect, then nothing that I say, relative to sin, will they take as having any application to them. It is a singular thing how many people, when they hear a sermon, say to themselves, "Well, it did not have any reference to me."

But I wish, first of all, in a simple, direct and emphatic manner, to impress upon your minds that the first of all fundamental lesson that must be learned, is that *all men are sinners*, until they have found forgiveness from God their Father in the name of the Lord Jesus the Christ.

Sin the Cause of Sickness and Disease.

As we are dealing particularly with sickness and disease,

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some stranger within the walls of this building may wonder what sin has to do with the subject of affliction and disease. Well, it has everything to do with it, for the simple reason that sin is the cause of all disease and of every affliction. How few people there are who know this! The rank and file of church members have never learned the lesson. The world, of course, has never given it any consideration. The first thought of the world and, I am sorry to say, of the majority of church members, when they are sick, is not of Christ, but of some doctor, so that today the atonement which Jesus made is trampled underneath their feet and counted as a worthless thing.

Zion's Mission to Point Out Dangers.

My brothers and Sisters, it is an important part of Zion's mission to say again, and to continue to say until all the world learns it, that all the sickness in this world, and all the disease in this world, are attributable to transgressions of God's Laws.

As I preach the beautiful truth of Divine Healing, my heart goes out in loving sympathy to all the sick and all the afflicted; but there is something better. As I think of Divine Healing, I see the great company of little children born, and yet unborn; the great company of youths and maidens, all of whom, if they will only learn the truth of Divine Healing, will know how to claim God's keeping power, and they need never be sick.

You people here today, who are sick and afflicted, had you only known God's truth in your childhood days, today you would be sitting here strong and well.

Lack of Knowledge Kills.

People are perishing through ignorance. It is only by knowing God's Word that we can have life, health, vigor and strength.

So I want to impress upon your minds today, Zion and visitors, that the whole world must be taught that their afflictions, and their diseases are the result of sin—the sins of themselves or the sins of their parents, or the sins of somebody. It does not make any difference whether it is consumption, or cancer or some other horrible disease, there is sin at the basis of all disease and affliction.

God not the Author of Sickness and Disease.

The people are perishing through lack of knowledge. They have been told by false teachers that God has afflicted them. If I were to ask, this afternoon, all who were taught in their churches that affliction and disease came from God, to stand, probably you would all stand up.

So long as men and women believe that their troubles are from God, why should they want to get rid of them? Why should men and women want to get rid of something God has given them or put upon them? It is the height of absurdity.

A word to every one who is here seeking healing from God: No matter what your trouble is, whether it is small or great, you for ever get away from that false teaching that God the Almighty, who loves us better than our earthly parents, ever gave to you any affliction or any disease.

The Remedy for Our Ills and Troubles.

The next thought is this: What is the remedy?

I have read to you a portion of Scripture. It is so simple that a little child could understand it. Yet, my beloved hearers, while it is the Word of God, it is shamefully neglected, and, for the most part, you would not know that it was there in the Bible if you simply listened to the average preacher and attended the average church.

John Wesley, one of the mightiest of all the servants of God, said that the whole course of treatment in the early Church was described in the lesson that I read.

When a man is sick, the Word of God tells us to do a specific thing. See how simple a thing it is: "Is any sick among you? let him call for"—whom?

Voices: "The Elders."

Where, in the Word of God, does it tell you to call for anybody else? From Genesis to Revelation I do not remember a single passage authorizing one to call for anybody else. If there is any good brother or sister here who knows and he can tell me where, from Genesis to Revelation, God ever told His people to call for anyone else but the Elders, then I would like to know the chapter and the verse. The fact of the matter is, I am not afraid to make an offer of $500.00 reward for one passage of Scripture in favor of doctors, surgeons and drugs.

Surely, if Zion is wrong, all of the great army of theologians ought to be able to point out the book, the chapter and the verse, and show where we are in error.

God the Healer and Keeper.

As we study the Old Testament, we find how God dealt with His own Chosen people. He told them that if they would obey His voice, walk in His statutes and keep His commandments, they would never be sick.

It is said that at one time, in all of the great company of Israelites, there was not a sick one, nor a weak one.

God said, "I am the Lord that healeth thee."

The Story of Asa's Infidelity.

There is a very interesting story of what happens to people who turn to doctors. There was a man by the name of Asa. He had a disease in his feet. You may think that is not a serious matter. I have heard it said that in time of war, to be shot through the heel is one of the most serious kinds of wounds that can be inflicted upon a man's body.

Dr. Sayrs: "That is right."

Asa was a king. He was diseased in his feet, the Bible says. "Yet in his disease he sought not unto God but unto," whom?

Voices: "Physicians."

"And Asa died and slept with his fathers."

There is the simple story of Asa. When he was sick, he did not go to God. He went to the physicians of his time and he died.

Ahaziah's Call Upon the God of Ekron.

There is another very striking case where a man fell down through the lattice work. What was his name?

Voice: "Ahaziah."

He sent messengers to enquire of whom?

Voice: "Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron."

The Angel of the Lord told Elijah to ask the messenger: "Is it not because there is not a God in Israel that ye go to inquire of Baal-Zebub the god of Ekron?" and because of his folly he died.

Patrons of Physicians Ignore God's Plan.

So I say today, why is it that professed followers of Jesus the Christ are all the time sending for doctors, surgeons, remedies, drugs, etc.? Is it because there is no God in the churches? It seems to me that it is the same old question.

Some people laugh when you talk of trusting God for healing. Brothers and sisters, it is a very serious matter. Is it not true that God provided Divine Healing in the sacrifice of His Son?

Voices: "Yes."

"Surely He hath"—what?

Voices: "Borne our sicknesses, and carried our sorrows."

Where?

Voices: "Upon the Cross."

He sacrificed Himself that we might have the forgiveness of

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our sins and healing of our diseases, and cleansing from all iniquity and all uncleanness.

Brothers and sisters, if, according to the plain Word of God, a remedy has been provided for disease, and you ignore that remedy and trample it underneath your feet, have you not committed a great sin in the sight of God?

Voices: "Certainly." "Yes."

Our Bodies Temples of the Holy Spirit.

It will be well to note here the relation our bodies sustain to God. Our bodies, cleansed by the blood of Christ, are the temples of God, and of the Holy Spirit. Then what must God think of His professed children who take their bodies—the temples of the Holy Spirit—and fill them up with arsenic, strychnine, laudanum and other kinds of poison? What must God think of taking the temple of the Holy Spirit and cutting it to pieces and carving it with the greatest irreverence and disrespect? That watch was made by someone, and the most likely man on earth who would be able to put this watch in order would be the man that made it. Who made this body?

Voices: "God."

When it is out of order, who can put it right?

Voices: "God."

God, and nobody else. This whole question has to be faced. In preparing the Church "without spot or wrinkle," this idolatry must be given up. (Amens.) The worship of men must die. The worship of drugs must die. Men and women must turn to the one true and living God and turn away from trusting in the arm of flesh.

Jeremiah says, "Cursed be the man who trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm."

God is displeased with all idolatry.

Test of Fidelity to God's Way of Healing.

Here is the test: Shall we trust God for healing, or shall we go to men? Let us face the situation.

When a person dies without the attendance of a doctor, you will see an article in the papers that Mr. So and So "died without medical attendance." In the same town, you have a number of people, young and old, dying, all of whom had the best doctors they could get, and there is not a word said. I want you to think of that. Why is there such a howl in the newspapers when somebody dies "without a doctor being in attendance," when *ten thousand die with doctors in attendance* and there is nothing said?

O yes; there is something said. Beautiful resolutions are drafted, a nice obituary notice is written up, a lovely funeral service is conducted and a tomb-stone erected. All kinds of falsehoods are told.

The reason why such a howl is made is because Divine Healing belongs to God; these other things belong to the Devil, and it is the Devil's business to make a howl, and he makes a howl about Divine Healing.

Records of Healings in New Testament.

Let us look at the New Testament.

We read the four Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke and John,—and follow the ministry of Christ. We find twenty-six cases of healing recorded in detail. We find the Savior, first of all, healing the leper.

The next case is the Centurion's servant who had palsy (paralysis) grievously tormented. Then, in the ninth chapter of Matthew, we have another case of palsy. We have one case of dropsy; a number of cases of blindness; some of deafness and three resurrected from the dead.

Then we follow the ministry of the Apostles, in the Book of Acts. There we have one case of resurrection from the dead, perhaps two. Aeneas was raised from a bed where he had been for eight long years.

Zion Accepts God's Plan.

Zion says "We believe in the Word of God."

One man says that he does not believe in the Word of God, and lives a fairly good life. Another man says he does believe the Word of God, and he lives a bad life. The consistent thing to do is either to live the Word of God or to renouce it and denounce it and put it aside. You have a right to say that to every one who calls himself a Christian.

Facing squarely the Word of God, what are we going to do? "Is any sick among you, let him call for" whom?

Voices: "The Elders of the Church."

When the Elders come, the first thing they are to do is what?

Voices: "Anoint with oil."

Oil is the symbol of the Holy Spirit. After they have anointed with oil, they are to do what?

Voices: "Pray."

What kind of prayer saves the sick?

Voices: "The prayer of faith."

Does it say, "The prayer of doubt?"

No; "The prayer of faith" does what?

Voices: "Saves the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up."

"And if he have committed sins, they shall be"—

Voices: "Forgiven him."

What is the next thing? "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be" what?

Voices: "Healed"

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

Could words be more simple? This afternoon, in this congregation, there are those who are sick and afflicted. You have been prayed with a number of times. You have received blessings, but you have not received as yet a complete deliverance. I want to point out to you, my brothers and sisters, that the essential thing is to be like little children. If you will only get to the place where you can exercise the simple, childlike faith, and take God at His Word like a child takes the words of a mother or a father, you will receive the blessing and receive it very quickly.

Healing is for Us Just as Much as Salvation.

A lot of people say they have salvation, but they have not. Some people are healed; some are not. Now, there are reasons. I know the difficulty with many people is that they do not remain steadfast. The moment doubt enters in, trust goes. The moment fear comes, then there is trouble. At the very time when you need to trust the most, and have the greatest love of God in your heart, is the time when you are going to have the victory. As I said to a sick person this week, "Lie still. Be quiet. Preserve your strength. The way to fight a battle is to be calm. Pray to God to smite this disease and kill it. Do not be excited. Remember what Jesus said, 'When you pray, believe you have that for which you ask.'" "Ask, and ye shall have," what?

Voices: "That for which you ask and pray."

God's Word is true. "If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you can say unto this mountain, Be thou removed; whatsoever you say shall come to pass if you do not doubt," where?

Voices: "In your heart."

Don't Try to Do God's Work.

My brothers and sisters, we are trying to do a lot of things which, if you would just quit and go to God in prayer, how

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February 25, 1909.

THE SALVATION!
THE HEALING!!
THE CLEANSING!!!

Of humanity—the establishment of the Kingdom of God—is the glorious work in which all of God's children should be engaged.

It has been the trick of the Devil, lo, these many centuries, to get God's people to spend their time in putting out false, foolish and utterly absurd interpretations of different prophecies, and to indulge in splitting hairs over matters of little or no importance, instead of proclaiming and living faithfully the Gospel of the Kingdom.

The secret of the marvelous success given to Zion during the years of 1895-6-7-8 and 9 was simply that in Zion the Gospel was preached as nowhere else in the world. Sinners were pricked to the heart and brought to repentance. The sick were led to give up all trust in doctors, drugs and surgeons, and to turn to Christ, the Great Physician.

Scores of times did John Alexander Dowie, in talking to the Officers, warn them against spending their time foolishly, and with great emphasis did he say:

"YOUR WORK IS TO GET THE PEOPLE SAVED, HEALED, CLEANSED AND BLESSED."

Just think of the precious time wasted—as an illustration, the hours, days, weeks, and, in the aggregate, months spent by preachers preaching and writing books trying to show that when people are dead, they are dead, viz., to establish the abominable doctrine of Soul-Sleeping, or the unconscious state of the dead!

Think of scores and hundreds spending their time trying to convince people that they ought to keep Saturday instead of Sunday!

Think of the scores and hundreds spending their time trying to establish the doctrine of Annihilation!

Let Zion everywhere spend the time in preaching Repentance, Confession, Restitution, Faith, Obedience, and Holy Living—get the sinners saved; get the sick healed; get the polluted cleansed, and get all to live holy lives for God.

The whole world is Zion's today, if she will only go forward in the name of the Most High God to possess it.

Zion's ministers, under God, are absolutely free to proclaim the whole Gospel, and to denounce every sin in the catalog.

John the Baptist came preaching, "and saying, Repent ye: for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." Let Zion's workers follow his example, and cry unto all men everywhere:

"REPENT YE, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND."

Jesus the Christ "began to preach, and to say Repent: for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

Let Zion's workers everywhere take note and follow the blessed Saviour of mankind, preaching and saying unto all men,

"REPENT: FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND."

"Jesus, when He sent out the twelve Apostles, commanded them saying, "And as ye go, preach, saying, The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

Let all Zion's workers heed the command, and cry unto all the people:

"THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND."

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The Kingdom of Great Britain,
The Empire of Germany,
The Despotism of Russia,
The Republic of the United States,

Are all topics of absorbing interest to thinking men and women throughout the world; but of far greater importance than all of them put together is the KINGDOM OF God, which simply means THE RULE OF GOD in the affairs of men.

Paul said to Timothy:

"Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears."

Let all Zion's workers heed the exhortation of Paul, and bear in mind that the time concerning which he spoke is upon us in its fulness.

Outside of Zion, the members of the apostate churches will not endure sound doctrine, and the majority of them simply want preachers who are "ear-ticklers," and they are willing to pay them so much per tickle.

How many preachers are there, outside of Zion, who would dare to denounce dancing?

How many preachers are there, outside of Zion, who would dare to denounce card-playing?

How many preachers are there, outside of Zion, who would dare to denounce Freemasonry, an Antichristian and Unchristian abomination?

How many preachers are there, outside of Zion, who would dare to denounce tobacco?

How many preachers are there, outside of Zion, who would dare to denounce sins of any kind?

The position of the ministers of the apostate churches is well illustrated by the following:

A certain man went to a town to preach in a certain church. He was a stranger to the members of the church, and no sooner had he taken his seat, awaiting the time to arrive to begin the service, than he was approached by an individual who introduced himself as an officer of the church, and who said, "I just wanted to warn you against saying anything in regard to the liquor traffic, because while we are opposed to it in a way, yet there are a number of contributors to the finances of the church who are in different ways connected with the traffic, and we do not want them offended."

As quickly, as this officer had vanished and gone his way, another officer approached the visiting parson, introduced himself, and stated that he did not want him to say anything against tobacco, for if he did he would offend some of the leading members of the Church who were engaged in the tobacco business.

No sooner had this second officer gone his way, than a third official approached the poor preacher, who, by this time, was beginning to scratch his head, and said to him, "I do not want you to say anything against theatre-going, dancing, or card-playing, for there are some members of the choir and some members of the congregation who indulge in these things, and do not believe there is any harm in them."

By this time, the visiting preacher's head was beginning to ache, and then a fourth official approached him, and said, "Please do not say anything about the Roman Catholics, for we are on very good terms with them, and we do not want them offended. Then the poor preacher, in utter despair, looked up and said, "Well, my friend, I have been warned against the liquor traffic, against tobacco, theatres, dancing, card-playing, and against the Roman Catholics, what on earth shall I preach about? Whereupon the last visiting official said, "Give it to the Jews. There is not one within five hundred miles of the church."

Thank God for Zion!

Some people writhe and twist in their chairs when they hear scores of men and women rise one after another in a Zion Praise, Prayer and Testimony Meeting and say, "I thank God for Zion."

It was indeed wonderful to hear, last Lord's Day morning, in Shiloh Tabernacle, one after another speak as follows:

"I came into Zion thirteen years ago. I went into Zion Tabernacle an awful sinner, a user of tobacco and a drunkard, and an infidel, and as I sat and listened to John Alexander Dowie, I was deeply convicted of my sins, and led to cry out to God for mercy."

Others said: "I was taken to Zion Tabernacle dying from disease. I listened to John Alexander Dowie, repented of my sins, and accepted Jesus Christ as my Physician. He prayed for me and I was healed."

The good old days of Zion are returning.

The services in Zion City are well attended.

There is a deep interest, and thank God, a wonderful simplicity characterizes Zion's work.

The spirit of unity that prevails is beautiful.

God is blessing the people, and fulfilling His Word unto all who put their trust in Him.

Zion Stores, under the general management of Deacon W. Hurd Clendinen, reports sales for ten and one-half months of $168 618.62. with a total net gain of $7,447.69.

The report for the Ecclesiastical Department, February 24, 1909, shows $8,921 30.

As the General Overseer, I thank, with all my heart, all of the loyal, faithful, steadfast men, women, youths, maidens and little children who have made these magnificent results possible.

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I feel that I can never praise God enough for what He has done.

The day is not far off when every one who has remained steadfast and faithful will rejoice with joy unspeakable, and praise God that they never wavered nor stepped aside for a moment.

On last Lord's Day morning, one brother rose and said, "I have been in Zion twelve years, and I have never attended any meeting outside of the Zion meetings."

A remarkable testimony! and I would to God all the members could say as much, This man was brought up a Roman Catholic, and, as I have often said, The Roman Catholics who came into the Christian Catholic Church have made some of the best members.

The Overseers who drew from $250.00 up to $400.00 a month have all gone—Excell, Brasefield, Speicher, Piper, Cantel, Bryant, Mason, Hodler,—and thank God they are gone.

Whenever they truly repent, and reapply for admission into the Church, they will be received on six months' probation, and if, at the end of that time, they have proven themselves, they will be received and given a back seat, and then, after another period, if they prove themselves humble enongh, they may be ordained Deacons, and sent out to different places with just enough money to pay their expenses to their various fields of labor, and they will be given a chance to root for themselves, and show that God has called them to the ministry, and equipped them by the Holy Ghost for service.

All of the old Elders, that is, all who were Elders on April 1, 1906, have gone, except Tindall, Richert, Royall, Viking and Kosch; Tindall having been one of the first company to be ordained.

Thank God they are gone! When they truly repent, and bring forth fruits meet for repentance. they will be shown proper consideration.

In the future, the work will be done principally by Seventies. A faithful man and his wife will be selected and sent to a City to visit every house, to scatter literature and talk to the sinful and pray with the sick.

Out of the large membership, some of whom came in for principle's sake, and others for twelve per cent. interest and dividends and fat jobs, there stands today a little company true and tried, ready to go forward and be faithful, God helping them, even unto death.

May God, the Almighty, give these ex-Overseers, Elders, Deacons, Deaconesses and Members no rest day nor night, but show them that they have been traitors and cowards, professing to stand with Zion, when there was great prosperity, and forsaking her as soon as trouble came.

Some people are sorry that they are gone, but I am not. After they have had a few years of experience outside Zion, they will be only too glad to return and beg for admission.

These Overseers and Elders are some of the fellows who did not believe in the one One-man-rule—but God only knows where Zion would have been today had her affairs been in the hands of twelve of these Overseers and Elders of equal authority and power.

God's hand can plainly be seen in Zion's affairs, and everything will come out all right. I have never hesitated one moment to say that none of those who paid their money into Zion for the extension of the Kingdom of God, will ever lose a dollar. If they are faithful, true and steadfast, and have acted from the right motive, and with the true purpose, God will never forsake them, but will overrule all that has taken place, and make it work out for their good, and for His honor and glory.

John Alexander Dowie was a mighty leader in Israel, and in some respects, his equal has not been seen among men, but he was only human, a man of like passions with ourselves, and it is our business to hold on to all the gold in his ministry, and to go forward to establish the Kingdom of God, and destroy the Kingdom of the Devil.

Be faithful in studying God's Word.

Be faithful in daily private prayer.

Be faithful in paying your tithes to a cent.

Be faithful in giving your offerings as God has prospered you.

Be faithful in living what you profess.

You have no time to spend attending meetings of the apostate churches. Better a thousand times go out and find some poor sick, suffering one, and read to him a sermon from the Leaves of Healing, and show him Jesus as his Savior, Healer, Cleanser and Keeper.

The Thirteenth Annual Convocation will begin,God willing, on Lord's Day morning, July 11th, and continue until Wednesday night, July 21st.

My brothers and sisters, faithfulness in the performance of every duty will bring a rich reward.

WATCH YE, THEREFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS.

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Divine Healing.

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quickly they would come to pass! The older I get the more I think, as I look back over my ministry, that one of the greatest mistakes has been, trying to do things myself that I should have asked of God, and asked in prayer and in faith, believing, with no fear and no doubt; and God would have answered. We have enough to bear without bearing the burdens that ought to be placed upon Jesus the Christ.

So, my brothers and sisters, as my heart goes out in loving sympathy to humanity today, I see before me all of the sin-smitten. What a wonderful army it is! I thank my God for every good man and woman, wherever they are to be found. I thank God for every one who has his face set "toward the mark of the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus."

The Great and Sad Company.

What a terrible scene! What an awful company it is, the great multitude of sin-stricken, the great masses of people, who have no thought of God! On this beautiful day, while a few, comparatively, have found their way to places of worship, the great surging throngs of people have gone to pleasure resorts, to the baseball grounds, and they have no thought of God this day. They have put Him entirely aside. What an awful scene it is! May God, this afternoon, by the Holy Spirit's power, cause to pass before our vision the awful scene presented by the sins of humanity in low and in high places.

If you will think of it today, there will come to you, in a measure, the same feeling that came to Christ in glory, and you will pray, "Father, here am I, send me. What can I do to help some poor sinner to God?" God forbid that you should be bothering about what you shall do to get wealthy, to get a position, honor, and the plaudits of men. All those things are as a bubble. They soon go. One sinner saved through the blood of the Lamb will be a bright and shining star in your crown in the Day of Judgment.

This afternoon, the one great burning desire of my heart is to be used of God in saying something that will set you people on fire to be used of God in proclaiming the Everlasting Gospel to earth's perishing millions. They are all around us. You will find them everywhere. You will find them in Zion City, Waukegan, Kenosha, Chicago, hundreds and thousands of them, almost at our every door. May God help this people not to lose the greatest of all opportunities ever given to mankind, the opportunity of telling the old old story of Jesus' dying love for perishing humanity.

When you think of all the disease-smitten! Ah, my brothers and sisters, look at the great multitudes of little children today, some with distorted limbs, afflictions, diseases of numerous kinds. See all the hospitals and all the sanitariums and homes where those little sufferers are! Look at all the youths and maidens; the middle-aged; the old. What an army! hundreds and thousands, yea millions in all parts of the world suffering. How often, as I have talked with people and shed tears over them, I have been compelled to say, "My God, how sad! This man has not seen a well moment in the last thirty years." There are some of you sitting here today, who scarcely know what a pain is. You have always had good health, and been robust and vigorous. In your health, you have forgotten the suffering millions who want to know that Jesus died for them.

What Can the Doctors Do?

Look at the great army of doctors and nurses! Look at the great piles of bottles and boxes of drugs and medicines! Look at the great ocean of patent medicines and mixtures! Look at all the different kinds of treatment! We have the allopath, homeopath, hydropath, etc., etc. While we are standing well within the twentieth century of the Christian era, with all the army of doctors, surgeons, hospitals, nurses, drugs, appliances, etc., how much better off is humanity today? Is there one disease they can cure? No, not one. Read the Chicago papers for a single week and you will see there that hundreds have died, and they had the best doctors, as they call them. They have the latest treatment, the best surgical appliances, the druggists, and yet the little child dies, the young man passes away, the middle-aged man and the old man; death claims them all.

What can the doctors do? Sin can be destroyed only by the blood of the Lamb. Disease will go only as the life of God comes in.

What Are the Churches Doing?

When I look at this great multitude, I think of the churches. O yes, this is a Christian land. The British Empire is a Christian empire. Australia and New Zealand are Christian lands. We have thousands of churches and thousands of preachers and thousands of religious periodicals, but in all the thousands you will find only a few who are telling the sick and the suffering that Christ died to heal them. The others send them to the doctors or some other place, anywhere except to God the Almighty.

What a Wonderful Field is Before Zion!

Before you can sing a song, you have to learn it. If you want to sing the Song of Moses and the Lamb in the last great day, you will have to learn to sing it here. It is the Song of Redemption, of Salvation, Healing, Cleansing and Holy Living. If you want to tell the people about Salvation, get Salvation yourself. If you want to tell them about Healing, go to God and get healing for yourself. Learn the story and go out and preach it to others.

The Great Remedy.

My friends, what have I got to do? Just one thing—to preach the Gospel. What will the preaching of the Gospel do? It will bring people to God. What does it cover? Salvation, Healing, Cleansing and Holy Living. That is all the work we have to do. God never called a man to delve into philosophy or to become a man of letters. God never called a man to try to pose as a great orator. God called His ministers with the Holy Spirit to tell of Jesus' love to a dying and sin-cursed world. That is all He has ever called any minister in Zion to do. What we want is a ministry set on fire today who will go out and tell the sweet old story to earth's perishing millions, and get down before them and take them by the hand and lead them to God.

All are Preachers.

I am so happy today to know that the time has come when we can organize the Seventies, and when they can go out like they did years ago and tell the simple story of how Jesus came from heaven to earth, lived, loved, suffered and died to save, heal and cleanse humanity.

My brothers and sisters, no man has a corner on preaching the Gospel. You all ought to be preachers. The man who follows the plough can preach a sermon. The man who stands behind the counter can be a preacher and preach a sermon. The man who pushes the saw can be preaching a sermon. The greatest sermons are preached by men's lives. Do not try to be great. True greatness only comes by true service. He that will humble himself God will exalt. He that exalts himself God will humble, and He does it every time.

One of the chief traits of the Word of God is its simplicity. "God so loved the world that He gave His only Begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Take the Twenty-third Psalm which you all know and per-

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haps could repeat, it has one hundred nineteen words in it, ninety of them monosyllables. The Word of God is so simple in its fundamentals that a little child can understand them.

How many of you are saved? Is there one in this entire congregation today who knows that he is a sinner and without hope? Then I plead today that God, through the Holy Spirit, may move upon your minds and hearts and convict you that you are a sinner away from God. I would rather see one sinner saved this afternoon than to see ten million dollars in gold put on this platform.

My brethren in the ministry, *Our true reward is sinners saved and the sick healed.* A man or woman who, under God, is used in saving one sinner, what a rich reward! The world cannot take it away. It is worth more than all the gold of Ophir or anything the world can give. Just one sinner, one sinner! Cannot you pray now, my brothers and sisters in Christ, that God, by His Holy Spirit will touch every heart here in this congregation? (Amens) Did you come here this afternoon praying? Did you come here expecting that some sinner would be saved? Did you expect some sick one would be healed? If not, what have you come here for? I came here with one great desire that God would save somebody, that God would heal somebody, that God would deepen the spiritual life of every one present. (Amens) "Grow in grace and in the knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus." If you are not better men and women than you were yesterday, you have lived beneath your privilege. May God help you this afternoon to cry to Him, to pray until the very place shall be shaken and the Spirit of God shall come upon all and the sinner will cry out, "What shall I do to be saved?" (Amens)

Repentance is the First Step.

Sinner, the first step that you must take to God is repentance. How I would like to take you by the hand and help you take that first step toward God! If you have sinned against God, against your fellow-man or against yourself, you are a prodigal son. You have been feeding upon the husks. All you have to do and say today is, "I will go to my Father." The Father stands with outstretched hands to receive you. Won't you come today and give yourself to God? Ah! What does the Bible tell us? "There is more rejoicing in heaven among the angels over one sinner that repenteth than over ninety and nine that need no repentance." So I say, sinner, if you will only give yourself to God today, the sons of earth and the angels in heaven will rejoice. Take that first step and take it this afternoon. You can do it if you will only say, "I have served the Devil long enough; henceforth I will serve my God." Make up your minds now that you will put all things right; and if you have told a lie, you will confess it, and if you have stolen anything, you will pay it back; and if you have wronged anybody, you will make it right with that person. May God help you. That is the way to get to heaven. It is the only way. It is not hard. A man is never happier than when he makes a wrong right. I say to you, brothers and sisters, you are very unwise to leave a single wrong not made right. Some day, as you enter the deep, dark valley of the shadow of death, all those things will come up before you in an instant, and then you will find it is too late to make them right. Make them right now. Get right with your fellowman, then you can get right with your God.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

In view of the present legal complications, let all tithes and offerings be sent to Wilbur Glenn Voliva, and all envelopes simply addressed "Wilbur Glenn Voliva."

These tithes and offerings, together with all moneys, as has been the case for a considerable length of time, are held not as funds of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion, but are placed in the hands of a trustee as a special trust, and every cent carefully and prayerfully used for the Extension of the Kingdom of God.

WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA.

A Great Clearance Sale of Zion Literature.

Zion Printing and Publishing House, not the old one established by Zion's late leader, John Alexander Dowie, but the new one established by Wilbur Glenn Voliva, Zion's present leader, has just purchased from the old Printing and Publishing House approximately twenty tons of literature.

In this literature are some of the Choicest Gems to be found outside of the Bible.

It is the intention, in this notice, to call your attention to one book, and ONE BOOK ONLY, viz., the book entitled

"Zion's Holy War."

This is a book of three hundred thirty pages.

In this book will be found some of John Alexander Dowie's most wonderful sermons, and among the subjects treated are the following:

Sin is Lawlessness.
The Everlasting Gospel.
Reap, for the Harvest of the Earth is Over-Ripe.
The Beauty, Glory, and Power of Jesus the Christ.
The Beautiful Gate of Divine Healing.
Christ Crucified, Glorified, Sanctified.
Zion's Cry in the Midnight Hour.
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This book has been sold for years at the price of thirty-five cents. The new Zion Printing and Publishing House will offer ONE THOUSAND copies of this book for the NEXT THIRTY DAYS at 20 cents per copy or three copies for 50 cents, purchased at the Publishing House or at Shiloh Tabernacle; by mail, 25 cents per copy, or 3 copies for 65 cents.

Let all take notice that the number of copies to be sold at the above prices is just ONE THOUSAND, and the time just THIRTY DAYS.

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.

PATIENCE

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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The Gospel of the Kingdom

THE SUBLIMITY OF HUMILITY

By the Associate Editor.

THE sublimest faith has its foundations in the deepest humility. Our Great exemplar, Jesus the Christ, "made Himself of no reputation and took upon Him the form of a servant * * humbled Himself and became obedient unto death."—Gal.2:7,8. The glory which was His from eternity, He was willing to forego for a season that He might enter into man's condition and lift him from the bondage of sin, sickness and death. True love is humble. What service will one not do for love! The dignity of humility is a preparation for the highest achievement. Christ's humility fitted Him for His exaltation, 'Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."—Galatians 2:9-11.

Humility is the result of complete surrender to the will of God, the desires of the flesh being subjected willingly to the control of the Spirit of Truth whom Christ promised would be given to every one to set him free.—Colossians 2:18-23.

The humble one can appropriate God's gifts; the proud will revel in his own vanity.

"Do ye think the Scripture saith in vain, The Spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? But He giveth more grace. Wherefore He saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble."—James 4:6.

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time: casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you."—1 Peter 5:5.

Strength will come to the contrite heart. Such an one will be crowned a victor.

"For thus saith the High and Lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the contrite ones." —Isaiah 57:15.

"Though the Lord be high, yet hath He respect unto the lowly; but the proud He knoweth afar off."—Psalm 138:6.

The promise of the earth's possession is for the meek ones, as Christ said in His wonderful discourse, outlining the blessings of the Kingdom of Heaven: "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth."

Meekness is a fruit of the spirit against which there is no law.—Galatians 5:23.

Meekness is a necessary element in keeping "the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace," (Ephesians 4:3) and will lead a person to be lovable, obedient, and long-suffering (Colossians 3:12,14.)

True meekness is a sure sign of the beginning of knowledge which will ripen into wisdom, the first gift of the Spirit.

"Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom."---James 3:13.

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DIVINE HEALING

An Address Delivered in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, Lord's Day Afternoon, September 27, 1908

By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva

REPORTED BY T. FROST

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

Here is a home for every Christian. When the Christian Catholic Church was organized, the idea was to have a broad, catholic church which would be a home for all of God's children, Christian character being the test of fellowship.

Baptism a Sign.

You know, my brothers and sisters, when we baptize by Triune Immersion, we do not baptize people to make them Christians, but we baptize them because they are Christians. Just as a little child puts his arms around mother's neck and kisses her, not in order that he may love her, but because he does love her, so the newly-born child in the Kingdom of God descends into the baptismal waters and is buried there to show to all the world that he has renounced the world and all of its works and started for God.

Joys of the Gospel.

Zion, let us thank God for this day. Let us thank God that we have come through so many things. Let us get ready to go down to Chicago. Let us go down as a large company of Christian workers to do Seventy work and preach the Gospel. Last Lord's Day afternoon, though it was so oppressive, six hundred people sat and listened in the Whitney Opera House. How they listened! How they listened as I spoke on "Theoretical versus Practical Religion!" That sermon was reported in part in all the daily papers all over this Country.

Next time we go to Chicago, we will take the Choir, Orchestra, Band, and a large number of Seventies, Let us do something for God and humanity.

Some people say—"*But what is a fellow going to do for recreation?*—for a little enjoyment? Seventy work. Well, I tell you, my brothers and sisters, young and old, you have no time for the things of the world, the flesh and the Devil. If you do not enjoy yourself more in the prayer meeting or in God's work than anywhere else, there is something wrong with your spirit. The way to find joy, peace and happiness, is in God's service.

I want to put my foot down today, before my God, upon the accursed idea that you have got to furnish some kind of pleasure. No such thing. Let the world run after pleasure; I will follow God. You had better heed the warning that "in the last days men shall be lovers of pleasure, more than lovers of God." Let us go forward. We need the Word of God, the House of God and work in the Master's vineyard, while it is day. The night comes when no man can work. There is no time to fool away. This company of people here today, consecrated to God, seeking first the Kingdom of God, in the next two years can be used in creating a movement that will shake the world, and stir it as it has not been stirred for centuries. God will use you if you will only let Him. Put yourself in His hands today. Reconsecrate yourselves here today to God, young and old.

Don't You Want to See Zion City Saved?

Voices: "Yes."

I cannot save it and you cannot save it. If it is ever saved, God Almighty has got to save it. My business is to pray. Your business is to pray and then live in accordance with God's Word and be Zion to the heart's core.

Zion City is sick. I do not know what the disease is, but I think it is an overloaded stomach. (Laughter.) That is my opinion. You have got to approach the case just the same as you would a sick person. It will not do any good to be always talking about the sickness, or about the symptoms. Cry to God to save it. He can save it in His own way. It is not for me to say, nor for you to say.

As I look around this afternoon, I can think of many people for whom I feel very sorry. I can only pray for them. I can only cry to God to show them, by His Spirit. We must go forward. If there is any Zion in this world, here is where you will find it. A man who was here a few weeks ago said, "Well, there is one thing certain, if there is any Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in this world, you represent it." I believe that man's witness was true. So I say, let us meet here from week to week and grow in grace and keep together and go forward and fight the battles of the King. Let us go down to Chicago in full force and proclaim the Gospel.

Where Will You Get Your Money?

God will furnish the money.

Zion got her money before from the common people; from the hard-working people. There is where she will get it again—from the very common people. You are a common looking lot. I hope I look just as common as you do. (Laughter.) I will try very hard, anyway. I want to look as common as an old shoe. It was the common people who heard—who was it?

Voices: "Jesus."

It is the common people who will hear Zion's message gladly today. (Amens.) It is the common people that made Zion what she was, and it is the common people who will make Zion the glory of the earth again, on the human side. God will do it through the common people, a lot of old clodhoppers. I sometimes think it would be better to get out in the country than go into Chicago; to get out among the farmers. An old farmer is worth a hundred of these city fellows. Of course, that is no reflection on you city gentlemen, none whatever; (Laughter) because once in a while, when you cast your net in the city, you will get a good man; but take the rank and file of Zion people, they are clodhoppers, and they are as stable as a rock. All these old farmers are, for the most part, a stable class. So are the farmers' sons and daughters. Give us a thousand daughters brought up in the kitchen and in other house work; they are worth ten thousand brought up at the piano while mother hangs out the clothes in the back yard.

Voice: "Quite true."

If we are faithful and do right, our God will not leave us without something to eat and we shall have food, shelter and raiment if we do not have any more.

The True Sheep will Come Back.

Zion, I want you to think, this afternoon, of the many weary, wandering, sore-foot sheep of Zion out in the deserts and on the mountains cold. They are coming back one by one. I tell you right here in Zion City there are hundreds who have Zion in their hearts. May God touch them today wherever they are. Shiloh Tabernacle is the place for them all. We will pray for them and give them the bread of life. May God bring every sheep back safe home all over the world. As my mind goes to the North Side, Chicago; Cincinnati, Ohio; and to Australia, I can see a large company. They love Zion. They were willing to die for Zion. Their hopes were centered in Christ and in Zion. How they worked and went from house to house!

But Zion's Principles Are Eternal.

Her truths are just the same. If Wilbur Glenn Voliva, a

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poor, frail, weak human being, falls and passes away, you have Zion principles and truths left, and God will never leave this people without a leader. God will always supply this movement with a leader till the Christ comes. I will have something to say on that some other time.

There is where many people have gotten away. A person who was in my office the other day, and who cried like a child, said, "I have Zion in my heart. Just let me alone a little while. Pray for me." Many say that. I say, "Certainly I will pray for you. If you have Zion in your heart you will have to come back into line."

Here is the Bible.

God the Almighty Will Call Zion's Leader.

A lot of these people have lost that faith and some of them say, "We will never follow a man again." We are all following some man or some woman. Some of you men are following a woman. They won't admit that (turning to the officers on the platform.) It is not a very nice thing to admit that—that a man is bossed by his wife— but it is so, in some cases. There are exceptions to all rules. I have seen men who would stop at the first saloon and blow in every cent. It is a mighty good thing that that man has a wife who can take him in hand and straighten him out. I have known some women who could do it.

Where would Zion be without a leader? This Council and I get along magnificently. Where there is no envy or jealousy, but brotherly love, how nicely you can get along. God is blessing us, and very richly blessing us, too. I tell you, praising the name of my God with all my heart, there is more Zion in Zion City than there ever was at any time before. I thank God for it. Let us all reconsecrate ourselves today to God and to His Kingdom. Let us follow the Lord Jesus the Christ. Let us do right. I am your brother. I am your servant. I want to work for you, and when my life ends, I want to be able to say, "I served them; they did not serve me." Every Zion minister is called upon to serve the people.

We are getting well organized. Let us keep close to God. Let us economize and be honest stewards. I want to call upon any officer or member that knows of one thing in connection with the Institutions or the handling of money that is not absolutely and strictly honest and business like, to stand up and proclaim it. By the grace of God there shall not be a repetition of the hundred and one things that were done that a sixteen-year old boy ought to have had better sense than do. Let us show them, Zion, that God's people can take hold of all the activities of life and make them a success. Let us show them that Zion stands for everything that is right.

We will now stand and sing "Blest be the tie that binds." (the whole hymn was sung).

After the Doxology had been sung, the General Overseer pronounced the

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Editorial Notes *by the* Associate Editor

SALVATION!

What thoughts the word brings to one's mind!

The past, with all its pages of personal history, stands out fresh and clear, and the record, but for the light of the Blessed Saviour through the Gospel, would be anything but pleasant to recall; but from the Christ light has shined forth, and upon each page is written Salvation!

"Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, in Zion." Only he who has a conscience void of offence can praise God whole-heartedly. When the cleansing power of the life-giving blood of Christ is applied to a polluted spirit, and the records of transgression are all blotted out, then the heart can well up in praise. Then it is that the hungry heart can look up to God and be filled with desire for a more intimate knowledge of holy things, and praise bursts forth because of God's goodness and mercy.

Witnessing for God's love is the most natural thing in the world. How can a good thing be kept from others?

"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy."

Salvation for the lost world was such a good thing that even the Christ left Heaven's Throne to come to earth and offer it unto men that their joy might be full.

O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon His name; make known His deeds among all people.

The Christian's business is to witness to the lost of earth the news of Salvation. The confines of sin are to be invaded by those who have been rescued from destruction, and the proclamation of Salvation for all is to be delivered by voice and hand.

"Ye are My witnesses," saith the Christ.

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel *to every creature.*"

All things belong to God by inherent right, and to establish His undisputed rule over all is His purpose. "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof," and the desire of each should be that God use and control His own.

Lord, teach us to pray!

"Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.
"Thy Kingdom come.
"Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

Zion, does this prayer inspire you to be an active citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven? Do you see the place of your labor? Do you see an earth whose inhabitants are lost in sin, groping in darkness, writhing in sickness and crying out in anguish?

There is hope for them in the Gospel of Peace. It has for its essence righteousness, joy and peace. How will they get it?

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Every saved man can help to establish the will of God on earth: first, by *living* the laws of the Kingdom; second, by bearing audible witness to the goodness of God.

Faithful living and faithful witnessing will bear fruit. God hath said, "My Word shall not return unto Me void; but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

Zion Seventies find great joy and blessing in giving out messages.

From many places comes the cheering news that the Tracts and leaflets are attracting much attention.

A problem for Headquarters is to keep printed the messages as fast as the Seventies call for them.

God continues to hear Zion's cry, and in every testimony meeting one may hear many witnesses praising God for deliverances.

Zion's meetings are all occasions of great power and rejoicing. This joy is not alone on the surface, but the very hearts of Zion people are aglow with that rich pleasure which only the Christian, conscious of being in line with God's plan, can have.

God's Spirit is striving with people all over the earth. It is astonishing to know of the wonderful words of unanimity received from Zion's membership scattered here and there. The isolated ones away in Africa, or Australia, away from Christian associations other than Zion literature, testify to God's gracious leadings and blessings.

The cry of Zion, as of one voice, is, "Save Zion City for Thy honor and glory and that Thy people may have a refuge from the ways of the wicked world."

Some, who in the months and years past left Zion City to live elsewhere, are restless in their present localities, because there is no protection for themselves or their children against the evils which curse the world. Seldom do they hear a word of protest against the filthy habits which are exhibited to their children by the thoughtless people; and, away from Zion, even those who call themselves Christians and belong to so-called churches, disgrace the name of their Lord by indulging in evil practices---tobacco chewing and smoking, dancing, attending theatres and gambling parties, and general worldlimindedness which is idolatry.

Oh that men were as eager for the welfare of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth as they are for the politics of their respective parties, or the success of their favorite candidates for office!

If all Christian workers desired the salvation of men with as much zeal as politicians manifest to secure place for themselves and their friends, the flag of Zion would soon be waving over all the land, and the prayer of Jesus, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," would become an established fact.

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.

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Watchfulness is a condition of mind and spirit, yes, and of body, which many neglect.

The mind and the spirit can be kept clean and strong only by feeding upon proper thoughts and by being subject to right influences.

Many good things are let past because people are not alert, and many evil things creep in while one is unaware.

Christ recognized the necessity of watchfulness when He said to the sleeping disciples:

"Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation."

"What I say unto you, I say unto all, WATCH!"

The faith---the teaching---which Christ and His Apostles have given is a treasure to be carefully guarded, Therein Christians find their rules of conduct and practice. Therein men may find food for thought to the strengthening of the only true laws of bodily and spiritual health and power.

"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

Steadfastness in the love of God, and obedience to His laws, will insure the crown of life.

There is no defeat for the righteous man.

WATCH YE, THEREFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS.

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 that darkness!

Therefore I say unto you, take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink.

Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit to his stature?

And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

And yet I say unto you; That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

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The Lord Our Strength.

Address Delivered at the Divine Healing Meeting Shiloh Tabernacle, Tuesday Afternoon, January 5, 1909

By Elder F. Richert

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Invocation.

Our God and our Heavenly Father, we pray Thee wilt Thou bless the words which we are about to speak, and grant, O God, that they may be fraught with Thy Divine grace, love and kindness, and wilt Thou grant that the Holy Spirit may fill each and every heart with Thy peace and Divine faith. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

You will find the following words in Isaiah 52nd chapter:

Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy City: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.

Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

For thus saith the Lord, Ye have sold yourselves for naught; and ye shall be redeemed without money.

For thus saith the Lord God, My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there; and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause.

Now, therefore, what have I here, saith the Lord, that My people is taken away for naught? They that rule over them make them to howl, saith the Lord; and My name continually every day is blasphemed.

Therefore My people shall know My name: therefore they shall know in that day that I am He that doth speak; behold it is I.

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!

Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing; for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion.

Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the Lord hath comforted His people, He hath redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord hath made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations. and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord.

For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for the Lord will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your rereward.

God says to Zion, "Awake, awake!"

Impenetrable Night of Sin.

The dreadful night of sin had separated Jerusalem, or the people of Israel, from God. As long as they were keeping the commandments of Jehovah, God was in their midst. He blessed them, and filled their hearts with divine faith and courage so that they could overcome. He gave unto them blessings abundant.

The night of sin, sorrow and death settled over the doomed City of Jerusalem when the people forsook their God, when they left their Father---the Father of mercies, and remembered His love no more.

When they bowed down before idols, when they worshipped the heathen Gods, when they forsook their heavenly Father, when they broke the covenant with Jehovah, then God withdrew His protecting hand, and the enemy came in from all sides and broke down the walls of Jerusalem, and destroyed the holy city, destroyed the temple and the altar, and calamities and judgment from God came upon the doomed city.

I have been reading the reports of the earthquake and how many people perished. There is no doubt that a fearful doom is coming upon those nations who do not know their God. If you people had lived in Europe, and seen the terrible condition of affairs, you would not wonder that the judgments of God are coming down upon the nations.

All those nations---France, Italy, Russia, and even Germany---are ripe for judgment, When I look into the conditions, sometimes my heart trembles. When I was in London, I read a book entitled "London by Night." You have no idea how dreadful it is, how many young lives are crushed down under the terrible burden of sin, how many young girls are led into sin and go down into perdition, how many young men spend their lives in the service of the Devil, and the flesh, and the world. The night of sin is very heavy over those large cities. I have seen women go into saloons with babies in their arms.

You go to Paris, and you find a horrible condition of things in that doomed nation. It is no wonder that the judgments of God are resting upon the people. From the River Seine, which flows through Paris, they take every year about ten thousand babies from one day to one year old---laid aside---the mothers do not want them Some women, when the babies are born, give them to somebody, or take them themselves to the river, when they are able, and throw them in. Just think: in a city with a little over two millions of inhabitants, they take ten thousand babies out of that river every year! They are recorded. What about those that are not recorded? When you go to Berlin, St. Petersburg, Rome, or Spain, you find the same conditions there. The dreadful sins which I cannot mention, the terrible night, the depravity under which the nations are living! The light of the Gospel cannot penetrate the dark clouds of man's depravity, and the thunders of Sinai are rolling. Some day God will say, "It is enough!" His patience and longsuffering will have an end some day. The heavens will be rolled away like a scroll, the stars will fall, and the sun will loose his light, and the moon will be like blood. Some day this wicked world shall know that God is Jehovah, that He is sitting in the heavens on His Throne of Glory, and that He has not given this world over to the Devil; that He has not given His possessions to the demons of the earth to possess them as they please. Some day the Gospel light will break forth like a glorious morning, and the salvation of Jehovah will once more enlighten the valleys and the mountains.

God will reveal His saving power to the nations, but meanwhile He is calling to the people to "Awake, awake;" in other words, "Repent and return unto God."

The Penitent Prodigal.

You can only understand these words when you turn to the fifteenth chapter of Luke. It is the chapter about the prodigal son. You remember, when the prodigal son came to himself, after being a long way from his father's house, and after keeping the swine for the Devil, he said to himself, "How many servants has my father at home who have enough and to spare, and I am dying?" He was in a land where there was a famine. He scarcely had enough to eat. He said, "I will go home." He woke up. He saw where he was going. When a man sees his doom, when he sees the open pit, the power of the Devil ruling his heart, and that he is starving, that he has no grace and no part in the promises of God, and that the door of grace is closed on account of his sins, he comes to the Cross of Calvary, and makes up his mind to come home to his heavenly Father.

He said, "I will say to my father, Father, I have sinned against heaven." Yes, "I have sinned." When God hears a sinner repent, there is rejoicing. The angels in heaven rejoice. What a rejoicing! The son came home, but his coat was all worn, his garments were threadbare.

He said, "Father, I have sinned," but before he reached the father's house the father was standing before the door, and had been looking for his return. His heart was broken, but it was still filled with Divine love toward the prodigal son. This

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poor, fallen son was still his own child. He had not forgotten him. How often the father must have said, "O, if my son would come home!"

Do you know the name of the prodigal son? Did you ever read it? His name was Richert, Moot, Benckendorf, etc., etc.

It is wonderful. I suppose it never occurred to you that God has been looking in His grace and mercy upon those poor prodigal sons and daughters who have been wandering away from the father's house. When the prodigal came home, O how the heart of the father was overflowing with love and mercy! He fell on his neck and said, "Take those filthy garments away. Give him a robe of righteousness. And he put a ring on his hand. O, what great joy there was when he took him and had prepared a great feast for him!

The Joys of Reconciliation.

Now, we have all had the same experience. You remember when you came home, God took you by the hand, how He took the soiled garments away, and how He led you into His presence, and how the streams of mercy and blessing flowed down into your heart! I never forget the day I gave my heart to God. I never had such a longing to go home to my Father. I was but a boy when converted, but my mother and sister were at home, and I had such a longing to go home to them. I had no home on this earth; all was gone; but thanks be to God, He has permitted me to labor for His glory, and for the building up of His Kingdom. When I go home I will not go empty-handed. I believe that when I do go home to my Heavenly Father hundreds of people will welcome me and greet me, and before the Throne of God they will tell Him that I have been the instrument of leading them to the Christ. I would not give this joy for all the gold in this world. One soul saved is of more value than all the gold of this world. I would not exchange places with the millionaires of America for one minute. Only a little while, and we shall all stand before the Throne of God.

The Throne of Glory.

I will take the time to tell you about the fourth chapter of Revelation, to depict to you the glory of the Throne of God, as I have seen it through the Word of God revealed to me.

Jesus the Christ, in the brightness and the glory of His Heavenly Father, will come down upon this earth, on the glorious Throne of God's holiness, and underneath that throne you will see the crystal sea, and around the shore of the crystal sea you will find innumerable hosts who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb.

Around the head of our Redeemer you will find a rainbow. I thought of what that meant to Noah when God promised that He would never again destroy this world with a flood. In the rainbow over the head of our Redeemer you will see all colors.

Zion Shall Rejoice.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs, and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The glory of the Lord will fill the universe like the morning light scattering the darkness with daylight from on high.

In those days the hand of the Lord shall wipe away all tears from the eyes of His children, and pain shall be no more, neither death, which shall be swollowed up in the glorious victory of our Redeemer.

What a revelation of our Father! What a joy there is in the presence of God over one sinner that repents and comes home!

Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion.

As I was meditating, last Lord's Day evening, over the word "strength," I asked my Father to show me what that really meant. What is the "strength" of the people of God? I will give it to you just as God gave it to me. In the first place, it is the Word of God as God has given it to us. What a wonderful revelation! What a privilege it is for a man to go before the world and preach the living Word!

The "strength" of the Church, or of Zion, you will find in a faithful ministry. You remember that before Jesus the Christ went to heaven, He commanded His disciples to go out into all the world and preach the Gospel. Some of you remember the wonderful days of Dr. Dowie when he began his early ministry, when he stood up before the people in the name of Jehovah, and in His strength proclaimed the glorious Gospel of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living. The Gospel then penetrated the hearts of sinners; it filled every heart with divine confidence, and it lifted up the eyes of those who were downcast and disheartened. The hearts of the sick were filled with divine faith, for God revealed unto them that it is not His will that they suffer, but that Jesus the Christ came to destroy the works of the Devil.

The Power of the Preached Word.

What a wonderful power there is in preaching faithfully the Word of God! Then the strength of the people of God is in the Holy Spirit filling every man of God and every woman of God with divine power. When we are united before the Throne of God and pray, when we are filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, and the ministry of God is filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we can pray the prayer of faith, and we will find wonderful power in the prayer of faith. We will find that the Lord is with us, and He will raise up the sick. You will find that the Devil will have to let go; that the captives will be set free; that God's wonderful salvation will be revealed to humanity, and that the people will praise Jehovah for the wonderful work which He is doing among the children of men.

Zion's Beautiful Garments.

O Zion, put on thy beautiful garments.

You will find the beautiful garments of Zion to be the righteousness of our blessed Redeemer. He suffered for us, and we can come to Him and He will give a new garment.

I will repeat what Dr. Dowie used to say: "We are created in the image of God, spirit, soul and body. The body and the soul are the garments of the spirit."

When you come to your heavenly Father, and God reveals, through the Holy Spirit, that you have sinned, you will find that your garments are unclean, and God's Word says that no unclean thing can enter into the Kingdom of Heaven or heaven itself.

What shall we do?

The Pool of Siloam is open.

God will give you grace to go to the fountain, and you can wash your robes in the blood of the Lamb, and they will be as white as snow. You can then stand before the angels, before the whole world, and the Devil can never find out any sin in your life, for it is forgiven for the sake of Jesus.

No other Church has preached with such power against every sin. Dr. Dowie went for the preachers, for the doctors, drugs, surgeons, and taught that only the righteousness of God will enable us to draw nigh to our Heavenly Father and pray the prayer of faith; for God is a consuming fire, and He will never bless nor heal unless all sin is repented of and forgiven.

The heart of humanity is corrupt. When I look to myself, I have no hope that in myself I shall go to heaven. It is a very hard saying, but when I look at the mercy of my God, to the Cross, and take the promise of my Father that God will create

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in me a clean heart, that He will take the stony heart out of my body, then my faith rises above the clouds.

God is love.

The Good Tidings.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings.

These wonderful words reveal unto us the Gospel.

The messenger who brought the good tidings from heaven was Jesus the Christ, the Son of God Himself. He came down upon the mountains, and as the Prophets looked upon Him through the ages, and saw Him laying down His crown and leaving the realms of peace and the glorious Throne surrounded by angels, and coming down upon this sin-cursed earth, they could say, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of Him that bringeth good tidings."

The Shadow of Death to be Removed.

In the ninth chapter of Isaiah, the Prophet says that the people have been dwelling in the shadow of death and living in darkness, but they have seen a great light. You remember, in the twenty-third Psalm the Psalmist says, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death." You and I were in "the valley of the shadow of death" before we were converted. All at once, through the clouds, we saw the wonderful Son of God, the Sun of Righteousness, breaking through the clouds of sin and sorrow, and the loving hand of our heavenly Father reaching down. You felt the presence of your Redeemer. and God gave unto you the grace to lay down your broken and burdened heart beneath the Cross of Calvary. The promises of God were unfolded to you through the preaching of the Word, and through the Holy Spirit. You came to your heavenly Father a trembling child, with quivering lips and sought His face, and His face shone upon you in grace and mercy, and filled your heart with Divine confidence although you were in the miry clay, and eventually you found yourself upon the Rock of Ages. Then you could experience the grace and mercy of your loving heavenly Father abiding with you. Then you could leave the world behind, because it will be burned with fire. The peace of God filled your heart, and divine hope and assurance enabled you to see your heavenly Father.

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchased of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

You have to experience that. Words are too poor to describe it. I cannot describe it to you. God will be with you and guide you. He promises that when you are sick, you can go to Him and pray the prayer of faith, and "the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up" etc.

This is a wonderful chapter. I would never get tired of it. I feel this afternoon that God has been with us. I have felt His presence. I knew He was going to be with me before I came. I asked Him to bless you and fill you with the divine peace, hope and life which Jesus the Christ has brought down from heaven.

Elder Moot then pronounced the

BENEDICTION.

Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall He not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

Therefore take no thought, saying, what shall we eat? or what shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Witnesses to God's Healing Power

Mrs. D. MacLachlan.

At Divine Healing Meeting, February 2, 1909.

I praise and thank God for His many blessings to me and to our family since coming into Zion.

When Zion's teaching was brought to us over eight years ago, I was a physical wreck, after having been twice operated upon inside of one year in St. Luke's hospital, Chicago. For a year afterwards I was scarcely able to go from one room to another, and was a great sufferer, and was in this condition when Zion came to me. I thank God that He brought me to see the great truth of Divine Healing as taught in Zion, and that I was led to accept it. I forsook doctors and medicines, and turned to God, determined to trust Him whether I should live or die. I said, "If I must die I will die trusting God." But He did not permit me to die, and today I am a witness that Divine Healing is a present-day reality, and that God is still true to His promise.

I wish also to testify to blessings received through tithing. We have proved that God does bless those who honor Him in this matter. One year from the time we commenced, God had so abundantly blessed that we were enabled to pay three times as much in tithes as when we started, and He has continued to bless us in tithing.

I have been greatly helped in reading the life of Samson, and in applying it to the conditions in Zion. He was a man who did many strange things, but yet God used Him, and He judged Israel twenty years. There were many good men in Israel in his days, but God called Samson, and used him for a certain purpose. So is Zion, though there may be things we cannot understand, and may think strange, yet God will take care of Zion, and His purposes will be fulfilled in her. I am more and more convinced each day that "God has founded Zion," and that He has not forsaken her. It is my earnest prayer that God will save Zion City. No sacrifice is too great for us to make in order that it may be saved. May God grant it.

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I am the Lord that healeth thee.

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

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The Gospel of the Kingdom

"The Great Cloud *of* Witnesses"

BY O. L. TINDALL

The words at the head of this article are taken from the first verse of the twelfth chapter of Hebrews as all will recognize.

The illustration is taken from the Olympic games of the Greeks which were of very great note. It was a national affair. All classes engaged in these games. To be a winner in these games was a great honor, The witnesses were the throngs of people who gathered from all parts of the country to witness the the games and contests of all kinds. They attracted greater crowds than do our foot ball, and base ball games of today. We wish only to call your attention, at present, to this one part of the figure or illustration, and that is the witnesses. Should we adhere strictly to the figure, then we must make the witnesses refer to those who observe us in the Christian race, or life. This was what the spectator did in the games. In that sense, then, we could speak only of the influence that men have upon each other as they watch their lives and actions which, no doubt, is very great. A man's actions are much influenced by the crowd around him. Men naturally love the praise of their fellows, and hate their condemnation. A man's life is quite different in public than in private. What an influence. Ask the speaker in public if an audience does not inspire or else awe, or frighten him.

As witnesses of our fellowmen we either encourage or discourage them in their efforts to do good, or evil.

What a sad comment was that of Jesus when He said, "Nevertheless many of the chief rulers believed on Him, but they confessed Him not because of the Pharisees, . . . for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God." The young men today when they go to their contests are very anxious to have a lot of "rooters" or friends in the galleries to encourage them.

Well, we are all in the Race and we are, at the same time, all observers of our neighbors, either to encourage them, or to dishearten them. We can cheer them on to victory or help them on to defeat. How often the Apostle uses this illustration for life. We do all run in a race, for a prize, they for a corruptible crown, but we for an incorruptible Crown. Which side are you on? Which do you cheer for?

Which color do you wear, the white, or the blue, or the black? Do you show your colors? This I am aware, is not the common interpretation of this image of these witnesses. It is true, however, that we are witnessed or observed by a great crowd of spectators. All our actions are witnessed not only by men, but, more important, by God Himself, and it would seem, by the heavenly hosts, for Jesus said there was rejoicing in heaven among the angels over one sinner that repented. They must know what is going on among men. What a thought that heaven itself is watching, and is interested in us!

Witnesses are used in a somewhat different sense, as those who bear testimony to certain facts, by their words and, what is better, by their lives. This seems to be the sense in which the Apostle uses them here. He has given us in the previous chapter a whole galaxy of witnesses of various character, and to numerous great events.

Why does Paul, whom we assume is the author of this epistle, summon to the witness stand those old worthies? What good are their testimonies to us at this late day? Are they not all back numbers? Do you believe Moses ever walked, and marched his great host across the Red Sea on dry ground by faith? Do you believe the walls of Jericho fell down without a

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gun being fired or an engine of war being brought into use, all by faith, prayer, and obedience on the part of the people, that such a miracle as that was ever performed? that Enoch was translated and simply "was not, for God took him,"---no death at all? Do you believe all those strange stories about Samson? and that Daniel stopped the mouths of those savage lions by faith? That they quenched the violence of fire, subdued kingdoms and wrought righteousness, etc., all by simple faith in God without any magic, or arts, or tricks, or might, or power except that of God?

All of these statements of Paul are today challenged by our so-called wise men, preachers and all.

What good are they as witnesses if their testimonies are not true?

What good are they if they never happened as recorded?

Had they remained in the Old Testament we might have thought they belonged only to that age. But no, the Apostle brings them forward to date and puts them in the New Testament and leaves them there for us of this last age of the Gospel. He must have thought them true and not mere cunningly devised fables. He says they were written for our examples upon whom are come the ends of the world.

Paul believed as Zion teaches, that the "God that lived in Moses' time is just the same today."

Infidelity is very rife in this day and age, and the critics and preachers are explaining away all the miracles, and saying "The day of miracles is past; we do not need them. The truth is we never needed them more. Christ's plan of promulgating the Gospel was, and is by witnesses; by living witnesses. That was Christ's great mission, to witness. He witnessed to God the Father. He was a living witness of the Father. He came to manifest the Father. He was the Father manifest in the flesh. He said to Philip, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father." That is the way to know God, study Jesus Christ, His life and His words, and then you see and hear exactly what the Father is. He was the exact image of His Father. He lived out His principles. He lived the Sermon on the Mount. He showed us just how to do it. He told us to go and do the same thing. "The works that I do shall ye do also." The world wants proof the same as does a Court before He decides a case.

Tell us what you know about this matter. One fact is worth a bushel of theories. The blind man healed could "stand off" all the wise Scribes and Pharisees and doctors with their theories, that it was not possible for a man born blind to be healed. The like was never known, they said, It was not recorded in any works on medicine, and therefore it could not be true; it is contrary to reason or to experience since the world began; but the poor ignorant man knocked all their theories into nought by standing before them and all the people and saying, "One thing I know, that whereas I was blind, now I see. Gainsay it if you can."

Witnessing is what we want. You can make no headway on Divine Healing today unless you can bring the witnesses. Thomas is a fair sample of the men of this Age. "I will not believe except I can see the prints of the nails in His hands and thrust my hand in His side.

Zion was built up on witnesses. She made no progress until she produced the goods, as a business man would say. Divine Healing won its way in this manner and men believed. Even the doctors, though it spoiled their gains and endangered their craft, had to say with one of old, "that a notable miracle hath been wrought we cannot deny." The doctors admitted it more readily than did the divines. These D. D's were the blindest class of men we found, the last to confess the truth, the worst enemies Divine Healing has had, although it is one of the clearest taught truths in the bible.

Zion has proven Divine Healing. The preachers and the Devil are now trying another method to bring it to naught. They don't dare deny it so they are getting up a counterfeit. Bishop Fallows of Chicago, with some other noted (?) divines, are trying to palm off upon the people a Divine Healing which is nothing more, nor better than that accursed and diabolical delusion and snare falsely called Christian Science which is neither Christian nor Science. Bishop Fallows & Co. take the doctors into company with them. The doctor must first have a chance at them and have a fee before their Divine Healing is allowed to take a hand in it. Imagine Jesus Christ, or Paul, or Peter, when they met a case of disease, or sickness of any kind, sending for a doctor to come and diagnose the case and do what he could first and then give them a license to proceed with the impotent man, and the woman sick with the fever and stricken with the palsy!

The Story of the Christian Martyrs

Address No. One

Delivered in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, Lord's Day Afternoon, December 6, 1908

By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva

Invocation.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, and richly blessed unto this congregation, Oh Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. Amen.

"Yea, and all that would live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."—2 Timothy 3: 12.

The Gospel of Suffering.

In relating the story of the Christian Martyrs, I must begin with the Lord Jesus the Christ Himself.

In the Gospel, we have told, in a very brief, vivid manner, the story of His apprehension by wicked men, the story of the mock trial, the sentence of condemnation, and the cruel death which He suffered upon the cross, a death, which in those times, was reserved for the vilest and most hardened of all criminals.

The very thought that the Son of God, the Savior of all the world, was crucified between two thieves, is enough to keep one meditating for hours and days.

As He hung there upon the cross, the professedly prominent religious leaders marched by and said, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He be the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him." But no, the Father had sent Him. He had come, and in order to fulfill Scripture and His mission, He must die the cruel death upon the cross.

In talking to His disciples, He did not conceal from them one thing—that they were to suffer. In the tenth chapter of Matthew He made it plain to them that they would be hated of all men for His name's sake, that they would be brought before kings and tribunals, and that the time would come that whoso-

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ever would kill them would think he were doing God service.

The Apostles Were Martyrs.

After His resurrection, He foretold the crucifixion of Peter, which prediction came true, and when Peter was crucified, he said to the executioner, as they started to fasten him to the cross in an upright position, "Put me with my head down, for I am not worthy to be crucified in the same position as was Jesus my Lord."

It is said that all the Apostles, unless it was one, suffered martyrdom. The Apostle Paul had his head severed from his body by a keen-edged sword, and only one, perhaps John, the beloved Apostle, died a natural death.

Persecution By the Jews.

As we study the story of the Christian Martyrs, the history easily divides itself into so many clearly defined portions. First of all, we have the persecution of the Christians by the Jews, and in the Acts of the Apostles, you will find numerous references to the shameful persecutions meted out to the Apostles by the Jews, who were inspired by envy and jealousy.

In the fourth chapter, we have the story of the apprehension of the two Apostles whom God used to heal the man at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple.

The First Christian Martyr, a Deacon.

As we go on through the Book, we have the story of the persecution and martyrdom of Stephen, who is recognized as having been the first Christian martyr.

My brethren in the Diaconate of the Church, the thought that the first Christian martyr was a Deacon ought to inspire you to consecrate yourselves to God, and to fulfill the duties of your office in the fear of God, knowing that the man who will fill the office of Deacon well, shall purchase to himself a good name, and I believe a rich reward.

How Stephen died! He saw the heavens open, and he cried to God to receive his spirit as they hurled the cruel stones and put him to death.

How thankful I am that God caused that story to be recorded upon the sacred page. What an inspiration to a Christian today to read the story of Stephen.

The Martyr Spirit Needed Now.

O, My brothers and sisters, if you and I will only have the same spirit that he had, Zion City can and will be saved, and multitudes will rise up in all the world and call us blessed for having stood steadfast, loyal, and true for one spot of earth where the little children could be reared free from the curse and the vices of this sin-cursed world.

My brothers and sisters, it is a mystery to me—I cannot understand it—how any man or woman, who came to this City, understanding a little of what Zion meant, dares lift his voice today for the destruction of Zion City. I tremble for the men and women who yield to the Devil, and are used, even in the slightest degree, for the destruction of Zion City. God have mercy upon them! I would not be in their shoes for anything the world can offer.

Better to Suffer Martyrdom than to Suffer Hell.

The men and women, the fathers and mothers, who are advocating an open town, if God should permit it to come to pass, will be the first ones to suffer, like the Jews who said, "His blood be upon us and our children." The consequences of throwing Zion City open to drug stores, doctors' offices, theatres, secret societies will fall upon the men and women who have used their influence to throw the gates open.

Zion, we are endeavoring to build the walls of righteousness around Zion. I always think it is a compliment when I hear some one say, "Well, you had better build a fence around Zion City." Thank God we are, in His name, engaged in building a fence. If you people will only stand firm and true, every last opponent will pack his furniture in the night, and take to the station before daylight. There ought to be enough of the Spirit of God in us, there ought to be enough of the Zion spirit in Zion City either to bring them to time, or send them to their own place. But you won't do it by compromise, or by saying, "How-dy-doo", and dropping the beautiful salutation "Peace to Thee."

Ah, Zion! the parents who are sending their children down there to the Sunday School, where they use the old apostate green back quarterlies, will be the first ones to suffer for their spirit of rebellion. I do not wonder that they stick their hands in their pockets, and say, "I don't believe Zion is of God." They try to ease their guilty consciences when all the time they are scared out of their wits. Zion is of God. It is just like the infidel who says there is no hell, but that won't keep him out of hell.

I believe God founded Zion, and that God will see Zion through, and I believe it is my duty to stand for God and Zion principles and truths if I have to stand alone. (Amens.) It is our business to die for Zion City and Zion principles and truths if we are called upon to do so. (Amens.) Let us not be afraid.

The story of Stephen will inspire men to nobler deeds, and will enable men to go to the martyr's stake for principles and truths.

In the Acts of the Apostles, we have also references to the persecutions, first of all, of Saul against the Christians, and then against Paul on the part of the Jews. Was not Paul stoned and left for dead? Why was he stoned? Because he dared to tell them the truth.

Pentecost Brings Persecution and Conflict.

There was never a bigger lie preached than the lie that is being preached in Zion City, that when a man is baptized of the Holy Spirit, he does not strive, and he does not fight, and it is all love.

Let me tell you, when a man is baptized with the Holy Spirit he is all right; he fights every devil that pops his head up. If I run up against a man baptized with the Holy Ghost, it is like playing with a lightning rod in a thunder storm. A man or woman baptized with the Holy Spirit will fight every evil thing in sight. Do not be deceived. On the Day of Pentecost Peter stood up and said things that made the Jews cry out. He told them they were murderers. Was he not baptized? Why did not Bryant, the other night, pitch into that old usurer who soaked the people for fifteen per cent. interest? Why did not Bryant pitch into that man who, when he thought Zion was not going to pay her way, sold his stocks to a widow for property?

O love! love!! love!! The old scoundrels sat there and got just enough to ease their guilty consciences. No building can hold a man who is baptized with the Holy Ghost. He will preach and make it hot for every sinner in sight.

This baptism these people have here is not the baptism of the Holy Spirit. That is the reason they are like dishcloths.

Why was the Apostle Paul stoned? Why was Jesus led out of the city on to the brink of a precipice? Why were Paul and Silas put into that old Philippian jail? Why did those people in Ephesus shout for two hours, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians?" Why? Let all Zion learn why. Because those men were set on fire of God, and when they went into a city they attacked every sin in sight, and they turned the world "upside down." The people wanted to kill them. In Damascus they had to let Paul down in a basket. On another occasion Paul's sister's son, under God, saved his life.

The trouble with the people is, they do not read their

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PRAY!

WORK!

WAIT!

WATCH!

FOR the Second Coming of the Christ.

Theoretical Religion simply talks.

Practical Religion not only talks, but acts—does something.

A Theoretical Atheist is one who says "There is no God," and then lives as though there is a God.

A practical Atheist, is one who says "There is a God" and then lives as though there is no God.

All hypocrites are sinners; All sinners are not hypocrites.

All Christians are moral.

All moral persons are not Christians.

Morality never did and never will save any person.

There is but one Way to God—Jesus the Christ.

Just One Way.

For the Rich Man.
For the Poor Man.
For the High Man.
For the Low Man.
For the Educated Man.
For the Uneducated Man.

There is no "upper ten" heaven.

There is no "Special Set," nor "Four Hundred" in heaven.

All preachers who, for fear they will offend some one in their preaching, walk on soft-shelled eggs or on the points of cambric needles, are doomed to bitter disappointment.

Do something.
There is something to do.

The world is the field.

Cultivate the field nearest your own door. There are acres waiting to be cultivated.

Let your light shine.

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A lamp that will not light up the kitchen will never light the parlor.

A person who will not work for God in and near his own home will never work for God in China or anywhere else.

What are we to do?

Get the sinner saved.
Get the sick healed.
Get the polluted cleansed.
Get all to live holy lives.
Get the Liar to confess.
Get the thief to restore.
Get the unclean to turn to God.

It is the work that counts.
It is the result that convinces.

The devil would rather have you do any other thing on earth than proclaim—
Repentance.
Confession.
Restitution.
Faith.
Obedience.
Holy Living.

How the devil must laugh when he sees multitudes of professed Christians spending their time splitting doctrinal hairs.

God is speedily bringing all of the officers, members and friends of Zion to see the necessity and beauty of Proclaiming first, last, and always the simple Gospel of the Kingdom—getting the people saved, healed cleansed and blessed.

A large number of cranks have been cleared out, and they have gone their own way.

False teachers there have always been, and false teachers there are now. Some people there are who want anything and everything except the plain Word of God and practical religion.

Zion is going forward along practical lines.

What are you doing?

Do yo you read, daily, the Bible?

Do you pray { morning, noon, night?

Do you pay, faithfully, Tithes into the Zion Storehouse?

Do you give offerings as God prospers you?

Do you distribute Zion literature to the sinful, sick, and dying?

Do you realize the tremendous battle now going on between the Sons of God and the children of the Devil for Zion City?

My brother pray.
My sister pray.
Little children pray. Zion City must be saved, and God will save it through a faithful people.

Important elections are approaching. Township election on Tuesday April the sixth.

School election on Saturday April the seventeenth.

City election on Tuesday April the twentieth.

Pray that God will give Zion victory in every conflict.

Please accept my heart-felt thanks, in the name of the Lord, for your love, confidence, loyalty and support.

Last Wednesday, March tenth, was my thirty-ninth birthday. Much of life is yet before me, and I ask all to pray that God will keep me true and faithful to Himself and to Zion.

Let All go forward.

WACH YE THEREFORE AND PRAY ALWAYS.

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The Story of the Christian Martyrs

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Bibles enough. Turn to the Book of Isaiah and read it through, then Jeremiah, then Ezekiel, then Daniel, and then Malachi. I tell you you will be a new man and a new woman. When you see Isaiah in the power of God saying to the Jews, "The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib, but Israel doth not know, My people doth not consider."

"Ah, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity * * * From the soul of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores."

He told them the truth. So it is all the way through the Prophets. The average preacher takes fine care not to say anything to make anybody mad, to keep himself out of all trouble.

The Marks of an Apostle—What?

One of the marks of an apostle or a prophet, one of the marks that a man is called of God to preach the Gospel, is, he makes people so mad they could kill him. I thank God I can do a little, if I cannot do much. Some one told me the other day that a woman in this City said that the trouble with me was, I stirred up every bit of devil a man had in him. [Laughter]. Thank God for that. If there is any little devil in you asleep, I want to rouse him, and wake him up. It is a high compliment. If there are any devils around sleeping, let us stir them up and get them out. You might as well say to the maid, "Miss, you are not going to work here any longer; you have stirred up all the bedbugs around." The bedbugs were there before she came. It is a good thing to have a girl who can stir up the bedbugs.

A Good Sermon Stirs Up the Devil.

When I see an old sinner writhing and twisting in his seat in torment, I thank God for that. When I see a man yielding to God, I thank God all the more. Bryant never will have any trouble unless he changes. In South Africa, according to his own paper, he had an audience made up of all people. In Australia, the harlots on Swanston street would have shot me at sight. I thank God that by His grace Australia was stirred, and they will never forget it as long as they have breath in their bodies. What a joy to see women on the chairs waving their handkerchiefs and howling at you like demons. I can see Queen's Hall now when three women with parasols acted like devils. They screamed and jumped up and down, and the devils all around howled and hooted. What good is a sermon that does not stir up the Devil? That is the reason they stoned Paul, and cried out for two hours, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians." That is the reason they put him in prison at Philippi. He roused the Devil.

Talk about being baptized with the Holy Spirit, and keeping on good terms with everybody, it is sickening, nauseating, disgusting to hear, after all the warnings and teachings that I have given—well, that is the kind of teaching those people want.

A fellow came into an office in Adelaide to get a job. The man in the office said, "If I wanted a man like you, you would be just the man I would want."

What the People Want and What They Need.

Foolish people. That is the kind of stuff they want. They say they get spiritual food, and that Voliva does not feed the people. (Holding up a copy of the Leaves of Healing) There is a sermon in that number of the Leaves of Healing that Bryant could never preach, and never did, and never will. There is more in it—and all glory to God—than he preached in five years. There was more instruction and edification in that address of Elder Richert's this morning than you will get out of Bryant's sermons in the next five years. You can put down a piece of silver cake and a plug of tobacco, and ask the people of the world to come forward, and they will break their necks to get that plug of tobacco. (Laughter) So it is with some of those people down there.

Ah, why was Stephen stoned? Let us have a little bit of Stephen's nice, little sermon. They say, "Voliva is such a hard fellow! He fights." They say that I have not got the love of God in my heart. "Ah, no love at all."

Girls, let me give you some sound advice. If any young fellow comes to see you, and he acts like a softy, just show him the door. You look out. When you see a little fellow coming around with his "Dear humpty-dumpty darling" and all the rest of it, and he tells you he has "the lovliest house: you will never have to put those little hands in dish-water" etc., take the chair to him. (Laughter) That is the proper thing to do. He is a rascal. I have the same opinion of a preacher, exactly.

Stephen's Sermon.

Now, listen to good old Stephen! If God will only let me go to heaven, one of the very first ones I want to meet is Stephen, the first Christian martyr. How his words come ringing down through the centuries! Listen to him!

After he has talked a long time, he says:

"Ye lovely people! I have love in my heart. I love everybody. Oh you are nice people! You are all good people. Oh you "dearly beloved, darling people!"

Ah, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit said:

"YE STIFFNECKED AND UNCIRCUMCISED IN HEART AND EARS, YE DO ALWAYS RESIST THE HOLY GHOST: AS YOUR FATHERS DID, SO DO YE.

"WHICH OF THE PROPHETS HAVE NOT YOUR FATHERS PERSECUTED? AND THEY HAVE SLAIN THEM WHICH SHEWED BEFORE OF THE COMING OF THE JUST ONE; OF WHOM YE HAVE BEEN NOW THE BETRAYERS AND MURDERERS:"

Think of that, will you? A man before an audience, and one that threatened to take his life, yet he calls them "*Betrayers* and *murderers*."

Where does your love come in, brethren? There is a man filled with the Holy Ghost.

Christ's Severe Words.

Was not the Son of God filled with the Holy Ghost when He turned around to those fellows that had dogged His steps, and He said:

"YE SERPENTS, YE GENERATION OF VIPERS; HOW CAN YE ESCAPE THE DAMNATION OF HELL?"

Did Jesus have love in His heart? (Voice: "Sure.") You talk about love! They are deceived and tricked of the Devil. When God clothes this people with power from on high, then Zion will shake the world, (Amens) by witnessing against iniquity of every kind.

Paul's Stern Rebuke.

Take the Apostle Paul when he fastened his eyes upon that man and said:

"O FULL OF ALL SUBTILTY AND ALL MISCHIEF, THOU CHILD OF THE DEVIL, THOU ENEMY OF ALL RIGHTEOUSNESS, WILT THOU NOT CEASE TO PERVERT THE RIGHT WAYS OF THE LORD?"

Did he have love in his heart? The trouble with the people is they do not know their Bibles. They have not one iota of the spirit of the prophets or apostles.

Persecutions of the Early Church.

After you pass out of the New Testament, we come to the persecutions of the Christians by the heathen. Oh what a terri-

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ble story! As one reads it, it makes him sick at heart. The Ten Persecutions under the Roman Emperors begin about 64 A.D., and continuing for two hundred and forty-seven years—from 64 to 311. The Christians were imprisoned and their property confiscated; they were sewn up in bags of skin, and thrown to the dogs; they were taken to Rome and placed in the arenas before vast crowds in the amphitheatre, and the lions were turned loose to break every bone in their bodies and devour them. That period of history is one of the most thrilling in the history of the entire world. The wonderful stories of endurance and fortitude are enough to inspire and set on fire every one who professes to be a Christian.

They were brought up and told that if they would recant, they would spare them. Whenever a Christian renounced Christ, they dressed him in a certain form of dress. What an awful thing! There were some men and women, too, who, when they were persecuted, said, "We will no longer believe in Christ," and they let them go. The dress they wore was a sign that they had renounced Jesus the Christ. I was just thinking, if we had to get a special form of dress for all the traitors of Zion, what kind of dress we should put on them.

God has marked those who have renounced Zion, and sold themselves to the world, the flesh and the Devil. He knows every last one of them.

As you go through this period of persecution, you find the story of Simon. He was cruelly tortured, and crucified at the age of one hundred twenty.

Ignatius, the venerable Bishop of Antioch, after standing trial before the Emperor, was also put to death.

When any calamity came to the Roman Empire, the Christians were accused of being responsible for it.

Under Nero, when Rome burned, they at once raised the cry, "The Christians to the lions." They blamed the Christians for the City of Rome being set on fire. Nero declared a holiday, climbed into his chariot and drove up and down in front of the surging multitude, and they paid him homage, when it was he himself who set Rome on fire purposely to get up a persecution against the followers of Jesus the Christ.

I will have to close at this point: On next Lord's Day I want to continue, and take you through the persecution of the Christians during the Reformation.

May God this day set us on fire for Zion.

Do you never think I feel the weight of my responsibility? When I pray in private, I sometimes find myself crying out, "O God, if I did not believe with all my heart that you put me here, I would want to run away from the fight." But, my brothers and sisters, if I give my life to redeem Zion, then I shall feel that my life has been well spent.

A Heroic Example.

You have all read the story, have you not, of a brave man at the wheel of a steamer on Lake Erie when the fires broke out, and the whispers went around that the whole ship was enveloped in flames? The Captain shouted and asked, "Can you hold out? Can you hold out?" Finally one hand was so badly burned that it dropped from the wheel. Gasping for breath, and as the captain shouted once more, "One minute more! One minute more!" he set his teeth and grasped the wheel again, and finally the boat began to grate upon the sand, and all the passengers were saved; but the brave man who had stood at his post at the wheel, fell dead.

My brothers and sisters, I would willingly die tonight to save Zion City that the world might have one clean spot where God should be honored. Are not you willing to do what you can to save Zion City?

Voices: Yes.

God Will Save Zion City.

God will stand by us, and save Zion City. How will it be saved? some one asks. I am not bothering about that. God will take care of that. God can send the money. God can, if He wishes, send Elder Tindall to the lake to throw out a fish hook and get money out of the fish's mouth. The very moment you and I prove ourselves worthy sons and daughters of God Almighty, the money will come, and Zion City will be saved.

O may God set us on fire today. [Amens].

Let us stand and sing that chorus, "Go Forward, O Zion! Great shall be thy triumph when the King shall come."

Now just keep on praying, my brothers and sisters. The Red Sea is before us, the Egyptians are behind us, the mountains are on the right hand and on the left hand; but our God will give deliverance if we are only true and faithful. Amen.

BENEDICTION.

Important Notice

To All Officers, Members and Friends of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion Throughout the World.

It is my sad duty to announce to one and all that John Taylor, formerly in charge of the Branch in Chicago, and later a Parish Officer in Zion City, has been expelled from Eldership and membership.

Although this man has been suspicioned by several Officers and Members for the past twelve months, yet, as the General Overseer, I have accepted his profession of loyalty, and shown him mercy and great love; but for all my love and kindness I have simply been stabbed in the back in the dark by this man who, no later than last Wednesday night, March 3rd, knelt in prayer, and asked God to bless the "dearly beloved General Overseer."

Some time ago, in a very wonderful meeting in Shiloh Tabernacle, he acted in an impulsive manner, in a way that his expulsion was asked for by different officers and members; but I forgave him, and permitted him to continue as a parish officer.

For several months back, every few weeks, an anonymous paper was mailed from Evanston and Chicago to different people in Zion City.

Some time last week another copy of this anonymous sheet was mailed from Chicago to many of the officers and members.

On Wednesday afternoon, March 3d, I called to my office Elders Richert, Carey and this man Taylor with some others, to make investigations in order to discover who was the responsible party for the appearance of this paper.

Taylor, in the presence of these officers, declared that he knew nothing about it, that he had not seen it, and did not know who the authors were.

Notwithstanding this statement, in the meeting held on the evening of the same day in Shiloh Tabernacle, when I asked all the people who knew nothing regarding the paper, especially nothing as to who the responsible parties were, to stand up, he sat still, thus showing that he had lied when he said in the afternoon that he did not know who the authors were.

At the close of the meeting, I called him into my office, and in the presence of a number of officers, he finally confessed, after a tremendous amount of pressure, that he knew the authors. Then later on he confessed that he had used some of his allowance in helping to pay for the printing of the paper.

He was then suspended from office and fellowship until

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twelve o'clock Friday, and given an opportunity to make a full confession and to repent of his conduct which all honorable, fair and just men must denounce as diabolical in the extreme.

On Lord's Day afternoon, in Shiloh Tabernacle, the facts relative to his conduct were presented, and he was then expelled from both office and membership, my action being endorsed by all the members of the Council, and, so far as could be observed, by practically all of the membership present.

In conclusion, I wish to assure one and all in the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion that all offenders will be dealt with in the fear of God, and simply because an individual may occupy a high position, it will not make any difference to me. The humblest man or woman in the Church will, God helping me, receive the same consideration as an Elder, Overseer, or anybody else, no matter how high in Zion's ranks he may stand. For a man to pose as an Elder, to take money out of the Store-house, to kneel in private and in public, and pray to God to "bless our dearly beloved General Overseer", and at the same time use his money in helping to print and circulate an anonymous sheet, attacking the General Overseer in a wicked manner, stamps that man as being guilty of the basest kind of treachery.

I earnestly pray for John Taylor's repentance, and when he does repent, and brings forth fruits meet for repentance, there will be some hope for him.

The meetings in Shiloh Tabernacle on last Lord's Day were glorious meetings for everybody except those who are not right in the sight of God. The attendance at all of the three services was unusually large, and my heart went out to God as never before, in praise and thanksgiving for a Church where the principle of Divine Authority obtains, and where discipline of the proper kind can be administered to every offender.

The texts chosen for the afternoon's discourse were Romans 16:17 and 2 Thessalonians 3:6.

Beloved brothers and sisters in Zion throughout the world, there are many battles to fight, but God is giving victory, and showers of blessings are being bestowed.

My life is consecrated to God for the preaching of the Gospel of the Kingdom; for the declaration and maintenance of Zion principles, truths, ideas and ideals; for the Salvation of Zion City, and for the Salvation, Healing and Cleansing of mankind.

Pray for all the Officers, all the Members, for every department of the work, and for myself that God will sustain me by His grace, and make us one and all more than conquerors over all opposition.

WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA.

SPECIAL NOTICE

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WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA.

O 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 enemy.

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.

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I am the Lord that healeth thee.

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

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The Story of the Christian Martyrs

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By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva

Invocation.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, and richly blessed unto this congregation, Oh Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. Amen.

YEA, AND ALL THAT WILL LIVE GODLY IN CHRIST JESUS SHALL SUFFER PERSECUTION.—2 Timothy 3:12.

I will continue the address of last Lord's Day afternoon.

The principal reason why I am relating to you the story of the Christian Martyrs is that God, by the Holy Spirit, may bless the narrative to your good, to your encouragement, edification and inspiration.

Be a Student of Men.

A man who wants to achieve success along any given line will find it very profitable to go through history, both sacred and secular, and study closely the lives of men who have achieved success along the same line. No man who aspires to be a preacher of power, can find other than great help in studying the lives of Talmage, Spurgeon, Moody, John Alex. Dowie, and many others whose names I could very easily mention.

A man who aspires to be a great lawyer may, with profit, study the lives of such men as Gladstone, Blaine, Harrison, and Vorhees, and many others, not only in this but other countries, whose names are familiar to all students of history. The same is true of a man who wants to become a great sculptor, a scientist, an orator, a philosopher, or whatever line he may have chosen for his life's work; he should study history and become familiar with the lives of the prominent men who have achieved success along that particular line.

I cannot think other than that the story of the Martyrs will be a great help to you in fighting for Zion City, and with all modesty, and weighing carefully what I have to say, I boldly declare that this people is called upon by God to fight a fight in some respects greater than any fight that God's people have ever been called upon to wage for principles and truths eternal and Divine.

We Fight Against Liquor.

We are standing here today fighting for one clean spot upon God's earth, where the accursed liquor traffic cannot come—that awful form of iniquity which has caused an ocean of tears, sent hundreds and thousands of persons prematurely to their graves, broken the hearts of multitudes of wives and mothers, sons and daughters, husbands and fathers.

There never lived, and there does not live, an author sufficiently gifted to portray the awfulness of the accursed liquor traffic. I tell you, Zion, a highway robber who dashes out from behind a building on a dark night, and thrusts a revolver into a man's face and commands him "Hands up!" is a gentleman in comparison to a saloon-keeper who stands behind the counter and sells the accursed stuff. A highway robber only takes a man's money, while a saloon keeper robs a man of his money and his manhood.

Zion, we must hate liquid fire and distilled damnation with

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all our strength, and pledge ourselves, by the grace of God, to fight it early and late. [Amens].

We Fight Against Tobacco.

We are fighting for one clean spot that shall be kept clean from the accursed alcohol and tobacco. The average audience smiles when the preacher hits tobacco, and they look at each other and wonder where they are. Why, they have been to church, and the very idea of a preacher having the audacity to hit lady Nicotine. Think of a man who had so far forgotten himself as to strike tobacco. The average church man will stand up and prate about the liquor traffic, and have three or four cigars in his pocket and an old stinking pipe. It is a difficult matter to determine which does the most harm, whiskey or tobacco. I would rather be in the company of a man who takes whiskey, than a man who chews tobacco and squirts it in all directions. I would rather sleep with a man who drinks whiskey than with one who smokes, and I would rather sleep with a hog than with either of them. [Laughter].

This little City was established with the idea of preventing a man from polluting the atmosphere, and there is an ordinance in this town, the violation of which means a fine possibly of twenty-five dollars. If I had my way I would take every dirty, low-down stinkpot and put him behind prison bars. No man has a right to pollute the atmosphere with smoke. He has quite as much right to spit in my water bucket. God never gave him the right to puff tobacco smoke in ladies' faces and leave a trail of stink behind him.

Take the smoking coaches on our trains: I have never seen a hog-pen worse than those coaches. I have seen some horrible hog-pens that I could smell half a mile off, but the average smoking car on our passenger trains is dirtier, filthier and "stinkier" (if there is such a word) than a hog-pen. How human beings can sit in one of these smoking coaches, and breathe the dirty, stinking, filthy atmosphere, I cannot understand. I can only explain it by the fact that they have lost their manhood, and have become degenerates. You never saw a monkey, nor a dog smoke, but you see so-called human beings with cigars stuck in their mouths, and it is about the silliest and the most ludicrous thing I ever saw. How silly it looks. Think of a man so low down as to anoint his beard with tobacco juice, the dirty pig. Who would drink out of the same cup? I do not wonder that people want individual cups to drink out of at the Communion service. In Zion, there are no smokers, chewers etc. Take a man who has taken whiskey for forty years, smoked tobacco thirty years, and eaten pork for twenty years, Oh my, what a mess! Some women have to sleep in a bedroom and in a bed with a dirty hog like that. (Laughter).

We are fighting for a clean spot free from tobacco. Take a man chewing tobacco and churning it all day long—think of it! Zion, we cannot hit it hard enough. May God increase our power and give us words to smite them hip and thigh.

What a joy it is to live in Zion City. I tell you, Zion women, if we cannot conquer them any other way, we will send out five hundred of you women just to walk around shouting "Here goes a stinkpot. Stinkpot! Stinkpot!!" (Laughter and applause.) We are going to keep this a clean spot.

Zion Wants No Theatres.

Another thing, we are going to keep this City clean from theatres. Oh the theatre! It almost makes me sick at the stomach when I mention the word theatre. It is a cesspool of rottenness. To sit down and talk with people who have been behind the scenes, it is too horrible to tell. One of the Devil's principal hell-holes on earth for the ruin of women and men is the theatre. All I have to say is, any actor or actress who can retain their virtue, congratulations to them. We want no low-neck women, or high-neck men in Zion City. Every year the theatre goes lower and lower. They are sensual and more devilish because that is what the people want, and, of course, they are going to give what the people want. No theatres for Zion City. (Amens) God forbid. Zion City was founded to be free from drug stores!

Drug Store Worse than a Saloon.

Every time I look at a drug store, I think of a gilded hell. The poor saloon-keeper is bombarded all the time, but he is a gentleman compared to a druggist. What does the saloon-keeper sell? Alcohol and tobacco. What does the druggist sell? Alcohol, tobacco, strychnine, arsenic, opium, morphine, rat poison. (Laughter) You call a saloon-keeper a devil and a druggist a gentleman?

Voice: "No"

There is no hell lower than a drug store. I would just like to have one of the drug stores in Waukegan spread out on this platform, everything they have got in stock. I would like to tell you of some things they have in stock. Who is the man who sells the accursed inventions to destroy the unborn child?

Voice: "The druggist."

The Bible says that no sorcerer can go to heaven. The best thing a druggist can do is to repent and flee for his life. It is a devilish business, horrible business. It is a thieving business. They will take three cents worth of nothing and sell it for a quarter. They have a "Safe Cure" which never cured anything. There is a very large percentage of alcohol in most patent medicines. Is it not a fact that whiskey and beer are two of the principal causes of Bright's disease? Drinking men nearly all have kidney trouble, yet they take these accursed things, which are the very things that cause it.

The whole patent medicine business is a thieving business from the beginning to the end. I do not know of anything more dishonest. We want no drug stores.

Zion Needs No Doctors.

Take a doctor's office. They know themselves that they are engaged in a dishonest business. Just think how they have gotten the people under their power. These little medical gods how the people worship them!

We want no doctors in Zion City. We have a right to be born without doctors, without their written consent. We have a right to die without their consent.

When somebody in Zion dies, they say, "She died without the assistance of a doctor." (Laughter) A doctor sent a bill in once to a widow, like this: "To curing your husband until he died.....$75.00." (Laughter) The miserable wretches! You ought to rejoice, and praise God for the Zion Movement. Look at the issues we have. We have issues, red hot.

Hiram Abiff No Zion Man.

We want no liquor, tobacco, drug stores, doctors' offices, theatres, and then no secret societies. We want no killing Hiram Abiff and resurrecting him on the five points of Masonry. Secret societies are from hell. We do not want them.

That gives you an idea of what we are fighting.

Persecution By the Jews.

The first topic of the Story of the Christian Martyrs is the persecution of the Christians by the Jews.

You do not need to say, "I have no books. I cannot read up." The whole story of the persecution of the Christians by the Jews is to be found in the Acts of the Apostles, and you all have Bibles. You will be surprised to know how many chapters there are devoted to telling the story of the wicked persecution of the Christians by the envious and jealous Jews. You start out in the fourth chapter where the two apostles healed the lame

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man at the beautiful Gate of the Temple. The Word tells us that the priests and captain of the Temple and the Sadducees came upon them, being grieved that they taught the people and preached Jesus, and the resurrection from the dead. They laid hands on them and put them in prison until the next day. It is the same old story. Why was John Alex. Dowie put in prison in Australia and in Chicago? Why did all the newspapers fight him and lie about him? Because he taught the people that doctors were no good and that druggists were of the Devil. They did not like it. Their craft was at stake.

Officers of Zion on this platform, and you Zion people, what John Alex. Dowie gave them, and what we ought to give them, by the grace of God, will be as bird shot compared to dynamite bombs. We ought to do better than John Alex. Dowie. He blazed the pathway.

In founding Zion, under God, he did work for God second to no man since creation's dawn. We have the example. Let us go forward, and witness against all these iniquitous things. We have a glorious work. There is good fighting everywhere, all along the line.

Well; they put them in prison, but they had to let them go. They threatened them that they should not spread it any further. They were awfully afraid that it would spread.

Fight With Zion Literature.

You just take hold of these papers, and send them north, south, east and west. Send the Leaves and Herald everywhere. When you go away, stick the messages in your pockets, and every man you see, give him one and say, "Here is Zion's message, my friend. Put it in your pocket: it will do you good." Every railway station you go to, distribute the messages. Sow the seed everywhere, so that when a man looks up, he sees Zion, when he looks down, he sees Zion, when he looks east, or west he will see Zion. It will be Zion, Zion, Zion all the time. (Laughter).

Apostles Put in Prison.

When you go over into the fifth chapter, and the seventeenth verse, you see that.

Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is of the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation,

And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison.

But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,

Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

Who was the Life?

Voices: Jesus.

I am the Way; the Truth, and the Life.

You go on in the sixth chapter and the eighth verse:

And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

Then there arose certain of the synagogue of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen.

You Cannot Win by Arguing.

I never argue. My brothers and sisters in Zion, you have no business to argue. I argue no question with any man. There is only one side. Do you know that? There are not two sides to every question. That is a lie. When a man speaks with authority, there is nothing for him to do but speak it, give his message in the fear of God, and stand before God in the Day of Judgment. You have no right to argue. They wanted to dispute with Stephen, and then Stephen delivered his sermon.

Stephen Did Not Argue.

What was Stephen's sermon? What are all the sermons in the Bible? He simply quoted from the Old Testament. He did not say, "Now, you dearly beloved people, Oh you are so nice, and we ought to be brethren. I can fellowship anybody. It does not matter whether it is even a low-down dog, or religious vagabond, or who it is.

Stephen got down to the last part of his sermon and said, "Ye stiffnecked"—think of a man calling them stiffnecked! Stephen had not a bit of sense. A man who talks like that will never have an audience. Nobody will support him. You want to have molasses running out of your mouth. You want to be loving to everybody. You should tell them they are dear, sweet things.

No, sir. "Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears." Ye devils. (He gives it to them.)

Then he looked up to the heavens and they were open, and he saw Jesus sitting at the right hand of God. He said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God."

Then these fellows stuck their fingers into their ears, and ran around in a foolish manner. They threw him out, and took stones and put him to death for telling the truth.

Plain Speech Needed.

A man, who if right, need not be afraid of plain speech. When I say, "You dirty, low-down stinkpot," there is no need to writhe, for if you do, then I know you are a stinkpot.

I remember a certain woman writing me a letter in which she said, "I heard you last Sunday, and your talk was something horrible." I do not understand how people could sit and listen to it." In about a week after, she went up to a member of the Church and said, "I have murdered seven unborn babies." The only trouble with that woman was she was in hell that Sunday. She writhed in torment as I denounced the horrible, world-wide crime of women in the churches with their hands stained with the blood of innocents in tens of thousands. All the devils in her rose up.

They stoned Stephen and put him to death. He knelt kown and cried with a loud voice, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." No, it was the leaders. The people, for the most part, are all right when they have the right kind of leaders. When they are led by false, cunning, and self-seeking men, then they are in for a bad time. When they are led by men of God, they will be all right. It was the leaders who said to the people, "Ask for Barabbas."

You then go on into the eighth chapter, and Saul comes before you. In the ninth chapter we have the story of Saul's conversion. Then as we go on into the twelfth chapter, we find more and more about the persecutions.

James Put to Death.

Herod the King stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the Church.

And he killed James the brother of John with a sword.

What for? To please some of the people. He saw it pleased the Jews, and they proceed to take Peter also.

Then were the days of unleavened bread.

And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quarternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.

Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of"—

Whom?

Voices: "The Church."

Zion, you pray with tears, day and night, that God will save Zion City. As the queen said about John Knox, she feared the prayers of John Knox more than an army. Zion, through prayer, we will conquer. That is the way we shall save Zion City. Let Zion pray without ceasing.

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TO ZION EVERYWHERE. PEACE TO THEE!

I feel constrained to give you some of the solemn warnings and exhortations that Peter gave to the Church in his day, and then ask you this question as did he:

WHAT MANNER OF PERSONS OUGHT YE TO BE?

Peter reminded them, and also us, that the Lord was not slack concerning His promises, nor of His warnings, although they tarried long in being fulfilled. The Lord was coming, and His coming would be like a thief in the night.

The earth and all the works therein would be burned up, as the old world was destroyed by the flood, which came upon the people unawares.

While they sneeringly said, "Where is the sign of His coming?"

God says he did not spare the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell.

Nor did He spare the old world. He "turned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes and made them an example unto those that after should live ungodly."

In view of all these things, what manner of persons ought ye to be?

I answer with him that ye ought to be a "Peculiar People," zealous of good works.

If we live godly, like Zion people ought, the world will say "ye are a peculiar people."

We ought not to be conformed to this world; we ought not to follow the foolish fashions of the world.

A Zion woman ought not to buy a new hat every five months so as to conform to the fashion, set by voluptuous Paris.

We should not follow the ways of the world in business—to cheat, and defraud, and devour one another.

Very few of the world's ways are worthy of imitation for Zion people.

To begin with, we ought to be a spiritual people. We should be born of the Spirit, made new creatures in Christ Jesus.

Let old things pass away and all things become new. Our citizenship is not in this world, but in heaven. We are children of a King, and heirs of a kingdom.

You ought to be born into the Kingdom by baptism into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

You ought to be examples to the world. The Light of the world and Salt of the earth.

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For alas, how many have lost their savor! The world is becoming so corrupt.

Zion was raised up to send out a great light to the world.

We ought to preserve this beautiful City which God gave us, a great beacon light that cannot be hid, set on a hill.

Zion should be a holy people, a clean people; their bodies washed with clean water and their spirits made pure through the blood of the Lamb.

We should be a healthy people. We should live in the Ninety-First Psalm, so that no plague should come nigh our dwellings.

If we grow slack and careless, and our whole armor be not kept on and the wicked one hurl one of his fiery darts and pierce us with disease, then we should go to the Great Physician, and not to doctors and drugs, to be healed.

We should eat clean food and "look not upon the wine when it is red and moveth itself aright," for at the last it "biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."

We should not corrupt these bodies, for they are the temples of the Holy Ghost.

We ought to be a working people. We should work while the day lasts, for the night will soon come when no man can work.

"Why stand ye here all the day idle? Go work today in My vineyard." There is plenty to do. The harvest truly is great, and the laborers are few.

Sting all the drones out of Zion's bee hive. "If a man will not work, neither shall he eat."

Let Zion be a witnessing people. Go and tell your friends what great things the Lord hath done for you, whereof you are glad.

Encourage some sick one to trust in Him. "I was sick and ye visited me. I was hungry and ye gave me food; thirsty, and ye gave me drink."

You should keep yourself unspotted from the world. Avoid even the appearance of evil.

Love not the vain and foolish and hurtful lusts and pleasures of the world. Be not lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; Those pleasures which drown men in perdition, as the theatre and the dance.

Be not lovers of filthy lucre, for the love of money is the root of all evil.

"They that *will* be rich fall into divers temptations and a snare, and into many and foolish lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition."

Trust not in uncertain riches which take to themselves wings and fly away. But trust in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy, and be rich in faith and good works.

Neglect not the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is.

You should be in your place in the sanctuary, for there are blessings there that you cannot get at your home, nor anywhere else.

If you are alone, as some say, then make a gathering of two or three. The Lord has promised to be in your midst, if you are only a few.

You should grow to many. The Kingdom of God always starts in a small way, like the tiny mustard seed; but it will grow if you pray the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into His vineyard.

Don't live to yourself.

Pay your tithes into the storehouse.

If you don't, God says you rob him, which is worse than robbing a fellowman. We are to honor the Lord with our substance.

Why is this blighting curse we see upon so many lands and so many people?

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Why, it is but the fulfilling of the prophecy, 'Ye are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed Me."

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, then I will pour out a blessing upon you that there will not be room to contain it.

If Zion does her whole duty, she shall be a rich and prosperous people and a glory to the Lord in every land.

Zion has the right message for the world as no other church, so-called, has.

Zion must be true to her trust, or she will fall as has so many others.

Zion must watch and pray lest she fall into temptation.

She must be as the wise virgins and have oil in her vessels, for the Bridegroom will come, the door will be shut, and then our cry "open unto me" be in vain.

They that be wise shall enter in.

Zion people must not be afraid when they come to the conflict.

The Christian life is a warfare. It is folly to expect to be carried to the skies on "flowery beds of ease."

They must fight if they would reign. Increase our courage, Lord.

Fight the good fight of faith. Zion should have the same dying testimony that the old and brave soldier had.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing."

Zion people should die well, and so they will, if they live well. They will be like the ripe shock of corn.

They will be like the ripe fruit ready to be gathered, and the grain ready for the garner.

Zion people should have an *abundant* entrance, as Peter calls it, into that Everlasting Kingdom.

We should not be saved as by the "skin of our teeth."

They that have the abundant life which Jesus promised us, will have the abundant entrance and the abundant Joys of the Kingdom prepared for them from the foundation of the world.

Zion ought to live up to these God-given privileges.

I ask again, with the Apostle:

What manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

Nevertheless, we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Wherefore, beloved, seeing that we look for sueh things, be diligent that ye may be found by Him in peace, without spot or blemish.

The Story of the Christian Martys.

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In the thirteenth chapter and the forty-fifth verse we read:

But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.

You see envy at the bottom of it all. "When the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy" and jealousy. I tell you, my brethren, knowing that I must answer to my God in the Day of Judgment, every man I have had to fight has been a man who has had jealousy and envy in him. What a fool a man is to be envious. You find it everywhere; among lawyers, judges, professional men. May God take all envy and jealousy out of every heart. It will ruin you. Look at the nations today. They are envious and jealous. They watch each other with a hawk-like eye. They are ready to pounce upon each other and tear each other to pieces. If one nation builds a large war vessel, then the other nation builds a larger one.

We are face to face with the same problems as were the Apostles of old. Will we quit ourselves like men, or will we lie

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down and die? I want to read to you again the story of the Atlantic cable. I never get tired of reading it. I want you to see in it a lesson for us today.

The Story of the Cable.

"There is a faith so extensive and a hope so elastic that a man having them will keep on believing and hoping till all danger is passed and victory sure. When I talk across an ocean 3,000 miles, with my friends on the other side of it, and feel that I may know at any hour of the day if all goes well with them, I think with gratitude of the immense energy and perseverance of that one man, Cyrus W. Field, who spent so many years of his life in perfecting a communication second only in importance to the discovery of this country.

The story of his patient striving during all that stormy period is one of the noblest records of American enterprise, and only his own family know the whole of it.

"It was a long, hard struggle; Thirteen years of anxious watching and ceaseless toil. Think what that enthusiast accomplished by his untiring energy. He made fifty voyages across the Atlantic, and when everything looked darkest for his enterprise, his courage never flagged for an instant. He must have suffered privations and dangers manifold. Think of him in those gloomy periods pacing the decks of ships on dark, stormy nights, in mid-ocean, or wandering in the desolate forests of Newfoundland in pelting rains, comfortless and forlorn."

Oh may God take this people today, and baptize them with an heavenly zeal, that their courage may never fail even in the darkest hour, that they may surmount every obstacle. Let us go forward to the day of victory.

"I saw him in 1858, immediately after the first cable had ceased to throb. Public excitement had grown wild over the mysterious working of those flashing wires, and when they stopped speaking the reaction was intense. Stockholders, as well as the public generally, grew exasperated and suspicious; unbelievers sneered at the whole project, and called the telegraph a hoax from the beginning. They declared that never a message had passed through the unresponsive wires, and that Cyrus Field was a liar. The odium cast upon him was boundless. He was the butt and the byword of his time."

I stop here for a few remarks. The writer says that when Cyrus Field started out the people were all enthusiastic, and their expectations were high, but when the time of failure came, the stockholders were wild, and denounced him as a scoundrel. The people called him a fraud. What about the Zion Movement? There was a day when all were at white heat with enthusiasm, and people in all parts of the world were intensely interested, bnt trouble came. . Zion is not dead. As surely as the Atlantic Cable was perfected, so Zion will rise again stronger than ever before. (Amens) May God put that faith in our hearts. Notice what the writer says.

"It was at this moment I saw him, aud I well remember how cowardly I actcd, and how courageously he appeared."

There is his own confession—the man who wrote this article. He met Cyrus Field at the time the whole country was down on him, and he said, "I acted like a coward." Field showed himself a man. What about Zion? How many have acted the coward and run away? How many have been brave? Everybody can shout "Hurrah" when everything is prosperous. It takes a man to stand for principle in days of adversity and trial.

"I scarcely dared face the man who had encountered such an overwhelming disappointment, and who was suffering such a terrible disgrace. But when we met, and I saw how he arose to the occasion, and did not abate one jot of heart or hope, I felt that this man was "indeed the master of the situation, and would yet silenee the hosts of doubters who were thrusting their darts into his sensitive spirit. Eight years more he endured the odium of failure, but still kept plowing across the Atlantic, flying from city to city, soliciting capital, holding meetings, and forcing down the most colossal discouragement."

Zion, we will hold meetings, and fight on, and the day of victory is sure to come. Then how about these fellows who have turned coward and run away?

"At last day dawned again, and another cable was laid out, this time from the deck of the Great Eastern. Twelve hundred miles of it was laid down, and the ship was just lifting her head to a stiff breeze, then springing up, when, without a moment's warning the cable suddenly snapped short off and plunged into the sea, says the published account of this great disaster.

'Mr. Field came from the companion-way into the saloon and observed with admirable composure, though his lip quivered and his cheek was white, " The cable has parted, and has gone from the reel overboard."

Nine days and nights they dragged the bottom of the sea for this lost treasure, and though they grappled it three times, they could not bring it to the surface.

In that most eloquent speech made by Mr. Field at the Chamber ot Commerce banquet in New York, one of the most touching recitals on record, he said: 'We returned to England defeated, but full of resolution to begin the battle anew.' And this time his energy was greater than before.

Ah Zion, if this little City were swept off the earth, could not we begin anew?

Voices: "Yes, sure."

Yes, indeed.

In five months another cable was shipped on board the Great Eastern, and this time, by the blessing of heaven, the wires stretched, unharmed, from continent to continent. Then came that never-to -be-forgotten search, in four ships, for the lost cable. In the bow of one of these vessels stood Cyrus Field day and night, in storm and fog. squall and calm, intently watching the quiver of the grapnel that was dragging two miles down on the bottom of the sea.

At length on the last day of August, a little before midnight, the spirit of this brave man was rewarded. I shall here quote his own words, as none others could possibly convey so well the thrilling interest of that hour. He says:

'All felt as if life and death hung on the issue. It was only when the cable was brought over the bow and on to the deck, that men dared to breathe. Even then they hardly believed their eyes. Some crept toward it to feel it, to be sure it was there. Then we carried it along to the electrician's room, to see if our long-sought treasure was alive or dead. A few minutes of suspense, and a flash told of the lightning current again set free. Then the feeling long pent up burst forth. Some turned away their heads and wept. Others broke into cheers, and the cry ran from man to man, and was heard down in the engine rooms, deck, and from boats on the water, and the other ships, while rockets lighted up the darkness of the sea. Then with thankful hearts, we turned our faces again to the west. But soon the wind rose, and for thirty-six hours we were exposed to all the dangers of a storm on the Atlantic. Yet, in the very height of the gale, as I sat in the electrician's room, a flash of light came up from the deep, which, having crossed to Ireland, came back to me in mid-ocean, telling me that those so dear to me, whom I had left on the banks of the Hudson, were well, and following us with their wishes and their prayers. This was like a whisper of God from the sea, bidding me keep heart and hope."

While the Bible has been my main encouragement and stay, that story of Cyrus W. Field, with many others, has helped me

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during the past two years, believing that in time God will reward the efforts, and this Tabernacle will again be filled with an enthusiastic audience of Zion people, and all the world will wonder more than ever that Zion has risen again with greater power to fight for God against the Devil. [Applause].

How is it that in Zion City any man or woman can get so far away from God as to be an obstacle in the road? It is more than I can understand. May God have mercy upon them, for unless they repent they will be ground to powder in Zion's onward march, Let them not think they can destroy God's work. God is watching over us, and all in this audienee, every one young and old who will this afternoon say to God, "I will do what I can to save Zion City," stand up and let us pray together. [Practically all stood.]

Prayer of consecration repeated clause by clause after the General Overseer:

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 and body. Give me power to do right. Help me to draw nigh to Thee. O God, I love Thee. I want to keep Thy Word. Father, hear our prayers. Save Zion City and redeem her with judgment and make her a joy to our hearts and to multitudes in all the world.

Now, my brothers and sisters, the fire is burning. May God fan it into a flame that will sweep over this City and over the world. I will ask you to bow your heads in silent prayer while the Choir sings the Recessional.

After the Recessional—"Abide with Me"—The General Overseer said,

I am very grateful to God for this audience and for the good attention. Let all be in earnest prayer, and ask God to sustain and guide by His Word and Spirit, and to give us the strength to perform the duties that are now devolving upon us in guiding this work. We do not want to make any mistakes, much less do wrong. I tell you; Zion, everything is coming our way. If we are only true and faithful, God will undertake for us.

The General Overseer then pronounced the

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O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.

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I am the Lord that healeth thee.

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

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The Gospel of the Kingdom

Lay Aside Your Weights and Easily Besetting Sin

(By O. L. TINDALL)

IN LEAVES OF HEALING of March 13th, I wrote about the "Great Cloud of Witnesses," taken from Hebrews 12:1.

It was taken from a figure, or image of the Olympic games. It illustrated the subject of witnessing in the Christian race or life; the influence of men upon each other for good or evil; also the power of testimony, and the importance of witnesses.

The figure goes on and says the contestants in the race should lay aside every weight and the easy besetting sin, so that they could make a successful race and win the much-coveted prize. When I read the many illustrations and figures in the Bible, taken from everyday life, it reminds me that the religion of Jesus the Christ is not such a mysterious thing as many would make you think. It is built upon the most common sense principles that you find among men.

All Nature Teaches of Christ.

Everything around you teaches some lesson in our beloved Christianity. Everything you come in contact with preaches you a sermon. Christ seldom took a text from the Bible to preach from. He took the birds, the flowers, the man at work in the field, or trade, at the fishing nets, the banker, the merchant, the farmer, the soldier, the housewife, the virgins, the yeast used in baking your bread, the games, war, the peaceful shepherd with his flock, and even things of a doubtful character, as in this case of the games and contests. They all speak to the man who has ears to hear.

How beautiful that we can see God and His Kingdom in so many things! The pure in heart see God everywhere. These images and figures and illustrations give great vividness to our religion. They are like living pictures before our eyes. How plain they make this otherwise mysterious subject! Oh, if people would keep away from these mysterious things and not try to solve what God has not revealed, nor has He tried to explain them.

Avoid Speculation.

That is where men get into trouble in religion—trying to pry into things and become wise above what is written. It is the old question "How can a man be born when he is old?" Don't try to explain too much. Paul saw things in the third heaven that he would not tell us about. It was not lawful, he said, or it was impossible to do so, or not wise to do so. Jesus forbade the disciples to tell what they saw on the Mount. Moses and Elijah did not talk of their experiences in the other world where they had been for centuries. What a story they might have told on the Mount that day! But no, they talked of Jesus and His demise and left the great unknown future state alone. Some people seem to know, or are more anxious to know about the future world than they are about the one in which we now live. Jesus' answer to Nicodemus was a good and wise one. "If I told you earthly things and ye believe not, how shall ye believe if I tell you of heavenly things?" "We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen."

This speculation about things you don't know is poor business. Let us keep to the plain facts of the Gospel and be content to know what is revealed.

Be Equipped for the Race.

The Apostle teaches some very important lessons by that part of the illustration when he says:

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Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that doth so easily beset us.

This has reference to the severe training those athletes underwent before they entered the race. They would never carry any weights that they could avoid. They did not run with a great overcoat, nor with long robes, nor stogy boots. They wore no superfluous garments. It makes me think of the instructions that Jesus gave to His disciples when He sent them out. He said:

Take no silver, nor gold, no scrip, neither two coats, nor shoes, nor staves. Salute no man by the way.

Let everything give way to the main work. The king's business requires haste. Paul would shame the Christian by contrasting the careless way of men who profess the cause of Christ and the earnest self-sacrificing way of these athletes who run for a mere crown of laurel leaves. They deny themselves of everything that would hinder in any way. A racer, or a boxer, or a fighter does not indulge in liquor or any unwholesome food. He eats only that which is good. He keeps regular hours. He goes not to excess in eating and drinking, nor in work. He works, however, and practices and trains severely.

He puts himself under a trainer and obeys orders. Christians don't like to do that. One of our hard lessons in Zion is to teach men that they need trainers. God puts men over His racers and tells them to do like these athletes in the world.

God sends men to take charge of His people and to train them the same as the government puts officers in the army to drill the boys for battle. They must submit to orders and do as they are bid.

Think of the months and years of discipline and drill, and training these men have to endure before they are fit for a hard battle. Raw recruits are of but little use in a battle. They must submit to discipline and learn to obey orders. It is no less true in the army of the Lord. Men use sense in other things but are foolish when it comes to the work of the Lord. The armies of God are nothing but a mob. The churches have never taught the people the first principle of the Kingdom of Heaven, which is Obedience.

"Order is heaven's first law" is an old saying. Zion insists that her soldiers should be trained and drilled by proper and efficient officers the same as an army that goes out to kill men. Should we not be as willing to submit to discipline and self-denial to save men as the world is to kill their fellowmen?

We think it the proper thing to have masters and trainers for our children in order to educate and train them in the things of this world; why not do the same thing in the religious world?

That Easily Besetting Sin.

Every man has an easily besetting sin, I suppose. One man has one and another has something else. Liquor may be the besetting sin of some men. Tobacco may be the sin that annoys another. Profanity hinders another. Covetousness, skepticism like Thomas', instability and fear like Peter', love of money like the young ruler, envy and jealousy, licentiousness, love of pleasure, man-fearing spirit, laziness, love of preeminence, like the apostles', "who shall be the greatest?" Timidity, carelessness, love of power, high temper, and a score of others that might be mentioned may be the besetting sins and weights to a man.

"One thing thou lacketh" may be said to most, or all men. One trouble above all others. It is like a disease in one member; heart trouble, or lung trouble, or something else. The spiritual man is subject to sickness of various kinds. One sin may ruin a man spiritually as one disease may prove fatal to your whole body. It is like the tap root of a tree. If you cut that the rest are easily managed.

It is well for us to get rid of our hindrances: then we can run well the race before us.

"Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our Faith."

The Miracles of Healing in the Bible

Address No. Two

Delivered in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, Lord's Day Afternoon, January 24, 1909

By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva

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Invocation.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, and richly blessed unto this congregation, Oh Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. Amen.

Immediately following the narrative of healing read to you on last Lord's Day afternoon, we have the following words in the thirty-second, thirty-third and thirty-fourth verses of the ninth chapter of Matthew's Gospel:

As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a dumb man possessed with a devil.

And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marveled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel.

But the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of devils.—Matthew 9:32-34.

The story read to you last Lord's Day was that of the approach of two blind men unto the Savior, and their heart-rending and persevering cry, "Have mercy upon us, Thou Son of David."

You will remember that a few years ago there was a great deal of talk in regard to the address of Henry Drummond on the subject of "Love, the greatest thing in the World." I am not inclined to take issue with the statement, for the love of God to mankind most certainly must be very great, for He gave Jesus the Christ, His only begotten Son to die for us while we were yet His enemies.

The Proof of God's Love.

Greater love hath no man than this: that a man lay down his life for his friends.

But Christ laid down His life for his enemies.

If you, sinner, ask me this afternoon—you who are away from God—what proof can I give that God loves you, and stands with arms outstretched to receive you, I answer, "The highest proof of God's love for you is the fact that He gave His only begotten Son to suffer and die for you."

What would this world be without the religion of the Lord Jesus the Christ?

What will this world be like when He, who restraineth, is taken away, and the righteous-living are transformed and taken away to be with the Lord?

A Senator's Remark.

In yesterday's papers there appeared a statement, not made from a Zion platform, not printed in a Zion paper, but made by a Senator, and printed in the daily papers throughout the country, a remark based upon the introduction of a bill in one of the State Legislatures making it a crime for a man or a woman to violate the marriage vow punishable with a maximum penalty of twenty years in the penitentiary.

This Senator said, among other things, that if his bill were passed and became operative, sixty per cent. of the husbands and wives of one of the large cities in the United States would go to the penitentiary.

If that remark had been made by a Zion man, he would have

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been denounced as a hare-brained enthusiast, a man who talked without thinking, a man who had schooled himself to look upon the dark side of life, but the man who made the utterance is so thoroughly alive to the crime of home-breaking that he made the statement without equivocation, reservation or qualification that sixty per cent. of the married people of one large city would go to the penitentiary under the proposed law.

The World Without Religion.

So I ask you, Zion, what would the world be without the religion of the Lord Jesus the Christ? What would we be today but for the grace of God? Can you imagine what this world will become when the Holy Spirit is withdrawn and all the saints are taken out of it, and iniquity is allowed to go on unrestrained with no salt left and no light in the world? What would it be like? What is it now? What is our own beloved little City, the place we dreamed about, that we talked about, that we looked forward to as a place peopled by God's people with one Church, with one temple, with every foot on the Lord's Day turned toward that solitary temple?

We have a company of people—how large, I do not know, God knows the hearts of the people—who are earnest Christian men and women. There is not a better company of people on God's earth. But there is another side to the Zion City picture. There are—how many I do not know, but--hundreds upon hundreds of people who have forsaken the House of God, who stay at home all day on the Lord's Day, and never assemble themselves for worship; young men who are as filthy and depraved as any young man to be found in Waukegan or Chicago; young women with no serious thoughts of life, frivolous, light and foolish; a company of backsliders, traitors who have crucified the Son of God afresh, and have taken their stand (God have mercy on them) for they are trying to ruin the only city on God's earth where an honest attempt has been made and is being made for purity and righteousness.

The man who stands by in this day, and does not lift his voice for God and Zion, has lost all Christianity and all manliness. (Amen.)

The world is bad enough after all the preaching. When the Holy Ghost goes back, and God's saints are taken out, then the Day of Tribulation will come.

This May Be Your Last Prayer.

As I knelt in family prayer last night, I thought, as I never thought before, so deeply, "Father, this may be the last prayer before we are ushered into eternity into Thine own presence." God only knows at this moment what the next twenty-four hours may bring forth. On a certain night a few weeks ago, more than two hundred thousand people retired as you and I retired last night, but before the sun disappeared again behind the horizon, they were asleep in death without a moment's warning. Since that awful catastrophe, earthquake shocks have been felt in numerous parts of the world, even on our own Pacific coast, seven cities being shaken last week. The City of Cincinnati had two or three distinct shocks, and in Italy for weeks thousands of people have met in the churches crying, "The world's at an end." God only knows . Therefore the exhortation to watch and pray should be heeded by every brother and every sister. (Amens). The only safe way, Zion, is for us every day to be ready so that whenever the Christ comes we shall be ready. The only way to be ready when He comes is to be ready all the time. I cannot tell you what is going on in my own spirit. You think you have troubles, trials and struggles, but I tell you, my brothers and sisters, the fight that is on in Zion City, if I mistake not, is one of the greatest fights of all the ages, and means more for the future in some respects than any ordinary fight that has ever been waged in the past.

I trust that this afternoon you will all be quickened in spirit, soul and body. I trust that, as you hear those two blind men crying, "Have mercy upon us, Thou Son of David," you will cry, too, that Jesus will open your eyes that you may see clearly.

Signs That God Founded Zion.

Oh, it is so plain to my mind and spirit that God has founded Zion. It is so remarkable that satan and all his hosts should be marshaled against Zion City for its overthrow.

Not only God's love but satan's hatred mean much to me and shows that God founded Zion. Let all be true-hearted, whole-hearted and realize that the combined efforts to put me down is not because of the fact that my name is Voliva, but because these fellows recognize that I stand in a position where their desires and aims will be contested at every step, and therefore they would like to get me out of the road.

They are not fighting a man, but principles and truths. If I passed away today, and John Brown took my place, he would be hated just the same, because if God is with him, as Zion's leader, he would stand up for Zion, and he would preach the principles and the truths of Zion.

Another good sign, Zion, is when our enemies link up with the world, the flesh and the devil. What does the Bible say?

"The friendship of the world is" what?

Voices: "Enmity against God."

Can you be a friend of the world and God's friend at the same time?

Voices: "No."

Can you serve God and mammon?

Voices: "No."

Never! It is impossible.

They say to the outside people, "Come in and build your churches. Come along. We invite you all. There is going to be a new Zion now." That was the chief point in Rominger's speech—The New Zion, founded on a broad and liberal spirit that takes in everybody, the Waukegan Press, doctors, etc. "Come along, come along, only we will have a clean City!"

That is just like asking fifty saloon-keepers to come along and establish saloons, and then say, "We are going to have it a Prohibition town."

There is just as much sense in one as the other.

May God hear the cry today, and open the blind eyes. Whenever I see an earnest, faithful man it rejoices my heart. When I see one wavering and ready to give up the fight, and be set aside I feel very sad for him.

Zion, some one is right in this town. Some one is wrong.

The nice,(?) sweet,(?) fellows are wrong, and have been all the time.

Did not I tell you a long time ago, my brothers and sisters, that these fellows that were so sweet and nice were hypocrites? Now they are giving up their sweet, lovely spirit. It did not work. They are now going to begin to fight each other. So you have Lewis pitching into Bryant telling him he is a hypocrite and a slobberer. When Voliva told them that six months ago, they said he was a terrible fellow and a harsh man. Lewis says that Bryant stands only for one thing and that is a comfortable job. I think he is right.

Someone Is Wrong.

Oh that God would open the eyes of these people to see that someone is right. Either Voliva is right, and God put me here, or He did not. If He did, what is the use for them to kick? There is one thing certain, I can look up to my dear Heavenly Father and say, "He is blessing us richly in every particular: Thanks be unto His Holy name."

God will never leave nor forsake His own work. Never.

I would like to know where is the rest of them getting any

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.
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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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ONE THING!

I will ask you One Thing.

But One Thing is needful.

Yet lackest thou One Thing.

One Thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.

But this One Thing I do.

But, beloved, be not ignorant of this One Thing.

The importance of One Thing in the Bible is shown by the above quotations.

Spread out less—go deeper into Divine Principles and Truths.

One question—the place, the time, the circumstances all considered—is of more importance both for time and eternity; both for the questioner, and the questioned, than any number of thoughtless, foolish questions.

Think more.
Talk Less.

Most people are continually perplexed by many questions, and beset with fears and doubts.

A man of few words,
But of many noble deeds, will be
a blessing in his
day and generation.

There is a time to talk.
There is a time to keep silent.

Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak.

Do things—but not useless things.

The doing of the One Thing needful is of infinitely greater value than the doing of any number of useless things; or, things you are not called upon to do.

Calculate, if you can, how much time and strength are wasted by useless talking and foolish acting.

Attend strictly to your own business.

Honor God in every thought.
Honor God in every word.
Honor God in every deed.

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Every person should, without a moment's delay, ask One Thing: What shall I do to be saved?

On every hand you hear:
What shall I do to get money?
What shall I do to get property?
What shall I do to get wealth?
What shall I do to get an Education?
What shall I do to get honor?

One Question, my brother,
One Question, my sister.
Time is passing, and soon you will stand before God in judgment.

Do One Thing---the important thing---Give yourself to God, and do it without delay.

Behold the young man—yet lackest thou One Thing.

How sad that a person should be ready for acceptance with God—all but One Thing. One Thing—just One Thing has proven fatal to many persons. The One Thing may be a great thing: but the smallest and most insignificant thing is of importance in God's sight.

Think of it—just One Thing between a man and the Kingdom of God.

One Thing—Riches!
One Thing—Pride!
One Thing—An opposing relative or friend.

Will you allow One Thing to keep you out of Heaven?

A solemn question directed straight at you:
What is the One Thing thou lackest?

Are you being saved?
Have you received your healing?

One Thing between you and God.
Is it money?
Is it property?
Is it a violent temper?
Is it pride?
Is it unbelief?
Is it envy?
Is it jealousy?
What is it?
Put it away. Seek daily for a closer walk with God.

One Thing I know. Do not bother about a hundred and one things you do not know.

The man in the ninth chapter of John, knew One Thing--and that was that whereas he was blind now he could see.

Do not spend your time working out some far-fetched, foolish, and fanciful interpretation of the prophecies in Daniel or Revelation.

Get Salvation!
Get Healing!

Be a witness that God Saves, Heals, Cleanses, Blesses and Keeps.

Christianity is a Life.

Doctrinal Hair Splitters are not wanted, and will not be tolerated in Zion.

The world needs Zion. Zion must be practical.

The wretched sects simply revolve around some doctrine.

One Sect revolves around Saturday as the Sabbath.

Another sect revolves around water baptism.

Zion throughout the world
Get the sinners saved.
Get the sick healed.

Pray "Thy Kingdom Come," and then help establish the Kingdom of God.

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Zion is going forward.
The pot is boiling.
The fire is burning.

The time of testing is not over.

Let all readers of Leaves of Healing be faithful in every particular.

No true Zion man or woman here at Headquarters in Zion City has any doubt regarding the final outcome.

The greatest fight on earth today is in Zion City.

Woe unto the traitors!
Woe unto the cowards!

God is with Zion, and her enemies will be defeated and put to rout.

It speaks volumes for Zion that she is beset on every side by the powers of darkness. A host of wicked spirits seem to have been let loose, but in the strength of the Most High God she emerges from every conflict with victory written upon her banner.

God will save Zion City, and the Day of Judgment for a number of offenders is rapidly drawing nigh.

WACH YE THEREFORE AND PRAY ALWAYS.

The Miracles of Healing in the Bible

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blessing? They are all at sea. I did not tell you this afternoon that when Rominger finished that speech, Bryant reached over and congratulated him. I have said it in Cincinnati, in Australia and wherever I have preached, "If a Zion man does his duty and preaches the Gospel, the Press and the pulpit will be down on him." (Voice: "Sure.")

Zion can have no unity with the world, the flesh and the devil. Zion can have no unity with the apostate churches. Did not they try for years to kill Zion? Zion, if you and I are all right, if we are faithful to God, He will be with us. May God open their eyes.

I pointed out to you last Lord's Day that Jesus said, "Believest thou that I am able to do this?"

They said, "Yea, Lord." Then He touched their eyes and said,

Faith Is Necessary.

"According to your faith, so be it unto you."

There is the secret. God is looking down from heaven this afternoon. He is looking upon you and me. He is saying to every one of us, "You are praying for Zion City to be saved. Do you believe it? Do you mean it? Are you dead in earnest, or are you playing at it? Do you believe it?

My brothers and sisters, we are up before a harder proposition than the Red Sea. I feel, in some respects, that Moses at the Red Sea had an easy problem compared to the problems that face us today.

Oh Zion, will you, by your fears and doubts, bring defeat?

If we are right, what about the people that listen to the voice of the tempter, and run after this fellow and that fellow? There will be only one result. They will go down when their leaders (?) go down, and they have all gone down. These fellows are going down very rapidly. I love them but I love Zion City more. I love them. I would like to see them saved, but I would rather see them swept out in a bunch than see Zion City lost. (Amens.) The salvation of Zion City means the salvation of thousands of mankind in years to come. The redemption of Zion City, and the lifting up again of Zion's head means the salvation and healing of thousands from all parts of the world. By an eye of faith, Zion, can you look forward to the time when we shall have that Hospice? God gave us this Tabernacle, and God can give us that Hospice. I do not propose to abate one iota in my determination, in my fight to have it. I believe that God will give it to us. The day will come when we will fill it up with children of God who want teaching. We will meet them morning, noon and night. We will hold Zion Receptions there, and the children of the devil will be swept out if we will only be faithful.

Have you faith to open the Red Sea? Have you faith to open the waters of the Jordan? Have you faith to close the lion's mouth, to heal the sick? Have you faith to open the blind eyes? "According to your faith be it unto you."

Oh that God would take this people and set them on fire, and give us all the faith that will never shrink before any foe. Then we shall triumph by faith. Then we shall sing the song of Triumph over all the enemies of Zion.

"Praise Is Comely."

This little story I read to you is about a dumb man, not two blind men. I have told you the story before, of the preacher giving out the Hymn "Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing, My Great Redeemer's Praise!" A man by his side opened to the hymn and pointed to it. The dumb man took out a pencil and wrote on a piece of paper, "I would thank God with all my heart if I had one tongue to sing my Great Redeemer's Praise."

Ah, there are some who have one tongue---but do they use it "to sing the Redeemer's praise?" Our hearts ought to be full of praise all the time. We ought to be praising God up to the very last breath at night and the first breath in the morning. You fathers and mothers who have dear, sweet little children which God has kept, and you have gone on year after year, and you have the precious jewels with you, as you go about your work, wherever you are, you ought to be praising God for His lovingkindness and His goodness to you. One of the basest of all sins is the sin of ingratitude. God forbid that one of us should ever be guilty of the sin of ingratitude to our God and Heavenly Father.

You, my brother, whom God has saved from tobacco, from drink, from various habits, should praise Him all the rest of your lives for what He has done for you.

We all ought to praise God. Praise God all the time. Praise

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God as well as pray. Do not be always asking. Spend some of the time praising God for what he has done for you.

Demon Possession.

In this story we are told that the man was possessed of a demon. Oh that God would help us understand. (Amens). I hesitate to talk about this subject, I know so little about it. I only know that the Word tells me that this poor man, who was dumb, was possessed of a demon. I know that it continues by saying that when the demon was cast out the dumb man spoke. So I can say very plainly that that poor man, being possessed of a demon, was deprived of the power of speech, and when the demon was cast out the man spoke.

The multitudes marvelled, saying, "It has never been so seen in Israel." Then the Pharisees criticized and committed the sin of blasphemy against the Holy Ghost.

The sin of blasphemy against the Holy Ghost is resistance to the Holy Ghost and His influences, turning back upon the light that shines upon one's pathway, until at last they went so far as to attribute Christ's miracles to the agency of the Prince of Demons. When they did that, they committed the sin of blasphemy.

Your Body the Temple of God.

My brothers and sisters, I know this much: that my body was created as a temple of the Holy Ghost. Every person is possessed either by the Holy Ghost or by an evil spirit. Every thought we think and treasure, every word we speak, and every deed we do, ought to be inspired by the Spirit of God. They are inspired either by the Spirit of God or the spirit of evil.

My brother and my sister, it is impossible for a person truly born from above to be possessed by a demon. A man who gladly obeys God will be possessed by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is given to them that obey God, but if there is rebellion, if there is a disinclination to obey God and His Word, then the spirit of evil is there, and not the Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit will come when you invite Him. He will come when you pray for Him to come, and open up your heart and life for Him. He will come in and take possession of your spirit, soul, and body. As I said a while ago, when Deacon Forby writes an article and deals with the enemies of Zion, he does it filled with the Spirit of God, moved by the Spirit of God to speak the truth, and that is the reason God so richly blesses.

The Right View of Christ.

Some people think, you know, that a man possessed by the Spirit of God will never rebuke anybody or reprove anybody. They think that he will use very sweet, nice language, and be very soft, but ah, just the opposite! The most terrible man that every trod this earth was the Son of God. People who only see him at the tomb of Lazarus and behold His sympathizing tears, you do not know Him. You have a one-sided Savior. You have a distorted Savior. You have not the Savior of the Bible. The conception that many have of Jesus is, that He was a very effeminate character, very small in stature, a very fine little whiney voice, and that He was just a weakling.

I tell you that is not the Christ of the Bible. The Christ of the Bible---you must see Him at the grave of Lazarus, at the bier of the widow's son, and then as He talks to the religious leaders of His time. You must see Him in the Temple when He drove out the money-changers. You must hear His voice as He thunders and roars at the Scribes and Pharisees.

When a man says, "Home," "Mother," "Heaven," he says them in a very different way, does he not, from when he says, "hell," or "devil?" Or in other words, when a man is going to break the news of the sudden death of a loved one, he does not break it as he breaks the news that your house is on fire, does he?

The Savior felt deeply. I guarantee, if you could only have seen Him in the Temple, or in the twenty-third chapter of Matthew, and then have seen Him at the grave of Lazarus, you would have the right conception of the Savior and of the Word of God.

I will tell you where a number of people have gotten sidetracked: they do not know the Prophets. The Book of Hosea was written for terrible times of apostasy. Do you know that God told him to join himself to a harlot as a rebuke and reproach and as a complete object lesson to the Children of Israel?

Isaiah declared to the Children of Israel that they did not know as much as an ox, and that they did not have as much sense as an ass. He told them they were corrupt from the crowns of their heads to the soles of their feet; that there was no soundness in them. The most terrible things in literature are in the Bible.

Foolish Criticism.

Some people are criticizing because I have said something about a man in this City who has grievously sinned. That is my business and none of yours. Some people say, "Why, Jesus would not do that." I tell you, God Almighty caused the story of David's sin to be written and handed down to us in the Bible, did He not?

Voices: Yes.

And He handed it down to millions of people to read, did He not?

Voices: Yes.

When David repented, God forgave him. When these sinners, repent, I will forgive them, and I never will forgive them until they do. God can never forgive the sinful until they repent; neither can we. As long as they form their old "Handel Clubs" and their "Bay View Reading Circles," and all the rest of their devilish organizations, I will fight them to a finish. (Amens.) They are all the enemies of God and Zion. But it is hard to convince some people. Paul tried that, and he said, "I have told you day and night weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ."

These fellows are far more dangerous than any foe that ever fought John Alex. Dowie. Why don't you let me alone. Keep your hands off. Do not hinder. Attend to your own business. God Almighty never called you to do this, and you may be thankful to Him that He did not. I know as much about putting this work in order as any little girl in the kitchen knows. She may know more about washing dishes than I do. That is your business. Nothing pleases me more than to see a little girl washing dishes. I would not give you a cent a hundred, wrapped in brown paper, for girls who could play the Piano, but not know how to wash dishes.

Do you not want Zion City saved? Why don't you then do everything you can to save it?

Do Your Duty and Stand Fast.

One of the signs of being filled with the Holy Ghost is stability. A man who has the Holy Spirit in him is a man who can stand for at least twenty-four hours.

Before my heavenly Father, and you yourselves, if you are honest witnesses, you must say that "Voliva has stood his ground all the way through." I have not been a jumping jack. One of the last things an ex-Overseer said to me was, "I will give you credit for this, you have not changed one iota since you came to Zion City." I wish I could say the same of him.

A man filled with the Spirit of God is stable. Peter was a very different man after Pentecost from what he was before. When Christ said to the Apostles, "The Son of Man must go up to Jerusalem. He will be delivered into the hands of wicked men and crucified," Peter said, "It shall never be unto Thee,

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Lord." Christ then said, "Get the hence, satan." But you must not call a man a devil, must you? What did Christ do with Peter? "Get thee hence, satan, for thou savorest not of the things that be of God, but the things that be of" what?

Voices: "Men."

Never say "Get thee behind me, Satan," because it is always best to have the devil in front of you.

A man filled with the Holy Spirit is stable. He is not the author of criticizing or fault-finding. The Apostle Paul says, "Having done all, to" what?

Voices: "Stand."

God is Blessing Zion.

Take your stand for God and Zion. May God open your eyes. May God help you to see. May God grant it for Jesus' sake. I want to help you. I want you to see the right. I am sorry any have been led away by satan. I pity them. God knows that deep down in my heart I shed tears over them and weep for them and sorrow for them. Some of them say, "I can be a Christian without coming to Shiloh Tabernacle." Well, you try it. I tell you straight that you cannot do as you please, or go as you like. If I were going to say you could, I would walk off this platform and never preach another sermon, for if I have been called of God to the Christian ministry, and placed in this position to lead under God, Christ and the Holy Spirit, this people, it would be the height of folly, and I would be doomed to utter failure. If God had not been with me, I would have been down long ago. All the brains (?) are on the other side, they have all the intellectual (?) giants. Where are they? We are winning. Has not God done wonders for us? Yes, there is a new Zion rising, but it is not Rominger's. It is the Zion God is helping you people to create. We will launch other institutions if you people are faithful to God and do your duty, and we all pull together. The institutions will come one by one, and if I do right, won't God give us thousands of precious souls? Yes, and they will bring in millions of dollars. That is the way Zion is going to be built up. There is only one thing, Zion, and that is to do right. Do right! A man who has the favor of God, and the disfavor of men is infinitely better off than a man who has the favor of all men and the disfavor of God. Our God is a great God. May God open your eyes, and may God give you all the power of speech, and when you have the opportunity to pray and praise God, open your mouths. Use your tongues and praise God and your gracious Redeemer. May God grant it, and may He bless you.

I praise God for this day in Zion. I thank God for this attendance today, and I thank God for your love, confidence, and loyalty.

After the Recessional, the General Overseer pronounced the

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Processional, No. 194 (In Excelsis) "Who Is On The Lord's Side?"

Invocation.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and make Thy face to shine upon us, that Thy Way may be known upon the earth, Thy saving health among the nations, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Hymn No. 217, "How Firm a Foundation."

Twenty-third chapter of Joshua read by Elder O. L. Tindall.

Hymn No. 213. "Jesus shall Reign."

Prayer by Deacon Theodore Forby.

Announcements by Elder E. L. Carey.

Tithes and offerings. Hymn No. 237, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains."

Anthem by the Choir.

SERMON.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, and profitable unto this people, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. Amen.

I will ask you to turn to the twenty-eighth chapter of Deuteronomy, and the first verse.

And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all His commandments, which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth.

There you find a covenant, a covenant between God and the people of Israel; an obligation on the part of Israel, and an obligation on the part of God. That makes a covenant—an agreement between two parties. "If thou shalt do so and so, and so and so, I will do thus and so."

Obedience—Effects of Obedience and Free Will.

In looking at this verse I see three things standing out. Those three things are obedience, the effect of obedience, and the free will of man.

In some passages of Scripture you will find a straight out command. Thou shalt do so and so, and thou shalt not do so and so. In this passage as in others, you will find that the free will of man is brought in. The little word "if" signifies this, and so we will read this. "If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God." You can please yourself entirely whether you hearken to God's voice or not. It is a matter of choice on your part and on mine. God honors our free will.

Now you take another passage where you read these words: "Come, let us reason together, saith the Lord." God honors the free will of man and the intelligence of man. He is a reasoning creature. God has given him powers of thought and of reason. He expects him to use them and to make his conclusions, but He expects him to decide in a reasonable and righteous manner.

The words that we have taken for our text, as I have said, bring before us the law of obedience, the law of God, obedience to the law,—the law of God; and you will find that by obeying God, obeying the law of God, there are many blessings.

The Blessings of Obedience.

Just look at those blessings for a few moments. Let us glance over them in this chapter. First of all, let us look at the text for a moment. "If thou shalt hearken diligently unto the

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voice of the Lord thy God." You will notice the phraseology. "If thou shalt hearken *diligently.*" There is listening, and listening earnestly—diligently. "And "*observe*," not only to listen, to listen diligently, to *observe*, but to *do all His commandments*; not one or two, but *all* His commandments. Then if you will hearken diligently, if you will observe His law closely, if you will put your heart into it and do all His commandments, then I will set thee, says the Lord, on high above all the nations. They had not reached that place, you will observe. They were not there. And many times they were far from there. They were at times disgraced before the nations and ridiculed and were a by-word and a reproach though they were God's people; but there was the goal, there was the mark which God set before them as a people. If they would attain to that mark, then there were innumerable blessings. They would be brought up from the ashes and from the dunghill and placed high and above all the nations round about.

God's Word is true. God stands by the compact that He makes. God is not a man that He should lie, neither the son of man that He should repent. He has always kept his Word and whenever man has come up to the mark God has always fulfilled His promise.

What other blessings are there enumerated? Just look at them for a moment. "All these blessings shall come on thee and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God."

"Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.

"Blessed shalt be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

"Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.

"Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out."

And when your enemies come up against you, to smite you, they shall be smitten before thy face.

"The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways."

"The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, *and in all that thou settest thy hands to do.*"

That is a sweeping promise. It is a promise for Zion today. It was a promise for Zion before. It was for Zion, if Zion would come up to the standard. There are the promises before us today. "In all that thou settest thy hand unto." There is not an exception. Everything that you touch will be blessed. Why cannot you and I claim these promises?

I have been thinking quite a good deal this past week about these promises of God, these wonderful promises, and I have said, "By God's grace, so far as I am concerned, I will obey thy Word. So far as I know how I will keep Thy commandments. I will do what Thou dost tell me to do, and I will prove Thy Word so far as I am concerned." That is the obligation that every man should assume, and prove God and see whether He will carry out His promises.

"In all that thou settest thy hand unto." There is no exception! "The Lord shall establish thee an holy people unto Himself---if thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God and walk in His ways."

Zion Should Be a Holy People.

A holy people. That is what Zion ought to be. That is what Zion must be if she is to have power and to be used of God. She has got to be a holy people, a separate people, a sanctified people, used of God for His purposes. If not, why then we had just as well be where we were before. If that is not what we are going to be, what's the use of our staying any longer together? But we may be, and if we obey His commandments we shall be, a holy people and used of God.

Jesus Christ is the Only Teacher.

Jesus said on one occasion, "Take my yoke upon you and *learn of Me.*" Learn to do His will. Learn to follow the pattern which has been placed before us by the Man Christ Jesus "for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls." There you have a condition again. If you will 'take My yoke upon you and learn of Me.' The world has got to learn of the Christ!

He has been despised and rejected and is rejected today by the world. We have to learn of Christ. Men are putting up their gods of different kinds for the people to worship. They have got their plans of evolving the salvation of this world. One has one way, and another some other way. The Socialist thinks his way is *the* way, and others think some other way is a better way. There is only *one* way, and that is the Way, the Truth and the Life, Jesus Christ, and He is to be learned of and to be followed by all mankind and owned and worshipped. Then the world will find rest from all its troubles.

The cause of unrest today is because of the terrible conditions that exist simply because man will not learn of Christ. But the day is coming when they must all come to that one Way of thinking. We shall all think alike some day; we shall think like Christ and we shall follow Him and He shall be our Lawgiver. The paths of the Lord are mercy and truth. Yes. Unto such as keep His covenants and His testimonies.

There is a great sphere for mercy today. There is great room for truth today to operate; and only will mercy come and truth operate to the uttermost parts of the earth when men learn to keep the statutes and testimonies of God.

Obedience Requires Self-Denial.

Obedience spells self-denial. Obedience to the law of God spells self-denial. The law of God requires man to come up to the standard, and men are below that standard because of the evil that is within them; and because of those conditions there is opposition in the hearts of men to the law of God and a dislike to deny themselves of those things which they are at the present time enjoying and which make up their life, but the law has gone forth, and that law has got to be obeyed some time or other.

Lawlessness is Rife.

At present there is lawlessness. Men are going their own way, making their own laws, obeying their own commandments and doing their own will, and it seems a stupendous task, and from the human side it seems impossible, for man to be brought to know the Lord and to keep the commandments of God. Human nature kicks against what it calls restriction. That is what made Saul of Tarsus kick. He didn't want to give in. Jesus told him that it was hard to kick, but he had to give up his kicking and he had to be smitten down before he conld see that it was useless to kick against God and His laws and against the Christ whom he had been persecuting. It took a stroke from the hand of God the Almighty which felled him to the earth to bring him to see that he was fighting the law of God as it was in Jesus the Christ.

The law of God has the effect of disciplining every man and that is what men don't like. All of us I suppose have more or less a dislike to be disciplined, but that is the effect of the law of God. That is what God is going to do with this world of ours until He can get it straight; until He can get it where it ought to be. And so He has started with us here. That is the way I see it. He is starting with you and me, with my brethren on the platform, with my friends in the choir. He is starting with us all, and He brings His law before us and He wants

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that law to operate in our hearts and minds, and in all our life, but our human nature sets up against it and we resist it.

Resistance Against God Must Cease.

We often resist. All the resistance, some time or other, has to stop and if it doesn't cease today it has got to cease some time.

If I resist God's way, if I want my way, God may allow me to have my way, and may allow me to have my way for quite a while, but the time will come when I will have to see that there is no use kicking and resisting. The law will have to operate in my life and make me what I ought to be.

Our Self-Denials Nothing Compared to Our Gains.

We talk about losing this and suffering that by being Christians. Yes. You say, "We will lose, and we will suffer this and we will suffer that, and we have lost and suffered so." Yes, but how often does man forget what he gains by yielding himself to God and by letting the law of God come into his life and work.

What does he gain? Consider this today. What do you gain by allowing God Almighty to do His work in your life and heart? *What will you gain?* That is the question. Not "What will I lose?" but "What will I gain?"

When you come to balance up you will find there is a gain, my brother, and a great gain, a wonderful gain. It is a question of profit and loss. "What shall a man profit if he should gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" What will he gain in that case? He will gain nothing. He has lost all, everything, as many poor souls have discovered when they came to the close of life. They have had all they wanted in this life. Yes, riches, position, honor, pleasure, society, everything, but they missed the mark. They left the Christ out of their life. The day came when the dark waters rolled near and there was none to help; no, not one. Even of the dearest ones, none could help. It was all loss and no gain.

My brethren, if you and I are to be used of God in this life, if you and I are to be used in the service of God in Zion, we have got to learn to obey the law of the eternal God. It will mean denial, self-denial.

Words of Professor Drummond.

Let me read a few words here from Professor Drummond, on this.

"The penalty of evading self-denial also is just that we get a lesser instead of a larger good. The punishment of sin is inseparably bound up within itself. To refuse to deny one's self is just to be left with the self undenied. When the balance of life is struck, the self will be found still there. The discipline of life was meant to destroy this self, but that discipline having been evaded—and we all to some extent have opportunities, and too often exercise them, of taking the narrow path by the shortest cut—its purpose is balked. But the soul is the loser. In seeking to gain its life it has really lost it. That is what Christ meant when He said: 'He that loveth his life shall lose it, and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.' "

Those words are worthy of our consideration. My brethren, the most deceived man in this world is the man that thinks that Christianity stands for all that is doleful and gloomy and sad. A man is a fool to think that. But they think it. They believe it. They are blinded. They are short sighted. They cannot see. Obedience to the law of God brings blessing, not cursing.

Curses Follow Disobedience.

But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all His commandments and His statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field.

Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store.

Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

Do you want to be there? That is where some people are today—disobeying God, putting the law of God aside, helping to frustrate His purposes.

How can you read, my brother, your destiny in any other way? God's law states that if you are not in unity with His plans and purposes there is no blessing and there must be cursing. There is no middle place.

Just look at the thirty-second verse in this chapter for a moment.

Thy sons and thy daughters shall be given unto other people, and thine eyes shall look, and fail with longing for them all the day long: and there shall be no might in thine hand.

Zion Stands for God's Law.

And yet there are people today who are doing all they can to destroy the one spot on God's earth that is the hope of our children and the hope of their children. I warn you in the name of God, my brother, that if you are out of line with God's plans regarding this City the day will come when God's Word will be fulfilled in your case and your children. Your children shall be taken by the evil power and you shall look in sorrow and dismay for them and they shall be no more. What a responsibility! And yet with all the responsibility, what a joy to know that you are all cooperating with all that is good, right and noble.

I wouldn't today, for all the wealth of this world, be on the side against Zion in this City---not for one moment. Why? Let me ask a question: What has been Zion's work in the past? I am talking about opposing God's plans and laws and disobeying God's Word. I am talking about Zion's work, and the ideas and ideals of Zion. Let us answer the question. What is Zion striving for today? Is it for that which is right, or it is for something that is not right? Is it to carry out the law of God, or is it not?

These are questions that I ask and that ought to be asked by every intelligent man and woman in this City.

Vote For God's Laws.

May God help every man and every woman who has the privilege of voting at the coming elections to ask himself and herself these serious questions before they write upon those ballot papers. Will you be ashamed of what you will do, or will you not? Will that act of yours help in the extension of the law of God and in the cause of this City as the City of God Almighty, or will that act help to frustrate that purpose?

Vote as you like! for you have your own free will. God Almighty will allow you to do just what you will! But God's judgments will come, and God's law, if not kept, will bring the penalty to every transgressor.

Is Not Zion Needed?

Now, let me ask again, Is Zion needed today? Is it necessary for this organization to operate, or is it not? I bring it right down to this question for every man and woman to settle before God.

Some of you have been in the work of Zion for many years, and have seen the power of God in Zion through His servant, and you know the blessings that came upon Zion. You know the power with which the message of Zion was delivered. Is it necessary for this organization to operate, or is it not? Are the Churches doing what is necessary? Was it unnecessary for Zion to be created and to come into the field when already there

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.
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I am the Lord that healeth thee.
And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.
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Jesus

"And thou shalt call His name JESUS:
For He shall save His people from their sins."

JESUS was named before His incarnation.

He came not to receive a name, but to fulfil a name, and His mission to the world is set forth by the name JESUS, which means SAVIOR.

Jesus was not only sent by God, the Father, but He, Himself, willingly came, lived, loved, suffered and died that humanity might be saved from sin and all of its consequences.

Sin is the transgression of God's law.

The wages of sin is death.

All have sinned.

As the mission of Jesus the Christ was to save the people from their sins, just so the mission of one and all, who have been saved from their sins, is to get others, in like manner, saved.

The life of every child of God is simply the life of Jesus the Christ in miniature—for He was "God manifest in the flesh."

As His work on behalf of humanity began with SELF-DENIAL, so must we deny ourselves, take up our Cross, and follow Him.

Any study of the life of Jesus, which does not begin with His pre-existence, is incomplete, and is certain to disappoint the student, no matter how earnest and sincere he may be.

"In the beginning was the Word."

A word is a sign of an idea, or an idea is conveyed by means of words.

Jesus the Christ was the highest and most complete expression of God's ideas concerning mankind.

He, Himself said, "Before Abraham was, I am."

In the supreme prayer of His earthly career He prayed:

"And now, O Father, glorify Thou Me with thine own self, with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was."

The prayerful study of the following verses will revolutionize, quicken and deepen the spiritual life of every one who studies them:

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

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Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name:

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.—Phil. 2:5-11.

Every good and every perfect gift comes from God, and Jesus the Christ, His only begotten Son, the Gift of His Love, was the greatest of all His gifts to the children of men.

SELF-DENIAL was the beginning of the Plan of Salvation.

JESUS was in the form of God, but He did not look upon equality with God as a thing to be grasped and held on to.

In the form of God.

He made Himself of no reputation.

He laid it all down for humanity's sake.

He came, toiled, suffered and died; and then took it all up again, for it is written, "God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name."

What a wonderful example!

He took upon Him the form of a servant.

He was made in the likeness of men.

He being found in fashion as a man.

He humbled Himself.

He became obedient unto death—even the death of the Cross.

The first step in His self-denial, condecension and humiliation was from the form of God to the form of a servant.

Who can measure the distance? Who can give an illustration that would be anything like adequate? The stepping down of a king or queen from a magnificent palace into a miserable hovel would be as nothing compared with the self-denial of Jesus.

Let us imbibe His Spirit.

Let us walk in His footsteps.

Let us suffer with Him; then we shall be permitted to reign with Him.

All good laws are laws of God, and the laws of the Kingdom of God should be learned and obeyed by every person who desires to inherit the blessings promised to the obedient.

The poor in spirit—theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

The mourners—they shall be comforted.

The meek—they shall inherit the earth.

Those hungry and thirsty after righteousness—they shall be filled.

The merciful—they shall obtain mercy.

The pure in heart—they shall see God.

The peacemakers—they shall be called children of God.

The persecuted for righteousness' sake—theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

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The reviled, the persecuted, and all falsely accused of evil—great is their reward in heaven.

He that findeth his life shall lose it.

He that loseth his life for Christ's sake shall find it.

Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if if die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

He that soweth to the flesh shall reap corruption.
He that soweth to the spirit shall reap life everlasting.

He that overcometh shall sit with Christ on His Throne.

All would like to rceceive the crown, but few are willing to take part in the battle.

Jesus has set the example. Let one and all follow Him.

He denied Himself.

He humbled himself.

He lived for others.

Zion believes that "Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever"—the same Savior, the same Healer, the same Cleanser, the same Keeper.

Let Zion everywhere be wide awake, and go forward.

The sin-stricken are on every hand.

The disease-smitten are everywhere about us.

The sick, sorrowing, the troubled, and the distressed appeal to us for help.

Zion must be practical.

Theoretical religion talks.

Practical religion acts.

Theoretical religion simply theorizes.

Practical religion demonstrates.

These are exceptionally busy days at headquarters in Zion City.

Three important elections are soon to be held; one on April 6th, one on April 17th, and one on April 20th.

Hundreds of earnest prayers are going up to God daily that He will confuse and confound Zion's enemies.

In addition to Leaves of Healing, Zion Herald, and Zion Battle Axe, which are published weekly, a daily paper is being printed and circulated freely throughout the City.

God is good, and is richly blessing.

Let all Zion everywhere join with us in earnestly praying that Zion City may be saved, and that God may take all of us, and make us what we ought to be in spirit, soul, and body.

Praise God, His Word is true, and as we are faithful, the beautiful promises of the Bible will be verified unto us.

The next payment on Shiloh Tabernacle will be due July 1, 1909. It is my intention to meet this payment on June 25th.
The amount is Principal and Interest, $2,687.50. Cash in hand toward this payment on March 31st, 1909, $1,616.79. You will see from this that the balance needed is $1,070.71.

Let one and all in Zion everywhere contribute toward this as they are led so to do by the Holy Spirit.

Zion has a loyal people. May God richly bless them everywhere.

We are going forward to victory.

WACH YE THEREFORE AND PRAY ALWAYS.

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Ex-Elder John Taylor's Duplicity, Lying, Hypocrisy and Real Character Set Forth in the following Article. . . . . .

IT is neither my intention nor practice, at any time, to advertise in the columns of any of Zion's papers such men as John Taylor, to whom I referred in Leaves of Healing Vol. 23, No. 10, in an article entitled "Important Notice;" but this poor man, instead of repenting of his wickedness, seems determined to fill up his cup of iniquity and go to complete destruction.

He has already had printed an unspeakably wicked, shameful, lying notice, and mailed it to different Zion people throughout the world.

I refer to him, not because he is worthy of any notice, but for the sake of any weak or troubled brothers or sisters, that they may be on their guard, and not be deceived by this man.

I am quite willing to part company with any person who can endorse his conduct. A man who can pose as an Elder in the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion, receive an allowance, kneel repeatedly and pray for God to "bless our dearly beloved General Overseer," and at the same time be working on the sly, assisting in bringing out an anonymous paper, using a part of his allowance to support the paper, and then, when confronted with the paper, deliberately lie about it, is unworthy of the respect of even a man of the world, much more so of any officer or member of this Church.

On January 31st, 1909, he wrote a letter to me which he closes with "Ever yours for God and Zion;" and, mark you, at the same time he wrote this he was going around confusing the minds of the people by telling them that Wilbur Glenn Voliva was the man with the measuring reed spoken of in the eleventh chapter of Revelation, and that his ministry would end next July.

From this you can get some idea of the delusions with which the poor man is afflicted.

Up to date, he has shown no signs of any willingness to repent and acknowledge his wickedness, but is engaged in writing another stupid paper, thinking that he is going to influence some people.

In order to warn any and all persons throughout the world who may receive any of his trash, I call your prayerful attention to the following letters which will show that he has been under the power of the devil, and that his word has not been worth the snap of your finger.

Let him repent and make a full confession, and acknowledge his wickedness, and then there will be some hope for him; but if he goes on as he is at present, inevitable destruction awaits him.

A short time before he was caught and proven guilty of the charge of assisting in bringing out the anonymous sheet, he was confronted, before the Ecclesiastical Cabinet, by Elder Richert with having said to Deacon Thauer, "I have given up and blown up the work in Milwaukee and in Madison," and he, with great vehemence, denied that he ever said it, and denounced Deacon Thauer as a liar.

The following are three letters, one from Mrs. J. Matzenburg, one from Christian Thauer, and one from Elder Richert; and quotations from two other letters.

Let one and all readers of the Leaves of Healing read very prayerfully these letters, and settle once and for all that anything that John Taylor may send out, either in letter or in print, is unworthy the notice of any person with a spark of Zion in his heart.

Zion City, March 25, 1909.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:

In April, 1906, John Taylor said to Mr. Kerkherker in Milwaukee, "I have blown up the Branch in Milwaukee, and will go to Madison and do the same."

When I faced Mr. J. Taylor and rebuked him, he denied ever having said anything of the kind. But the same evening, at a prayer meeting at our home, Mr. Kerkherker faced John Taylor and said, "Deacon, I give you your own words, don't tell a lie," then J. Taylor confessed before all the people present that he had said it.

Your sister in the Christ,

MRS. J. MATZENBURG.

Zion City, March 25, 1909.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:

In April, 1906, Mr. John Taylor came to my home in Zion City, and did stay for supper. He talked for several hours against Overseer Voliva, and said that he had given up and blown up the work in Milwaukee and in Madison, and that he does not think that Voliva will be Overseer in Zion City.

Your Brother in the Christ,

CHRISTIAN THAUER.

Zion City, Ill., March 25, 1909.

REV. W. G. VOLIVA,

Dear General Overseer:

Several weeks ago, when Mr. John Taylor was called before the Ecclesiastical Council, in the office of the General Overseer, I confronted him with the statement which he had made in the home of Dea. Ch. Thauer, that he had said: "I have given up and blown up the work in Milwaukee and in Madison." John Taylor answered before the Ecclesiatical Council, "I have never said that," and he called Deacon Thauer three times a liar.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) ELDER F. RICHERT.

John Taylor Proven to Be a Liar.

QUOTATIONS: I have before me two letters, one written from Milwaukee and the other from Evansville, Wis. In the former one there appears the following statement:

"At the time you (referring to Overseer Voliva) were having such a strenuous life revealing the financial affairs of Zion for the good of the people, I came to Milwaukee for a little visit. I went to Wauwautosa to a Zion meeting at the home of Mrs. Hart and daughters. Mr. Taylor came from Zion City angry with you and full of import and information obtained from some officers. He poured out a torrent of abuse about you and Zion. I could hardly express my indignation. He remarked that he would smash Zion in Milwaukee. I think he added Madison. He did great harm. I did not meet him for weeks. Afterwards on the steps of the administration building I saw him. He grasped my hand, and said, "I want to take back all I said," meaning at the meeting in Mrs. Hart's home.

"I rejoiced when I thought he had truly repented.

"The fact that he cannot be trusted is evident. The decision of yourself and Council is eminently right before God and man. Mr. Taylor was not fit for Eldership." In the second letter, the following statement appears:

"Last year Deacon John Taylor came to this City, and called upon me and others. He said that he had resigned his office as Deacon, and the only reason he retained his membership was that he wished to have fellowship with some of the good people he knew to be in the organization. He told me and others he had no confidence in Mr. Voliva. Mr. Taylor promised the Free

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Baptist minister to preach for him the following Sunday. I saw him on Saturday morning and talked with him. He left on the noon train. I was very much surprised at his leaving so suddenly. He did not take time to see the Baptist minister, but simply left a note for him. I learned afterwards that the reason he left us was he had just received a letter from Mr. A. F. Lee, Secretary to Mr. Voliva, telling him they thought they could again pay him an allowance if he would take up the work again."

Readers, it is no wonder that a man, who was guilty of the above, could, at the same time he was shouting "Amen" and "Praise the Lord", and taking $60 a month out of the storehouse, be assisting in bringing out an anonymous paper and using part of his allowance in paying for the same.

The Promises of Jehovah.

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were so many religious organizations? That is the question. When you answer that question it seems to me you have gotten the thing settled as to how you are going to act and as to where you stand.

Are the Churches Doing What is Necessary?

Are the churches doing all that is neccessary? Are they? Is there any need for Zion? Here is what a minister of the Lord Jesus Christ (?) and of His church said recently in support of theatres, balls, and all that sort of thing. "Christ attended a a dinner party and a wedding feast and they said He was gluttonous and a winebibber. This was quite untrue, but like many untruths, it pointed a truth. That is, that our Lord had no aversion to social gatherings." You will observe what the hypocrite says. Zion does not have any aversion to social gatherings. Zion believes in developing man all around. But that is the way these hypocrites always talk. He continues: "The Christians will do well here as elsewhere, to emulate the example of Christ. The Christian ought to go into society. Do I mean theatres; afternoon teas, balls and banquets? Yes. Why not? There is no reason why a woman should not be a society woman and a good Christian at the same time. There is no reason why a man should not be as religious in a dress suit as in a surplice."

That is the twaddle that the people are getting outside, and that is not an isolated case, either.

Is Zion needed? That is the question. Are the churches sufficient? Are they, or are they not? There is only one answer. Zion's work has been, is, and shall be, to *call men to repentance, everywhere--to repentance!* To repentance from what? You say the churches preach repentance. Yes. How do they preach it? You have heard it preached. I have heard it preached. Then I heard Zion preach repentance, and I saw the difference, and it didn't take long to see it.

Zion Came to Overturn.

Zion has been called by God to overturn, and overturn, and overturn, and to demand that men shall repent from every evil way. Let us have that hymn, "This is the message that I bring." Let us have a couple of stanzas.

The Choir then sang the following:

I am a stranger here, within a foreign land,
My home is far away, upon a golden strand;
Ambassador to be of realms beyond the sea,
I'm here on business for my King.

Chorus.

This is the message that I bring,
A message angels fair would sing:
"Oh, be ye reconciled,"
Thus saith my Lord, and King,
"Oh, be ye reconciled to God."

This is the King's command, that all men ev'rywhere
Repent and turn away from sin's seductive snare;
That all who will obey, with Him shall reign for aye,
And that's my business for my King.

Amen!

May God grant that every man and woman in this place today may be reconciled to God.

My brothers and sisters, if you are outside the fold today, remember that whilst God is a God of vengeance and a God who will demand that His law shall be kept, yet the moment that you surrender and lay down your arms of rebellion, the moment you repent and turn to God He will forgive you. May Zion ever remember then that our work is to call men to a new life and to repentance. Are the churches doing this? Are the religious organizations doing this? Then who dares give up his task and leave this place, that loves his God and Zion and who desires at this time especially, to go from this City just at the time when there is to be a contest between Zion forces and the forces of those who have forgotten their God and who have turned aside? I say to you, do your duty!

Do the Churches Preach Repentance?

Do you say they preach repentance? Do they teach the people to repent of their stealing? I say, No. They do not. I say they hurt nobody. What about the stealing that is going on from day to day in the business houses? Do they teach men to repent of their wickedness, and their abominable living? Do they declare against the divorce laws of the land? They do not. Do they teach the people the seventh commandment in its entirety? I say No. They stand by the wicked divorce laws and they do not declare faithfully to the people how important it is to adhere to God's commandment. They do not raise their voices against the abominable drugs and medicines that are killing the people. But the people are opening their eyes and finding out that they are mistaken after all in regard to their medicines and physicians. Dr. Dowie used to teach the people that the physicians knew the evil effect of their remedies, and quoted largely from their books. Here is what one of them says.

Physician's Testimony on Medicines.

"Many women lapse into the drink habit from the use of patent medicines containing large percentages of alcohol. Many a clergyman can date his downfall from his first dose of Jamaica ginger. The step from 'disguised boozes (upon which $75,000-000 is annually expended) to whiskey—their main constituent—is more than easy."

That is what he says. Do the preachers raise their voices against these things? They leave it for some layman. They do not protest. Do they raise their voices against the dance hall and theater? No, excepting a few good men. Why? Because some of the members of their own Board go to these places. That is why, and in some cases the ministers themselves have seats in the theater. Do they raise their voices against filthy food, such as pig? No. Why? Because they like to eat pig themselves. Things are in a terrible condition all over the world today.

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

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The Gospel of the Kingdom

"I Have Learned Both to be Full and to be Hungry, Both to Abound and to Suffer Need"

BY O. L. TINDALL

The School of Prosperity and Adversity.

This is a very important lesson for a Christian to learn. In fact all men have to learn this if they ever get on much in life. A man who cannot stand defeat or disappointment without giving up and being discouraged will never succeed in this life. "The course of true love ne'er runs smooth," it is said.

Life Is a Battle.

Life is a battle all the way through. Business men find it so. So does the man who would be a scholar or an artist. One lot falleth to them all. In the Christian life it is the same. God has not promised us all sunshine on the way. It would not be good for Christians any more than the farmer. Too much sunshine is ruinous to your crops. You pray for clouds and the rain. But in religion men seem to want all sunshine and a perfect calm. They cry "Peace" when really it is war they want and must have.

Churches at "Ease in Zion."

How the churches have settled down into a perfect calm. They are all "at ease in Zion." They avoid all conflicts. They do not know how to plan or fight a battle. There is no fight in them.

God has promised us no rest until the work is done, no peace until the battle is fought and the victory won and the enemy conquered. Then come rest and quiet and peace. "When the battle's over, we shall wear a crown," and not till then.

If you do not bear the cross you will never wear the crown.

We Are Learners.

Paul found this out. He says he learned it. One of the best characteristics about a man is the capacity or faculty to be able to learn. Some men never seem to learn anything, especially in religion. They seem to know as much the first day they are born as they do when they are gray-haired. A disciple is a learner. The word means that. Our word "discipline" comes from the same root. Let us get back to the original meaning. A disciple of Christ is as good a title as any man ought to covet. Christ called His Apostles "disciples." It is a much better title than Apostle. Apostle simply means sent. A disciple is a man who learns of Jesus, the greatest of all Teachers. If you have no capacity of growth and improvement then you are a dwarf. A disciple is a man who is taught and one that will stand it to be disciplined and trained, and in this way will learn. He will never cease to learn. The more he knows the faster he will learn.

We Do Not Graduate in Christ's School.

The disciple will never graduate in the school of Christ. He will always be a disciple, or learner. At best, as Paul said, we will only "know in part." Now we see as through a glass darkly. Alas for the man who thinks he knows something, or everything! We know nothing as we ought to know it. Not one of the virtues or graces have we in perfection.

Has Patience had her perfect work in you yet? Have you fathomed the height and the depth, the width, and the length of the love of Christ which passeth knowledge? Which of the graces, or fruits of the Spirit have you in perfection?

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It is an old saying that "There is always room in the upper story."

Paul Learned Two Things

Paul said he had learned two things, viz: to abound, and to be abased, to be full and to be hungry. I do not think he learned that in the school of Gamaliel, nor in Tarsus, nor could he if living now learn it in our modern universities. Paul said "I am what I am by the grace of God."

Saul of Tarsus versus Paul the Apostle.

Notice the difference between Saul of Tarsus, the persecutor of the Church of Jesus Christ, and Paul, the Apostle of the Lord. Notice the different spirit manifested. See him breathing out threatenings and murder, and then mark the men enduring persecution, patient in tribulation, unmoved by all these things. A man of honor and position restless under restraint, proud and haughty, now enduring all kinds of opposition and undergoing all kinds of hardships, without murmuring, taking even the spoiling of his goods and the loss of all things, and counting them only as gain.

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The Spirit of Praise
OR
Acting on the Promises

An Address Delivered at the Divine Healing Meeting, in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, Tuesday Afternoon, February 23, 1909

By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva

REPORTED BY T. FROST.

Invocation.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, and blessed unto this congregation, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. Amen.

I will speak to you for a short time using as a basis the Scripture lesson, Psalm 103 and Mark 11:11-26.

The Preciousness of God's Word.

I praise God for His Precious Word, and as I was sitting here with my head bowed, humbling myself in spirit before God, I thought how helpless we would be without the Word of God.

On last Lord's Day morning, as we were singing those beautiful hymns, and on last Wednesday night, I thought, If such a thing should or could happen that we were robbed of our faith in God, if Jesus the Christ were taken entirely out of our lives, and the Word were swept away, what an awful thing it would be!

There is an old saying that we never appreciate the blessings we have until they are taken away. There is some truth in that statement. Many people do not appreciate good health until sickness comes; hence many people do not get close to God while in health, but only when sickness does come---not that I would have you understand that sickness is from any other source than from satan. It is through the convicting power of God that men and women are brought to their senses, and made to realize that the only safeguard is to be in the Ark of Safety, Jesus the Christ.

Sources of Knowledge of God.

There are three principal sources from which we derive our knowledge of God;

First of all, we know God intuitively, or there is in man, by creation, a spark of divinity which is ever reaching out after God and never finds satisfaction this side of God.

All people believe in God. Men talk about being infidels, but they are liars; and, as the Bible says, they are fools who say, "There is no God." While it is true that some persist in saying, "There is no God," yet, if you will only watch them closely, you will find them giving utterance to thoughts which betray them into admitting that there is a God.

Second, we know God from nature. The Psalmist says:

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handiwork.

Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

It is true that nature leads us to God, but if we had not the Bible, the third source of knowledge, comparatively speaking, we would be in ignorance of God's thoughts, ways, plans, and purposes, and of His will concerning the children of men. So let us praise God for His Word. I used to think I knew something about it, but the older I get the more I realize that I have just begun to study the Bible. Oftentimes I select texts I preached on fifteen years ago, and I think I understand them, but when I begin to examine them and study them closely, I find that I have, in the past, known very little concerning them.

Salvation will come when people learn the Word.

Healing will come when they learn the Word.

There is no salvation without receiving and believing and acting upon the Word of God. There is no healing for any one without receiving the Word of God, believing the Word of God, and shaping the life in accordance with the Word of God.

"Ye are clean *through the Word* which I have spoken unto you."

A sinner becomes clean only through hearing the Word preached, and accepting it.

"If my words abide in you," Jesus said. You must get the words of Christ. Paul said to Timothy, "Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season."

The Word of God is "sharper than any two-edged sword." There is very little danger of any one emphasizing too strongly the importance of the Word of God. They talk about people getting salvation, but people get salvation only where the Word of God is preached. Mere excitement, joining the crowd, counts for nothing in the sight of God. There is only *one* way to be saved, and only *one* way to be healed, and only *one* way to be cleansed, and only *one* way to the Father—Jesus the Christ who Himself said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."

Praise, and Conformity to God's Word.

The first Scripture lesson read teaches a great many things. First of all it brings before our minds the privilege of praise.

Bless the Lord, O my soul (or my life): and all that is within me bless His holy name.

Let the entire life be in conformity to the Word of God. Let everything be done with an eye single to God's glory. How absurd it is for men and women to say that they do not believe in the Church having anything to do with business. They do not believe religion and business will mix. They want their own individual business; but the Word of God calls upon us to put the Kingdom of God first, and I hope the day will come when there will be no individualism in Zion City, and no individual business; when all the people will cooperate with an eye single to God's glory, seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness; then God will bless us. We ought to sleep for Christ's

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sake, and eat for His sake. We ought to walk and talk for Christ's sake. We ought to do everything for Christ's sake. Until we have reached that place, we have fallen far short. The man who follows the plow ought to do it with Christ constantly in mind. The man behind the counter and the man who works at any legitimate business ought always to have one thought---the honor and glory of God.

Fancy a man getting down to the level where he simply toils in order to get food, shelter and raiment, and to hoard up money. Christ said, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and food, shelter and raiment will be added." These things are only secondary; they are not primary. That is what the Word says. He looks after the sparrows. We are more important than the sparrows. He will look after us if we will only put our trust in Him.

I want to say, Zion, that the spirit of praise ought to get more and more into the people; but there are some that need to be touched by the Spirit of God and set on fire with the spirit of praise.

Fretting and Lamenting Deprive of Power.

One thing that vexes, provokes and grieves me as I go to these desperate cases to pray with the people, is to find them moaning, groaning, lamenting and dwelling upon their sufferings, and saying, "My faith is almost gone. I am so tired and so weary," etc. Then some people wonder why there is not any answer. You had just as well expect a new-born baby, hurled into the center of an iceberg, to live and thrive as to expect the Holy Ghost to come in and work a miracle in such surroundings.

The Power of Suggestion.

There is great power in suggestion. There is not any question about that. My opinion is that we have just crossed the border-line into the great territory of God's truth. In these days of electricity, of marvelous inventions, of wonderful discoveries of the power of God, of wireless telegraphy, wireless telephony, graphophones, etc., I believe there are many, many wonderful things from the spiritual standpoint to be revealed.

We know very well that when some people come into our presence it always does us good; it cheers us up, and makes us look on the bright side of life; and when they go away we say we feel much better.

Another one comes along, and you say, "I do wish he would stay away. He always gives me the blues when he comes around."

Those illustrations will show to you the power of suggestion.

There is great power in a look. The way some people look would make one sick. When you see them coming down the sidewalk, you feel as though you would go around the block to avoid them. They look as if they had eaten pickles or screws. They are always looking on the dark side of life; everything goes wrong with them, and they are moaning and groaning and thus destroy life. They sow disease and death wherever they appear. To have them go into a sick room acts like a dose of poison. The power of suggestion! When a man keeps saying to himself, "I am sick;" and to his wife, "Well, wife, I am sick. Son and daughter, I am sick. Brother Brown, I am sick," I should think he would be sick, and everybody else around him, too.

"O, that terrible pain I have. I never had such a pain before. I wish you to send for some one to tell me what it is, and where it is." Some one comes and says, first of all, "Where is your pain?" Then he says, "How does that pain feel?" That reveals a marvelous knowledge of what the matter is.

"I am so weary; my faith is all gone. If I do not get healed I will pass away. Send for Elder Richert to come and pray with me."

How often have I heard people say after a certain Elder has been in, "Well, I feel so much better." Then a neighbor comes in. You hear the sick say afterwards, "I wish he had stayed away; I feel so much worse."

Those people come in with a face as long as a broomhandle, and tread on tip toe, and say, "You look a good deal worse than you did yesterday." Then they send for another Elder, and they say, "Why cannot these Elders get answers?" You cannot expect any victory in such cases.

A wise general, you know, drives his enemy from one position to another. If a general could deprive his opposing army of all ammunition, would he not have them? So the devil comes along and says, "You cannot sleep." Then the Elder comes in and you say, "O Elder, I cannot sleep." Then he says, "In the name of Jesus the Christ, I command you to go to sleep." You then say, "O, I cannot sleep. I have not slept for two weeks. I cannot sleep." The devil, sitting on the corner of the bedstead says, "I did not know that before. I have got him there."

As I said to a woman yesterday, "The old devil would not have known anything if you had kept still. You told him."

You say, "Elder, I cannot sleep any more." Then very soon you say, "I declare I have got distress in my stomach. I cannot eat any more." In a few days you cannot eat. You have gotten where you cannot sleep or eat. You have walked right into the devil's trap. When the devil gets a man where he cannot sleep and eat, he has about got him licked. Then he says, "I can only lie on my right side." (That is different to a good many people: they can lie on any side). Some people say, "I have been lying on this side for the last four weeks." The Elder says, "Look here, why don't you give that devil a lick and tell him you will lie on the other side."

The devil says, "He cannot sleep or eat, or lie on one side. I have got him."

Such is the power of suggestion. There is a wonderful truth there.

A Willingness to Obey.

Peter said to the man at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple, "Rise up and walk." They took him by the hand, (and he had not walked for forty years, in fact he had never walked), but did he say "I cannot walk," and shout, "O, I have a pain in my ankle, it hurts me to walk?" No, sir, he responded to the call of those Apostles, and he leaped up and walked.

When Christ told that man to "Arise, take up thy bed and walk" he did so. When Mrs. Ruby was healed in Zion Home, she did what she was told—she got up and walked. "I cannot" never did anything. "I cannot" never bought this Tabernacle. "I cannot" will never buy Eiljah Hospice. "I cannot" never started Zion Stores. A year ago this time we were up at Winthrop Harbor; then a little later we were on Sheridan Road; then we were in town. In ten months and one half we have taken in $168,000 in cash.

"I cannot" never did anything. It never saved anybody; never healed anybody; never saved Zion City and never started institutions; never sent missionaries across the sea, and never accomplished anything. It is the divine "I will" that conquers the world, the flesh, and the devil. That is the only way.

Hypnotism is of the Devil.

The power of suggestion! Hypnotism, you know, is of the devil. Some people hypnotize themselves. I notice one or two here who go sound asleep like this (imitates them). They never

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General Overseer's Notes

HEADQUARTERS OFFICES OF THE
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EASTER!

Its mere mention fills the mind of every true follower of Jesus the Christ with many thoughts of His glorious RESURRECTION; but the worldly-minded, thoughtless, foolish, frivolous, and indifferent think only of gaiety and gluttony.

In a very important sense, Easter Lord's Day is the most important of all the Lord's Days in the year, and, in fact, the most important of all the anniversary days observed by God's people.

The pre-existence of Christ is a very important truth; and he who would find, in Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God, the manifestation of God in the flesh, the Savior of the world, must, of absolute necessity, perceive, receive, and act upon the wonderful fact that Christ existed with God, the Father, before His Incarnation in the flesh.

Following the great fact of His pre-existence, there must be accepted, by one and all who would see and find in Him she Son of man, the fact of His Incarnation—that He was begotten by God, the Father, through the Holy Ghost and born of a woman; that he took upon Himself the form of a servant; that He was made in the likeness of man, in order that He might, in all respects, be an all-sufficient Savior.

His life, His love, His words, His works, were all indeed wonderful, and must be carefully studied, considered, and grasped, as far as it is possible for mankind to grasp them, by every one who would fully accept Him as SAVIOR, HEALER, CLEANSER and KEEPER.

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son"—Jesus the Christ.

He loved! and what wonderful love, leading to such supreme self-denial, self-sacrifice, condescension, humiliation, and glorious triumph!

He lived! the only perfect life among men, free from all sin and all guile.

His Words!---or, correctly speaking, the Father's Words through Him---(even as He Himself said): "They are spirit and they are life."

His enemies even confessed that He "spake as never man spake;" that He spake not as the Scribes and Pharisees, but with authority.

His works!—the Father's works through Him—indeed marvelous; and the passing of time only serves to reveal their true greatness.

He was persecuted.

He endured indescribable suffering in the Garden of Gethsemane.

He was put to death on Calvary.

Please note the great facts—His Pre-existence, His Incar-

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nation, His wonderful Life, His Crucifixion—but without the great event which we shall commemorate next Lord's Day, April 11th, all would have been in vain.

Let us sing hymns of praise, and give sincere thanks unto God that Jesus the Christ, His only begotten Son, triumphed over death and the grave, and that now we have hope.

Thanks be unto God, Jesus has trod the way before us; He has become our Great Example; He is our Savior; He is our Healer; He is our Cleanser; He is our Keeper.

Let us talk to Him.
Let us walk with Him.
Let us follow in His footsteps.
Let us suffer with Him—and then we shall have the hope of reigning with Him when He comes.

May God make Easter Lord's Day a day of great blessing to one and all.

May God bless all of the officers, members and friends of Zion throughout the world.

Zion is now in the throes of a red-hot political campaign. Every year, during the first three weeks of the month of April, three elections take place. One has already been held—the Township Election, on Tuesday last, April 6th. This election was won by Zion's enemies by a very small majority. It was won by means unfair, foul, and disgraceful; but Zion's enemies having sold themselves to the world, the flesh, and the devil, cannot be expected to do other than serve their master faithfully.

These enemies, within the borders of Zion City, linked up with practically all the outsiders in the township; and, for the present, they have a small majority.

The School Board Election will be held on Saturday, April 17th, at which time the President of the Board and two Members will be chosen---the four holding over all being true, loyal Zion men.

Let one and all pray that God will give Zion the victory in this conflict.

On April 20th, the City Election will be held, at which time the Mayor, City Clerk, Attorney, Treasurer, and five Aldermen will be chosen.

Zion's enemies are already pursuing the same methods followed by the lowest-down politicians in the slum districts of Chicago; and it is quite evident that they are willing to stoop to anything in order to gain their purpose and destroy Zion City.

Let all be fully consecrated to God and His service, earnestly praying three times a day that God will bring their plans to naught and give unto Zion victory for Jesus' sake.

All will understand that these are exceptionally busy days at headquarters, and that those of us who are bearing the heaviest burdens are in daily need of the earnest prayers and loyal support of every Officer, Member and true Friend of Zion throughout the world.

Peace be unto you! and may God bless you.

WATCH YE THEREFORE AND PRAY ALWAYS.

The Promises of Jehovah

An Address delivered in Shiloh Tabernacle, Lord's Day Afternoon, March 28, 1909, by

ELDER E. L. CAREY

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Just let me read a little bit here. One who ought to know says in regard to the drink question:

"Especially alarming is the growth of the practice among our women. When the American woman gives herself up to anything, she pushes her devotion to the utmost limit. She makes a god of her very religion, and if she affects a habit she affects it in a superlative degree.

"The punch bowl figures at all their functions, and women dip freely therein; ten of them drinking today where one drank a dozen years ago. School misses and college girls are conspicuous among the throng.

"Debutantes, not necessarily of the fast set, unblushingly assert a right to drink wine and smoke cigarets at luncheons and levees, to say nothing of private indulgence, and not a few of this class, as well as young married women, have been brought to my office in a state of intoxication. Such has become the vogue, and worse than this, girls in their teens see no impropriety in drinking publicly with men companions."

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What a shame, what a horror! No need for Zion?

Fix in your heart and mind the great principles of Zion then it will not be easy for your enemy to have power over you. It is because men and women have not got the proper conception of Zion that the enemy has such success against them. That is why. It is because in many cases men have not really repented. There is a godly sorrow and a sorrow of the world. Godly sorrow, we are told, worketh repentance. You may be very sorry, but that is not of necessity repenting: Many have wept bitter tears. I have been in revival meetings where tears have flowed and what has it amounted to?

Godly sorrow worketh repentance. The sorrow of the world worketh death. Godly sorrow is a sorrow which comes from above, produced by God's Holy Spirit; worldly sorrow is a sorrow produced by the flesh only. Godly sorrow worketh to repentance, and repentance means a turning away from everything that is evil, and Zion's work is to teach true repentance, to bring men and women to give up evil as far as they know, then to bring God's people together into a community life where they may demonstrate the law of God and follow it; a place where stealing shall be no more; where those horrible divorce laws shall have no effect; where covetousness is protested against as I thank God it is in Zion today; where drugs and surgery are done away with; where there is not a secret society, and where the name of Jesus Christ is exalted above every name; where dancing and theatres and all that is filthy and bad shall be discountenanced. That is the work of Zion. But, my brethren, it means a great fight; it means a continued contest with the powers of darkness ruled by satan, who is bound and determined to fight God, and who has been fighting Him all along, and will fight Him to the bitter end.

Zion stands for law. Zon stands for discipline, and these evil things will go. Discipline may seem not to be joyful for the time being, nevertheless afterwards it yields the fruit of righteousness and the world has got to learn that, and you and I have got to begin to learn it and keep on learning it, and teach others. Then Zion City can teach the world.

Who, then, is on the Lord's side today? Who will be prepared to obey God? Sometimes you know, we have to obey when we do not understand altogether. Do you and I understand all the law of God? Do you and I understand all His plans? Then because you and I do not fully understand the law of God are we going to say, I am not going to obey? Is that the right way? You know that the child has to obey when he does not understand, sometimes, but some day he will understane if he is wise, and so will you and I. God has brought you out of the world, out of the religious organizations, because we were not being dealt right by,because the shepherds were not true, because God's law was not being upheld in its entirety, that is why. God said, The time has come when I must call My people together, and I must bring them out of these organizations and train them and show them My law and then I will use them to evangelize the world. But you and I have got to be ready to obey, to hearken diligently, to observe and to do the commandments of God. Obey the Word of God.

To do this, as I have said, has meant sacrifice, and it has meant, in times past, death. It may be that the moment that you have come to the point where you have made up your mind (and God knows that you are true) that you are going to be His child, you have virtually sealed your decision with your own blood. It may be that you will have to die for God, but what then? Jesus Christ shed His blood and died; and because He died I have life; because He died, Life has come into this world. Thank God! We must be ready to obey even as Christ obeyed.

There was, on a certain warship, where there was a great battle being fought, a young lad who had been placed by his father, a superior officer, at a certain post. He had been trained to obey, and not to be afraid. His father told him he was to stay at his post and on no circumstances whatever to leave until he heard the word from his own lips. The father, in the awful carnage that was taking place, was slain, but the lad knew it not. As the ship was burning and going down and the sailors were leaving right and left, the lad called out, "Father, may I go?" But there was no voice, and he stayed on and held his place and went down with the ship.

That was obedience. God will have obedience and if you obey His law you will gain the smile of approval from your Heavenly Father. What hath He laid up for you and me? We cannot tell and neither hath it entered the heart of man to understand. We cannot see beyond the vail. We do not know what that life really is, but we do know that to have His smile and His benediction and to be in His service will be heaven. And it is heaven below. May everyone here rise and go home determined by His help that he will serve God, that he will stand by Zion; that he will help God's work; that he will have nothing to do with the forces of darkness nor with men and women who have betrayed the Christ and who count it as nothing to open the gates of this beautiful little place for the devil and all his angels to come in and to destroy the hope of this people. May God forbid. The work is yours. The work is mine. The work belongs to us all. We are brethren. Let us take each other's hand. Let us stand shoulder to shoulder. The reward of obedience and loyal service will be your reward, and hundreds and thousands will rise up in the years to come and call you blessed, and say, "God is in Zion." Amen.

I will ask you to rise and repeat the prayer of Consecration.

Prayer of Consecration.

Oh God, my 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. Help me to obey Thy law and then I know I shall have Thy blessing. Oh God, bless Zion today and give victory in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

The Recessional, "Abide With Me," was then sung.

Benediction was pronounced by Elder Fred Richert.

The Spirit of Praise, or Acting on the Promises

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heard a word I said, they are completely hypnotized, they hypnotize themselves.

What an awful thing if the trumpet should blow, and Jesus should come while some people are asleep!

A man went to rescue a drowning man, and as he got to him he shouted, "Do you believe in Jesus the Christ?" The drowning man shouted "Yes." "Well," said the other man, "I will drown you while you are in the faith."

Evil of Self-Centered Thought.

Elders, the one thing necessary is to get the people close to God, and get them where they will not be sick, and break them of the abominable habit of talking to themselves.

When some persons have a little pimple on their face, they will lie awake all night brooding over it, thinking it is a cancer or tumor, or something else. There is a connection between the mind and the spirit and the Holy Ghost, don't you believe that? I believe a lot of people have those things because they feed them and nourish them.

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You have all heard the story, and it is a true one, of how some medical students blindfolded a man, and put him on the table, pretended to cut an artery, aud had water drop into a pan. He thought it was his blood dropping into the pan. He died.

You have all heard my story of the old woman who saw a drove of foxes. She ran into the house and said to her husband, "I just saw a great big drove of foxes." He said, "You didn't." She said, "I saw fifty." He said, "You didn't." She said, "I saw thirty." He said, "You didn't." She said, "Well, I saw twenty." He said, "You didn't." She then said, "Well, I saw ten." He said, "You didn't." She said, "Well, I know there were five." He said, "You didn't see five." She said, "Well, I am sure there was one." He said "There was not one." "Well," she said, "I saw the bushes shaking."

It is the same with people who have a pimple—they believe it is a big cancer. Unless you can get people out of that atmosphere, and clear away from it, you will not be able to help them any. I beleive multitudes of people die simply because they give up.

I know of a woman who, when she was dying, called her husband to her bedside. She said, "If I die will you marry again?" He said, "Yes." She said, "Well, I am not going to die." She got up and dressed. (Laughter.) A lot of people die just because they make up their minds they are going to die.

My brethren in the ministry, when a person says to you, "I am going to die," what is the use of praying for their healing? If a man is determined to die, is God going to work arbitrarily and keep him from dying. A lot of people have been trying to die for the last fifteen years, and they are not dead yet. There is the trouble. We have got to get this people in the Spirit, and away from the flesh.

Some people when they sit down at a table to eat, pick a little something up, and say, "I am afraid this is going to hurt me." A man's stomach ought to work so that he does not know he has one. Some people know that this is the only thing they have got. It is all they think about from morning to night. They do not live in the Spirit. They talk to themselves and the devil gets them!

When you travel in a suburban train, you will hear a woman say, (about the first thing they talk about), "I have been down to take little Johnny to the Doctor. He didn't sleep very well last night" Another woman says she has had an operation for appendicitis. They talk that kind of stuff all the time. Somebody calls and says, "How are you?" Then you dissect and analyze. "Well, I have got a terrible headache, and have had it for three days." The other person says, "Well, I know of a good headache powder." That is what you hear outside of Zion. You also hear a lot of it in Zion City.

How many of you people say, when you meet somebody, "How are you? How do you feel?" I feel with my fingers. By the time a fellow has dissected his feelings about fourteen times, I should think he would feel like something. The reason why I use the salutation, "Peace to thee" is, I do not need to add to it, "How are you feeling?"

The power of suggestion!

Take a case like Mrs. Ruby's: Dr. Dowie said to her, "So far as you know your own heart, have you repented of all your sins?" She said, "I have." She told the truth, as was proven by the prayer being answered. He said, "So far as you know your own heart, have you made right all wrongs?" She said, "I have." "If any wrongs come to you that you have not made right, do you promise God you will make them right, and that you will live the rest of your days for His honor and glory?" He wheeled around and said, "Where is your husband?" He then said, "Have you given up medicine?" He replied, "I have" He said to Mrs. Ruby "Do you believe that when I pray for you, you will be healed today?" She said, "I do,"—not from the lips but from the heart. He said, "Let down that foot board to the wheel chair." Then he said, "In the name of the Most High God, I command you to walk."

A lot of people, when you say, "Do you believe you will be healed when you are prayed for?" reply faintly, "Yes." What does that amount to? It is one thing to say "Yes" from the lips, and another to say it from the heart.

John Alexander Dowie took one fellow around the Tabernacle very lively once. He had rheumatism. They were all kneeling around in a circle. He walked a few steps and then gave up. Dr. Dowie looked around and went to him and almost kicked him. He said he would kick the devil out. That is the way to get results.

Why do not people, when they get a measure of healing, praise God? The Elders do not have a very easy time with the sick. It is no wonder a fellow sometimes feels like speaking in tones of thunder when he goes in to fight for the life of a sick person, and finds the people standing around with long faces, their faces all screwed up into a little knot.

The Crime of Covetousness.

Then you see some people puzzling about how much they are worth. They say, "I wonder how much all this sickness is going to cost me."

People die as they live. Do you not know that?

If a man has been living like a stingy dog, and has been grasping and covetous—bless your life, I have been through this world quite a little, and I have been in homes where they were so devilish stingy they begrudged every bit of butter one took. They look at you so funny when you take a little bit of sugar. I have been made to feel so comfortable (?) that I have been anxious (?) to go back the next week and take dinner. Stinginess! It is one of the most common sins. How stingy some people are! They begrudge themselves every bite they eat.

What is the matter with these fellows that are snapping and snarling and calling me everything in the catalog? I hit them in their pocket books. I preached some sermons on the Kingdom of God they did not like. All they think about is dollars and cents. There is no Zion in them, and never was. I think it will be a long time before there will be any. Ah! Stinginess, grasping for money!! Covetousness!!! A mighty hard people to pray the prayer of faith with! It is a mighty hard thing to go to the bedside of a man who is dying when you cannot get him to stop a second to think of God, but he is all the time thinking of money. We find that in a number of cases.

People Die as They Live.

People die just as they live: they are just the same over there as on this side. There is only one way to be healed. Let us get rid of all this talk, this talking to ourselves, making suggestions to ourselves. That is the reason diseases spread. It is the spirit of fear. If we would praise God more, and think of God's Goodness and of His blessings more, instead of talking about every little ailment, we would be better off. I have known people to talk over a month about a corn on their little toe. I have known men to howl from Dan to Beesheba over a little attack of earache.

Let us get like little children. Let us get away from those things, and quit talking about them. In other words, we have got to be revolutionized---changed. The whole course of life must be changed.

Christian Science, which is the devil's system, a counterfeit, tells you to deny that you have got any disease. That is a lie, but it is a counterfeit of the truth that you are to cast your burdens upon Him "for He careth for you." Christian Science gives "absent treatment." That is another counterfeit, a counterfeit of a glorious truth.

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Effect of Mind Upon Mind.

There is no question about the effect of mind upon mind. There is no question but that there are well-authenticated cases of where communications have passed from mind to mind over thousands of miles. I know of a case where a man was on a visit in a distant State. As they were going in to dinner, quicker than a lightning's flash it came to him that one of the members of his family had been killed. He started immediately back to Ohio, and at the very time he made that statement, the barn door had fallen upon one of his sons and killed him. That is called a presentment. I do not know the exact explanation of it in the light of God's Word, but such things have happened.

For instance, if I could get everybody in this Church to speak the right kind of words, and to think the right kind of thoughts, and create the right kind of atmosphere, I tell you, you would see some wonderful things take place.

Instead of gossiping about this person and that one, why don't you pray for them? Why are you not exercising faith for them, instead of sitting around and saying, "She is so bad; she is going to die?" There is no faith there. How do you know but your attitude of mind affects persons wherever they are? I believe it does. That is my opinion. I think I know of some very good cases where that has transpired. Elder Carey knows very well that it is not an uncommon thing for people to be healed at the very time they are prayed for. Of course, the very second you send the prayer up, God can send the answer down.

I have touched on principes in this talk, which, if they were only grasped and lived, would make this Church equal to the Apostolic Church, and then it would be that the people would be healed by the very shadow of a man of God, as in the days when they carried out the sick, and the shadow of Peter was cast on them, and they were healed. Those were the days when they took handkerchiefs and aprons to Paul, and laid them on the sick, and they were healed.

God is the same God. Christ is the same Christ. Principles are the same principles. Truths are the same truths. All that is necessary is to get the people out of the flesh into the Spirit, and get them to live for God.

Have Faith in God. Believe the Promises.

I would like to talk about the second Scripture lesson, Mark 11th chapter. Christ said, "Have faith in God." He did not say, "Have doubts and fears:" He also added:

Whosoever shall say to to this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

That is what Jesus said.

Where is the faith to kill the cancer? Where the faith to kill consumption? Where is the faith to banish disease? If we had as much faith as we have fear and doubt, we would have everybody healed. There is plenty of fear and doubt, but where is that faith that never says "No."

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I am the Lord that healeth thee.

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

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The Gospel of the Kingdom

"I Have Learned Both to be Full and to be Hungry, Both to Abound and to Suffer Need"

BY O. L. TINDALL

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.]

Paul Overcame Circumstances.

Paul conquered his surroundings. Circumstances made no difference to him. If it was hot, he was happy. If it was cold, he rejoiced just the same. If the sun shone, he basked in it and was glad. If it rained, he bathed in the shower and was refreshed. If he had a good meal, he gave thanks to his Heavenly Father. If he went hungry, why he fasted gladly and rejoiced that a man did not live by bread alone and he feasted on that manna that came down from above.

When he preached, and the people heard gladly the Word, he was delighted. When they stoned him and dragged him out of the city for dead, he had friends who prayed for him and he was soon restored and went on his way rejoicing that he had such a Savior and that he was counted worthy to suffer for Him. When he was put in prison he did not lose faith. He and Silas sang praises at midnight, with their feet made fast in the stocks and their bodies lacerated with cruel stripes. "None of these things move me," was his triumphant testimony in the midst of it all. "I have learned to be abased." I know how to take adversity, and better, I know how to turn defeat into victory. I do it, not by growing gloomy over it, but by keeping right on praising my God and knowing that all things will work for good if I love my God and trust Him. I know how to triumph and rise out of my prisons and chains.

The Same in Prison as in Prayer Meeting.

"I sing praises in prison, the same as I do in my prayer meetings. My faith doesn't flow and ebb with the tide. It flows on forever. A tent or a cottage, why should I care?

Was not my prison life an experience worth having? Would I ever have seen the great deliverance by the hand of my God had it not been for the cruel hands of my persecutors? Would the jailer and his household have been converted had I not been in that prison that night? Had I grown discouraged and said, "Oh my God has forsaken me and given me over into the hands of my enemies; why has He left me?" Would the glory of God have been manifested to the people who looked on? Did I not make the wrath of man to praise Him? "*I have learned to be abased*"

I count it all joy.

Oh, you weary one, and fainting one, and discouraged one, because of persecutions, you learn to be abased and learn how to be in want and how to suffer for His sake, and how to turn the tables against your foes. Know that when you are at ease in Zion nothing is being done.

A good sailor must know how to manage his vessel in a storm as well as in a calm. You have to learn by experience. I glory in tribulations said Paul. He had come really to enjoy them. He said it was a real luxury to have a first-class row with the devil. See the bold and brave swimmers out among the breakers. Don't you think they enjoy it? Does not a strong, vigorous man like a crisp fresh morning breeze? It is only a sickly, puny, decrepit invalid that wants to stay in shelter all the time.

Abasement Before Exaltation.

A man that is never abased can never be exalted. Paul

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learned to be abased and to suffer and to be hungry. He was the man that was taken up into the third heaven and saw things too wonderful to be uttered or told among men. He is the kind of a man that God came to in visions, and with revelations. He could stand them, without "losing his head," without being exalted above measure. Most men love to be exalted, but can't stand it to be abased. Such become easily puffed up. Some men do very well as a deacon, but are spoiled when they become an Elder or Overseer.

First Prove a Man.

Paul warned Timothy against making an elder out of a novice. Let them first be tried and proven in a lower place and if they prove to be efficient, then promote them. God wants a tried people. Tribulations are like a grindstone, to sharpen an ax. They are like sandpaper, to put on the polish. You need not shrink from them. Only pray for strength and grace to endure, and to overcome them.

Paul in Shipwreck.

Go, in your imagination, with Paul over the stormy sea on his perilous journey to Rome. How his courage and faith in God showed themselves in those dark hours of danger. He, a prisoner bound by chains to a soldier, a lone prisoner on board that storm tossed vessel, was resolute.

Yes; that was a trying place, but he was equal to it. Did not his God stand by him and give him finally all on board? Did not his God get glory out of it? Was not he true to his colors? Did not he let his light shine out in that dark hour and save the whole crew? Did not he keep his faith?

Are you in a worse place than that, you discouraged Zion man or woman? Are you saying, "I am discouraged. The storms are more than I can endure. I have lost all and am now ready to perish. I alone am left. All Thy prophets are put to death. Let me die also."

Is that the language of faith that is the victory?

Is that the lesson you have learned? It is not the one the Apostle learned. "I have learned in whatsoever state I am therewith to be content." "I can do all things through Christ Who strengtheneth me."

Some Plans Better Broken Than Kept.

Your plan may be better broken than preserved. Your disappointment may be just the thing for you. You have to learn to take things as they come and make the best of them. You don't know what the morrow will reveal to you. God has made it so. This earth is not a dead level. It has ups and downs, hills and valleys and mountains. You must learn to climb the one and to pass smoothly over the other. Who wants the same thing all the time?

Who goes about crying "Peace, Peace" forever? God does not. He says there will be war where my Gospel goes. Father will be arrayed against son even, and mother against daughter, and so on.

Let us learn our lessons. There are many to learn in the school of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ.

The Spirit of Praise
OR
Acting on the Promises

An Address Delivered at the Divine Healing Meeting, in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, Tuesday Afternoon, February 23, 1909.

By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva

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Remove All Things Which Tempt.

The thing for people to do who are trusting God is to clean out of their houses anything that the devil could make a temptation. As long as you have idols around, you need not be surprised that when the day of testing comes, the devil brings them out to you and says: "There is your god, bow down." Do you not recall how you used the camphor bottle when anybody had a dizzy spell? A little sniff of the camphor restored (?) them. People today have so great faith in these dirty, filthy, medical concoctions, that they think they can almost restore an amputated arm. But where is the faith in the One True and Living God?

Doubt Not.

"And doubts not in his heart." O, yes, I cannot see doubt in your heart, but I can see it in your looks. I can see it in your answer. God Almighty can see it in your heart.

Do you really believe, or do you not? That is the question.

Now notice: "Mountains" there stands for difficulty; for any difficulty.

Desire Satisfied by Faith.

The next verse, the twenty-fourth, reads:

What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them.

Did you ever get the full force of that?

What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Now, when we pray for the healing of that cancer, when you ask and pray, believe that you have it, and you shall have it.

Well, then, faith is believing you have the thing you are going to get; is not that the point? Anybody can walk by sight, but the children of God must walk by faith.

Look at the cases of gangrene that have been healed in Zion, but these accursed doctors want to cut off an arm, or a leg, or dig into the body.

Dr. Wm. J. Bull, the greatest cancer specialist in the United States and the world, died of cancer. He refused absolutely to let the doctors operate on him. They wanted to perform an operation on him, but he would not let them do so on any account; but he would take other people's money for performing operations.

When a man said to a doctor who wanted to operate on his wife, "Do you really think there is anything in an operation?" "Yes," he said, there is $100."

It is a thieving, robbing, murderous business from start to finish. "Ephraim is joined to his idols. Let him alone." The rank and file of the people are joined to their idols.

Effective Preaching.

Someone told me that somebody was mad last Lord's Day. I never signed a contract not to make anybody mad. I feel so happy when I hear that somebody is mad at my preaching. I always rejoice when I hear that. It is a good thing to stir up the devil. Stir up the devil! If there is any devil in you, I hope I will stir him up. You hear someone say, "O, she is such a lovely creature;" but just step on her toe, and you will say, "O, what a devil of a temper!"

It is a good thing to stir up all the devil there is in a per-

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son, and get the devil out. When you stir up the devil of lying—how some people lie!

That is the kind of preaching that makes people mad, that makes them get up and go out. I have seen them in Melbourne almost butt their heads against the wall as they went out.

I think about the happiest days I ever had were in Queen's Hall, Sydney, where a woman came right down with a parasol, and was going to hit me on the head. I simply looked at her, and I felt sorry for the parasol, for she would have had to buy another one, if she had hit me. I remember when a dozen people were on their feet—one woman said, "You look like the devil." I thank God for that glorious day.

Popularity a Bad Sign.

It is a bad sign to have people like you. (Laughter). I know of scores of people who would have murdered me at first, who are now in Zion, and good members of Zion. Elder Carey did not like things at first. Don't you forget it. He had about all he could do to stand it. I remember seeing him sitting down in the congregation a long time before I ever knew who he was. He stood it out. His wife was pretty stubborn about it, too. She had no use for me. I tell you it would be a good thing for some of these sick people if they would get so mad that they would say, "There is the door; get out of here!"

Pride and Unwillingness Hinder Blessing.

In Zion home Dr. Dowie went around and turned the searchlight on them. He got results, too. I shall never forget a certain lady from New York who was there in a wheel chair. He said to her, "Did you listen closely to me?" She said "Yes." "Will you do what I tell you?" She said, "When the Lord shows me." He said, "Answer my question; will you do what I tell you?" She said. "When the Lord tells me." He said, "Take her out. I will not pray for her." She went back on the the next train, just as Naaman felt like doing. Naaman was proud. He had made up his mind how Elisha would meet him in a chariot with a brass band, etc. "O, my, I am greatly honored!" When he drew up to the house; the old Prophet never even said, "How do you do?" He told Naaman to go out and take a bath. He told him that one was not enough, but that he must take seven. Old Naaman got as mad as a hornet. He said, "I did expect he would come out, and that he would do so and so. That is a pretty way for him to act!" He got mad and started off home. The servants with him had good sense. They said, "If the old Prophet had bidden you do some great thing, you would have done it." They said, "You go and do what he tells you." He thought the matter over, and went down there and kept saying, "Well, it is a funny thing I cannot go back home and take my bath in Abana and Pharpar in my own country." But the Prophet had told him. He went down and dipped once; still he was a leper. Then he dipped a second time; still he was a leper. He dipped himself seven times, and his flesh "became white like a little child's"—because he did what God told him to do.

Then Gehazi thought Elisha was wrong because he would not do certain things. Naaman had offered to give the man of God some presents, and Gehazi thought the Prophet of God was very foolish for not taking them. So he went after Naaman and Naaman said, "Is all well?" And Gehazi said, "My master hath sent me," etc. He lied (Read 2 Kings 5). He got the leprosy that Naaman had. Lying is a dangerous business. Miriam got the leprosy because she murmured. She did not like Moses' wife because she was a colored woman. There are people today that have murder in their hearts toward colored people. (Voice: "Shame.") Yes, there are. But I will tell you that in this Church we will carry out the teaching of Dr. Dowie that there is no distinction between white, black, or yellow people in Zion—they are all one in Christ Jesus. (Amens).

If any member of this Church mistreats a colored person, I will be down on him good and hard. I will treat a colored person just the same as I would treat you. I would rather have a black face and a white heart than a white face and a black heart. You know the old saying, "Pretty is as pretty does." Beauty is in actions. Some people with ugly faces are pretty people.

Care in Ventilation and in Breathing.

Well, it is a glorious fight. Elder Richert and I were out yesterday praying with two of the worst cases in Zion City. One of the places we went to I told them when I first went in, "This room is hot enough to kill anybody. God could not answer prayer in this room if He wanted to. Don't you recognize that?" My, the way some people keep their houses! You cannot live without food and water, neither can you live without oxygen.

Another thing, the rank and file of people never breathe deep enough. You ought to breathe deep, right down to the diaphragm. God Almighty never made your mouth to breathe through, but the nostrils. Consumption always starts right up here—around the throat. Everybody should get out in the fresh air as much as possible, and breathe deep. Deep breathing has a good deal to do with good health. People ought to learn how to breathe. Learn to throw all the air out of your lungs, and then fill them again by breathing slowly. Get out and do it fifteen or twenty times a day. That makes the voice; it gives you power. It is just as essential, if not more essential, than food and drink. Pure air! Oxygen!! Do you notice that sweat on the windows? That is poison. That would kill a horse. That little blue blaze in the coal fire will kill a person very quickly. That is a rank poison burning.

There is one thing we have in Zion City, thank God, and that is pure air. When I go to Chicago, I try to quit breathing until I get back to Zion City. Thank God for Zion City air. It is pure air. Spend all the time you can out of doors. Ventilate the sleeping rooms.

"My people perish for lack of knowledge." I am trying this afternoon to impart knowledge. I know just a little bit how to live.

Christianity Should Give Cheer.

There are a great many things I would like to say. Cultivate a bright, cheerful disposition. Christianity never was intended to make people sour, and sober, and long-faced. That is a trick of the devil. I will tell you that the biggest liars and hypocrites out of hell are the most sober and sanctimonious and longfaced.

Zion Works for the Incoming Kingdom of God.

Zion is marching on. Zion must cry out for the new order of things. That is what gives the Zion message such power. There is no other church on God's earth where a minister dare talk like I talked last Sunday. What a privilege you Elders have! It is a wonderful privilege. Some people do not like you to get up and say, "I thank God for Zion." I do. I thank God for Zion. (Amens.) There is no man that ever lived I thank more than John Alexander Dowie. He will get his reward for all the good God did through him. Some people cannot understand our thanking God for Dr. Dowie. Why? We do not accept everything he said and taught, but I follow him as far as he followed God, and no further. That is what you are to do with me—as far as I follow God, follow me. Except for his financial affairs, there is little fault to find.

Zion is Rising in Power.

I thank God that Zion is rising. If this people will only do as they are told, and behave themselves, we can have an organization in five years that will shake the world.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

By O. L. TINDALL

Zion throughout the world, watch!

It behooves every lover of Zion to work and pray! Zion is in peril among false brethren, as Paul said he suffered. The assaults on our bulwarks were never more violent and relentless.

The "gates of hell" have besieged us as really and as truly as ever they did old Zion in the days of the Judges, or of the Kings, or in the days of the Christ, or of the Apostles.

If Zion prevails, she must watch and pray and fight as she always has had to do.

Persecutions should not discourage or frighten any one.

The true signs that men are true Christians and are really "Contending for the faith once delivered to the saints," are that they are "hated of all men," and that they are persecuted "for righteousness' sake." So says the Word of our God.

If a man will live godly, he shall suffer persecution.

None of the apostate churches have suffered persecution for ages, and the world shows it.

The condition of the churches is deplorable. If Zion does not come to the rescue then there is none in sight; that is certain.

One man cannot save the world. It requires a good body of men, well organized. The conflict will be a strong and a long one. The enemy is well organized. He is well intrenched. It is like Israel going up to take the promised land against giants and well walled cities.

Zion must keep on the armor of righteousness. She will have to possess the old-time faith of the fathers, the faith that Abel had to make his sacrifice acceptable unto God, and the faith of Enoch, who quietly walked with God for three hundred years and had the evidence and assurance that he pleased God.

All will need the faith like Abram had that made him go out from his home and kindred and trust God as a stranger in a strange land.

We need the faith of brave old Joshua which shook the walls of Jericho, and made them to fall though no visible hand was seen or used. No modern faith will answer.

Zion has a mission to show the mighty power of God that will convince the world. The world has had nothing from other sources than Zion, but arguments and philosophies and nicely written essays, for lo, these years, to prove the power of prayer. The world has seen but little else than theory and written creeds, to convince them that our religion is true and from God, and that God is ever with us.

What was the difference between the Christ and His preaching and work and that of the Scribes? Why did the people marvel at Him and pay no attention to the Scribes? They said He taught and preached and worked differently from the Scribes. They and the Pharisees were learned men, and preached eloquently, and prayed often and long, and fasted, and paid their tithes, and preached Moses, and were of the seed of Abraham; and yet their preaching was treated much as that of today. Their churches were empty. Their words fell as empty sounds upon the ears of their hearers. Why all this? Simply because there was no power, or life, or spirit, in them. They had no food for the poor, perishing people. The people were hungry and crying for bread and they gave them stones.

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The people were weary and heavy laden and ready to fall down by the wayside, and the priests only laid heavier burdens upon them. The people were sick, but they found no balm, nor physician to heal their hurt. The physicians relieved them of their money, but not of their diseases. Like the poor woman who had suffered for twelve years from the issue of blood, they left the sick worse than they found them.

That was the condition of things when Jesus came on the scene. Is it any better now? Is it not the same thing? Does not the world need some relief more than the churches are giving? What did Jesus do? Why, the most sensible and simple thing in the world.

He did just three things, just what Zion was commissioned to do, is doing, and must do. He went about Teaching, and Preaching and Healing the sick.

Oh, Zion, will we not take up the old commission that the Christ gave the Twelve, and the Seventies, and carry it out? If that is done in the name of our God and of His Christ the world will be blessed as it was then. Then will we have fulfilled our mission and our God will have been glorified. This is the remedy for this sin-cursed and disease-smitten world.

Our God is able to supply all your needs, according to the riches of glory in Christ Jesus. Divine Healing must be taught and preached and practiced carefully, and faithfully. If it is not, then Teaching and Preaching will avail but little.

The signs must follow or the Word is vain. He hath said it. "These signs shall follow." If Divine Healing is left out then one of the cords in the three-fold cord is broken. A three-fold cord is not easily broken. What was it that convinced the ruler of the synagogue, Nicodemus? Why, the miracles Said he, "No man could do these except God was with him." The old hypocrites could pray and preach eloquently and long but they could not heal the sick, for God had to do that, and He was not with them.

What was it that shut the mouth of the carpers and the blasphemers and spiked there guns? Why, it was that "a notable miracle had been wrought." A man impotent from his birth had been healed, and the lame was leaping for joy. The blind man was seeing. The deaf were hearing, and the dumb were speaking and praising their God and His Christ.

Zion today, everywhere must give to the world this three-fold Gospel for spirit, soul, and body. If she does not then she must perish from the earth.

What a mission, O Zion, is ours!

Watch ye, stand fast in the faith; quit ye like men, be strong.

On This and Following Pages You Will See The Type of Men Who are Fighting for The Salvation of Zion City

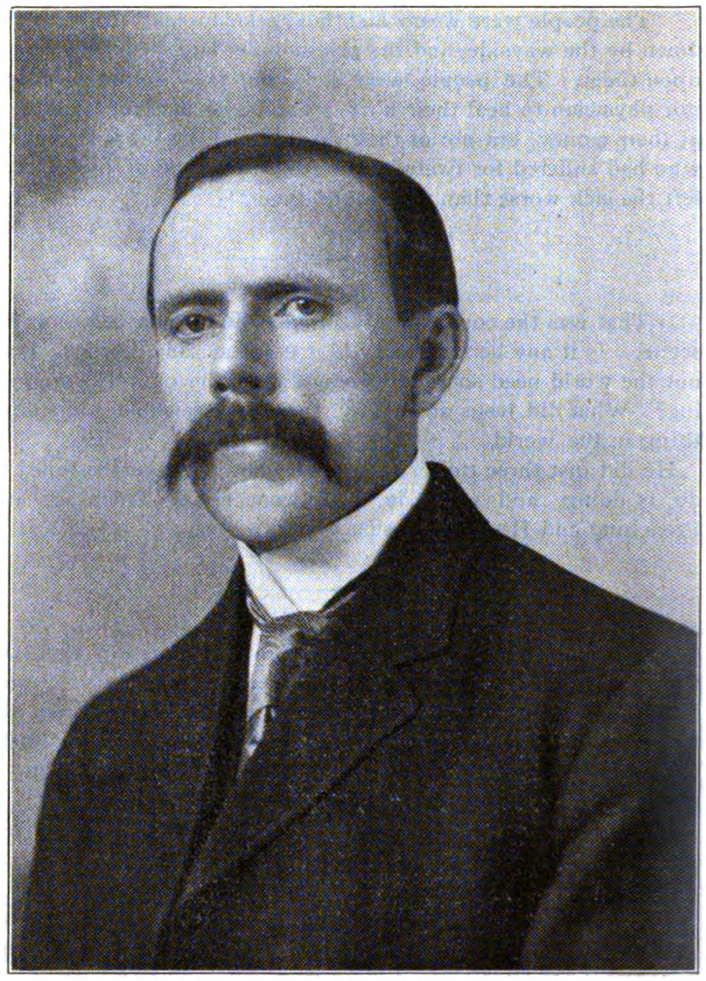


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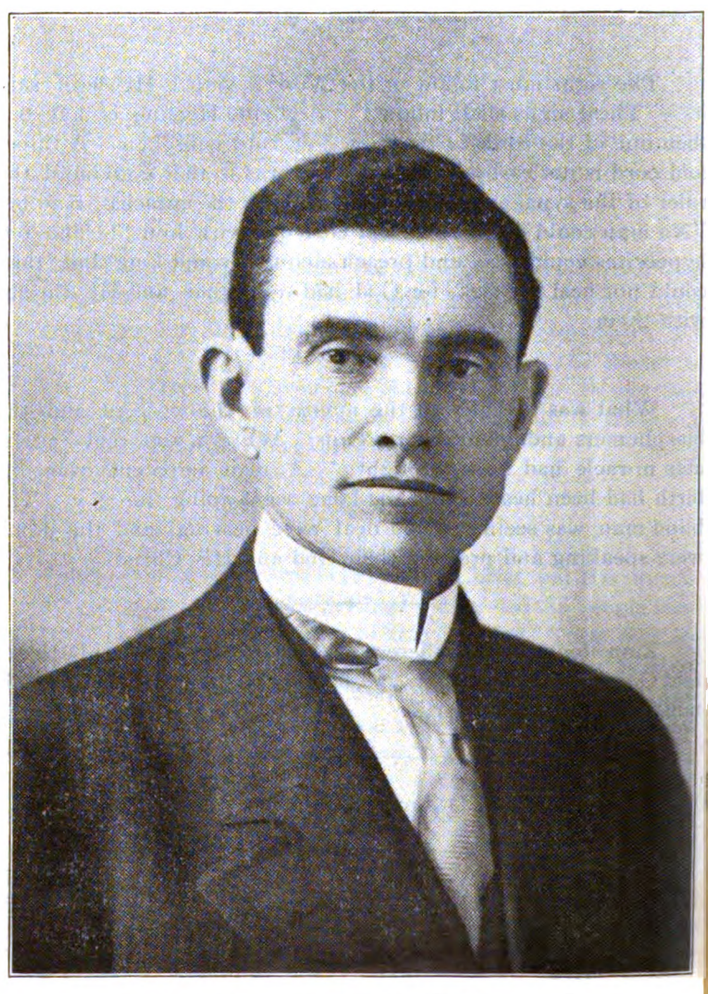
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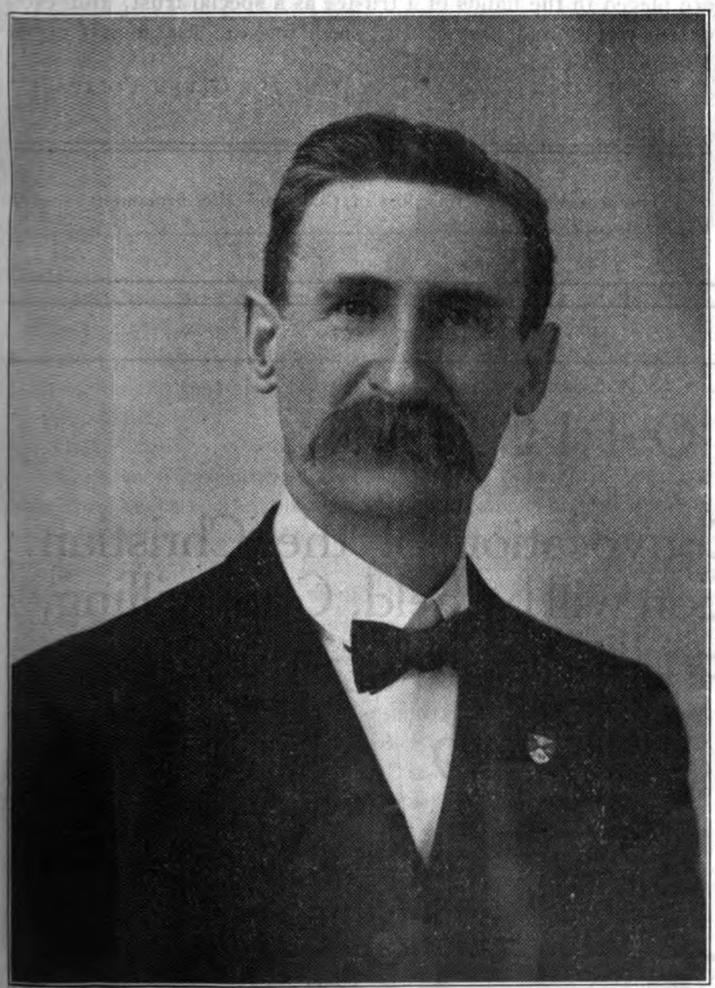
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The Spirit of Praise or Acting on the Promises.

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I was just counting up today, before I left the office, how much we have got in tithes and offerings over and above all expenses. We have got nearly five thousand dollars. You read the financial report on the handbill I gave you last night. I suppose you accept and approve it? Those poor fellows who are going to "down Voliva" cannot get enough to pay for the salt that goes in their mush. On Wednesday night we will give you a pamphlet with a full report of Zion Financial Institutions. I thank God we have got seven thousand dollars to divide among the employees and investors and customers. If this people will only get close to God, every last one of them, and quit criticizing and finding fault and all pull together, we can conquer Zion City, every shingle in it, and conquer the world. At the rate we are going, we will build an estate here in a few years of a million dollars. We received in this Tabernacle last Sunday $595. That is right in the midst of winter, too, and when it is raining and thawing out. (Laughter). It is remarkable! Last Sunday the poor enemies of God and Zion down there had to get up and say, "I had nothing to pay Brother Brannen. I had nothing to pay Mr. Rice. I had nothing to pay the Janitor, and we are $381 behind,and there are rents coming due $83, and we owe the Zion City News money and I need $125 tomorrow morning. You people have been well-trained in tithing, etc."

Yes, the hypocrites that they are. Who trained them in tithing? John Alexander Dowie. They got little old Parham here to laugh at tithing, and they thought "He will knock tithing in the head, and that will knock Voliva." They cut off their noses to spite their faces. They went around saying, "The people won't tithe." "You people don't appreciate your own leaders." I thought they did not believe in leaders.

This same speaker said, "If twelve men would leave us now, that would ruin us." That included Forby and Voliva, etc.

Don't I pray every day, "O God, smite them, bring them to naught." Is not God doing it? (Voices: ' Yes.")

The wanderers are coming back home. They have been off feeding pigs and eating husks.

If our people only hew to the line, we will put up factories in less than five years that will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. If our people will just do right, pay up their tithes, give their offerings, and save their money. If our people would only save a few dollars every month in the year it would make quite a large sum of money. Our people have spent, as I have told you, in Zion Stores in ten months, $168,000—a lot of poor paupers! Think of that! Our pay roll is close upon two thousand dollars a month. All have been paid, and we have paid $2500 out of the tithes on the Tabernacle, and we have still got $7400 today. In three funds I have over ten thousand dollars this afternoon. If all our people will do their duty, every one faithfully tithe, then we shall be powerful,

You do not know what a hard fight I have to keep this money. Some people cry, "Let us have it." The same fellows who cursed Dowie for spending it, curse me for keeping it.

We must save our money. We must build up headquarters and make it a strong organization before we undertake to go out and do a lot of things.

God has been so good. I know His Word is true. He can heal you. He has promised to bless His people, and He is doing it. Let us be right. Let us do right.

The General Overseer pronounced the

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WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA.

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handiwork.

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That the Thirteenth Annual Convocation of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion will be held, God willing, in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, from

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WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA
(Successor to John Alexander Dowie)
General Overseer

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The Gospel of the Kingdom

Unbelief is the Root of All Evil

By O. L. Tindall

The Word of God looks upon unbelief, or lack of faith in God as the root of all the evils that come to the world. On the other hand, faith in God produces all the fruits of righteousness. Faith is the tap root of every good tree, and consequently of every good fruit.

The Bible says, "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin."

When men lose faith in God, then they have lost the one thing that keeps them from sins of all kinds. When satan succeeded in getting Eve to doubt the Word of God, then he had accomplished her ruin; for had she still believed that what God said was true, and that she would die in the day that she ate thereof, then she would not have eaten. The devil said plainly, "Thou shalt not die," but just the opposite will take place.

Eve doubted God's Word and believed satan, and the sinful act followed. All sin comes in the same way. God condemns all kinds of sin and evil, and says explicitly and emphatically that "The wages of sin is death" now, but in some way, men doubt it, and are persuaded that it is not true and that to eat the forbidden fruit will be better; that they will feel better and they will be wiser and stronger men. God's Word says, "Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is and also of that which is to come."

The Word says it pays better to live godly lives even in this life, if there were no hereafter for a man. But men don't believe it. They say one can't succeed in business by following strictly the commandments of God; that one can't run politics by the golden rule, nor by the Sermon on the Mount. The Bible says we would all be happier and far richer in all things if we kept His commandments; but men don't believe it. They say we must sin in order to have a good time; that true pleasure comes from the theater, and the dance, and from the wine when it is red.

The Word of God says Christ is still the Healer of all our diseases and He is just the same today; but the world and the churches don't believe it, so they call doctors when they are sick.

Why don't men follow the Bible? Simply because they don't believe it. They say they do, in many cases, but their actions show that they do not.

The Apostle sums up all the sins of the children of Israel, for forty years, in the wilderness in this one word "Unbelief." Why, said he, entered they not in? "Because of their unbelief." Didn't they have many other sins besides unbelief? Didn't they murmur and complain of Moses? Didn't they rebel and refuse to obey? Didn't they make a golden calf and worship it? Didn't some of the leaders, and even Aaron and Miriam become jealous of Moses and think they might lead and prophesy as well as Moses? "Has God spoken only by Moses?" Are we not as smart as Moses?

Yes, all this is true. They committed all these grievous sins and provoked God, said the apostle, forty years, and then, he adds; it was unbelief that kept them out of their rest, or promised land.

Why did they make an idol-god? Because they had lost faith in God. Why did they murmur and complain about food? Because they were afraid God and Moses could not, or would not, supply their daily bread. Lost faith! Why did they not go up and take the beautiful land which flowed with milk and

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honey and enter in? Simply because they were afraid of the giants and their walled cities, and doubted God's promise, which said, "I will be with you and fight for you, and deliver the enemy into your hands."

"Cowardice" is only another name for unbelief and lack of confidence in God and His promises.

If a man has faith in God he will fear no evil, nor anything that man can do unto him.

Unbelief makes men steal. They say, "Ah, I and my family will now perish; we are without food, and the heavens are shut up against us." They have forgotten that God has said: "These things shall be added. Be not anxious about what you shall eat or what you shall drink, or wherewithal you shall be clothed. Your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things."

Have you forgotten these promises, or d o n' t you *believe* them? The latter is the truth in most cases. It is not confined, either, to the heathen and publicans. You find unbelief among God's pofessed followers. Unbelief stalks forth as a many-headed monster. It is found very rife in our great universities, professedly Christian. You find it in our theological seminaries (or, more truly, "cemeteries"), as was seen lately in the case of three young men of the senior class of the Union Theological Seminary, who were examined by a committee of the Presbytery of New York for licenses to preach. Some of the older ministers wept tears of sadness when they saw the infidelity of those men about to enter the ministry of the church of Jesus Christ, so-called. They doubted the Divinity of Jesus Christ, and the genuineness of the miracles of the New Testament, and the real bodily resurrection of our Lord and Savior.

Infidelity is in the pulpit and in the pew. Why are the churches empty? Infidelity.

Why this Sabbath desecration and Sunday amusements, and theaters? Because the common people have lost faith in the churches, and, to a great degree, in God and the Bible.

Said the beloved John, "They have made God a liar." Why? "Because they have not believed the Record which God gave of His Son."

To doubt the Bible, the Word of God, is to make God a liar, and false to His promise.

"Have faith in God."

"Faith is the Victory"

Report of Early Morning Meeting, Lord's Day, September 27, 1908, held in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, conducted by

General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva

REPORTED BY MISS B. MACLACHLAN

The meeting was opend by the singing of Hymn No. 1, the General Overseer remarking, "It is a good thing to give thanks unto God for His goodness to the children of men."

Hymn No. 264 was then announced:

Hide me, O my Savior, hide me
In Thy holy place;
Resting there beneath Thy glory,
O let me see Thy face.

General Overseer: Now you notice, my brothers and sisters, that this hymn is in the form of a prayer. Let each one as he sings make it in deed and in truth an earnest prayer to God.

What is the 1st verse of the 91st Psalm?

Hiding Under His Wings.

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almigthy.

May God grant it! If there ever was a time when we all stood in need of being hid under the wings of God Almighty, it is now as we approach the day of God's vengeance upon this earth; and who will stand? How many of us will stand? "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." Let us make this an earnest prayer. I think it is one of the most beautiful hymns that it is our privilege to sing. (The hymn was then sung by the congregation).

Study God's Word Daily.

General Overseer: It is very important that we should pray. If you have read the notice of yesterday you will observe that I have placed for your guidance this morning: "Studying God's Word daily; Praying in private; Forsaking not the assembling of yourselves together." The gift of the Holy Spirit must be claimed and appropriated by each one in prayer through faith in God.

We are all interested in a great many things. It would take some time to enumerate them. We are interested in the Zion movement because it stands for the Kingdom of God; and, when I look at all of you, and my mind very quickly runs back over the history of God's people, I am so thankful that God has never left Himself without a witness. How happy men and women ought to be to be counted worthy to be witnesses for God and for His truth. Then, when I think of others, I feel very sad, and especially sad over those who are really sheep.

Difference Between Wandering Sheep and Wicked men.

There is a great difference, my brothers and sisters, between men and women who are really wicked, and men and women who are discouraged, distressed and downcast; and it seems to me that there is a great work to be done by us yet before we shall be able to branch out and cast again the Gospel net into the sea of humanity: and that is, to seek for and find those who have Zion in their hearts, and win them back. The worst thing in this world is not to sin: it is a far worse thing to sin, and when the sin is pointed out, to refuse to repent. Now, the Word of God makes it very plain that if a man be overtaken in a fault, "ye which are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself lest thou also be tempted." The Word also says, "Bear ye one another's burdens." Now, we are not all constituted alike. It does not take much to knock some people over, but they are good people just the same. It takes a good deal to knock others over, and one thing you certainly must have observed: you never saw two people tried in the same way. Now I have had people say to me in the last two weeks, "I have not been to a service for a year," and I never was more d e e p l y touched than when I sat and saw the tears rolling down the cheeks, and heard them say, "We still love Zion." Now, there are many, not only here, but in different parts of the world, in whose hearts the spirit of the Kingdom of God dwells, and I have a firm faith that all men and women who have Zion in their hearts will again take their stand.

Reproving Necessary, but Not Pleasant.

My brothers and sisters, there are some things I do not like to refer to. It would always be a much greater joy to me if I could be excused from some things; but there are some who have been very bitter in their denunciation that are beginning to see that I have been perfectly right from the beginning in the position I have taken. (Just a few minutes before we proceed), what an awful thing it would be for me, as an humble, earnest shepherd, to permit any of you to be deceived and taken off on

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the devil's territory to be imposed upon by satan. My brothers and sisters, it is very true that satan counterfeits God's truths, but let me tell you, you never saw in any of Dr. Dowie's Divine Healing meetings satan counterfeiting his work. It is only where you open the flood gates, only where you open the door and let satan come in, that he will come in.

Spiritualism--Satan's Counterfeit.

What a dreadful thing for your children if you let them go to a meeting where they will be exposed; because when men and women get into satan's clutches, as in Spiritualism, very few are ever delivered. I remember one woman in Chicago, a very good woman, who was at one time a spiritualistic medium. She came into Zion and was one of the best Seventy workers we ever had; and she said that it was a constant battle; that when she was a medium she used to be in trances for three hours—in communion with evil spirits; and that when once they get hold of victims they never like to let them go. And I want to tell you, my brothers and sisters, this morning, that if ever we had occasion to weep, it is now, to think that men and women, and little children, that belong to this family, brothers and sisters in Jesus the Christ, some of them among the most earnest workers we ever had, to think that, according to their own admission, they have been tricked by the devil! The admission that many of these demonstrations have been the work of the devil is a very serious matter. It is a far more serious thing than most of you realize this morning. Now I wish to say that I thank God that He led me, and that I was right. I would not be fit to be a leader if I let a snake bite you in order to determine whether it was a snake or not. I have told you during the last two years, scores of times, that my safeguard and your safeguard was the Word of God; and you take John Alex. Dowie (whose work was a wonderful work)as long as he kept close to God's Word nothing stood before him, and we have letters now from people outside of Zion who say, "Dr. Dowie's teaching was the most beautiful that I have ever heard."

Good Men May Fall.

A man can be a very good man today and in a year from now, if he does not keep close to God, he can get away from God. The Holy Spirit is here: He was poured out once for all, —that is the Word of God. In other words, here you are, dying of thirst. There is the water. Now what you have got to do is to take the water and quench your thirst. God poured out the Holy Spirit once for all. My brothers and sisters, you claim Him, and claim Him in accordance with Luke 11:13, in 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?

It is not a matter of feeling any more than salvation. Let us lay hold of God's Word. That is the most important thing: God's Word; and let us never, by word or action, cast any discredit upon the Word of God. When you do that you are undermining the very foundation of your faith.

Why Does God Permit Apostasy?

The question that comes to my mind is, "Why does God permit apparently very sincere and good people to be imposed upon?" I have but one answer for that question; that is, that they have strayed away from the guide Book. That is the only answer that I know to give; and that there are some very sincere and earnest people that have gone astray and got on satan's territory, we know from observation. It is because they do not follow closely the plain Word of God.

Zion City Must Be Saved By Prayer.

As I think of Zion City this morning, how can it be other than with a very sad heart; and yet, God still lives, and if this city is to be saved, it will have to be saved through prayer. No man, I do not care how great he may be or how much wisdom he may have, can save this situation. It will be done through prayer. And now, when you think today of the spirit of separation, and the different little meetings that are being held around, my prayer to God is to bring them all to naught. You never can have a Zion City with that kind of thing. What do you think of the beautiful advice that has been given. Here you people have come from all parts of the world to establish a certain kind of a city—what do you think of the advice that all you need is "commercial competition."

Competition is not of the Kingdom of God.

Why, I could find thousands of men in the world who would tell you that competition in business does not belong to the children of God. It is an absolute impossibility for Elder Carey and myself to be in competition with one another. Two children of the Kingdom of God, instead of being in competition, should unite and all work to one end. Competition among the children of God is entirely out of the question. Now, I do not say that we can have all these things in a minute, in a day, in a year, or in one generation. "You must open up things on a little more liberal line;"---yes, that is the voice of the devil. "Invite outsiders to come here." Why didn't they stay where they were? What did they come here for? What did you move here from Mansfield for? What did you leave Toronto for? What did you come from Indianapolis for, and scores of other places? What did they come here for? It is a singular thing to me that a great body of people should come from all parts of the world to establish a city of God, and then turn around and create the same conditions they came out of. I used to tell you in Australia, "I will make it as hard for you as I can to go to Zion City. Are you willing, if called upon, to break stones on the streets for the extension of the Kingdom of God?" All said they were. And I said to them, "Now it is a good deal cheaper to go to the devil here than to go to Zion City and go." I said, "You may just as well save your money instead of going there and paying out all that money and go to the devil there. It is far cheaper to stay here and go to the devil."

Is it possible that there is one man or woman in this city that is not intensely desirous of seeing it maintained and built up as a Kingdom of God settlement? How it is possible that there can be one is a mystery to me. Make them welcome? We will never make them welcome to this city.

Outsiders Don't Help to Build the Kingdom.

We will fight every outsider that comes into this city, to a finish. We do not want them here. They would never be of any assistance to us. The Word of God is, "Be ye separate;" is it not? We separated ourselves once. What is the use to move out of the old house to get rid of certain fellows, and then, as soon as we get into the new house to send an invitation to those same fellows to come over and live in the new house.

"Be rational in your municipal government." We are very rational, and I am going to make a motion in favor of the City Council passing an ordinance that will kill these wretched plays.

Theaters Belong to the Devil.

I tell you, if there is anything on God's earth that is from Hell, it is the theater. Theaters are among the worst places on earth. I sat one day and talked to an actress. O, what a story! If you could only see behind the scenes. There that poor girl's life was wrecked; completely wrecked. It was a horrible story, and it is the story of thousands, and I tell you that accursed thing on Thursday night, in its essential elements is just as bad

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EDITORIAL NOTES

By O. L. TINDALL

Beloved brothers and sisters in the Christ and lovers of God's Kingdom, Zion men and women, and little children, and youths.

I desire to address you all in the name of our Lord, and of His Christ.

The fellowship of kindred minds and spirits, and the great purpose for which Christ has shed abroad His Spirit, should make all men as one family.

How I thank my God that we can all be fellow-laborers with God. What a blessed thought that we are one family. We are not divided. What a fellowship is that!

It is far greater and stronger, than the tie that binds kindred of the flesh. So said the Master.

This fellowship of kindred minds is greater and far above any earthly tie. For this, a man will forsake mother or father or even wife and children.

This seems a severe test to man who is so tied to this world and to the things of time and sense.

But this was the law laid down by our beloved Savior. He set us the example. He left all the glory of Heaven and came down to this dark and sin cursed earth, all for us.

He didn't come to us because we were good and lovely, or lovable. No, we were quite the opposite. We didn't even thank Him for His love and sacrifice.

How few men and women know much of the deep things of God.

If we would ascend high we must go down low. The highest buildings have the lowest and deepest foundations. They go down to the solid rock.

Men who live only for time, build on the sand. It answers every purpose for the time being. But oh, how short!

Then comes the time of testing, and alas! the foundation gives way and the whole fabric, often very elaborate, goes down in a great wreck.

A few cities were recently destroyed, with all their valuables, by a terrible earthquake. Whole cities were swallowed up with their inhabitants. The whole world stood aghast, and was shocked as if they, too, had felt the vibrations.

And yet, my beloved friends, the destruction of a thousand cities is not equal to the loss of one human soul who dies in his sins.

Why should we not fly to the rescue of the perishing that fall by the hundreds and thousands every day, and in our own midst, and in our own homes? Why not send cargoes, and help, and men to the aid of our fellowmen who perish in multitudes in every land?

Zion must awake to her work. When she settles down to care only for herself and talks about her own woes, which are as nothing, then she has lost her glory and must perish too.

Zion has not suffered as yet. Think of the Christ and then ask yourself whether you know anything about suffering or not.

Think but a moment of Him. No home, nor place to lay His head, sad and lonely and rejected. What about Paul and all of the Apostles? What did the Christ promise them? Was

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it ease and comfort and home and friends? or persecution and hatred and evil speaking and bitter cups?

Zion has suffered some, 'tis true. If you have taken it and borne it in the spirit of the Christ and said, "I gave it for Christ's sake; I put my money and life in Zion for God and His Kingdom," then you will get your reward.

If you complain and growl about it, and lose faith in God and go back on God's great truths and His work, then you have not only lost your money, but you have lost your reward in Heaven and the Spiritual blessings which God promises to those who willingly give themselves and their all to Him. If a man gives his property to God in the right spirit, then he gets his reward; it matters not what becomes of the property.

Christ gave His life for the world, but the world was not saved by it. Alas! how few received Him. But think you His self-denial and sacrifice and consecration were not just as acceptable and well-pleasing to His God and Father as if the whole world had been saved at once?

Think you the dear Father chided Him and said, "My Son, you are a failure. What about your mission? Where are your followers and what about Your converts? You are not even a good Evangelist. You donot even get a thousand dollars a week, or even a month. Billy Sunday can beat you, or R. A. Torrey. You couldn't have been very popular. You must have displeased the churches and couldn't have worked a great 'Union' meeting that caught all the Methodists and Ma-ha-bones," etc., etc.

"No," says the Son, "My message lacked the 'suave' way. They hated Me when I denounced the hypocrites and went counter to many of their ways. Even My disciples, some of them, betrayed Me and sold Me for gain. They loved money. Some of them loved place and power and left Me.

"Many of them left Me when I gave them strong meat; too spiritual. They said 'Tis a hard saying, who can stand it?' Many turned away and walked no more with Me. At the last, when the great day came, they all fled, and gave up in despair and went back to their fishing, and various occupations." So ended His spotless life.

But think you, dear discouraged one, that He lost His reward? Was it not still, "This is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased?"

Zion; get the Divine life. Get the Christ life. Get the consecrated life that knows how to forsake all to follow Him. Don't waver because offences come, because the storms beat upon your house. What matters that?

Dig a little deeper. Your house shakes, perhaps, when these cold winds blow.

Faith Is The Victory.

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as any theater in Chicago; and it is to a lot of our young people here just what the first glass of whiskey is to a young man.

Can We Not Have One Clean City on Earth?

My brothers and sisters in Christ, I believe that a change is coming. I believe that many people are beginning to think, and to think seriously. Cannot we have one clean little spot for God? Is it not worth living for? Is it not worth dying for, to have one clean little spot for God? Ah yes, it certainly is. I have told you, my brothers and sisters, if this estate had been left in Zion's control it would have been a thousand times better off than it is now. We are the only people that could handle it, that only in that way would the investors get even a small return for their investments. How could we manage it? By maintaining Zion City and bringing in thousands of Zion people ---not outside people. Can outside people tell the children of God how to solve their problems? It is the height of absurdity. Then when you think---well, my question, "What next?"---that is the question: What next? What next will they do? Well, I am glad to see this company here this morning, and I am thankful to know that there is a faithful, loyal people not only here, but in all parts of the world; and I want to tell you, the Zion movement is all right and it is growing in every particular; but I am more and more convinced---I have been all the way along, but I feel more so now than ever---there is only one solution, and that is prayer.

Faith is the Victory.

The walls of Jericho fell down through faith in God, and I think that one of the most suitable chapters for us this morning is the eleventh chapter of Hebrews, and before we pray we will just go through this hurriedly.

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

For by it the elders obtained a good report.

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God--

The Centurion said to Christ, what? "Only speak the word." I tell you God will only need to say the word and Zion City must be saved, and God will only need to say the word and these sick people will be healed, and there are some very sick ones. Two particularly that I have in mind are very sick. O, may God heal them today; but after all, my brothers and sisters, the most beautiful thing about Zion teaching is that it will bring people closer to God, and you and I will be saved from many sicknesses that would come upon us if we had not had Zion teaching.

Save the Children.

That is the most beautiful thing---and then the teaching of the little children. Ah, some of these parents are going to pay for their conduct! The little children are only repeating what

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A WORD TO THE INDIFFERENT ——

IF YOU APPRECIATE A CLEAN CITY A PURE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH TO BRING UP YOUR FAMILY THEN YOU WILL CERTAINLY LINE UP AND VOTE FOR THE ZION CANDIDATES.



THE INDEPENDENTS STAND READY TO LET DOWN THE BARS AND FLOOD THE CITY WITH ALL THE EVILS OF THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL.

RISE TO YOUR OPPORTUNITY AND CAST YOUR VOTE FOR PURITY AND RIGHTEOUSNESS ——

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they hear the parents say. They will pay for it. You will pay for every transgression. Every one.

So that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Heroes of Faith.

The first one brought before us in this chapter is Abel.

By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts, and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony that he pleased God.

But without faith it is impossible to please Him for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

What wonderful blessing comes from walking in accordance with God's Word. What a comfort it ought to be to every one of us to know that our ways are well-pleasing unto God. That is our privilege; and just as we are true to God, God will bless us very richly.

By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

The story of Sarah is one of the most remarkable in the Old Testament. There is where we find the question, "Is anything too hard for God?" Nothing is too hard for God.

Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.

These all died in the faith, not having received the promise, but having seen them afar off.

I presume this is perfectly plain to your minds. It is simply this, that these men were acquainted with the promises which looked foward to the coming of Christ and the plan of redemption. See, they saw them afar off. The Apostles saw things and heard things which men of old longed to see and hear.

Learn Patience and Obedience.

And were persuaded of them and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

There is a wonderful thought in that verse for Zion. All of you came from different countries and different localities. Now you notice this 15th verse: "And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned."

Why it is that any one who has tasted of Zion should ever want to return to the world is a mystery. It does not pay to go back. Now why should any one want to go back? I tell you, my brothers and sisters, I do not believe (I never have believed) that the people who came here with the right motive and who put their money in, and who love God and are earnestly seeking to serve Him, I do not believe God will permit them to lose it. You may have suffered hardships and had to pass through trials, but all these things, if you keep close to God, are going to be overruled and you will be all the better by God's grace.

Money Ruins Some Men.

I think one of the most awful curses is the love of money. I have in mind now a certain person, I do not care to let you know who it is, a man who used to claim to be a very staunch Zion man. He is making money now, and, if I am a judge, I think the devil has pretty well got him. He has not any use for Zion now and he does not pay tithes. How few people there are that can stand prosperity! Jesus knew what He was talking about when He said, "How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the Kingdom of Heaven," What has ruined multitudes? Money. Pride also comes with money, although it sometimes exists without money; and people who are humble and meek without it usually lose their humility and meekness when they get it.

Pride Goes Before a Fall.

Pride is another thing that has ruined many. Some people do not like me, because I do not care for them because they have money. If I can always keep this Church in as good condition as it is right now I will have no need for their money. Some people who have come into this Church think that because they have a little money they ought to be given a lot of attention. They fancy that they ought to do a lot of bossing. I do not know that a few thousand dollars gives a man any right to have anything to say in the counsel of Zion. Probably a man or woman who has nothing could give better counsel. Riches usually bring a domineering spirit. "Everybody exists to serve me"—that is the way they look at it.

Pray Lest Ye Enter Into Temptation.

Well, you pray. That is the only way. There is no other way. You have simply got to pray. My brothers and sisters, are you as earnest in prayer as you ought to be? Do you cry to God at the family altar? Do you cry to God in private worship to save this City and to bring it to pass that it will come back into Zion's hands? Zion City means a city controlled absolutely by Zion. Anything else is not Zion.

We will go to God in prayer. Pray for yourselves; pray for your unconverted sons and daughters, and I have a great desire in my heart for the young people of this City. May God help them to be Christians; to give themselves to God. By doing so they have nothing to lose, but everything to gain.

If the Lord Delight in Us, He Will Save.

This morning let us cry to God to save Zion City. From a human standpoint it is a hopeless case; no man can save it; God Almighty only can do it, and it can only be done through crying to God in earnest prayer. Cannot God put these people out? He could do it inside of twenty-four hours. If this place was as it was intended to be, every last man and woman that does not come under authority could be put out of this City in short order.

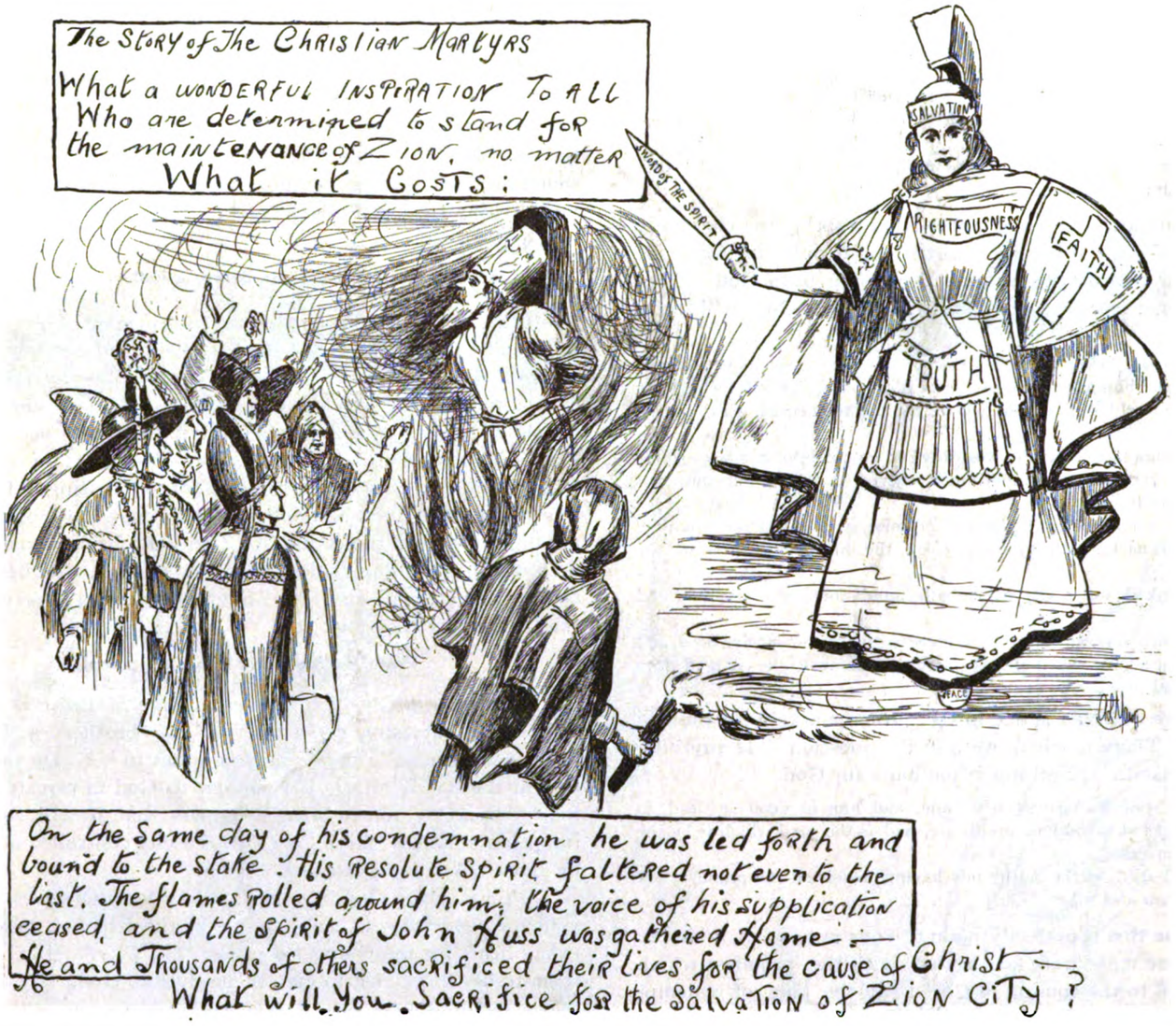
How Can Two Walk Together, Except They Be Agreed?

That is the only way to maintain a Zion City; you can see that, can't you? What is the use to start a city and then have it ruined by a lot of rebellious people. Why is it that Clendinen, Tindall, Carey, and scores of others are in line for God and Zion and always happy, and yet these other fellows, look where they are. And why is this so? I tell you there is a deep-seated reason for it. Make no mistake about it. A man that is Zion once, he is always Zion. A man who is a man of principle is always a man of principle; but the way of the transgressor is hard and I want to tell you today that I do not hesitate to say that these men who have hauled down Zion's banner and have

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trampled it under their feet will go to the wall; and God Almighty is not dead—He is longsuffering, He is patient, He is kind, He is loving, He is merciful. Ah yes, but every transgression will bring its own penalty, make no mistake about that. He that will deny his Savior, he will pay the penalty. Yes, if Zion City is to be saved it will be saved through prayer, and in no other way.

(The General Overseer then offered prayer, after which the Doxology was sung and the Benediction pronounced.)



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WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA
(Successor to John Alexander Dowie)
General Overseer

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.

PATIENCE

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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The Gospel of the Kingdom

Paul.

The Jew, The Persecutor, The Christian, Apostle of Jesus Christ.
A Living Example of the Gospel.
A Zion Man.

By O. L. Tindall.

A distinguished historian said, "Biography is history, or history is biography. Men make events."

It is not my object to write a biography of simple, cold facts and dates of the great man Paul; for they are quite familiar to all and are of easy access. They are very few in number for so great a man. I may say, no greater man has lived since the Christ Himself. No man has left a greater legacy to the world. He lives still. Though dead, yet he speaketh. In many respects we can get more good from the study of the life of Paul—I say it reverently—than from the life of Jesus Himself. Many things that the Christ did were not intended for us to imitate. He was the author of the Gospels. He was the author of life, and of salvation. He died for mankind, to redeem the world from sin and iniquity. He made atonement for the sins of the whole world. His works and words were, many of them, far above us and could not be repeated by any of us. He was not only man, but God-man.

Jesus gave us the teachings. He laid the foundation and gave us the specifications which we are to follow. He gave us the exact pattern of the building, as God gave to Moses the pattern of the tabernacle and told him to build it as He had directed. So was the pattern given of the great temple by the Great Architect. Christ gave us the pattern of life, and we are to build a great spiritual house after the pattern given us. I may say, also, that this includes what men are wont to call temporal, or secular. Life is not made up of spirit alone. We have directions for all our physical life, as well as for our spiritual life, in the pattern which Christ gave us.

Zion emphasizes this last part, because it has been grossly neglected by Christians. A gospel for spirit only has been preached. The body and the business life have been entirely overlooked.

With this thought in mind, I wish to call attention to the life of Paul, the great apostle of Jesus Christ. I wish to bring before you this great man as an example of the Gospel in active operation, not simply as a theologian. I am not after theology. Paul's theology, as interpreted by many, has given us most grievous errors. It gave us that horrible doctrine of election, foreordination, and predestination, that sentenced men from all eternity to eternal destruction and death; and sent babies, who had never known evil, to punishment, all for the glory of God. Most of the churches have been cursed with this accursed theology, all taken from Paul, as they supposed. If these wise (?) men had been out working as Paul worked, and fighting the devil and mobs, and running up against flying rocks, instead of wrangling over dark sentences and things, as Peter said, "Hard to be understood," the world would never have been cursed with such dogmas as we find in these great works on theology.

Paul was "a man of like passions with ourselves." He was a strong character. He had great natural ability, and evidently he was a man of strong will power. There are only a limited amount of facts, concerning this great man, within our reach. We know nothing of him that is authentic, except what we find recorded in the Acts of the Apostles written by Luke who was his attendant and companion in his travels, and what we can learn from his own statements in his epistles.

His Early Life.

We learn from himself that he was a native of Tarsus, a

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"no mean city," of Cilicia, a province in Asia Minor, a Roman Colony. By some means Paul was "born free," as he says, and so was a Roman citizen, with all the rights belonging thereto. We see that in after life, he made good use of this citizenship. It shielded him from the mob and from injustices. He had the education of his native city, no doubt, which made him acquainted with the Greek language. Afterwards we find him reasoning and confounding the Grecians, with whom he came in contact. Paul, whose other name was Saul, was not only a "free born" Roman citizen, but he was a Jew, or, as he says, "a Hebrew of the Hebrews," by birth, of the tribe of Benjamin, as touching the law a Pharisee of the strictest sect. After he became a youth of some age, it seems he went to Jerusalem and there studied in the Jewish schools, and sat, as a disciple, at the feet of Gamaliel, the distinguished doctor of the law. Paul's Jewish name was Saul, by which he was called until he started on his first missionary journey. While on the island of Cyprus we first hear the new name of Paul, just after the healing of Sergius Paulus, the proconsul of the island. It is doubtful that, as many have supposed, Paul took this name from the Roman proconsul of that name. It is more likely that Saul was his Jewish name and Paul his Gentile name, as in the case of Peter —a Greek word or name, and Simon the Jewish name. The same is true of many others.

From the fact that Paul was educated under the great Jewish doctor and a member of the Sanhedrim, and from what we learn from his addresses to his own people, and from his epistles, we see the Apostle was thoroughly trained and versed in the old law and the prophets, and all the customs and traditions and ordinances of the Jewish religion.

Paul had every natural advantage and equipment for a great man in the world in which he lived.

This is a very important matter for us to consider. God does not ignore these things when He calls men for a great work among men. God does not work miracles unless it is necessary, we may say. Man has his part to do. Paul by nature and training was better equipped to be a great leader in God's work than any other of the Apostles.

He was not only a Jew, as were the other Apostles before him, but he was a Gentile also, in his education and citizenship. Paul was an all-round man. He was at home among the Greeks, among the Romans and among the Jews. He could speak and confound the old philosophers on Mars Hill, in Athens, the seat of learning, art, science, philosophy and oratory. He could quote from their own poets. He knew the laws of Rome and knew when his legal rights were trampled on, and he appealed his case to the higher court at Rome—to Cæsar.

I mention these things in Paul's life and lay it down as a rule that God calls men to His work who are fitted for it. Many make a mistake and use the Scriptures to their own hurt, when they suppose that God takes the foolish things to confound the wise and the weak things to confound the mighty in the sense that He prefers an ignorant man to an educated man, other things being equal. It is true that many able men and many mighty are not willing to obey God's call and give themselves to His service; therefore God is forced, so to speak, to use what He can get.

The greatest leaders in history in the Kingdom of God, were strong men by nature. It was true of Abraham. It was true of Moses. It was true of Jacob. Why did God reject Esau and take Jacob? Because Jacob was a much stronger character than was Esau, the man of impulse.

Luther, in modern times, was a trained man and a man of good parts and of sterling qualities. God could not use a weakling for such strenuous times. John Wesley, a great reformer was a highly educated man. The strongest men are only weak creatures compared with God, or compared with the great work they are called to do. Well can they all, or any of them, say, "I am undone; who is sufficient for these things?"

Not many mighty are called, do you say? Why? Simply because they will not go. They love the world and their own things and their own glory. They love and serve Mammon rather than God.

God calls every man and woman and child to be a Christian, but He does not call them all to be leaders and teachers, in religion, any more than all men are called to be teachers in our schools.

I desire, in subsequent articles, especially to emphasize, by Paul's life, some very important and vital doctrines or teachings; some which the world especially needs at this time of great apostasy.

Steadfastness

An Address Delivered at the Divine Healing Meeting, in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, Tuesday Afternoon, March 30, 1909.

By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva

REPORTED BY T. FROST.

Let us think, this afternoon, of God's great love for the world. Surely no one, who is reasonable, could ask for any further proof that God loves the world than that He gave His Only Begotten Son, Jesus the Christ, to live, suffer and die for the world.

There is a great deal said about Christ dying for the world, but I have never heard very much said about Christ living for the world. We must remember that He spent a little over three years in fulfilling his earthly ministry, and during those years He lived for humanity.

Christ Lived as Well as Died For the World.

His words are spirit and life.

His works will abide.

While, of course, His living would not have been sufficient to have given us the Plan of Redemption, and it was necessary that He should die, yet His living for the world should not be lost sight of.

He lives now for us, and He is filling the office of Intercessor. He sits at the right hand of God, the Father, and He will continue to sit there until the time comes for the Holy Spirit to be recalled.

Signs of Christ's Second Coming.

The ministry of the Holy Spirit covers the period from Pentecost to the time of Christ's second coming. We are told that certain signs will precede His appearing, signs just as unmistakably indicating His near approach as the putting forth of the fig tree is of the near approach of summer. It is not given to us to know the exact day, neither the hour, but the period which probably covers a considerable number of years; and we are told there will be signs in the heavens, signs in the earth, signs in the civil, social, religious, and political worlds, and signs on every hand.

One of the signs will be the almost universal disobedience of children; another sign will be the disrespect for old age; and an-

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other will be that the masses of the people will be lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God.

We are also told that men will be haughty, proud, boastful. There was never a time in the history of the world when men were so proud of their achievements, and when there was more boasting of what man has done and is doing, and when men were more haughty and inclined to call themselves "independents." Well, I am not independent. I am a dependent. God is the only independent Being. We depend upon Him for every breath of air we breathe; for every morsel of food we eat; tor the sunshine; for the rain; and for all blessings, both temporal and spiritual.

It is a very sad thing when an individual forgets that he is absolutely dependent upon God.

Man Is Not Independent.

I want to impress upon the minds of all in this Church that God is not a beggar; that we are not of such importance that we are indispensable. We must, so far as God enables us, disabuse the minds of all people that it is an honor to God to have them come and yield themselves up to Him.

I count it a glorious privilege, as a minister of this Church, to be able to say to one and all, "God can get along without you: He can get along without me; but we cannot get along without Him.

Some people talk as though they were conferring a great honor upon God by coming to Him to heal their bodies. Such is not true. You and I are worthy only of death. If we had our just deserts, we should die. We can claim nothing from the hands of God because of any worthiness on our part; we are not worthy of the least of His blessings. We merit nothing from His hands. We have all sinned, and the wages of sin is death. It is because of God's great love and mercy that we have not all been cut off long ago. It is because of God's great love that Salvation, Healing and Cleansing are now placed within our reach.

God Can Get Along Without Us.

If we were to step off the stage this afternoon, God could get along without us; but you and I will never have Salvation except as God gives it to us. We shall never have healing except as He grants it. I want you, then, to think of His great love. All the love that is in every human breast is only a fraction of the love of the Father. If all the love that has been in the hearts of all God's children were put together, it would not equal the love of God.

We Should Live the Christ Life.

We, who have the love of God, are simply living in miniature the life of Christ. The life of the child of God is simply a repetition, in a measure, of the life of God as manifest in Jesus the Christ. Paul said:

> I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.

I am very fond of that hymn which begins:

> As lives the flow'r within the seed,
> As in the cone the tree—"

There are some very wonderful thoughts in those stanzas:

> As lives the flow'r within the seed,
> As in the cone the tree,
> So praise the God of truth and grace,
> His Spirit dwelleth in me.
>
> Christ liveth in me,
> Christ liveth in me,
> O, what a salvation this,
> That Christ liveth in me!

God loved us while we were yet sinners.

> Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners—His enemies.

To Love Your Enemy is Not to Compromise With Him.

In the Sermon on the Mount, He exhorts us to love our enemies. That does not mean compromising with them, nor lowering the standard of righteousness, nor surrendering principle. A father loves his boy when he has to take a stick to him. A mother loves her daughter when she has to correct her. We can love our enemies when we reprove and rebuke them with all longsuffering and patience. The best friend that any person has is the one who will tell him the truth; and point out to him that which stands between him and God.

God is very merciful; if He were not so, all would be cut off. God does not desire one to perish, but that all should come to repentance: hence His longsuffering.

The thought that comes to me at this time with greater force than ever before, in view of some things that have transpired, is that we should examine our lives closely in the light of God's Word, and make sure, as far as we can possibly know, that we are right in God's sight.

Men Should Show Their Colors.

People are without excuse when they say they do not know where to stand. They do know where to stand. There are hundreds in this Church who have never been troubled in the least. They have known where to stand all the way through. A certain officer, when he was here last summer, said that it ought to be perfectly plain to anybody, who represents Zion. When you ask them if they have filled out a Renewal Application form, they will laugh at you. It is not a laughing matter: it is an important matter. I suppose some laughed when Moses cried, "Who is on the Lord's side?" I suppose some said, "Well, I was with you when you came out of Egypt. If you are not satisfied with me without taking my stand now you may go." There are some today who say, "Well, I joined the Church ten years ago, and I am not going to fill in a Renewal Application form: it is not necessary; I do not have to." Well, I think it is necessary. I think it is very necessary for you to show your colors.

Why I Came Into Zion.

I came into Zion for principle's sake. I did not come into Zion for John Alex. Dowie: he was only the instrument in God's hands. I knew, when I came into Zion, if the Lord tarried, John Alex. Dowie would pass away. I came into Zion because Zion stood for the inspiration of God's Word, and made it the rule of faith and practice. I came into Zion because Zion demanded repentance, and that all men should submit to God—a practical repentance, a religion down here on this earth. I came into Zion because of the high standard of righteousness.

Did anybody come into Zion because there was something said that there would be some apostles some day? I never came into Zion for that, and I do not think that question bothers anybody now, except a few people who imagine they are apostles. If a man is an apostle, he does not need to worry about it, or proclaim it, or lose any sleep about it. Let him be content to do his work, which will testify before all men as to what he is in the sight of God. That never had anything to do with my coming into this Church. I looked upon this Church as being far ahead of any other church in the world. I believe it is today. I love Zion. It is an intense joy to toil in Zion. I never get tired or weary of my labors in Zion. I said today, "Zion is the most interesting place in the world; there is always something going on. There is no time to get lonely in Zion." There is always plenty to do, and the devil takes fine care never to give

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.
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I am the Lord that healeth thee.
And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.
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HEADQUARTERS OFFICES OF THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH IN ZION, CITY HALL BUILDING, ZION CITY, ILLINOIS, U. S. A., April 29, 1909.

"COME YE AFTER ME, AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN."

"AND AS YE GO, PREACH, SAYING, THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND."

"GO YE THEREFORE, AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL THE NATIONS."

Thus Jesus spoke, first: when, at the very beginning of His ministry, He called Simon Peter and Andrew to follow Him; second: when He sent out His twelve disciples; third: when He was speaking His last words just before His Ascension.

The great mission of Jesus the Christ to this sin-cursed, disease-smitten world was to seek and to save the lost—precisely this and nothing more.

The angel of the Lord said to Joseph, "And thou shalt call His name Jesus: for it is He that shall save His people from their sins."

He came; He lived; He loved; He suffered; He died.

He triumphed over death and the grave. He finished the work which God gave Him to do.

The life of Jesus the Christ is reproduced, in a measure, in the life of every Christian.

Christianity is not a doctrine, but a life. It is something not merely to be talked, but to be lived; something that has to do with the present as well as with the hereafter.

As you read these Notes, do you fully realize that Jesus died to save you; to heal you; to cleanse you; to reconcile you to God, His Father and your Father?

Are you conscious of Salvation through faith in His name, the only name given in heaven or on earth whereby the children of men can be saved?

Are you a living witness to the Saving Healing, Cleansing and Keeping power of God?

Reflect upon the things which, in the teaching and preaching from the Zion platform and through LEAVES OF HEALING, attracted your attention and led you out of the Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Congregational, Roman Catholic and other apostate churches.

One of the first things that attracted you was the bold command unto all men everywhere to REPENT. Rebels were commanded to lay down their rebellion, and submit themselves to God.

Zion's mission today is just the same as it was then: to call upon all men to repent and to turn to God.

I often ask the members assembled in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, why they are in the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion in preference to any other of the religious bodies in existence.

The answer is always quickly made, "Because Zion preaches repentance, and fights sin everywhere in both low and high places."

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Zion stands for the rule of God; and says that the professed followers of Jesus the Christ should take their religion with them every day, and wherever they go.

The cry of my spirit today is that all the Officers and Members in Zion everywhere will become "fishers of men;" will, by their words and lives preach the Gospel of the Kingdom; will, wherever they have the opportunity, make disciples, teaching them that they should be baptized by triune immersion "into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

Christianity has never failed for the simple reason that Christianity has not yet been tried. The world is sick and tired of theories; and the church which will give a practical demonstration of the Christian religion, the principles and laws set forth in the Sermon on the Mount, will be the Church that will receive thousands upon thousands of truly converted, saved people.

Multitudes of people are today wasting God's time and squandering an immense amount of money in trying to convert somebody to a doctrine. Let Zion arise, put on her strength, and go forward in the name of the Lord to get sinners saved, the sick healed, the polluted cleansed, true homes established, and to bring about the reign of Christ in the hearts of the people, in their homes, in all business, in all politics.

The poor people today are starving for the plain, simple Word of God; and it is my earnest prayer, daily, that God will make the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion such a glorious Church that all the saints, who still remain in the apostate churches, will come and find in it the home they have long been seeking.

Be fishers of men.

Preach the Gospel of the Kingdom.

Make disciples everywhere.

Call sinners to repentance.

Take a bold stand against every sin in the catalog.

See to it that you are fully clad in the Gospel Armor.

Any one can criticize and find fault, but it takes a thoroughly saved and consecrated man or woman to win people to Christ.

Zion at headquarters in Zion City is faithfully toiling for the establishment of God's Kingdom. The time of severe testing has left a noble consecrated band; and, so far as man is able to judge, practically all those who came in "for the loaves and fishes," have gone to their proper place, and the Church is now all the purer and stronger because they are gone.

It is not quantity, but quality that counts. "Man looketh on the outward appearance; God looketh upon the heart."

The following services are held regularly each week:
Lord's Day—7 a. m., 9:30 a. m, 2:30 p. m., and 8 p. m.
Tuesday—Divine Healing Service at 2:30 p. m.
Wednesday—Mid-week Assembly at 7:45 p. m.
Zion Choirs (Junior and Senior), Zion Orchestra and Zion Band are well organized, and are doing a splendid work.

These services are all well attended, and there is a deep, quiet, earnest work going on.

LEAVES OF HEALING and The Zion Herald are printed regularly every week, and are being richly owned and blessed of God to many people.

There should be an earnest, consecrated effort on the part of all who love God and Zion to increase the circulation of both papers. I am earnestly praying that God will speed the day when Leaves of Healing can be made a sixteen-page paper, but it is impossible to increase its size at present. A certain number of subscribers will be absolutely necessary before it would be wise, from a financial standpoint, to increase the size.

The next CONVOCATION, God willing, will be held July 11th to 21st. There should be a large attendance from outside of Zion City; and all persons intending to be present should write to Elder Carey, not later than June 1st, in order that satisfactory arrangements may be made for accommodations, inasmuch as Zion has no central boarding place. Room and board may be had with private families at reasonable rates.

The Editorial Notes in the Leaves of Healing, from now on to the time of the Convocation, will be devoted largely to the consideration of some of the important questions that will be answered at the Convocation.

Let all read earnestly what is written; and pray daily that God may guide by His Word and Holy Spirit.

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Keep Daily in mind that Zion's mission is to proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom; get the people saved, healed, cleansed, and blessed.

WATCH YE THEREFORE AND PRAY ALWAYS.

Steadfastness.

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you rest day nor night. That is a good sign. I believe the devil realizes that he has got to concentrate upon this people, because here are the people that endanger his kingdom, and satan knows it.

I expect, Brother Cummings, to remain in this Church if everybody else goes. You will only do it by God's help. How often people say, "Though everybody else should leave Zion, I will not," and they are the first ones to quit.

God hears everything you say, and so does satan. It is well for one to take heed lest he fall. We are getting a training here which means much for time and eternity. It is only when people listen to strange voices, and go off on speculative subjects that they get into serious trouble.

Zion is the Same Everywhere.

Real Zion people are the same the world over. What does an Elder want fooling around and spending his time in trying to discover who I am and what I am? I think a fellow that spends his time that way is not so much concerned as to who I am as he is in trying to make somebody believe he is something when he is not.

Zion, every twenty-four hours deepens my conviction that we are going to have a complete and final victory in the conflict in Zion City. (Amens) (Applause)

This morning, I received a registered letter, with a "Special Delivery" stamp on, and marked to be delivered into my hands and to nobody else under any circumstances. The letter informed me that I had been unanimously elected a member of the North Shore Gun Club. (Laughter). You say Zion City is not an interesting place? When I read the letter, and put it on my table, I thought to myself, "You poor fools, you will pay for your hilarity sooner or later!" They will pay for their conduct.

Transgressors Will Pay the Penalty.

Do not you think that because it does not come in a day or a week or a month that these transgressors will not pay the penalty.

A man in a saloon, when you tell him that whiskey is injurious, will laugh at you, and say, "Look at me. I believe in liberty. I have been drinking whiskey for thirty years." Before six months, he came down with delirium tremens of the worst type.

Last night, I never felt more strongly impressed in my life of the necessity of people getting right. Some of these people, when trials and troubles come, cannot pray: they do not know how to pray. You may exhort them lovingly to keep all fear and doubt out, but unless there has been a preparation, fear will come in.

In writing for today's Battle Axe, the Covenant in Exodus 15:26 came to me with very great force. If you want to receive what God has provided for you, then you have got to do what God tells you. Salvation is in our reach; so is Healing; still better is God's keeping Power, but there must be obedience.

My brothers and sisters, let us not think that we are perfect: we are far from being perfect. When I see those that you would have thought would have stood of all people in Zion, knocked hither and thither by satan, then I am led to ask, "Who next?"

A Brother: "The first shall be last."

The most stupid thing any one ever did was to allow what somebody else did to lead him away from God. When people are deceived, and do wrong, let them acknowledge it, and ask God to forgive them. Then there is hope for such an one. When a transgressor persists in his wickedness, then there is no hope for him.

No Respecter of Persons.

In dealing with offenders, I do not propose to show respect of persons. I have one condition for everybody. My ruling is that I do not propose to have any confusion in this Church. I am here to preach Christ, to help you get the Bread of Life and the Water of Life, and to make a pleasant, lovely Church home for you, and to have you, when you come, receive strength and comfort and help. I am not here to confuse your minds. I do not do that in my preaching.

Speculation in Religion Not Profitable.

If Elder Carey and his wife want to get off in a room at home and study these speculative subjects, I am not going to deny them that privilege; but if they want to talk it outside, I say, "No; they will not be allowed to do that." That is something I will not permit. Any one who does not want to stand with me can stand somewhere else.

Some people are all the time talking about the twelve apostles. The devil has deceived them. They think they are one of the twelve. Let us go ahead and do our work. I had a glorious time on last Lord's Day in Chicago. I never enjoyed preaching more in my life.

I do not think there is one here who joined this Church because Dr. Dowie declared, in 1896, that some day there would be twelve apostles. If they did, they were foolish. Did John Alexander Dowie ask you to accept that as a condition of fellowship?

Voices: "No."

Zion, let us be men and women of principle; let us get established. I do not like to lose one. If I did not have that desire, I would not spend the time I do with individuals to straighten them out.

Shall we permit Zion's enemies to be in the majority in Zion City?

Voices: "No; never."

They would be tickled if they only had the majority here. God, in His great goodness, has kept Zion so far, that in Zion City, she is in the majority.

Previous to 1901, John Alex. Dowie was a man simple in his ways, preaching the Gospel, and praying with the sick. It was not until 1901 that anything was said about these prophetic offices—many years after some of you came into fellowship in this Church.

I give the largest liberty in non-essentials, but I am not going to allow people to preach and teach them and disrupt the Body. Let us speak the same thing and think the same thing and walk together; and wherein we do not see eye to eye, let us forbear and be patient.

When any man or woman comes around me and begins saying, "Well, I have the courage of my convictions," I know it is about time to fire that one. I know what he means by that. He wants to make believe that he is not afraid of Overseer Voliva. I do not want anybody to be afraid of me.

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Let us attend to our work and preach the Gospel and be content. [Amens].

How a Job Affects a Man's Religion!

It is wonderful how loyal some people are as long as they have a job; but just as soon as they lose their job they lose all their Zion, and act as though the General Overseer has no right to cut anybody's allowance; in fact, no right to do anything. I have the right, and I will do it. If I find a man not measuring up to his position, I will put him out. That is just what I do, not because I do not have confidence in him, but because he is not competent. I am not in the business of creating jobs. No man can be Zion's leader and not have all these troubles. Zion is not going to be established upon a flowery bed of ease.

I believe with all my heart that Zion will triumph.

It does not make any difference who it is, God's work is God's work, and men and women cannot do as they like and say what they please. We have got to do right. Let us walk in the light as we have it. I believe that our people, generally speaking, are measuring up well. God has wonderfully kept them and blessed them.

Sickness the Result of Carelessness.

I notice, however, that there are a good many prayer requests during the month of March. I account for a good deal of this sickness by reason of the lack of wisdom on the part of the people. During this month you find me with the same clothing on and overshoes that I wore in January. I have noticed some people with light clothing on. Just the moment it begins to be a little warm, they throw off their overshoes and put on lighter clothing. March is the most dangerous month of the whole year.

There is a great difference between studying the Word of God in the sense of feeding upon it; and studying it simply to dissect it and analyze it and work out some fine-spun theory.

Dr. Dowie Kept Out Fanaticism.

One thing that made John Alex. Dowie's ministry a mighty power was that for many years he withstood every onslaught and made this movement absolutely free from all fanaticism. How often I heard him say to the officers, "You get the people saved and healed and cleansed, and get the family altars erected. That is your work." That is our work—a practical work.

Avail yourselves of the means of grace, and do not allow satan to make shipwreck of you. I do not believe that God takes a man out of Zion, do you?

Voices: No.

I believe God permits them to be taken out. I long to see this City far better than it ever was at any time. May God grant it. [Amens.]

Brother Cummings arose and said: "Will not God save Zion City just as He saves a sinner? A sinner has to yield himself to God and lay all on the altar. It is yield up all, give all. Obey God. I think sometimes that is the way He will save Zion City."

Sacrifice is Necessary.

Everything great in this world is attained only through sacrifice. All that God wants is to see people make sacrifices. God could not create this world until there was a sacrifice offered—the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. The sacrifice had to be provided before this old world was created. I believe God will save this City as quickly as you can snap your finger if we make sacrifices, and bring all we have and lay it all upon the altar. Let God have His way."

General Overseer: Our people are at rest. I have been in Zion ten years, and I never saw Zion more at rest than she is now. Our services are lovely services. I enjoy every minute on the Lord's Day in this Tabernacle. Our people are happy. They have the joy of the Lord in their hearts. What is the matter with these other people? We have two companies in this City: one in touch with God, and the other fellows are simply tools of the devil—they are now just what they always were.

Let Zion keep together. Some of our people are talking of going out of Zion City. Well, I have done all I can to keep them here. I guess they will be glad enough to get back after they have been out a while.

Elder Carey pronounced the

BENEDICTION

Witnesses to God's Healing Power

One With God a Majority.

Louisville, Kentucky, February 14, 1909.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:

Peace to thee!

Please find enclosed —— for tithes and — cents for offering. I am doing my best, and may God bless my small offering. I wish it were more, but I send it with a true and faithful heart.

I am very happy to say that the Lord has given me great strength, alone here, to battle with the evil one. My limb is getting better slowly. I am always told that if I would only give in and not be so contrary, and get a bottle of liniment, I would soon get well. I tell them the Lord will attend to me. He knows my trouble. I think the thigh bone was cracked a little. I can walk around the house and in the yard without the crutch, but I have to use it when I go anywhere. Dear Overseer, pray for me at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday afternoon, and I will join with you to God, my Heavenly Father, to help and strengthen me in faith. May God give wisdom and strength to fight for Zion, that no evil power may enter the city, is my prayer for you all.

Your sister in the Christ,

(Signed) Mrs. —— ——

Thanks God for Victory Over Severe Cold.

Arkansas City, Kans., March 9, 1909.

DEAR GENERAL OVERSEER:

Peace to thee!

I thank God and rejoice for victory over a very severe cold which settled on my lungs and threatened pneumonia. I am so glad to have learned to take my troubles all to God. I wish I were near some Zion people. Some day I hope to live in Zion City.

Enclosed please find $——, tithes for months of January and February.

Praying God's blessing upon you in your labor for the Kingdom, I am

Faithfully Yours,

(Signed) Mrs. —— ——

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The Prayer of Faith Saves the Sick.

Moline, Ills., April 9, 1909.

ELDER CAREY:

Peace to thee!

I want to thank you for requests asked, and prayers answered in my behalf as I am much better than I was. I was relieved in about twenty-four hours after sending the request and I know that was about the time it reached you; and as for my friend she has passed to the beyond.

She did not exercise faith for healing. She trusted to the arm of flesh and today is in her grave. Medicine certainly did its deadly work. The doctor gave her arsenic pills, and iodine both inside and out. I told her it would kill her and I am sorry it has.

Oh, I am so thankful that I can see farther than the arm of flesh. I thank God that the light has dawned upon me.

Praying God's blessings upon you all, I am

Your sister in the Christ,

(Signed) Mrs. ——— ———

The Children Praise God for Healing.

Zion City, April 9, 1909.

DEAR ELDER CAREY:

I wish to give my testimony for God healing me many times. I have never taken medicine since I was two years old, when I had my first Divine healing.

I was very sick with croup, choking till I was black in the face, and God instantly healed me. I was poisoned with ivy on my hands, arms and face. God healed me instantly when we prayed the prayer of faith.

On Lord's Day I took a severe cold in the illustrated song service, and again had croup. I coughed very badly and could not sleep till God healed me, and I want others to know how good God is.

I am eleven years old.

Your loving friend,

(Signed) JOHN HAROLD ZWEIZIG.

SPECIAL NOTICE

In view of the present legal complications, let all tithes and offerings be sent to Wilbur Glenn Voliva, and all envelopes simply addressed "Wilbur Glenn Voliva."

These tithes and offerings, together with all moneys, as has been the case for a considerable length of time, are held not as funds of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion, but are placed in the hands of a trustee as a special trust, and every cent carefully and prayerfully used for the Extension of the Kingdom of God.

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TAKE NOTICE

That the Thirteenth Annual Convocation of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion will be held, God willing, in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, from

JULY 11th to 21, 1909

Begin your preparations now to attend.
Full Program will appear later in Leaves of Healing and The Zion Herald.

WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA
(Successor to John Alexander Dowie)
General Overseer

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The Gospel of the Kingdom

PAUL

The Jew, The Persecutor, The Christian, Apostle of Jesus Christ.
A Living Example of the Gospel.
A Zion Man.

BY O. L. TINDALL

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Saul the Sinner.

There are a few important lessons I wish to point out from the life of Paul, or Saul, before he was converted. As a sinner, we find him a great violent persecutor of the Christians, and as the Voice said to him of the Christ, "Why persecutest thou Me?" Which meant simply this: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of My disciples, ye have done it unto Me." That is true whether you have done good or evil unto them. You cannot reject God's servants without rejecting Him.

We look upon Paul as a very wicked sinner because he persecuted the Christians. Saul was not a sinner, in the common use of the word. Paul was a great saint. He was a great church man. He was scrupulously religious. He was an earnest and devoted worshiper of the true God. He abhorred idolatry, the prevailing sin of the times. He was a devoted student of the old Bible and knew the Law and the Prophets, and kept them the best he knew. I don't believe he was a cruel man by nature. I imagine he was kind to the poor. I think he was an honest man. His bond or note was good on the market. He was no fool intellectually, but bright and clear-headed. All these, Paul claimed for himself, even after he was a converted man and saved, and had become an apostle of Jesus Christ.

He said boldly before the Council when speaking for himself, "Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day." Again, when before King Agrippa, in his defence, he said:

"My manner of life from my youth which was at the first among my own nation, at Jerusalem, know all the Jews. * * that after the most straitest sect of our religion, I lived a Pharisee."

Paul declares that even when he persecuted the Christians unto death, putting them in prison, giving his consent to the stoning of Stephen, the first Christian martyr, he was acting in all good conscience, thinking he was doing God's service. He says, "I did it ignorantly."

I affirm that Paul was no hypocrite, that he was an honest doubter, if ever there was one, in reference to the Gospel and to Jesus Christ. The most of the Pharisees, or at least many of them, were not sincere and honest. They were hypocrites. They knew better, therefore Christ denounced them in most scathing terms, and withering invectives. No language could be stronger. Paul was another kind of a Pharisee. I am of the opinion that there are not a great many "honest doubters," as they are called, nowadays. The most of men in Gospel lands come under the ban: That their deeds are evil because they love darkness rather than light. They are not willing to come to the light. Paul's case is a most notable one. He was most thoroughly and conscientiously religious and sincere, and yet most diametrically wrong and false and evil in his work and doings, and guilty of the most atrocious crimes; killing innocent people, men and women, and those who were doing the most good in the world.

What Was Paul's Sin?

It was purely the sin of ignorance, if there be any such. He verily thought he was doing God's service.

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What a comment on misguided zeal. Because Paul was honest and sincere he found mercy and forgiveness, he said. There is little hope of men who wilfully do wrong and justify themselves. After a time, God gives them over to believe a lie. He says: "Let them alone, they are joined to their idols."

Again, I believe that God will show sincere men the error of their way in some way, even if He has to work a great miracle to do it. God has promisd:

"If any man will do My will he shall know of the doctrine whether it be from God or not." On this ground I believe many of the heathen, so-called, will be saved even though they have not heard the Gospel preached. No man is without some light, and enough to be saved if he will improve all he has.

Is Conscience a Sure Guide?

The life of Paul as a persecutor is a most wonderful and clear commentary on the question "Is conscience a guide of life?" It smites forever such a fallacy. Men have been deceived by this false teaching and many a sin has been covered by its subtlety. What was the trouble with Paul? Wasn't his conscience all right? Surely; just as good as it ever was. He was entirely conscientious, he says of himself. A hypocrite is the only man that does not follow his conscience. A man violates his conscience when he acts contrary to what he believes to be right, whether it is right or wrong. The poor heathen who acts according to his convictions, absurd and wrong as they may be, is conscientious. The heathen are, perhaps, quite as conscientious as are we, and yet they are idolaters. It will be more tolerable in the day of judgment for them, I believe, than for millions of men in our Christian lands, because they live up to their light better than do men among us.

What was the Trouble With Paul?

I aver, it was in his education, and not in his conscience. His conscience was well trained. He showed that in his early life and in his later life when he learned the true way of life in Jesus Christ.

Had Paul had the right kind of teaching in the law and prophets he would have accepted Christ when He came. Paul was true to his teaching, just as Roman Catholics are true to their training. They go and pray to the Virgin Mary, and to saints, and go to a priest for pardon of their sins, and believe that the bread and wine of the Sacrament are made into the very body and blood of Jesus Christ, after they have been manipulated by the hands of their "holy fathers."

This is the rule of life and it is God's rule too, I may say, that a man is what he is made to be by those over him. You can train a child to believe almost anything, and God intended it to be so. God put your child into your hands to mold and make him a child of God, and not a child of the devil. You are responsible to teach that child and bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. It is like parents, like child. If you are a heathen, your child will be a heathen, and so on down the line. This is God's law. "Faith comes by hearing." If your child hears nothing else but the truth he will believe the truth. If he hears error and evil and is told black is white, and white is black, he will believe it. The Word of God teaches that men get where they call good evil, and evil good, and never know the difference.

There is only one Guide for men and that is the Bible. The Holy Spirit helps us to interpret the Word. He makes no new revelations. After that God has sent men to teach the Scriptures and put them over His people to teach them, it is, and always has been, *like priest* like *people*. That is true in doctrine and in life. That was true in Paul's case.

It was said of Israel, that "Israel was without God, and without a teaching priest, and without law for a long season."

Paul was what his fathers and teachers made him. He did carefully and conscientiously just what he was taught. His conscience taught him nothing. It was not put in him for that purpose. That is not its office.

Zion is built on that principle. She believes in having a teaching priest, and in having the right doctrines and truths taught to our children and to avoid and discard and reject and keep away forever from false teaching and false teachers. They are the most dangerous men in the world. How long will this city keep clean and right if every false kind of doctrine is brought in.

Down forever with that devilish doctrine that you should let your children go and hear everything and then choose for themselves. They are frustrated and confused, and more likely than otherwise to choose the evil way, for the heart is prone that way and how easy for the child to be led wrong, for the way of sin seems beautiful.

Oh, how easy for men to go in at the broad way and the wide gate that leads to death and destruction, and how many go in thereat!

Zion, teach your children the truth, and teach the people the truth. Zion has the truth as no one else has.

"Let Your Love Be Without Dissimulation"

Romans 12:9

BY ELDER FRED RICHERT

For the Lord shall comfort Zion; He will comfort all her waste places; and He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like a garden of the Lord. Isaiah 51:3.

God's Children Must Bear Fruit.

Every true and faithful member of Zion is "like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season." The rivers of living waters are flowing with refreshing, reviving, invigorating, and fructifying power from the Word of God, and through a faithful ministry. If the fields and pastures of Zion are not fruitful and blooming with living green; if the trees which cover these fields don't bear plenteous crops and fruits of (Phil. 1: 2) righteousness, it is because they are corrupt, rotten and decaying and because the enemy did sow tares in the Garden of the Lord. According to Isaiah the fifth chapter, God has done all He could do to make Zion like Eden, and therefore our Lord and Master is seeking fruit from the trees and fields of Zion. Mark 11: 12,24. In John 13:34, Jesus says to His disciples; "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."

This divine life, which transforms the waste places of this world into a garden of the Lord, is not a native plant of this sin-cursed earth. It was brought down from heaven by the Lord Himself. Christ had to break up the rocky soil of depraved humanity in the bloody sweat of His brow, and with His bleeding hands He planted and did sow the seed of the Word of God, watered it with His blood, and under the benign rays of His eternal love and grace this Divine love is growing, and makes the wilderness like Eden.

They Must Sacrifice.

The love of God implanted through Christ and shed abroad

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into our hearts through the Holy Spirit is a sincere and efficacious desire to do as much good as possible to our fellowmen, to bear one another's burdens, to labor and toil for the salvation and for the welfare of our needy brethren, to pray without ceasing, to sacrifice our talents, our time, our possessions; yea, our lives, if needs be, for the redemption of this lost world.

The Fruits of the World are Selfishness and Gain.

The love of the world is demon inspired and its fruits are selfishness and worldly gain. "If any man teach not the wholesome words of our Lord, he is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railing, evil surmisings, perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness; Zion, from such withdraw yourself." 1 Tim. 3:5.

Many came to Zion, "not because they saw the miracles, but because they did eat of the loaves and were filled." John 6:26.

The love of God, as revealed in the sublime teaching of Zion, is just contrary from the love of the world. Her goal and desire is to do good, to bring the consolation of the Gospel to our needy fellowmen, who are walking through the valley of the shadow of death, to their terrible doom, to relieve the weary and heavy laden of their heavy burdens of sin, sickness and sorrow, and to bring unto them the rest of our Lord.

"God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God; and God in him. "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son." John 3:16.

Jesus has loved the world with the same self-sacrificing love. He came not to receive tribute, or honor and homage, and to make humanity subservient to His ambitions, pleasures, and worldly glory like the princes and kings of this world. But He came to be obedient unto death, and to give His life for the redemption of a dying world. Christ has revealed His eternal love to a lost humanity in giving, and in sacrifice.

How few of the professed followers of Christ have learned the lesson of Divine love which flows like a river of living water into the wilderness of this world, and makes it like Eden. You will learn the lesson of well-doing, of giving and of sacrifice only at the feet of Jesus, and under the Cross of Calvary.

Thou Shalt Open Thy Hand to Thy Poor Brother.

"Thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother: but thou shalt surely open thy hand unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need in that which he wanteth." (Read Deut. 15:1-11).

The reference to the release led to a prescription regarding readiness to lend to the brethren. Loans were to be acts of charity, and the idea was distinctively kept in view, that a person should sometimes lend to the brethren. In that tenth verse God admonishes the people of Israel to give cheerfully. "Thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest."

Be not loath to part with your money on so good an account; support the cause of God freely; and grudge not a kindness to your brethren in Christ, and distrust not the Providence of God, as if you should want that yourself which you give in charity, but let it be a pleasure and a satisfaction to you to think that you honor God with your substance, doing good, and laying up for yourself a good security for eternity. "For this thing the Lord thy God shall bless thee."

An Open-Handed Life is Good Business Policy.

An open-handed life is the best business stimulus. A child of God works that he may have the more to give for God and for His brethren and thus be the more God-like. The reward is in the cheerful giver's own heart, the consciousness to have done the will of God the Father, and to follow the lofty example of Jesus the Christ and to obey the commandments of the Word of God is the highest reward for a faithful member of Zion.

You will find the Golden Rule of love which Jesus has laid down in Matthew 7:12. "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets."

Put yourself in another's place and then act to him as you would wish him to act towards you under the same circumstances. Here you may be a judge, and yet not be judging others, but judging for others.

This is the sum of the Word of God. If the whole world will follow this Golden Rule of love there will be no more worldly slavery, no Babylonian captivity, no war, no hypocrisy, no falsehood, no lying, and no deceit, but all will be justice and love. The Kingdom of God will be established on earth, the peace of God will flow like a river, sparkling and clear as crystal, the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose, the righteousness of God shall cover the earth like the waters of the sea, and Zion will be enthroned in the never fading glory of the rule of God.

God Abhors Hypocrisy.

"Let love be without *dissimulation* or *hypocrisy*." Paul reveals in the word "dissimulation" the detestable character of hypocrites, which fills every true and faithful member of Zion with horror and contempt. Jesus says: "Woe unto you hypocrites; for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him two fold more the child of hell than yourselves. Ye fools and blind, hypocrites. Ye are like unto whited sepulchres. Fill ye up then the measure of your father, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell? O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, . . how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold your house is left unto you desolate."

Beware of False Prophets.

Zion, "Beware of false prophets which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire."

Zion, let your love be without hypocrisy. "Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels, and have not charity I am become as sounding brass, or as a tinkling cymbal." 1 Cor. 13:1. Charity is the parent of all virtues; humility, truthfulness, patience, magnanimity, chasteness of temper which is the true nobility of redeemed humanity, the spirit of forgiveness which makes you God-like. Follow after charity, the sweet and salutary bond of the true Zion of God, without which the millionaire is poor. Love is patient in adversities, temperate in prosperity, strong in persecutions, cheerful in good works; secure in temptation, liberal in hospitality, divine in pardoning the sins of penitent brethren.

The Essence of Man's Sins is Selfishness.

"Love seeketh not her own." The essence of man's sin, the sum of his moral depravity is to himself supremely, to seek himself first and last, to make self the center of the whole world. Self is the great idol which mankind worships from Dan to Beer-Sheba and selfishness their grand interest. But the grace of God breaks down these idols in the hearts of penitent men and women and plants into the hearts the principles of divine love. "Charity never faileth." Yes, see its eternity, its immortal sway and rule in the heart of a true child of God. The brightest lights and celebrities of this world have been extinguished, the greatest empires have crumbled to pieces, all worldly glory,

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"WHEN THE LORD SHALL BUILD UP ZION, HE SHALL APPEAR IN HIS GLORY."

Zion means the Kingdom of God.

"But ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels.

To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect.

And to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel." Hebrews 12:22-24.

Zion, at first, was simply the name applied to one of the hills on which the City of Jerusalem was built, and later came to be used as synonymous with the name Jerusalem; and the earthly Zion or Jerusalem, therefore, was the type of the Kingdom of God, the heavenly Jerusalem, the new Jerusalem, the bride, the Lamb's wife.

Wherever, therefore, you find a company, no matter how small, of persons who have been born from above, and who are living in accordance with the laws and principles of the Kingdom of Heaven, there you will find Zion.

It was John Alexander Dowie who, towering spiritually above any other man of his time, declared, as the nineteenth century was drawing to its close, that Zion, in the Scriptures, meant the Kingdom of God; and from that day to this, the mere mention of the word "Zion" stirs, within the hearts of many, feelings of intense joy and appreciation; and awakens, within the breasts of satan's agents, intense hatred and fierce opposition.

The first article in Leaves of Healing, the first number printed in Chicago bearing the date of August 31, 1894, is headed, "Zion Tabernacle." This was the Tabernacle erected for a World's Fair Mission, and the first service in it was held on Lord's Day, May 7, 1893. This was the Tabernacle contemptuously dubbed by an apostate parson in Chicago as "The Little Wooden Hut."

John Alexander Dowie, in describing the reception accorded him in his earnest efforts to proclaim the Everlasting Gospel in this Tabernacle, writes as follows:

"But it attracted very little attention at that time, although vast multitudes of pleasure seekers passed its doors. Still it was open, for the greater part of the time, every day, save Saturday; and gradually, toward the end of the Fair, many began to attend the meetings. A severe winter, and widespread depression and destitution in the city and country followed the shameful scenes of wasteful extravagance, unbounded licentiousness, and inordinate vanity of that Vanity Fair. Our Tabernacle stood silent guard at the gates of the deserted "White City," and all through the winter the services were patiently continued, in the once thronged, but then deserted, region around the Fair Grounds. It was sometimes weary work; but we waited for the morning, and it came. We knew the Tabernacle had not done its work. Yes, it came, a steadily rising tide of blessing, until long ere the snow and ice had disappeared, thousands and tens of thousands, not only from Chicago, but from distant cities and states were thronging it, and all the surrounding buildings, almost to suffocation. Multitudes gathered far beyond its capacity and were glad to get a place outside a window, or within hearing distance, while hundreds stood within the Tabernacle, crowded the platform, the prayer-rooms, etc. Wave after wave of Divine power swept over these throngs, and God was glorified in thousands of conversions and healings through Faith in Jesus Christ."

In order to relieve the pressure at the little Tabernacle, meetings were held in the very center of Chicago, the first one being held on Lord's Day afternoon, April 15, 1894, in the Central Music Hall. This meeting was described as follows in the daily Inter Ocean of Monday April 16, 1894:

"Central Music Hall was packed from floor to ceiling yes-

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terday afternoon with persons drawn either by necessity, sympathy, or curiosity, to hear the Rev. John Alexander Dowie and the testimonies of those who had been cured of their diseases through his ministry. If the hall had been twice its size it could have been filled easily by the crowds that were turned away. For three hours, from 2:30 to 5:30, those who were fortunate enough to obtain admission were content to sit and drink in the proceedings, and the few empty seats left by those who went out during the service were speedily filled by others from the outside."

In the first of probably a number of addresses delivered Lord's Day Afternoon, May 2nd, 1909, in Shiloh Tabernacle, on the subject of "Zion—the Christian Catholic Church in Zion historically—during the years 1893-4-5-6-7 and 8," not only were the above events alluded too, but many other important events in Zion's development were described. Not only was I, as the speaker, but, so far as could be observed, practically all of the congregation were impressed with the fact that the first volume of the Leaves of Healing, covering the period from May 7, 1893 to October 4, 1895, reads more like the Acts of the Apostles than any other literature ever printed.

The Zion Movement—the Christian Catholic Church in Zion—attested by a thousand facts and more, had a most remarkable beginning; and, as four persons in the entire congregation present last Lord's Day stood up, thus signifying that they were present at the meeting held on May 7, 1893, I was impelled to say, "You may count yourselves happy indeed, for you enjoyed a privilege, the importance of which eternity alone will reveal."

It was during the period covered by Leaves of Healing, Volume One, that such unique and wonderful sermons as "The Opening of the Beautiful Gate of Divine Healing;" "The Sweet Redemption Song;" "If It Be Thy Will;" He Is Just the Same Today;" were delivered.

Those were, indeed, glorious days. The old path was sought out, and the people walked therein; multitudes were saved, healed, cleansed, and blessed; and one thing that was very striking was that the entire work was characterized by a simplicity and an earnestness born of God.

Let all of the Officers, members, and friends of the Christian Catholic Church——since 1904 called the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion——bear in mind that God placed me in charge of this work at a time when some departures had been made from the good old path,and that it has been my daily desire and prayer that God will use me in leading the people, one and all, back to the good old path where all will come to see that Zion's mission is to preach the Everlasting Gospel; get sinners saved; the sick healed; the polluted cleansed; and to establsh the rule of God in all the affairs of men.

There never has been but one perfect man, and that was the man Christ Jesus. God's servants, in all ages—even the Apostles and Prophets themselves—have had their imperfections, and have made their mistakes; and some of them, after having been mightily used of God for many years, departed, as in the case of Solomon.

Well do I remember, when a little child, having read the story of the Kings of Israel and Judah, and as I read saying, in my simple childlike way, "This king was a good one," and "This king was a wicked one;" and sometimes there would be one good king, and then two or three bad kings, and then another good king who would put away idolatrous worship, destroy the groves, restore the altars of God, and bring the people back into line with God's will.

The important thing for all Zion is to do the work, and not stop to discuss the work: in other words, let the work do the witnessing, and do not stop to write out and tack up labels.

One and all can understand the following illustration: A house wife has before her on a table a number of vessels. In one there is flour; in another, there is milk; in another, there are eggs; and in others, various ingredients. She takes a large vessel, and into it she places all the foregoing articles, and then stirs them thoroughly—at this point two neighbor women come in and say to her, "What is that you have there?" and she answers, "I don't know, but I hope finally it will be a cake." But these women insist upon her stopping and discussing with them the advisability of deciding at once what it is, and writing out a label and attaching it.

That is just the way some people acted toward John Alexander Dowie, and the marvelous works which God was doing through him. They said, "Now, stop a while and let us label the work, and let us label you, and then we will go forward."

Readers,cannot you see plainly that the proper thing for the housewife above mentioned would have been to have gone right on with her work, and ultimately she would have had a fine cake? Just so with John Alexander Dowie and the wonderful miracles of salvation and healing which God wrought through him: he and all associated with him should have gone right forward with the work; and time would have revealed what the movement was which God used him in inaugurating, and just what His purposes were in calling the Christian Catholic Church into existence.

My brothers and sisters, the fields are now already white unto the harvest. Faithful workers are needed to proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom; to show the sinner the way to God; to lead the sick away from their idols—doctors, surgeons, drugs, and surgical appliances— and to point them to Jesus the Christ, the Lamb of God, the Savior, the Healer, the Cleanser, and the Keeper.

In the name of the Lord, I cry unto one and all, Be practical! Do something for the establishment of God's Kingdom. Get Salvation yourself; get Healing yourself; get Cleansing from all iniquity. Put on the whole armor of God.

Be workers--work while it is day, "for the night cometh when no man can work."

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The age is drawing to its close.

The King is approaching.

The Lord must build up Zion, not man; but the Lord will do the work through faithful, earnest, consecrated men and women.

WATCH YE THEREFORE AND PRAY ALWAYS.

"Let Your Love Be Without Dissimulation."

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greatness and pomp are fading away. When I stood at the sarcophagus of the kings of England, and before the throne upon which these kings were crowned in Westminster Abbey, the history of the British empire passed in a great panorama before my spiritual horizon.

I thought of Harold, William the conqueror, Alfred the Great, Henry the VIII, Elizabeth, Marie Stuart, the long and bloody wars of the Roses, the Hanoverian kings, Victoria. Where are they? Where is their glory? They all sleep in the quiet slumber of death. When I saw their mausoleum and thought, "Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane, but the love of Jesus constant will remain; gates of hell can never 'gainst that love prevail.

Thrones and Kings Perish.

When I stood at the tomb of the great Napoleon in Paris and saw the trophies of war and the standards and banners which he had taken as trophies from the conquered enemies, I thought of his campaigns in Italy, Egypt, Spain, in Austria, Germany and Prussia. All his earthly glory has passed away. The great Napoleon, who at one time made Europe tremble, was silent in the sleep of death. At his grave I thought of his testimony upon St. Helena, when he said: "Alexander the Great, Caesar, Charlemagne, and myself have founded great empires, but we have founded them upon blood and they have perished. Jesus has founded His Kingdom upon love, and millions are bowing before Him, and worship Him. His Kingdom endureth forever." When I traveled through France I thought of the noble martyrs, the Huguenots, who have laid down their lives for the love of God. 64,000 perished in one night. Tens and hundreds of thousands sealed their faith with their blood because their love was stronger than death.

20,000,000 People Fell in One War.

When I traveled through Germany, Switzerland, and visited Austria, I thought, "My God! how often has the soil of these fertile lands been drenched with blood." In the Thirty Years War alone, 20,000,000 people perished. O Lord, how long? When shall the time come, when the angels of heaven shall join with redeemed humanity in the celestial anthem, "Peace on earth." When shall the never-fading glory of Divine love transform this world, which has become a pandemonium of demons, into Eden?

When shall her desert places become like the garden of the Lord?

The answer comes from the very throne of God, "Comfort ye, comfort ye My people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned." Zion, prepare ye the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

"O Zion, that bringest good tidings, Get thee up into the high mountain; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! He shall feed His flock like a shepherd: He shall gather the lambs in His arms, and carry them in his bosom."

Pure, holy Chistian love furnishes no soil for the roots of error; nor does it ever baptize truth in the waters of strife.

They that are indeed lovers of God are united, and meet Him as one center. They cannot but love one another. And as the Christian's love is pure in its cause, so in its effects and exercise, Zion's highest ideal is, that the brethren may further one another in their way to full enjoyment of God. And this is truly the love of a pure heart that both begins and ends with God.

"Charity suffereth long and is kind: charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up; is not easily provoked; thinketh no evil; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth." 1 Cor. 13: 4-8.

Love Makes Duty Easy.

Love makes all duties agreeable and easy. "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments, and by this we know that we love the children of God when we love God." 1 John 5:2-3. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto all good works, which God hath before ordained, that we should walk in them." "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and keep himself unspotted from the world." James 1: 27.

The love of God revealed in the true Zion is without vanity, without pride and self-glory. It is modest and humble and wants only God as a witness of her benign and benevolent works. Charity does not expect any praise, acknowledgment, or thanks for her work from any human being, knowing that God will reward the giving of even a glass of cold water in the Name of Christ. She humbly says, with Christ: "I did but do the will of our heavenly Father, to work while it is day. To give the last dollar, the last drop of blood, if needs be, for God, for Zion, and for the brethren, is the greatest and sublimest reward of charity. Dearly beloved in the Christ, why don't you accept the free gift of Divine love that cometh down from the Father of lights? James 1:17. Rev. 3:20. Jesus says: "Behold, Christ brings heavenly gifts to you without money and without price through His servants." Is it possible that you will not receive the love of Christ, who bled for you on Calvary? Will you really close the door for ever? Let the Savior in. He knocks at your door through the works of love of His servants. Remember the words of Jesus, "What ye have done unto one of these little ones that believe in Me, ye have done unto Me."

Paul has given a noble example of self-sacrificing love for Christ's sake. He says: "But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in tumults, in labors, in watchings, in fastings; by pureness, by knowledge, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things." 2 Cor. 6:4-10.

"Now the end of the commandment is charity, out of a pure heart." 1 Tim. 1:5. Divine love can dwell and abide only in a regenerated, and in a pure heart; and in the heavenly beatitudes Jesus says, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

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A Timely Warning and Important Instructions

By the General Overseer

As the General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion, I am ever alert, watching and guarding the interests of the Officers, Members, and Friends of the Church.

The supreme test of any person's love for God is clearly set forth in the Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter, and the twenty-first and twenty-third verses:

"He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me: and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him.

"Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love Me, he will keep My words: and My Father will love him,and We will come unto him, and make our abode with him."

As you will readily see after a prayerful study of these two verses, the supreme test of a man's love for God is his willing, faithful, earnest obedience to God's commandments; and just so the supreme test of a man's love for the people is his self-denial, self-sacrifice, and arduous labors on their behalf.

I want the people, at all times, to realize fully that I am their servant: they are not mine. As the General Overseer, I want to be a servant of God and all the people. God is very richly blessing Zion at this time, and with the dawning of each day, the indications become stronger and stronger, plainer and plainer that the words uttered long ago were wisely spoken, viz: that God would bring Zion out of all her troubles, purer, stronger, and, in every way, better prepared to proclaim the Everlasting Gospel, and be a blessing to sin-stricken, disease-smitten humanity.

It speaks volumes for Zion that God is richly blessing; and it speaks volumes that satan is, if possible, fiercer than ever in his determination to destroy Zion. Satan tried to destroy Jesus, the Christ, when He was an infant. Satan tried to destroy Him in the wilderness. Satan put Him to death upon the Cross—but God gave the victory, and Jesus came forth triumphant over death and the grave, and brought life and immortality to light.

God established Zion, and the day will come when one and all who have remained true and faithful,will praise God day and night that they never wavered, but walked by faith, knowing all the time that God was able to deliver His people.

Zion City was established by God, and no one should in the least be surprised that satan and his hosts are doing all in their power to vex, to hinder, to turn back, and to destroy.

There is in Zion City a large, noble company of true, faithful, loyal people, and the time has now come when, without any hesitancy, I say to true, loyal Zion people everywhere, if you feel led of the Holy Spirit to move to Zion City, then by all means follow His leading. But I would warn all Zion people, not only in Zion City, but everywhere: do not under any circumstances take any steps without entering into consultation (either by letter or in person) with Elder Carey, Deacon O. W. Farley, or myself.

My advice to Zion families who would like to come to Zion City is to come. If Zion people now living in Zion City, or any outside who want to come to Zion City, wish to buy property, they should, first of all,consult Deacon O. W. Farley either by letter or in person. This advice should be heeded by one and all, as we want to help you and protect you, and show you how to make the wisest possible use of money.

Personally, I should be glad to see good, loyal Zion families come to Zion City and, after seeing Deacon Farley, arrange to buy from one to five acres or more of land from the Zion estate, and establish homes, and assist in creating a large farming constituency. There is employment for boys and girls, as will be seen by the following ads. which appear on the fourth page of the Zion Herald.

> YOUNG LADIES sixteen and over desiring employment apply at Handkerchief Factory, Phone 32 or see Mr. Curtis.
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You will all understand when I say with the greatest possible emphasis, that one of the distinctive tenets of Zion has been Zion in business, and this principle, assisted by many earnest helpers, I am carrying out. Zion Stores, Zion Barber Shop, Zion Printing Plant, Zion Coal Yards, and other institutions have already been launched, and the expectation now is that other institutions will be launched at no far distant date.

The policy of Zion people should be:

EVERYBODY AT WORK;

EVERYBODY FAITHFULLY PAYING TITHES;

EVERYBODY FAITHFULLY GIVING THEIR OFFERINGS AS GOD PROSPERS THEM;

EVERYBODY SAVING A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF THEIR EARNINGS EACH MONTH; and in this way within a few years the Zion people could accumulate hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The Zion commercial institutions are under the immediate direction of Wilbur Glenn Voliva W. Hurd Clendinen, and I. J. Thurston, assisted by the other members of the Zion Council, and the institutions are run on the profit-sharing basis. Zion stands uncompromisingly against competition, and advocates Christian cooperation: one and all cooperating for the extension of God's Kingdom. I shall endeavor God helping me, to carry out all the legitimate promises of John Alexander Dowie so far as profit-sharing institutions are concerned; and I believe, with the loyal support of the Zion people, many important and excellent things can be done which he did not promise.

You should read Zion Herald and Leaves of Healing carefully every week.

Again I warn you one and all, both in and outside of Zion City: DO NOT INVEST A DOLLAR UNTIL YOU HAVE FIRST COUNSELED WITH DEACON O. W. FARLEY EITHER BY LETTER OR IN PERSON. He is a faithful Zion man, and a thoroughly up-to-date real estate man, and any advice that he may give you in real estate matters you may rest assured is good advice.

We want true Zion people to come to Zion City,—no others are wanted, and they will find themselves out of their proper place if they come. Zion City was established by God, through Zion people, for Zion people and Zion people only.

Earnestly praying that God may guide you, one and all, by His Word and Holy Spirit, I am

Faithfully in Jesus' Name,

WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA, General Overseer.

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The Thirteenth Annual Convocation

of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion

will be held, God willing, in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, from Lord's Day, July 11th to Wednesday Evening, July 21, 1909. . . . . .

¶All of the Officers, Members, and Friends of Zion should begin their preparations, immediately after they read this notice, to come to Zion City, and be present throughout the entire Convocation.

The program, in full, will appear next week in Leaves of Healing and The Zion Herald.

All persons planning to come should write to Elder E. L. Carey not later than June 1st, so that arrangements can be made for room and board in various private houses.

This Convocation will mark the beginning of another period of a great onward movement in Zion's work. Let one and all earnestly pray that God will call and train two workers to be sent to the United Kingdom; two workers to be sent to South Africa; two workers to be sent to Australia; and many earnest workers to be sent to different parts of the United States and Canada.

Expecting to see you at the Convocation, and earnestly praying God's richest blessings upon you, I am,

Faithfully yours in Jesus' Name,

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

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The Gospel of the Kingdom

Christ Our Righteousness

A Divine Healing Address Delivered in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, Tuesday Afternoon, March 9, 1909,

By Elder Fred Richert

REPORTED BY T. FROST.

Will you please turn with me to Isaiah 51:3 where you will find the following words:

For the Lord shall comfort Zion: He will comfort all her waste places, and He will make her wildernesses like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

You will notice that the chapter begins with the following words:

Hearken unto Me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.

This chapter was written as a consolation and comfort for Israel in the captivity in Babylon.

You remember that the Children of Israel had been taken from Jerusalem, for God permitted them to be taken on account of their sins. But God's love followed His people even to the Babylonian captivity. There was a remnant left in whose heart was the truth, and who had a longing for the living God.

Let us look for a little while at the righteousnes which God has revealed unto us through His blessed Son, Jesus the Christ.

The righteousness of God is a free gift to each and every one of us. In order to understand it perfectly, you have to turn to Calvary where Jesus the Christ has died for every one of you. There it will be revealed unto you on the one hand the awfulness of sin; and on the other hand, the love of our Father—His eternal love.

The blood of Jesus the Christ has been shed for each and every one, and the promise has been given to all who are far away from God, their Heavenly Father, that God, in His infinite love and mercy, will seek them even if they are in Babylon, and bring them back again to the fold of God. The Good Shepherd, who came down from Heaven and gave His life as a ransom for many, will go out into the cities of the world where people are in captivity, the dreadful captivity of the devil, the flesh, and the world.

Christ's Glorious Work.

How glad and glorious is the Gospel! How it makes the heart rejoice when we hear that Jesus the Christ has brought the Glad Tidings that the walls of Jehricho must crumble to dust, the doors must be opened, and the devil's power be broken. Death and hell must be destroyed, and the captives must be set free. God will change the desolation into Eden, where He can enter your heart and turn your heart to Him and fill it with His eternal and divine truth.

Therefore, I do thank my heavenly Father for this glorious and wonderful promise:

For the Lord shall comfort Zion: He will comfort all her waste places, and he will make 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.

God says here, furthermore,

Hearken unto Me, My people, and give ear unto Me, O My nation: for a law shall proceed from Me, and I will make My judgment to rest for a light of the people.

My righteousness is near; My salvation is gone forth, and Mine arms

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shall judge the people: the isles shall wait upon Me, and on Mine arm shall they trust.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath; for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but My salvation shall be for ever, and My righteousness shall not be abolished.

"The heavens shall vanish away"—when I thought of those words, it came to me how wonderfully God has redeemed His people, and delivered them. When they were far away under the oppression of the Babylonish Empire, God called the mighty conqueror Cyrus to come and open the doors, and set the captives free. God, in His infinite love and mercy, knew what to do to redeem His people, and opened the way again for them to return to Jerusalem.

Now, God has set up His King although the heathen rage. Jesus the Christ has come to break down the walls of the devil, and to open the door for each and every one. The Glad Tidings are preached, and God proclaims, through His messengers who are sent to the nations, that the great year of Jubilee has come; that the captives must be set free; and that the people must repent and follow our Heavenly Father like Abraham did.

How did Abraham seek after righteousness? He was all alone. He was in a wicked world where the people bowed down before idols, and who knew not God. They were in the night of sin.

The Example of Abraham.

Abraham looked to God and heard the voice of his Heavenly Father. God said to him, "Get out of that land. Get out of the surrounding nations. Go into the land which I will show unto you." It has been the same thing with every one of you. God spoke to you when you received the Leaves of Healing, and Zion teaching, and He said, "Get out of the land where thou dwellest. Get out of the surroundings you are in. Get out of the Churches."

That came clearly to me just as if God Himself spoke to me. We did not know where He would lead. We could not see the way, and we had no idea of the future. The night was dark, but one thing was clear, that God intended each and every one to get out. But there were the walls and the doors, the churches and the friends, and those people who proposed to keep us back. Lot's wife was filled with love for her riches, and she turned around and became a pillar of salt.

All these things keep you back, but the almighty hand of God is able to remove every hindrance when He commands you to get out of the world and out of the churches where you are, to come into Zion. He shows you by faith the land of promise; the land where milk and honey flows; where the redeemed of the Lord shall gather to form a nation of holy, consecrated people; a land where God's Law shall be a light unto the nations; where Jehovah will reveal His blessings, His truth and His power; where the prayers of the redeemed will go up to the Throne of God, and the mercy, peace and grace of God will come down; where the people shall walk in the light as He is in the light, and where the blood of Jesus the Christ will cleanse you from all sin.

We have to walk by faith to this land God has revealed unto us. Although we cannot see it, yet we have to fight, and remember, Zion, that we have to go through the wilderness sometimes. We are not yet at home. We have not reached the blessed land of Canaan. Abraham listened to God, not to man.

Listen Only to the Voice of God.

Zion, you do well to listen to the voice of God. What does God say? When I was in Switzerland, all alone, cut off, so to speak, from everybody for seven months, when the trouble in Zion came, I said, "What does God say?" I did not care, nor do I care today what other people think. It is, What does God say?

Listen to the command from God, "Look unto Abraham your father." That means you are to get out of the world, for you cannot have any communion with the things of this world. It is imposible, The true Zion must be separated, they must get out and follow our leader, and be humble and obedient, come what may, if it costs your life. (Amens).

We had a glorious meeting in Chicago last Lord's Day. I was so glad that the people there were filled with the old Zion spirit. You know that Jesus the Christ came down and said, "I came to kindle a fire." I wish it would burn now. I saw with joy that the fire of Zion's eternal truth was burning upon every altar. The people gave themselves to God, and were willing to follow our leader and to be humble and faithful to God. Every one stood up, not a single one refused to stand for Overseer Voliva.

We Must Stand By Our Leader.

I said, "Dear people, while some people accuse the Overseer and talk against him, and say this and that against him, yet I assure you he is a man of God." I told them I would be perfectly willing to lay down my life for him, and go with him as long as he followed Christ.

After I had spoken to them in an after-meeting for about half an hour, I said, "All those who want to promise, before God and the holy angels, that they will be true and faithful, and want to follow their leader, and want to be true and faithful to the end, let them stand and give themselves to God and consecrate themselves to God and to Zion." Everybody stood up. I thank God. My heart rejoiced. I looked back to those days when I was in Central Zion Tabernacle when Dr. Dowie called upon those people to stand up and pray the Prayer of Consecration. In those days it seemed as though the chariots of Heaven would come down. The power of God was revealed. The sick people were filled with Divine hope and faith from on High to receive the blessings of strength and health. They plunged into the River of Salvation, Healing and Holy Living, and were made whole again.

O, for such a nation! Even if we have to fight some battles, even if we have to fight Amelek and other enemies, yet God calls upon us to get out of the world and the churches and have nothing to do with hypocrites who turn away and fall by the wayside. (Amens).

When Moses read that Ninetieth Psalm he stood in the midst of the congregation. He said, in the Ninety-First Psalm, "A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not" what?

Voices: "Come nigh thee."

I tell you what he saw. Those people did not believe God. We have quite a number today who do not believe that God is able to overthrow all enemies, and overthrow all the powers of the devil, and even to make a way through the wilderness, to give unto His people manna from on High, and to let the water of Life flow out of the rock.

We have quite a number of people like that. They do not believe the Father can take them over Jordan and give them mighty cities and the promised land.

God therefore told them to go back into the wilderness. That is just what those people do, I might say those fools who have seen the wonderful works that He has wrought in Zion. Now they are standing on the border of Canaan. They have seen the wonderful deliverances wrought by Him in the past, His mighty works in leading the people through the Red Sea.

They have protection, manna to eat, and water from the River of Life to drink. We can draw out of the wells of Salvation the Water of Life which He has revealed through Jesus the Christ.

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Some woman here in Zion City has had a revelation, and teaches some other way. Now she and those with her have to go back into the wilderness. Moses saw those people fall by the thousand. He saw their bones bleach in the wilderness under the scorching sun. He saw the disobedience and unbelief. They were hurled into an early grave. God said, "Not one of you, who will not follow your leader, who does not believe I am able to overthrow the enemies of God, not one of who are cowards and flinching from the duties, will see the promised land." That is what He will do. Those people are doomed.

God is Our Refuge.

Then they went back, but Moses looked up to God. Over six hundred thousand men perished. He looked up to his Heavenly Father and said, as recorded in the Ninetieth Psalm,

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

God has been our refuge, and even today we can dwell and abide in the "secret place of the Most High, and abide under the shadow of the Almighty." He will cover us with the feathers of His wings, and protect us. His truth is our buckler to keep off the arrows of the evil one. He will protect and lead us, and give us the blessed assurance of a sure victory.

Now He will change your desolation and your wilderness into Eden. How glorious it is when you go to the twenty-second chapter of Revelation and see how the River of Life is flowing from the Throne of God. The Lord Jesus the Christ has taken the curse away. He has removed sin, and now the River, pure as crystal, is flowing into each and every heart. You cannot see any paradise without the River of God and the Tree of Life. Jesus the Christ is the Tree of Life.

He has revealed unto you the fruit and leaves which you can take for the healing of yourselves and the nations.

How often, when you come to God in prayer, when you read the Word of God, and your faith rises above the clouds and the storms of time, and you see the Sun of Righteousness shining in His glory, you can draw nigh to your Heavenly Father and take of the fruits of the Tree of Life. The glorious promises of God are a light in the darkness.

By faith you can take these fruits and present them to your Heavenly Father, and the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to each and every one who has repented of their sins, will reveal the wonderful depths and heights of the glory of God in the Salvation, Healing, and Blessing of all who draw nigh to the Throne of Mercy and plead with God, "O God, remember Thy child."

We Come to God as Children.

We can come to God as children. As a child of God I can come to Him in the name of Jesus the Christ. The hand of my blessed Redeemer will remove my sins, and the Sun of Righteousness will shine in eternal glory.

Are the waves of sorrow and suffering rising, and are you threatened with shipwreck? The voice of Him Who silenced the waves on the Lake of Galilee, will silence them now. He stands up and says, "Fear not; peace be still." Everything is quiet, and you are sailing forward to the haven of rest, led by the merciful hand of the blessed Redeemer.

Is the devil in the way as a roaring lion? Remember, then, that He Who sent the angel into the lion's den when Daniel was there, is willing to send His angel, yea, not only an angel, but His Son, the merciful Savior, who will crush satan's head, the serpent's head as well as the lion's head, and He will set the captives free.

He will change your desolation and wilderness into a wonderful garden of God, and in this garden you have communion with your Heavenly Father.

You remember, in Paradise, God came down into the garden. When Adam and Eve had done their day's work, He was walking among the trees, and they had sweet communion with their Heavenly Father.

Now, after the burden and heat of the day, you can draw nigh to your Heavenly Father and have sweet communion with Him in the name of Jesus the Christ.

He comes to you to bring unto you the blessings from heaven, the peace which shall never pass away. He comes to bring unto you the blessed assurance that your Father is near to guide you by His hand, and to give you victory over every enemy. You will be surrounded by the paradise of eternal life which the Father will reveal in your heart.

Then you will find that though the heavens pass away the righteousness of God, which is His eternal truth, will stand. It will never pass away.

Now, when you are standing upon the Rock of Ages, and you look by faith to your Heavenly Father, and believe that whatever you ask for shall be given unto you, remember what He said here; remember His mighty works which He has done in Egypt.

Remember Your Past Blessings.

Beloved, look back upon your past life and remember how often He has revealed His mighty power when you had to fight the devil, sin, the world, and hell. Think of the days when you were in bondage in Egypt, and how He set you free. That powerful hand, which is able to overthrow every enemy, has set you free.

Remember when you were in Egypt, when the blood of Jesus the Christ was revealed, and when the angel of death was flying over your homes. Think of the days when you were in Egypt when the darkness of this world covered the whole neighborhood; when the light of God's truth enlightend your understanding, and you walked in the light which He has revealed in the Gospel.

Remember how, when you were in Egypt, He led you out with a mighty and powerful hand when there was no hope of escape. You were sick and desolate; the waves of sorrow were before you like the Red Sea before the Children of Israel; the mountains of difficulty were on both sides, and the devil with his hosts like Pharaoh at your back, but God opened a way, and you are here as monuments of His eternal love.

That is the way He will strengthen your faith. When you see difficulties looming up, do not think, "I cannot overcome this battle: it is too hard for me."

Some sister says, "Elder, I have so little faith. I do not know how to overcome. If I only had more faith!"

God takes you by your hand and says, "Now, you remember those mighty and wonderful works which I have done in Egypt. Recall how I overthrew the enemy and set you free and delivered you. Therefore, in the name of Jesus the Christ, look up to Me. I am the Mighty Deliverer."

Zion, let us pray as Isaiah prayed. He said,

O Lord, let Thine arm be set free and reveal its hidden power.

Why did he pray that? Is not the Father always willing to reveal His power?

The Arm of God Will Deliver.

The "arm of God" is synonymous with the "power of God." Is not He always willing to reveal His power? I will tell you why the Prophet prayed that prayer, and why we should pray it. We have power to check the power of His arm.

Therefore, in order that the arm of the Father may be revealed, and the mighty works and healings be seen again in Zion, let each one of us be right with the Father. If there is anything in us which is not right, let us get right down before our Father at the foot of the Cross of Calvary.

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He sendeth His word PATIENCE and healeth them.

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HEADQUARTERS OFFICES OF THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH IN ZION, CITY HALL BUILDING, ZION CITY, ILLINOIS, U. S. A., May 14, 1909.

TO ALL THE OFFICERS, MEMBERS, AND FRIENDS OF ZION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD:

PEACE BE TO YOU!

As a further preparation for the coming Convocation, which will be held, God willing, in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, from July 11th to July 21st, 1909, your prayerful attention is called once more to the Editorial Notes in Leaves of Healing of last week, Volume 23, Number 18, bearing the date of May 8, 1909; and also to the following Notes which, as will readily be seen by all who carefully consider and prayerfully study them, are of far-reaching importance, not only to all who long to be faithful workers in proclaiming the Everlasting Gospel to sin-stricken and disease-smitten humanity, but to the multitudes to whom the message shall be delivered.

Important questions affecting one's welfare for time and eternity should not be hastily decided.

I call upon one and all, as far as it is possible, to read, reread, and to study earnestly Volumes One and Two of LEAVES OF HEALING, which describe, in part, the manifestations of God's power in Zion from May 7, 1893 to October 23, 1896.

On page 195 of Volume II, January 3, 1896, there appears the following Editorial Note:

"A SPECIAL GENERAL CONFERENCE OF ALL BELIEVERS who are interested in the organization of

THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

will be held in Zion Tabernacle No. 2, Wednesday Evening, January 22d, to which friends of Zion from far and near are invited to come. Preliminary proposals will be submitted and further action decided upon."

On page 221 of Volume 2, there appear the following statements made in the course of a sermon delivered in the Chicago Auditorium:

"Until now the work I have been conducting for seven and a half years in America has been under the form of a Divine Healing Mission. I am, as many of you know, the President and the Founder, under God, of the International Divine Healing Association. We have correspondents and have branches in all parts of the world; but the mission in America has been somewhat different to the other work, and eventually we saw in 1893 that it would be better to separate the mission in Chicago from the general work of the Association, and conduct it as a Divine Personal Mission. Since 1893 therefore, in May, this has been conducted as a Divine Healing Mission. God has given to us many thousands of friends and we have had many thousands of conversions. Our people are clamoring all over the land for ecclesiastical organization.

"Now we intend to have a Conference for the purpose of determining upon the form that that organization will take, but we have determined to propose to call it

The Christian Catholic Church.

"We will call it Christian because the Church is purchased by the blood of Christ and is His Body.

"We will call it Catholic because it is Universal, and I say, with the Apostles' Creed, "I believe in the Holy Catholic Church." That is not the *Roman* Catholic Church, nor the *Greek* Catholic Church, nor any other with an adjective such as that before it, but I believe in the Church of Christ, and I believe it is sanctified by Him, and I believe that Church should be Catholic. The word Catholic means Universal, and it is a scriptural word, for it is the word used in the designation of the seven General Epistles of the Apostles James, Peter, John and Jude. The *General* Epistle of John is the *Catholic* Epistle of John, and so on. These Epistles are entitled the Catholic Epistles because they were addressed not to particular Churches, as were those of Paul to the Romans, but to the Church as a whole, and therefore are called Catholic. The term is a beautiful one, and was used in the earliest ages of the Church to represent the Universal Church as distinguished from the merely local assemblies of the Church.

"The Church is more than a Christian community in a village, town, city, or country. It is the "General Assembly and Church of the First Born whose names are written in Heaven." Every one who is a true follower of Christ; who has truly repented and truly trusted Christ, is a member of that Church. We must be Catholic in spirit; not a petty sect, but cordial in

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fellowship with all who are Christ's. We must have Unity in things essential, Liberty in things which are non-essential; and Charity in all things. A Church that shall have the love of God shed abroad in the hearts of its members by the Holy Spirit, and which will give great freedom in all right things, not being exacting as to mere words, is a Church that will have essential and real unity in all things that are essential.

This Church will now be formed during this year.

The first Conference concerning it will be held on the date mentioned, and it will be open to all who are already consciously converted Christians, and who are desirous of earnestly considering, in a prayerful spirit, the proposals which will be submitted in the formation of this Church."

On page 243 of Vol. II, the following interesting Editorial Notes appear:

"But there is 'a more excellent way' than fighting it out in these withering Churches where intolerance has replaced liberty.

"At least that way will be opened to all who are of 'like precious faith' in Chicago ere long: for the CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH will soon be ready to receive the persecuted members of all Churches which refuse to allow their members liberty to believe in God's Word, 'I am the Lord that healeth thee.' 'I am the Lord, I change not.' So long as people do not live out their beliefs, just so long will miserable hypocrites keep silence in the Churches. But the moment faith is accompanied with works then these unscriptural hirelings, who are slaves to potions and to pills, will cry out for 'their craft is in danger to be set at naught.'"

"After trying for nearly twenty years to get the Churches to be kind to their own members who believe in the Lord as their Healer, we have come to the conclusion that, for the most part, the attempt is fruitless, and so we are going to take care of our own converts, and of all the Lord's people whom He leads to us. Life is worth more than to spend it in fighting for the right to remain in fellowship with such narrow-minded bigots, such jealous, mean-spirited, envious and false shepherds. 'Leave them alone, they be blind leaders of the blind.'"

The first Conference, looking toward the organization of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, was held in Zion Tabernacle No. 2, on Wednesday Evening, January 22d. There were seven hundred persons present, and the Conference lasted from eight p. m. until eleven p. m.

John Alexander Dowie, whom God had so marvelously used for many years to the Salvation, Healing, and Cleansing of thousands, delivered a very IMPORTANT ADDRESS. At the close of the address it was announced that the address would be printed and distributed, and that the Second Conference would be held on Wednesday afternoon, February 5th. This address was printed in Leaves of Healing Volume Two, Number Seventeen, bearing the date of January 31, 1896.

The Second Conference was held on the date above mentioned, and the address delivered was printed in LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume II, No. 18, bearing the date of February 7th, 1896. Both of these addresses can be had in pamphlet form entitled, "THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH," by addressing Zion Herald, City Hall Building, Zion City, Illinois, U. S. A., and enclosing ten cents.

It is my earnest desire that all of the Officers, Members, and Friends of Zion, study these addresses very, very prayerfully. It is not talking that we want at this time, but earnest, prayerful study and a close daily communion with God, seeking to know His will in reference to all matters pertaining to His Kingdom.

Of all the positions taken by John Alexander Dowie, founder, under God, of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, in the two Conferences held, one particularly called forth many questions, and provoked some discussion, viz: The Perpetuity of the Apostolic Office in the Church. In support of this position, the attention of all interested was called to the fact that there were twenty-one Apostles named in the New Testament; and the Scriptures quoted for special study were:

Matthew 16:13-20;
St. John 20:19-23;
Matthew 18:15-20;
Acts of the Apostles, chapter 1;
Ephesians 4:1-16;
1 Cor. 12th chapter.

In speaking of the perpetuity of the Apostolic Office, among other things he said:

"The Apostolic office must be declared as belonging to the Church; and it shall be declared to be a perpetual office. It is our duty to declare that the Church of God shall eventually, and as speedily as possible, be so organized.

"We have nothing to do with consequences. God will call His Apostles in His own time and way by the Holy Spirit. I do not think I see any of them yet, but that does not alter the fact that we have got to organize this Church as God did it. It must be upon the pattern that God gave.

"My point is this, and I want it to reach the Church wherever the report of this Conference will go, and it is this that in the early Church as fast as an Apostle died, another one was selected and put in his place, and man after man stepped in to fill up the Apostolic blanks and therefore, the Apostolic office was intended to be perpetual in the Church."

In this connection, I call upon all of the Officers and Members of the Church everywhere to bear in mind that it is the height of folly to stop in the glorious work of proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom, getting the sinners saved, the sick healed and the polluted cleansed, storming the strongholds of the devil, putting him and his cohorts to rout, and establishing the Rule of God in the affairs of men, to argue and to quarrel over the correctness or the incorrectness of the position taken on the subject of the perpetuity of the Apostolic office in the Church.

Was not the ministry of John Alexander Dowie indeed a remarkable ministry, lo, many, many years before the Christian Catholic Church was organized; and did not God, through him, save, heal, cleanse, and bless multitudes of people; and did not his ministry attract world-wide attention?

Will not God, who is ever the same, if we are wholly con-

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secrated, and faithfully proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom, richly bless us to the Salvation, Healing, and Cleansing of multitudes?

My direction to the Church, therefore, is that they shall study this position, not talk about it and discuss it, but earnestly pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit; and in years to come God will clearly show to one and all of His dear children the truth in the matter.

I have been asked repeatedly to declare my position; some have even refused to support me because I would not discuss the question; but I am too busy preaching the Gospel, toiling for the salvation of the sinner, the healing of the sick, the cleansing of the polluted; and I will not speak until God, in the name of Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, has shown me beyond a doubt, just what He would have me say.

The time may be close at hand or it may be years away when, with perfect unanimity, all of us, from the least to the greatest, may be clearly guided by God to to take a decided position one way or the other on the subject of the perpetuity of the Apostolic office in the Church. At the present time, we are all agreed that "the fields are white unto the harvest," and that faithful workers should be sent north, east, west, and south, indeed into all parts of the world to proclaim the Full Gospel for spirit, soul, and body.

At the time the Church was organized, notwithstanding the fact that John Alexander Dowie's ministry had attracted world-wide attention, that he had been, for a number of years, used in a wonderful way in preaching the Gospel, and his preaching had been followed "by the signs and wonders," he said:

"But I, too, am perfectly honest when, with no mock humility, I say to you from my heart, 'I do not think I have reached a deep enough depth of self-abasement and effacement for the high office of Apostle, such as he had reached who could say, and mean it, too, 'I am less than the least of all saints, and not worthy to be called an Apostle.' But if my good Lord can ever get me low enough and deep enough in self-abasement and self-effacement to be truly what I want to be and hope in a measure I am,—'a servant of the servants of the Lord'—why, then I should be an Apostle by really becoming the servant of all.

"No man has ever approximated toward that sacred office without feeling that if ever God called him to it, it would be a call to a cross, and perhaps to a martyr's crown.

"No man shall ever assume that office in these days, or have it given to him by God, without being willing to take that which, perhaps without exception, was the reward of every Apostle of whom we read in Scripture, that they had to die; that they had to seal with their very life's blood, their Apostolic office.

"If I should be called to that office, I feel I should be glad, in the depths of my heart, to die. I do not think I am afraid to die for Christ. I live for Him.

"But, my friends, in becoming an Apostle, it is not a question of rising high, it is a question of getting low enough. It is not a question of being a 'lord over God's heritage,' it is a question if a man shall be called to be an Apostle, whether he can get low enough, low enough to say from the depths of his heart to say the words that Paul said when he said, 'It is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, of whom' not 'I *was* chief', but 'of whom I *am* chief.' Did you ever read that? Did you ever read that the chief of Apostles had humility enough to say that he was the chief of sinners? I do not know if any persons here have got a notion in their minds that Apostolic office means a high pompous position, wearing a tiara and swinging a sceptre; if so, they are entirely wrong. It means a high position, truly, an authoritative position and power truly, but the power of one who can take the lowest place."

He furthur said,

"I am not claiming any office. No man has heard me claim any office. I am a teacher, and have taken no other place. I have not stood here claiming to be recognized as a prophet; I have not stood here claiming to be recognized as an Apostle, but I have stood here as an authoritative teacher."

The Christian Catholic Church was formally organized on February 22, 1896. The charge to the Church was formally delivered by John Alexander Dowie, the General Overseer, and was based on two portions of the Second Chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. Special emphasis was placed upon the passage of Scripture, "And they continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and in prayers."

He exhorted the members to be steadfast, and to hold fast to Apostolic doctrine, and with great earnestness said:

"Repentance is the first word that must ring out from every pulpit of the Christian Catholic Church; and from my lips, as Overseer of this Church to a world dying in sin, will ever ring out the command, 'Repent.' "

He continued by saying, "The first word in Apostolic doctrine is 'Repent.' It is also the beginning of the Gospel. (See the first chapter of the Gospel according to St. Mark.) It is the first plank in Christ's own teaching. (See the 14th and 15th verses of the first chapter of Mark.)"

Following repentance is Baptism—the Apostle Peter said: "Be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus for the remission of your sins."

In speaking of the Apostolic Fellowship, he said, as recorded on page 297 of Volume II, "I make no claim to be an Apostle."

Having now called your prayerful attention to many important facts connected with the work which God wrought through John Alexander Dowie prior to the organization of the Christian Catholic Church, and many facts connected with its organization, I wish you to bear in mind that the years 1896-7-8-9 and 1900,during which years John Alex.Dowie was the General Overseer, and the name of the Church simply CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ZION, the success was remarkable. Many thousands were converted, saved, healed, cleansed and blessed. Every Wednesday night and every second Lord's Day in each month for years in Central Zion Tabernacle, persons,

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upon profession of their repentance toward God, and faith in Jesus, the Christ, were baptized by Triune Immersion.

I mention and emphasize the fact of thousands having been saved, healed, cleansed, and blessed during the years 1896-7-8-9 and 1900 for several reasons; viz., to show a number, not only in Zion City, but scattered in different parts throughout the world, the folly of wrangling over the declaration concerning Elijah the Restorer, The Messenger of the Covenant, and That Prophet foretold by Moses; and later the declaration as First Apostle; the Organization of the Restoration Host and the administering of the Restoration Host Vow.

The fact of the matter is, all that the Christian Catholic Church in Zion ever became that was wonderful, beautiful, inspiring, ennobling and true, it became before any of these declarations were made; and, therefore, all who have once stood under the Zion Banner should now be firmly united on the fundamentals, and wherein they differ regarding other questions, they should be kind to each other, patient, forbearing, and earnest in prayer that God, through the Holy Spirit, will show to one and all His will concerning these questions.

We have no time to waste.

We must work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

When John the Baptist, while in prison, sent his disciples to Jesus, and said unto Him, "Art Thou He that cometh, or look we for another?" Jesus gave the simple answer,

"Go your way, and tell John the things which ye do see and hear:

"The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them.

The Officers and Members of Zion should proclaim and live the Everlasting Gospel, and let the work God does through them do the witnessing; viz., the salvation of sinners, the healing of the sick, the cleansing of the unclean.

The world needs Zion.

The basis of fellowship adopted when the Church was first organized is certainly one on which all the children of God could easily unite; and if we are faithful to our trust, the saints who are now sick and weary of the apostasy of the Churches to which they belong, will set their faces Zionward, and in thousands apply for fellowship in a Church which truly and faithfully preaches the Full Gospel of the Kingdom.

The Editorial Notes in the next number will deal with some very important matters; and all are urged to read these Notes very prayerfully, as a correct understanding of them will be necessary to understand and appreciate the Notes in next week's number.

WATCH YE THEREFORE AND PRAY ALWAYS.

PROGRAM

OF THE

Thirteenth Annual Convocation

OF THE

Christian Catholic Apostolic Church

IN ZION

ZION CITY, ILLINOIS, U. S. A.

July 11th to 21st, 1909

LORD'S DAY, JULY ELEVENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
9:30 a. m. Junior Seventies; Superintendent, Elder O. L. Tindall.
2:30 p. m. **General Assembly;** Services conducted by the General Overseer, assisted by Officers, Zion Choir, Orchestra and Band.
8:00 p. m. Illustrated Song Service.

MONDAY, JULY TWELFTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.
8:00 p. m. Address by Elder Eustace L. Carey.

TUESDAY, JULY THIRTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Divine Healing Address. Special Service for Teaching and Praying with the Sick.
8:00 p. m. Cantata, "Joseph's Bondage."

WEDNESDAY, JULY FOURTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Divine Healing Address. Special Service for Teaching and Prayer with the sick.
8:00 p. m. Address by Elder O. L. Tindall.

THURSDAY, JULY FIFTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.
8:00 p. m. Concert by Zion Band.

FRIDAY, JULY SIXTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Divine Healing Address. Special Service for Teaching and Prayer with the sick.
8:00 p. m. Address by Elder Fred Richert.

SATURDAY, JULY SEVENTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
3:00 p. m. Visit to Zion Stores. Addresses by various Officers, and Music by Zion Band.

LORD'S DAY, JULY EIGHTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:30 p. m. **General Assembly.** Service conducted by the General Overseer, assisted by Officers, Zion Choir, Orchestra and Band.
8:00 p. m.

MONDAY, JULY NINETEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.
8:00 p. m. Cantata "Esther."

TUESDAY, JULY TWENTIETH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Divine Healing Address. Special service for Teaching and Prayer with the sick.
8:00 p. m. Address by Elder Silas Moot.

WEDNESDAY, JULY TWENTY-FIRST

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.
8:00 p. m. Closing meeting. Addresses by various Officers.

During the Convocation Elder E. W. Reder, representing Chicago, Deacon Theodore Forby, General Associate Editor of Leaves of Healing and The Zion Herald, and others, will deliver addresses.

There will be Consecration Services for young children on Lord's Day afternoon, July 11th, and also July 18th.

The Lord's Supper will be observed.
The Christian Ordinance of Baptism by Triune Immersion will be administered, and
Officers' Conferences will be held.

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You Cannot Afford to Miss It

The Thirteenth Annual Convocation

of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion

will be held, God willing, in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, from Lord's Day, July 11th to Wednesday Evening, July 21, 1909. . . . . .

¶All of the Officers, Members, and Friends of Zion should begin their preparations, immediately after they read this notice, to come to Zion City, and be present throughout the entire Convocation.

The program, in full, appears this week in Leaves of Healing and The Zion Herald.

All persons planning to come should write to Elder E. L. Carey not later than June 1st, so that arrangements can be made for room and board in various private houses.

This Convocation will mark the beginning of another period of a great onward movement in Zion's work. Let one and all earnestly pray that God will call and train two workers to be sent to the United Kingdom; two workers to be sent to South Africa; two workers to be sent to Australia; and many earnest workers to be sent to different parts of the United States and Canada.

Expecting to see you at the Convocation, and earnestly praying God's richest blessings upon you, I am,

Faithfully yours in Jesus' Name,

WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA

(Successor to John Alex. Dowie)
General Overseer

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.

PATIENCE

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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The Gospel of the Kingdom

Christ Our Righteousness

A Divine Healing Address Delivered in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, Tuesday Afternoon, March 9, 1909,

By Elder Fred Richert

REPORTED BY T. FROST.

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

The chapter I love most is the fifteenth chapter of John, where the Lord says,

My Father is the husbandman. * * *

Ye are the branches. * * *

Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit He taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

God Prunes the Vine.

Now you ask that God may take the pruning knife and cut out all those things which are not right in you. I would a thousand times rather that God would take my life this very day on this platform than that I should be a stumbling-block to the least of the flock of Christ.

I have to fight my battles as you have to fight yours. I ask God to take the knife of His eternal truth and cut out of my life that which is not right, and if it costs my life, I will not go one step further without being right with Him.

It does not make any difference what you are. You go to your Heavenly Father and ask Him to cut out of your heart all those things which hinder His mighty work, and hinder Him revealing His power to heal, cleanse, deliver, and set the captives free from Babylon, to bring them back again, that they may go forth again in the name of Jehovah to proclaim the wonderful truth.

O, may God help you to be right with Him, and to be what you ought to be. (Amen). It is very humiliating, sometimes, to go to people you have wronged. You have to go down into the dust: it does not make any difference. The only way to get the snake out of your heart is to go to your Heavenly Father and confess. It does not make any difference what the people think; go to your fellowman and confess. Make things right before the Judgment Day. You will have to confess it some day, anyhow. If I have wronged Elder Carey, I would rather go to him today and say, before we reach the Throne of God, "Forgive me." Then the Father's mercy and love, and the blood of Jesus will blot it all out. He will take your sins and bury them in the eternal love which He has revealed in giving His Son to die for you. They will be remembered against you no more. It may hurt for a little while, but it makes no difference, you have to crucify the "old man" and die. Yes, sometimes it is very hard for a man to give up his pride and his self-righteousness. They have to die. Let them be crucified with Christ, and let us walk in newness of life, led by the gracious and merciful Redeemer, who will forgive, and in mercy and condescending love make a new man and a new woman out of you. Then come to Mount Zion and pray, "Now, O God, we have given our lives unto Thee. We have been willing to be crucified with our Savior. Let Thy mighty arm be revealed, and let the captives be set free."

There are many who are yet in Babylon; so many who are yet sick; so many who want to be set free. Now here is the wonderful promise that God will make the wilderness like Eden.

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Take these words into the sick room and take them to the people who are suffering, who are in the night of sorrow, and tell them God will make their desolation become like unto Eden.

The Tree of Life is in Eden. You can partake of the fruits of the Tree, and you will be made whole. Your Heavenly Father will heal you as surely as there is a living God in heaven.

God Still Heals His People.

How I rejoice as I hear how God delivers, heals, and sets the captives free—how this sister and that brother have been healed, and as the people write to Elder Carey saying, "I have been sick for a long time, and God set me free." How I rejoice that the hand of God is once more able to strike blows of truth at the enemies, and set the captives free. How I rejoice that God is hearing the prayers of Zion, and that the prayer of Zion is a mighty power, and that the prayer of Zion will rise to the Throne of God, and that the devil cannot hinder it, and the captives are set free.

The time will come, while we here at headquarters are praying, that people living in London, Paris, Asia, Africa, Australia, etc., will be set free as they were when Dr. Dowie prayed. The day will come, when we lay hands on the sick, that God will set the captives free and will make the very desolation and wilderness like Eden. The River of Life will flow again, and God will give unto us a wonderful and glorious deliverance.

But He cannot do it unless we are willing to give up our sins and everything, and be crucified with our Savior. It is simply impossible. I can pray for you until Doomsday, but if we are not right God will not hear. Remember that the foundation of God's Throne is righteousness and holiness.

Very often I say to my Father, "What am I?" when I remember that I am before the Throne of God. We are told in the sixth chapter of Isaiah that even the angels cannot look upon the glory of God, they having to cover their faces with their wings.

I look to Calvary and see my Savior and Redeemer shedding His precious blood, and dying for me. I see His eternal love which is greater than my unworthiness. So it is with you. When you feel you are unworthy to go to your Heavenly Father, when you feel that your sins are more than you can bear, like Cain said, look to the Cross of Calvary where Jesus the Christ has bled for you, where He has died for you, and then you will see the revelation of God's eternal love, and the life flowing from the very heart of your Redeemer. There you can bow down and adore and worship your Heavenly Father. Then you will feel your heart being filled with joy and once more, as it is said here, you will sing songs of praise and adoration which will rise to the Throne of Heaven. You will find what will happen, in the 51st chapter of Isaiah: the captive exiles will come home. O, what glorious promises!

When Zion is Right, Her Children Will Come Home.

Zion, when you are right with your Heavenly Father, your sons and your daughters will come home. What a joy! There are many sons and daughters in Zion City who are not saved. There are some of your daughters who do not know what salvation means. When you are right with God and can pray the prayer of faith, when you can lay hold of the promises of God, your husband, your daughter, your son who is not saved will come home. God will set the captive free. Have you got faith to do that? Can you pray the prayer of faith? You come to these meetings expecting God to heal you, but can you pray the prayer of faith for your healing?

When these lost ones are brought to Zion and saved, I tell you songs of praise and glory to God will rise to the Throne of God and the hearts will rejoice, and there will be rejoicing among the angels because those sons repent.

Do not give them up even if you have been praying for a long time. Pray as long as you can pray, as long as you are on this earth. My heart goes out for the young people. I cannot tell you what I feel like on Sunday evenings at the Young People's Meeting. I cry to God to save them for His honor and glory. The devil is sowing the seed of sin and temptation. He is taking them away from the faith. He is like a roaring lion devouring all whom he can deceive.

When you pray to your Heavenly Father, and ask Him to reveal His Almighty hand and save those people, to remove the mountains of difficulty and open a way through the Red Sea, to deliver them from the hosts of hell, I tell you the chariots of heaven will come down and God, in His infinite love and mercy, who gave His Son to die for them, will hear and answer your prayer, and if you are faithful and true, that prayer will be speedily answered. God will do it.

They will "come unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away."

We have this promise. When you have the promise that all the captives shall come home, those who are not saved will be saved, and the sick will be healed. When you have that promise, should you not rejoice and make up your mind today to be faithful and true, come what may? It does not make any difference to me who may go. It does not make any difference what the circumstances are. I do not live for time, but for eternity. It would not make any difference whether I got any allowance or not, that does not cut any figure with me. Be faithful unto death, and God will give you the crown of life.

Follow Your Leader and Pray For Him.

I want to impress upon you the importance of the people following leadership. (Amens). Overseer Voliva, our leader, is a man of God, It does not make any difference what those hypocrites say, or what they write or do. I want to be faithful and true and obedient as long as I live, come what may. I know it won't last very much longer. I know that Jesus the Christ will come soon. We shall soon stand before the Great White Throne of our King, and every one will have to give an account of every word spoken.

Do not criticise your leader. Do not make his work any harder. Pray for him. Pray that God may bless him and his family. Pray that God may strengthen them all and keep them close to Himself and keep sickness from their home.

I stand here upon the eternal truth of God. I believe that He gives us His Holy Spirit and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. I believe that one of the gifts is the Discerning of spirits, and Wisdom from on High. Through the grace of God, and through the Holy Spirit's power, I can discern spirits. I tell you that I do know that God has called our leader, has qualified him, and has been with him and led him so far, and enabled him to stand and fight the battles.

As long as we follow our leader, God will bless us. The day will come when He will reveal the power of His mighty arm, and Zion will again shake the world.

In my heart there is no fear or doubt as to the future. I know God's Word is true. I know He has been with us in the past. He is with us today, and all the devils in hell cannot overthrow us.

Sometimes we may be weak and make mistakes, but when we rectify them, then again, by the grace of God, we can stand up and go forward as men and women; but when a man sins against the light, against his conscience, against the Bible, we can have no pity for him.

While I would give my life for every one of you, in my heart there is no pity for a traitor and a hypocrite of the rankest type. God may have mercy upon him, but I cannot, unless he

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repents. When a man repents I am perfectly willing to forgive him.

What I mean is this: if a man goes on with his nefarious work, and tries to overthrow the Kingdom of God and the leader whom God has chosen, and does not repent, should we show him any pity?

Voices: "No."

Traitors Should be Removed.

Pray that God may remove him. That is what we want—for him to be taken out of the way, so that when Zion goes forward, and the ship of Zion plows through the waves, God may remove him and take him away that he may not be a stumblingblock to any one. I have some names here. I do not want to mention them. I want to visit these people who have been misled. I feel sorry for those people who go astray. Pray for them. I pray God may remove those traitors. They do their very best to stab our Overseer in the back. I had to take this time and opportunity to let you know where I stand. It is well for you to know where I stand. It is my prayer that God will keep me faithful and true to the end. If I should be a stumblingblock, it is my earnest prayer that God may take me out of the world. God will hear and answer prayer. I have to give an account in the Day of Judgment for every word I have spoken, all I have done and said. I have to face you before my God at the Judgment Seat. I want to be right when God calls me. I pray for every one of you. Be faithful, and if you do not want to be faithful, may God take you out of the way. God knows your heart and mine. This is a time of heart-searching. The devil tries every way to overthrow us. Let us take the hand of our Savior and let Him lead us on. Let us be one—united. If there is any difficulty in the way, let it be buried for time and for eternity. If there is any sin in your heart, let the blood of Jesus the Christ take it away. If there is envy or pride there, let it be taken out of your heart. Let us go to God and pray the prayer of Consecration. Elder Carey will lead you in praying the prayer of Consecration. Let us go earnestly to God in prayer.

Prayer of Consecration led by Elder Carey and repeated clause by clause by the people present:

O God, my Father, in Jesus' name I come to Thee. Take me as I am; make me what I ought to be in spirit, soul, and in body. Take me, O God, help me that I may serve Thee with singleness of purpose and trueness of heart. Forgive my sins; let them be all covered by the precious blood of Jesus. Now help me day by day to keep my eye of faith on Thee. I am weak, but Thou art strong. Guide me with Thine Almighty Arm for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Elder Carey pronounced the

BENEDICTION.

PAUL

The Jew, The Persecutor, The Christian, Apostle of Jesus Christ.
A Living Example of the Gospel.
A Zion Man.

BY O. L. TINDALL

[CONTINUED FROM MAY 1ST.]

Paul a Christian.

HIS CONVERSION.

I wish in this article to speak of Paul's conversion especially, and point out some lessons which I think are most important in these degenerate days of apostasy all along the line of true and genuine Gospel teaching and experience, and practice.

Zion must stand for a genuine and radical conversion, as she does for a genuine repentance. All the fundamental doctrines of the true Christian life are, today, to say the least, loosely taught by the churches, and more loosely practiced. Zion has something more to do than merely to teach Divine Healing, as important as that is. Her strong teaching and practice on repentance has made quite as much stir among the "dry bones" and dead churches, and wicked sinners, as her teaching and practice on Divine Healing. It stirred the devil even more, if anything. No other church dared to say to her members, as well as to the outside world, you must stop your liquor, and your tobacco, and your theaters and your dances, and your secret societies, etc., all of which are clearly condemned in the Word of God, and condemned by good common sense and good morals.

Zion's preaching on these lines would smash up any church in Christendom. They would not endure such strong doctrines, or meat.

Paul's conversion and experience furnishes some good lessons and teachings on this subject. We could give some of more recent date. Zion has seen many of them. So has the church all along down the ages. Our fathers in history, like Augustine, Chrysostom and many others who had most remarkable experiences and most radical changes wrought in their lives by the Holy Spirit; men of profligate lives, men of infidel beliefs were changed in an hour's time to sober men, and to men of faith in Jesus Christ, whom they had formerly persecuted. Zion, in these last days, has seen scoffers changed to lovers of our God and believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.

But I prefer to use Paul, or Saul, as an example of this subject rather than any man of later date, because he was an Apostle and an inspired man. We look upon his utterances and statements as more authoritative than ordinary men. We build on the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, in a sense, higher than we do on other men and teachers. It is most important that we lay well our foundations. Don't try to study geometry and higher mathematics before you can add up a column of ten figures or multiply two common numbers together.

The devil is trying in many ways to switch Zion off into foolish questions which they know but little about, and to neglect the weightier matters of the law. What do we care for the "Peter question," for instance, or for the "Elijah question," even, when men are dying all around us for the Bread of Life and have never come into the Kingdom of Heaven? No; let Zion beware of these questions that gender strife and contention and do not edify.

What Shall I Say of Paul's Conversion?

I wish to emphasize especially the spiritual or Divine side of it, the supernatural, the God side. Like all questions in our religion, conversion has two sides: the human and the Divine.

The human side is simple and easy. The Divine is mysterious and cannot be explained. It can only be stated, as Christ said to Nicodemus: "You must be born again," of the Spirit, but you cannot tell how. I can tell what I did. It is

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General Overseer's Notes

HEADQUARTERS OFFICES OF THE
CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH IN ZION,
CITY HALL BUILDING, ZION CITY, ILLINOIS, U. S. A.,
May 21, 1909.

Taking it for granted all of the officers, members and friends of Zion—especially those who are alive to the importance of an aggressive forward movement for the proclamation of the full Gospel of the Kingdom—have read, and re-read, and prayerfully considered the Editorial Notes in Leaves of Healing, Volume 23, Numbers 18 and 19, I now call your attention to the Basis of Fellowship as clearly set forth at the time the Christian Catholic Church in Zion was organized. This Basis of Fellowship is set forth in the Second Section of the Resolution passed on February 5th, and recorded in Leaves of Healing, Volume 2, Number 17, Page 267.

The Basis of Fellowship is as follows:

(1) That we recognize the infallible inspiration of the Holy Scriptures as the rule of faith and practice.

(2) 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.

(3) 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.

(4) That all other questions of every kind shall be held to be matters of opinion and not matters that are essential to Church unity.

This Basis of Fellowship is simple and brief, and yet very wide in its scope: making, in fact, Christian Character the test of fellowship. Thirteen years of experience has proven that it is workable, and there is now no reason to doubt that, with the faithful proclamation of the Gospel of the Kingdom, God's people from every religious body and from every nation can be brought into sweet fellowship on this Basis.

Many, if not all, of the readers of these notes have heard and witnessed the simple, beautiful and impressive service held on the first Lord's Day in each month for the reception of new members. For many years in Central Zion Tabernacle, Chicago, not a single first Lord's Day in each month passed without the right hand of fellowship being extended to a large number of new members, sometimes the number being as high as three hundred and forty.

The questions asked those entering into fellowship were as follows:

(1) So far as you know your own heart can you truthfully say that you have repented of all your sins?

(2) So far as you know your own heart can you say that you have made right all the wrongs that you have committed against your fellowmen?

(3) So far as you know your own heart can you say that you are conscious of salvation from God, in the power of the Holy Spirit, through faith in Jesus the Christ?

(4) Do you believe that God has called this Church into existence to effect certain purposes in this period of the dispensation of His grace?

(5) Do you believe that God has called me to the office of General Overseer of this Church?

(6) Are you prepared to obey me as the one who has the rule over you, so far as I follow God and obey His Word?

During the course of a few years thousands upon thousands stood up and responded to these questions and were received into fellowship; and the Christian Catholic Church in Zion was most wonderfully blessed of God, and its membership increased very rapidly.

At the time the Church was organized, John Alexander Dowie was the only officer, but later on hundreds of Overseers, Elders, Evangelists, Deacons and Deaconesses were ordained. Some of these proved themselves to be faithful servants of God, but many gave abundant proof that they had no qualifications whatever for the offices which they were attempting to fill.

As the successor of John Alexander Dowie and General Overseer of the Church, I have settled, after prayerful study and earnest seeking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, this question, viz: That no woman should ever be ordained either to the office of Overseer or Elder; and henceforth in this Church, at least while I am the General Overseer, no woman will be ordained to either office.

God, the Almighty, established the home and declared that the man should be the head of the house. Inasmuch as one of the principal qualifications for the office of Overseer and Elder is that of rulership, therefore to ordain a woman to the office of Overseer or Elder you make her the ruler in the Church in which the husband may be a member, and she then becomes his ruler in the Church, while, according to God's order, he is supposed to be the ruler in his own house. God is not the author of such confusion, and there is no lack of unity or harmony in His plan from the beginning to the end.

This Church must have officers made so by the Holy Spirit. As the General Overseer; I shall not ordain any further officers until it is plain that all who are now officers have been made such by the Holy Spirit, and when this is ascertained we shall then be

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in a position to go forward, and trust God to add other officers to go to different parts of the field and direct the work under the guidance of His Word and Spirit to His honor and glory.

The purpose of these notes in the two preceding numbers, is to get all the officers and all the members to the place where they will have broken hearts over the sad condition of humanity, where they will make an absolute and unconditional surrender to God, and where they will be willing to deny themselves and take up the cross and follow Jesus.

The sin-stricken are all around you. Proclaim unto them the Gospel of the Kingdom and show them the way back to God, their Father.

The disease-smitten are everywhere, and in their ignorance they are trusting to drugs, doctors and surgeons, and, like Asa, are passing away. Go to them and tell them that Jesus is their Great Physician: that it is their privilege to touch the hem of His garment and be made well.

The attention of all readers is once more called to the forthcoming Convocation, to be held, God willing, from July 11th to July 21st. Special meetings will be held with all visitors to the Convocation, and the opportunity given to ask questions; and addresses will be delivered, making many matters plain which cannot be dealt with at length in these Notes.

These are very busy days at Headquarters, and I ask all to pray very earnestly that God may give wisdom, guide and direct by His Word and Spirit, so that Zion shall indeed become a joy to multitudes throughout the world.

WATCH YE THEREFORE AND PRAY ALWAYS.

Paul.

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simple, like the blind man said, "I went and washed at the pool, and came seeing, but I don't know how He opened my eyes. That is as much a mystery to me as it is to you." Skeptics, today, and most men are skeptical, fall in with the wise teacher's doubts and say, "How can these things be?"

What Was God's Method?

The first thing God did to or with Saul was to convict him of Sin. No one had been able to do this before. He was sure he was doing God's service when he consented to the death of those heretics, as he called the Christians. It took God to convince him of the error of his way. No argument would do it; no appeal from the most eloquent preacher, or Apostle. But God did it in His own way, as He always does and must in all cases. No man would be convicted of sin were it not for the Holy Spirit. In this, Paul's case was no different from yours or mine. The voice may not be as loud, the light may not shine about us, but God's Voice is there and He must show us our sins, or sin, as the case may be. Saul had but one, we might say. He hated the name of Jesus of Nazareth, as did the old Jews, Pharisees, and Scribes. He was a moral man. He was not a whoremonger, nor a fornicator, nor a profane man. As soon as Saul was shown his sin the case was solved, the knot was cut, the way was clear. There was no holding back on his part. He listened to orders and directions and took them humbly and obeyed them gladly. He followed on. The obedient spirit was all that was necessary. "I'll go where you want me to go; I'll say what you want me to say; I'll be what you want me to be." God did the rest. Said the same directing voice from on High, "Go into Damascus." To Damascus he went, not knowing what awaited him there. He was blind, but God furnished guides for his feet, who were eyes for him; but no word of complaint falls from his lips; no regrets. He is a conquered rebel, and his "hands go up." "I yield," cries he. He went to Damascus and found lodgment and awaited developments. He abode in darkness, neither eating nor drinking for three long days and nights. They were serious days and wonderful hours, shall I say, of suspense? No, but of calm waiting, hard, it may be.

Then the Lord resorted to human means. No angel, or Heavenly Voice is any longer needed, but only a man; a common man, but a devout man. He can now tell the rest of the story.

A "Seventy" only is needed to tell the great man how to be saved and healed. How simple is the story! A man up there at Damascus, Ananias by name, of good report among all the Jews in those parts, was sent by the Lord to teach the old persecutor. With fear and trembling he went. God sent him. Let us remember that God sends His workers; not only Apostles, but the humblest men. We may all be apostles in that sense. The word in the original simply means "Sent," "the sent ones." Zion must not forget this plain Gospel teaching that God sends forth His workers.

What Does He Do For Saul?

The rebel is in the right frame of mind for the Father to work with. He is ready to receive. He is humble and teachable, and willing and obedient: then God can do something for him, and Saul doesn't care who gives him the Bread of Life. He is not fastidious. The Heavenly Father comes to him now through His disciple. Ananias lays hands on him. Paul receives his sight. He receives also the Holy Spirit. Who receives the Holy Spirit? They that obey Him. He has now the Divine witness that he is accepted of God. He was pardoned before. God forgave his sins. Paul says of himself, "I obtained mercy." It was mercy and not merit that he got. He immediatelv obeyed in baptism. There is the simple story of a man's coming to Jesus and being saved from a vile persecutor to a most devoted follower and defender of the faith that he once persecuted unto the death.

Conversion the Need of All.

There is nothing in Paul's conversion but what is common to all. We simply strip off the outward manifestations and all the essentials of a true conversion remain.

What were the changes that took place with Paul? They were marked. If you study the 7th chapter of Romans you can see the travail of his soul while he was under the law, before he found the Christ. How he struggled in his efforts to find rest to his spirit. How the "old man" buffeted him and thwarted him in his efforts to do good, and to keep himself under. Oh, the agony, he describes, which he passed through, like a drowning man, battling the fierce waves, and struggling for breath. Almost in despair he cries, "O, wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death!" Then he tells of his glorious victory through our Lord Jesus Christ, and how condemnation all vanishes as he arises a "new creature in Jesus Christ," with old things passed away and all things become new. He is set free from an awful bondage, worse than the one his forefathers suffered in Egypt.

What a changed man! What a wonderful experience! Study it and compare it with the wretched teachings of the present day; when the only regeneration men have is by water baptism, or by a confirmation, by an adulterous old priest, or a mere change of mind, or by an adoption of a new creed, or by

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the putting of a name on a new church record, or by one's saying he believes the Bible and that Christ was the Son of God, while his sins remain as they were. How are the mighty fallen from the old Gospel standard! Let us go back. Let us see that repentance is genuine and that our people are well born and then we can go on to perfection and good works.

The Things That Last

By O. L. TINDALL

The fate of all things in this life is, as we may say, to pass away and to perish. The question with us is, are there any things that endure? If so, what are they?

Men in business ask the question, what is a safe and sure investment? They pick on land because they say you cannot steal it and run off with it, neither will it burn up. You don't have to insure against thieves, nor fire, nor lightning, nor tornadoes. It is the only thing that has withstood the ravages of time.

Government bonds sometimes break, for many nations have risen and fallen in the past. Some are falling today. Russia, one of the oldest and most powerful of nations in the past, is tottering. So is Turkey, the great empire. It is a common thing for our neighbors on the south of the equator to wake up in the morning and find the government gone—took ship for other climes for their health as we have now an example in the case of President Castro of Venezuela.

But few things endure in this world. There are only a few, so-called, elements that constitute the whole material world, less than one hundred. Everything in the earth, or on the earth, or under the earth can be reduced by analysis, or a reducing, or a dissolving, back to one or more of these elements. Dissolve water and it becomes hydrogen and oxygen. Burn a house down and it goes off into smoke and ashes and various other elements. This whole earth will sooner or later be entirely dissolved with a fervent heat and the very mountains will be melted away.

What Then?

It will not be annihilated. There will be a new earth, says the Apostle, and a better one.

In Religion it is the same as in Nature---only a few things remain.

This is the thought that I got out of that most wonderful chapter, the thirteenth of First Corinthians; in many respects the most remarkable between the lids of the Bible. It is a treatise on "The Greatest Thing in the World,"---Love. It concludes with these words:

"Now abideth Faith, Hope, Love," or Charity as we have been accustomed to read it.

It seems to me as if the Apostle was analyzing all the Christian life and reducing it down to its very essence or last analysis and showing us the absolute essentials. All the rest were to be looked upon as simply appendages, or as a scaffolding around the main building to help us to construct these three graces, or virtues, for they alone abide.

Some very remarkable, and as we are likely to suppose, very essential things in the Christian life he says are only for temporary use and then will pass away.

Everything clusters around these three things to strengthen them and to cultivate them. These three elements constitute the Christian character. The rest are tributary to them. They make the great and important stream of life, and the rest only flow into it, as the streams and creeks, and rivulets flow into the great "Father of Waters," the mighty Mississippi.

Prophecies Shall Fail.

How important are they! What could we do without the Prophets and their wonderful messages to the world? What kept up the spirits and courage of the old fathers under their fierce trials and persecutions except the Prophets and their words of hope and cheer and promises of better days when their hopes and the "Desire of all Nations" would come, and He would restore their lost estate? They wandered on and endured, and why? Because of these cheerful and cheering prophecies of better times to come.

Prophecy has played a most important part in our religious life and history, and yet, says the Apostle, "though there be prophecies, they shall be done away." That is, they will have fulfilled their mission and be done away. We need them no longer after we have the thing already promised and foretold. We do not go back to Isaiah to look for the Christ. We have Him, already come and we look for Christ again. Those prophecies have passed away.

Tongues Cease.

Tongues have only a transitory purpose. They are for a sign, says the Apostle. That was their main use, a sign to unbelievers and not for much else besides; useful in their place, but not to be perpetual. Signs are not for believers. Those who seek signs belong to an adulterous generation, said the Christ. They show that they lack faith as did Thomas. "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet believed;"—believe God's word without a sign.

Knowledge Shall Vanish.

Knowledge is a great thing, a good thing; but, as we have it, it is a very imperfect thing. What is our knowledge of the Christ now? Only a mere shadow as to what it will be. We see now dimly through a glass---a smoked glass---as when we look at the sun. It is too bright for us. Our eyes are too weak to view the brightness. Our knowledge is quite imperfect. We have only the dim light of the stars, or, at most, of the moon. We are like children. The Sun of Righteousness will arise, and then we will see and know Him as He is and we will know other things as they are.

Good Men Pass Away.

Men, the best men, are only for a certain purpose, of short duration. God only uses them to help men on in their spiritual lives. Abraham, the father of the faithful, had his day and then passed on; but the faith of Abraham stayed. We see it and are helped in our faith. Abel gave us an example of faith. and then he died; but he speaks to us through his faith and we are built up. Daniel, the brave man, died also, but his courage and faith are left to us as an heritage more precious than gold and above rubies. So good men have come and gone, but they have not died.

The Great Temples Have Gone.

The houses of God where He showed Himself to His people, have crumbled to dust and not one stone is left upon another.

They were good and of God, but not essential. They are only stepping stones as we pass on over them. Our rituals and our robes are mere adjuncts. Even our Bibles are transient. Faith and Love are not dependent upon them.

Riches may be a means of grace and of great help to build up the Kingdom of God among us; but they take to themselves wings and fly away. They are intended only to help to strengthen faith and love and hope among men. When they

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fail in this they are useless. If men possess these three graces everything else that they need will come. They are the seed which will produce every good fruit. They underlie all right living. If a man have these he is equipped for life. He will have health and happiness, and every good thing is promised if we have these. God will do the rest.

Love Is the Greatest.

There will come a time, shall I say, when we will not live and walk by faith, but by sight, and we will no longer hope for these glorious things, for we shall have them. Why does a man still hope for the things which he already sees. Faith shall turn to sight, and hope shall be realized.

But what about love? It shall never cease. It will only grow more and more, and the more we know and the more we see of Him and His glory, the more will we love Him and praise Him; therefore "The greatest of these is Love."

Loyal to Zion

RATHBURN, ONTARIO, MARCH 31. 1909.

Mr. Voliva,

Dear General Overseer:

I am the only one here to hold up for Zion, but with God helping me, I hope to do my work. I am giving the Leaves away when I read them.

I have used no drugs for seven years. I feel so happy to know God is with me in my every day life.

Last winter our boy fifteen years of age had appendicitis twice and through my prayers and his own he was healed.

Oh, I cannot praise God enough for His goodness unto me and mine.

I have never written my testimony of what God has done for me. I sometimes feel I ought to do it now.

I am thankful for your kindness unto me. I am praying God to bless you and keep you true to Himself, to do His work.

With love to all in Zion and also yourself and family, I remain.

A sister in Christ,
(Signed) Mrs. Lavona Leigh.

Shiloh Tabernacle

Cash Payment to be met June 25, 1909 - - - $2,687.50

Cash in hand, May 21, 1909 - - - - $2,061.28

Balance Needed - - $ 626.22

A little help from each Zion officer member, and friend, will erase this balance. 11 days more should settle it.

PROGRAM

OF THE

Thirteenth Annual Convocation

OF THE

Christian Catholic Apostolic Church

IN ZION

ZION CITY, ILLINOIS, U. S. A.

July 11th to 21st, 1909

LORD'S DAY, JULY ELEVENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
9:30 a. m. Junior Seventies; Superintendent, Elder O. L. Tindall
2:30 p. m. **General Assembly;** Services conducted by the General Overseer, assisted by Officers, Zion Choir, Orchestra and Band.
8:00 p. m. Illustrated Song Service.

MONDAY, JULY TWELFTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.
8:00 p. m. Address by Elder Eustace L. Carey.

TUESDAY, JULY THIRTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Divine Healing Address. Special Service for Teaching and prayer with the sick.
8:00 p. m. Cantata, "Joseph's Bondage."

WEDNESDAY, JULY FOURTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Divine Healing Address. Special Service for Teaching and Prayer with the sick.
8:00 p. m. Address by Elder O. L. Tindall.

THURSDAY, JULY FIFTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.
8:00 p. m. Concert by Zion Band.

FRIDAY, JULY SIXTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Divine Healing Address. Special Service for Teaching and Prayer with the sick.
8:00 p. m. Address by Elder Fred Richert.

SATURDAY, JULY SEVENTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
3:00 p. m. Visit to Zion Stores. Addresses by various Officers, and Music by Zion Band.

LORD'S DAY, JULY EIGHTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:30 p. m. **General Assembly.** Service conducted by the General Overseer, assisted by Officers, Zion Choir, Orchestra and Band.
8:00 p. m,

MONDAY, JULY NINETEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.
8:00 p. m. Cantata "Esther."

TUESDAY, JULY TWENTIETH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Divine Healing Address. Special service for Teaching and Prayer with the sick.
8:00 p. m. Address by Elder Silas Moot.

WEDNESDAY, JULY TWENTY-FIRST

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.
8:00 p. m. Closing meeting. Addresses by various Officers.

During the Convocation Elder E. W. Reder, representing Chicago, Deacon Theodore Forby, General Associate Editor of Leaves of Healing and The Zion Herald, and others, will deliver addresses.

There will be Consecration Services for young children on Lord's Day afternoon, July 11th, and also July 18th.

The Lord's Supper will be observed.
The Christian Ordinance of Baptism by Triune Immersion will be administered, and
Officers' Conferences will be held.

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You Cannot Afford to Miss It

The Thirteenth Annual Convocation

of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion

will be held, God willing, in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, from Lord's Day, July 11th to Wednesday Evening, July 21, 1909. . . . .



All of the Officers, Members, and Friends of Zion should begin their preparations immediately after they read this notice, to come to Zion City, and be present throughout the entire Convocation.

The program, in full, appears this week in Leaves of Healing and The Zion Herald.

All persons planning to come should write to Elder E. L. Carey not later than June 1st, so that arrangements can be made for room and board in various private houses.

This Convocation will mark the beginning of another period of a great onward movement in Zion's work. Let one and all earnestly pray that God will call and train two workers to be sent to the Uuited Kingdom; two workers to be sent to Sauth Africa; two workers to be sent to Australia; and many earnest workers to be sent to different parts of the United States and Canada.

Expecting to see you at the Convocation, and earnestly praying God's richest blessings upon you, I am,

Faithfully yours in Jesus' Name,

WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA,

(Successor to John Alex. Dowie)
General Overseer

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.

PATIENCE

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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The Gospel of the Kingdom

Divine Healing Addresses

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By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva
and
Elder Fred Richert

REPORTED BY T. FROST.

ADDRESS BY ELDER RICHERT

Will you please turn with me to the fifth chapter of John, beginning at the first verse?

After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.

In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.

For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool; and troubled the water; whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.

When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, He saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?

The impotent man answered Him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.

And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the Sabbath.

I praise God more and more for Zion. I cannot tell you how glad and full of joy I am that we are in Zion.

Pray For Your Leader.

Especially for certain reasons, I want to thank God this afternoon for our leader. I want to admonish you people to pray for the General Overseer. I love him dearly, and God knows I would give my life for him any day. Pray for him, and do not criticize him.

Now I will tell you why I have served him. I always have served our leader, not only because he is my General Overseer, but because I love him; that is the reason I have been obedient to him. I could not do anything else but obey him. It is so easy to obey a man whom you love. There is no hardship in that.

While so many are wearying, and so many are falling by the wayside, O may God put His love in your hearts through the Holy Spirit's power, that you may see that we are standing for the immortal truths which Dr. Dowie has laid down, that we want to extend the Kingdom of God, our Heavenly Father. I want to follow our Lord Jesus the Christ unto death.

Millions Are Crying For Zion.

There are millions and millions of people longing and calling for these Zion principles and truths for which we are fighting here in Zion City. I do not look upon our little City alone, but I think of cities like Milwaukee and Chicago, and all the cities of the world, and see the millions who are crying for the living God. I see the horrible destruction and ravages of sin. I see the operation of the devil, and hear the cry of the millions; from the deepest depths of their hearts, and who are suffering and are being oppressed by the wealthy people. I see the millions of the working classes who are in the sweatshops of Chicago, and the poor girls who are at the mercy of their masters. I see the poor men who are tricked into the saloons, and who have no help of any kind, no one to rescue them, who are slaves

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of sin, and who are in a worse form of slavery than that of Egypt. God is calling Zion to go out into all the world and preach the Gospel, and to tell to the dying millions that there is a Father in heaven Who loves them; to tell to those who are oppressed that Jesus came from heaven to set them free; to tell to those who are languishing upon beds of pain and sickness that the Mighty Conqueror over sin and sickness and death, is standing at their bedside willing to set them free and deliver them from the bondage of sickness; and to tell to those who are dying that Jesus the Christ is the ever-living Savior Who says, "He that believeth on Me shall never die." He has opened the gates of mercy and grace and eternal life. We cannot go out into the world until we have saved Zion City; therefore there is no sacrifice too much—even the last dollar and the last drop of blood.

Every day I look to the Cross of Calvary. Every day I ask God like this: "My Heavenly Father, I do not ask Thee for any position in heaven, I ask for nothing but the Cross of Calvary; nothing but the same work which Christ has done, that I may be enabled to give my life for my brethren; to give my time, my all."

If that prayer is in every one of you, you will have no time for criticizing; it is simply impossible.

If you have a longing that the mind of Christ be in you, you have only one prayer, and that is to be transformed into the image of Christ, and to be delivered from this body of death, from the "old man."

I cry to my God to deliver me entirely and completely from the old Adam, that I may be renewed daily into the image of my Savior whom I love and serve, and whom I will follow until I have finished my course, until I have finished the work God has called me to do.

With this preliminary talk, I want you to turn to the fifth chapter of John, the words that were read to you at the commencement of my talk. Before I begin, I want you to go back to the first chapter of John. There you find that Christ was at the beginning with His Father. He looked down upon this ruined, sinful world, upon the generations that have gone away from God. He looked down in love and tender compassion. There was no way which led to the heavenly home, therefore He said, "Father, I will lay down My glory. I will give up My place of honor and glory which I have occupied from all eternity. I will go down to that sinful world, and bring unto them the Glad Tidings that Thou dost still love Thy people. I will lay down My life for them."

The Father has loved you so, as you find in John 3:16 that "He gave His only begotton Son." If you can look into the heart of God—a heart full of love—and comprehend that God is a God of love, and that He gave His Son to die for you, then hope and faith in dying humanity will be revived, and you can grasp the extended hand of your blessed Redeemer Who came down to rescue you from sin, sickness, and death, to save you from the terrible doom, to give unto you the assurance that He will lead you faithfully over the ways of life and through the battles and the sandy wastes and deserts to the Father's house, and you can follow Him by believing that He is your Savior and Friend.

John the Baptist said, "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world." Dr. Dowie also said the same words, and thousands upon thousands looked to the blessed Lamb of God, and gave unto Him their lives, their time, and their all.

Thousands Healed in Zion.

Thousands and thousands came to him to pray the prayer of faith for them in the name of Jesus; and God, in His infinite love and mercy, opened the heavens and blessed the multitudes who came to the Wooden Hut; He blessed the multitudes who came to Central Tabernacle; He filled the hearts of people once more with divine hope and faith, and revealed unto Zion that sin and sickness is the work of the devil.

How glad you ought to be that you are free from that delusion—that sickness comes from God—and that when you are sick, it is a love-token from God.

A Lutheran Minister.

I remember, when I was in Chicago, I was called to see a man who had cancer of the stomach. He was a man who did not know very much about salvation. After I had talked to him a little while, his pastor came in, and I, of course gave way to him, because the man was not one of my sheep—I was in a strange fold, you know—but I did not care for any one. I thought, Here is a very good opportunity to talk to a Lutheran minister. I stepped aside, and the minister came to the sick bed of the man and said to him,

"My dear brother, God, in His infinite love and mercy, made you sick. He sent you this sickness to prepare you for His eternal home, and now, since this is the will of God your Heavenly Father, and His good pleasure, and a proof that He loves you very tenderly, take this with patience, and thank your Heavenly Father that He has visited you, and, you know, it will not be long, and then you will be at home with the Lord; therefore be patient and endure to the end."

He knew who I was. He knew I was a Zion Elder. I remained close by the bedside. He did not have the courage to lift up his eyes. He turned to the wife and said, "You follow me." Then he told her: "This Zion man is a very dangerous man. Do not permit him again to come into your home." That was all the opportunity I got. Those men are cowards. They do not have the courage to meet a Zion man. That was the only consolation you got from your old pastors. They gave you no hope. That Lutheran pastor did not pray at the sick-bed. I remember that incident just as though it happened yesterday. He could not pray. Do you not thank your Heavenly Father that He sent you the Leaves of Healing? Are you not glad to know that the Lamb of God is today willing and able to take your sins and sicknesses, and to carry them to Calvary, and to set you free, and to give unto you the living hope that Christ has died, and that He has overcome, and that the night of sorrow will be dispelled, and the glorious dawn of the great Day of Salvation will fill you with joy and gladness, and will give unto you new life and hope? You will have the courage to go forward, and to serve God day by day.

The story of Philip finding Nathaniel reminds me of the Zion Seventies who went out in the glorious days of Zion, from house to house, and as you found people, you invited them to come to Zion, and to come to Zion Homes.

I do hope and pray that God will give us the victory here in Zion City. The General Overseer has not spoken a word too hard against those who want to block the way and overthrow the rule of God in Zion City, and who want to open the gates wide for the devil and his hosts, and the world and the flesh to come in. No words are too strong for them. I can say "Amen" to every word that he utters against them. I see that if we lose hold of Zion City that the devil will certainly come in.

Danger to Zion Children.

The General Overseer and I were talking about the little children of Zion City. Do you know that the flood gates have been opened, and influence is being felt in our public schools? Do you know that the very things that are dragging thousands and thousands of our boys and girls down and ruining them in the public schools, in Chicago for instance, are at our very doors? The serpent is lying at the door. I know what I am talking about. The only hope for Zion is, in the future, in her children,

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and we pray for them. It is not enough to pray, simply, but we have to protect them. We have to build up the walls of salvation around Zion City, the eternal truth of God around this City; therefore every man and every woman and child should pray to be set on fire to protect and to save this City.

I read some sanctimonious words of an ex-officer the other day. He thanked God that this City is going to be united in peace, and that the peace of God will rule, and that there shall be one flock and one Shepherd. I thought, "You hypocrite!" He came here as a pretender to fight the one man whom God has called and sent here. He came to disunite the people, and now he is talking peace, and speaking glibly of union and harmony. I do not believe the man is sincere. He is full of envy and pride and jealousy, therefore let us oppose these people. Do not be deceived by the beautiful (?)words which they speak. The devil can preach very glibly and nicely. I am against those people, and I have reasons for speaking like this today.

Jesus the Christ is "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world," and while we are to pray to Him to heal us and help us to be more consecrated, we have also to take "the whole armour of God" as the Apostle Paul tells us in the Epistle to the Ephesians, the sixth chapter. We have to fight the devil, and hurl him back, and we must do all we can to protect and save our people and our children.

God is looking down upon this people. What will you do? Will you sacrifice all for Christ? We have only a while to live here.

We Stand for the Old Bible and Zion Truths.

We are fighting for the eternal truths which God has given unto us, and which have been sealed with the precious blood of Jesus the Christ, the Lamb of God, and which Dr. Dowie has laid down for us, and for which he fought, and which he defended against the hosts of hell. You know that as long as he was true and faithful to his God, no enemy could stand before him—every one went down. He stood like a rock in the raging sea with all the billows which surrounded him. He knew that God would sustain him, and he also knew that the chariots of heaven came down many times. I have heard him say that the hills of Judea were filled with the chariots of heaven. Many a time I have felt the power of the wonderful truth when I sat in Central Zion Tabernacle, and sometimes it seemed to me as if God would lift the whole congregation up and draw every person near to the Throne of Grace, when the light and glory of God would fill every heart with gratitude to God. At times you could feel the very presence of Almighty God who has revealed unto us His saving mercy, power and life. Therefore let us stand for these truths. We believe today that Jesus the Christ is the same today; that He has never changed. He has never changed since He revealed unto us the love of God. The truths are the same. Zion has not changed. Zion is the Kingdom of our God. Will you be true and faithful, or will you go to those miserable hypocrites who are mocking Zion in Zion City! Will you have soft soap instead of the eternal truth of God? Let us be men and women, and let us stand for the eternal truths of God.

Had it not been for that same truth, my wife would not be here today; she would have been in her grave. So would my boy be in his grave; but I thank God every day for His saving power, for His healing power, and for His grace and mercy. He has been with us day by day. I said today to a man, "If one man should be the last to stand for the truths of Zion, O, I ask God that I may be that last one."

I do not ask for any allowance, if needs be I will help plant potatoes and hoe corn. I can do that, and do it tomorrow. I like to travel on the same kind of road as my Savior.

In the second chapter of John, you will find the very first miracle that Jesus worked. How wonderfully Christ will bless you in your home! I have found that out. In France, where I come from, you find very few homes where Jesus dwells. It is very sad. You find no Bibles in the homes, and the people who have Bibles do not read them. I came from a land where you find no family altars, no prayer meetings, no Bible reading. The people are like sheep without a shepherd. They have no one to preach to them the living Gospel of a living God. Therefore, when we have Jesus the Christ in our homes, when He reveals every morning the bright glory of the love of God, and reveals His loving hand, and says, "Fear thou not, for I am with thee. Be not dismayed, for I am thy God. I will sustain you, and I will uphold you by the right hand of my righteousness," when you go with Him during the heat of the day, during the storms and the battles of life, when in the evening, in the calm of His grace and mercy, you can kneel down and look into the face of your Heavenly Father, and thank Him for protecting you, and that all is well; when you know that, then you are in the hands of God.

How blessed you are when Jesus abides and dwells in your homes, when He talks with you as He did with His disciples! He will reveal unto you the Kingdom of heaven and God's righteousness, and lead you into close communion with your Heavenly Father where you can find the protecting care of your God. What a glorious and beautiful life it is to walk with Jesus; to have Him as your Savior and Guide and Redeemer! How beautiful it is to have such a Savior as your Protector, and as your Divine Healer!

In the third chapter of John, you will find the revelation of our blessed Lord of the new life. He teaches you that you must be born again in order to enter heaven. Then He says to you, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so the Son of man must be lifted up; that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."

Hear the wonderful words of Jesus:

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Christ Seeks the Lost Sheep.

Then in the fourth chapter you will find the merciful Savior seeking the lost. There was a lost sheep. She had gone astray, strayed far away from the fold of her Heavenly Father. She was in the power of the devil. She was in danger of being devoured by the wolf. She was in the darkness of sin, and deep down in the pit. The Lord and Savior found her. "Give Me to drink," He said. "Why do you ask me to give You a drink?" she asked.

When I came to the Lord Jesus the Christ, and gave my heart to God, I said to my Redeemer, "Is it possible, Thou who art enthroned in glory, Thou Who dost fill the universe with Thy power and majesty, art condescending enough to speak to me, a poor lost sinner? Is it possible that Thou art willing to take me up once more and to give me the grace of knowing that I am a child of God?"

I felt like the Samaritan woman felt when Jesus the Christ spoke to her at the well and asked her to give Him water to drink. He leads you onward and reveals to you that He is the Messiah, and that He came down to save you, and to lead you to the wonderful temple of our Heavenly Father where you can worship Him in spirit and in truth.

May God ever lead you and keep you true and faithful until Jesus comes, is my prayer.

I will now give you into the hands of the General Overseer.

ADDRESS BY GENERAL OVERSEER WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA.

I would like you to open to Exodus 15:26.

And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy

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He sendeth His word PATIENCE 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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EDITORIAL NOTES

By O. L. TINDALL

HEADQUARTERS OFFICES OF THE
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Zion, the seed time has come! Although the Spring is somewhat cold and backward here on the Lake Shore, yet in Zion it is warm and everything is growing and prosperous.

The Lord is greatly blessing Zion at Headquart rs. She has a goodly and a Godly company of faithful ones who have not bowed their knees to Baal. It is far larger than the band that followed Gideon out to battle and to a great victory.

The Kingdom of God is somewhat different than the kingdom of earth, for we sow and we reap all at the same time. We keep right on sowing the seed, although we see and know that the fields are already white for the harvest. Zion is gathering in. Many are coming to her fold. Many of the stray sheep are returning after their wanderings in the mountains. After we have been in the beautiful green pastures of Zion and by her still waters, the old wicked world is a barren and rocky waste to us. We come back with joy.

How the good and faithful Jews and Israelites, like Nehemiah and Ezra and others, who had been carried away to Babylon, wept for their lost Zion! How they longed for the good old days of the temple service, where God met with them and manifested His glory! Alas, how the righteous have to suffer, often, with those who sin! It is still the old story, "The just for the unjust."

We are to sow beside all waters, whether we be in Babylon or in Jerusalem. Daniel did a noble work in the heathen court. He honored his God more than when at home. He spread His Name abroad throughout all the nations of the earth and into every province. He made the old king a messenger of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He did all this by his faithfulness, because he let his light shine and was true to his teaching: because he would not defile himself with the king's meat (pork), or with his wine. He was true to his God, and God forsook him not.

Persecutions do not hurt us; they only help us. They "work out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory," if you are not persecuted, you are not doing your duty; you must be compromising with the devil in some way. At Headquarters we are having plenty of persecutions. The devil is very angry. "The heathen rage and the people imagine a vain thing." They imagine they can destroy Zion and blot out the only City on earth founded for God; but God built Zion as a refuge for the oppressed of His people and He will maintain and keep His own.

Are you alone and a humle follower? Remember the little maid in a far-off country, a captive, a maid of all work in the home of her master. Did she not bear witness for her Lord? Did she not say to her lord, "There is a God in Israel, and a prophet there. I would that my lord was there and he would heal him of his leprosy." Had it not been for that we would not have that wonderful story of Naaman, the proud captain of the Syrian hosts.

Do you say you have no opportunity to work for God? Go and tell those sad, sorrowing, and sick ones that there is a "Balm in Gilead," and that there is a Physician there. Tell them of Zion and her work and her mission: that she has been raised up in these last days of wickedness and awful apostasy to show forth the true Light, and be a swift witness against iniquity in high places.

O, Zion! "Redeem the time, for the days are evil." Iniquity doth abound, and the love and faith of many wax cold. Those who have received the Light ought not to hide it under a bushel, but put it on a candlestick, that all in the house may receive light. Yes, let it begin in the home. Be sure your light shines there before you go on the streets and into the highways.

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Zion must go forward!
There is no time for delay!
Speed away! Speed away!
Let there be no idle hands.

Let there be no wrangling over foolish questions that gender strife. Beware of false teachers! Shun those who would make divisions among you. "Avoid them, for they serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly," says the Apostle. These are days when many false prophets go out and teach doctrines of devils, and carry many weak ones away.

God founded Zion. Zion has the truth as you will find it no where else. She has both the form of godliness and the power. The form is her organization, and discipline, and method of doing the work. It is her machinery and equipment. The Holy Ghost is her power. It is the same power that Christ promised the disciples, and it came upon them—the one hundred and twenty in the upper room who were waiting patiently in prayer for this great enduement, this promise of the Father; and "This promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Let Zion be true to her trust and

PRAY ALWAYS.

Divine Healing Addresses

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God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee."

We have four things outlined here. The first is, "If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God"—

That is the first thing. The second thing is, "And wilt do that which is right in His sight,"---

The third is, "And wilt give ear to His commandments"---

The fourth is, "And keep His statutes."

And what then? "I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee."

Death Rate in Zion City.

In glancing over one of the proof sheets of the Herald for this week, I noticed a report of the number of deaths in Zion City during the last twelve months, and the number was fifty-two. That would be one each week for the year. In a population of 4,500, you can see that is a very small death rate; it is exceedingly low. The death rate for some cities reaches as many as sixteen per thousand. When you take the Zion City figures, and remember that many of those who passed away were men and women who had reached a ripe old age, it makes the story all the more remarkable.

On the other hand, when you take into consideration our weaknesses, our shortcomings, our mistakes and sins of ignorance, it is a still more wonderful record.

Do you notice that this Covenant of Divine Keeping, or as it is usually called, the Covenant of Divine Healing, is preceded by the story of the Children of Israel being engaged in—a very earnest prayer. Was that it? What were they engaged in?

Voices: Murmuring, criticizing, fault finding, growling."

Prayer Versus Murmuring.

They put in a good part of their time at that, and I have wondered whether there are not some of the descendants of those people in Zion City. I am inclined to think there are some.

There are some people who do not fall into sin to any extent along any other line except criticizing, murmuring and fault finding. Some people,if they cannot fuss at anything, will fuss at the weather. You will find people in every community who are always complaining, always looking on the dark side of things. It does not take much trouble for some people to get upset. So far as reaching the point where I shall not be engaged in a fight is concerned, I shall never expect anything else than fighting until I reach heaven. It is an absolute and palpable contradiction for a man to talk about living a Christian life and ever be out of conflict, for it is simply impossible.

Men and women can never go to heaven "on flowery beds of ease;" they can go to hell that way.

As I look at the situation—and I think I am watching the situation as closely as anybody else—I can see very plainly the hand of God. No matter if it gets so dark that you cannot see even the very tiniest ray of light, that is just the time to walk by faith.

Fighting is the Order of the Day.

Satan is working very hard. He is after all of you. If he is not, I am ashamed of you. If the devil never calls to see Elder Richert, I want his resignation as an Elder. I do not take much stock in an Elder who never draws the fire of the enemy.

Some people say they want peace. Well, I don't, except the peace of God. You never saw a dead man yet but that he was peaceable, and the spiritually dead are very peaceable.

Some say, "I am tired of this fight." Well, all right, they know where to go. The only way I know to keep right spiritually is to fight. The weapons are the Word of God and prayer. (Amens).

I do not take any food for my body before twelve-thirty o'clock; but I always have my spiritual breakfast. That is the only kind of breakfast I believe in—the spiritual breakfast.

The Bible is Like a Gold Mine.

Since supper last night I have read the entire First Epistle to the Corinthians, and have gone through several chapters in a critical way. It has been a feast to my spirit. Every time I read the Word of God I see something new in it. The Bible is very deep. If you simply skim over the surface, you do not get much. You have to seek for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and apply all the faculties God has given you and get down deep into it. If you want coal you have to dig for it. God could have spread the coal all around on the earth, but He did not do it; He put it away down in the bowels of the earth. The same is true of silver and gold. They are hidden away in the bowels of the earth. You have to dig for them and work for them. The same is true of the Word of God. You have to concentrate your mind upon it and study it prayerfully.

I have a good many books in my library, and very little time to read them; but I think, O, well, the work has to be done. If I can read my Bible I will get along very well. That is true. If we know our Bible we will be able to preach. If we knew everything else and did not know the Bible, we would not be able to preach.

I wonder how many there are here this afternoon who do not need any healing. I will ask the question. How many can say that, so far as you know, you are not in need of any healing? (Quite a number raised their hands). It seems that quite a number are in need of no healing.

There is a good deal in being dead in earnest.

There is where the trouble comes in---lack of earnestness. There is where I have a lot of trouble with people in Zion City. Paul says that we should "stand, and having done all to stand."

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We Must Fight the Devil.

I want you to get this thought that the Christian life is a life of conflict all the way through. The only way we get salvation is by conflict. Do you think the devil is going to surrender one of his victims without a terrible fight? The only way you can get healing is by a fight. The difficulty with some people is, when they get sick, they give up. It is not an easy matter to fight when the devil has got you down. A man can do a good deal more standing up than when his hands are tied.

Let us get as near to God today as we can, so that we will always be ready. If we wait until satan gets us down, it is then up-hill work. We have some people who get to the place where they can no longer fight. They become discouraged, weak, and therefore cannot struggle against disease.

Let us read again:

"If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God."

That is one thing. There are two voices, the voice of God, and the voice of satan. James says: "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you."

Suggestions and impressions come from both sources. Some one wants to know how a person is to tell. Well, that is a difficult question to answer. I know how I tell myself. I think the best answer I can give to that question is that if a man knows the Word of God, and his conscience is finely trained and educated in accordance with the Word and will of God, he will know the very second satan approaches.

Elder Richert: "That is true."

Keep Off the Devil's Territory.

Satan is always on the outside before he gets inside. If you do not resist him in the beginning, you will find yourself very quickly getting into his clutches. Never trifle with the temptations of the devil. Some people put themselves on the devil's territory.

I heard a story once about a small Indian reservation close to which some white people lived. The father told his boys never to set foot on that reservation. One day, one of the boys came running in, and said one of the Indians had shot at him. The father asked the boy where he was at the time, and he told him. The father said, "Didn't I tell you to keep on your own ground?"

I have often thought of that story. You can apply it to the children of God. We must keep on our own ground. If you go to the theatre, and get shot, you have no one to blame but yourself. Keep on your own ground. If you go to a card party, and find yourself tempted to become a gambler, don't blame anyone but yourself. Keep on your own ground. If you go into a saloon, in the midst of the accursed drink, and find yourself taking liquid fire, just remember it is because you did not keep on your own ground. If you look at obscene pictures, and read filthy, trashy literature, and you find yourself slipping away from God, it is because you are on the devil's ground. If the devil shoots you, do not blame him one particle. Keep off the devil's territory, and keep close to God.

There is one thing I do thank God for as I observe the true Zion people, and that is the realization of God's keeping power. It is far more wonderful to be kept than it is to be healed.

But there is healing for all. God heals us that we may live consecrated lives. God wants us to serve Him and live for His honor and glory. Let us live the passive life. Let us learn to eat and sleep for His honor and glory. Let us learn to do all things with an eye single to His honor and glory.

"Whatsoever ye do" what?

Voices: "Do to the glory of God."

In the sermon I preached last Lord's Day, there was brought to my mind very forcibly the thought that we are not here simply to dig the soil and make money, consequently God brought home to the Children of Israel the lesson that they were His. He taught them the lesson of brotherhood, of kindness, of benevolence, in other words, they should live for each other. That was what the year of Jubilee was for. Every fifty years they were very forcibly reminded of their obligation to God and their obligation to their fellowmen.

There are a great many things to be learned.

The Word of God is much greater than any of us realize; yet it can be read through in sixty hours. I have heard the claim made that it can be read through in forty hours, from Genesis to Revelation. It is our Guide Book. Whether we know it or not, the one thing that is necessary is for us to be brave enough to face the Word. How many there are that read the Bible so that they believe it, and then they are afraid to face it and live it.

Living as Jesus Would.

On Lord's Day last, I referred to a movement of people in Cleveland, Ohio, who pledged themselves, and started in to live as Jesus would for ten days. One infidel writer wrote an article and said they were all a pack of hypocrites, for the moment they got up and said they would live as Jesus would have them live for ten days, that was a frank admission that during all the time past they had not been trying to live as Jesus lived.

Every man ought to live every day as Jesus would live. The idea of church members pledging themselves to try to live as Jesus lived! They are supposed to live every day as Jesus lived. We are told to do it. No man need tell a lie. No man need to be dishonest. Not one of you need indulge in gossip. You do not need to commit sin knowingly and willingly. A child of God never sins willingly. He may make mistakes, but he does not sin willingly. It is an awful thing to be a liar. I would rather deal with a thief than with a liar.

People lie when they get into a difficulty and do not know how to get out; then they lie. When they tell one lie, they have to tell three others to get out of what one, and it keeps up in that ratio.

God asks nothing of His child but that is within his reach.

I exhort you to read the Word of God. Be earnest in prayer.

Take Care of Your Children.

May God help you who are parents to realize the great dangers your children are in, and help you to be true parents to them. If I remember the figures correctly, there were fifty-two deaths and one hundred and sixteen births in Zion City last year. That means more than two births for every death. That is in a City where there are no doctors, drugs, or surgeons.

Elder Richert: In France, in the southern part of the country, there are very few children. You will find the families there average only from one to three children. The population has been going down.

General Overseer: That is one of the signs of the times. That is what is called race suicide, where they have doctors, drugs and surgeons. That has been true of the nations of the past that have perished. One of the principal signs of the approaching downfall of a nation is the concentration of wealth in a few hands. We have got that to perfection in this country and in England. Another one is the excess of the number of deaths over births. Those two things you find stand out prominently near the death of every nation—Rome, Egypt, Babylon, etc.

The nations of the present time are very near their doom. I notice that five of the cities on the Pacific Coast got a good shake-up yesterday. If the people won't have the Gospel, then they will have to have earthquakes. They are getting them often lately. During the last two weeks, a considerable part of the world has been shaken. I hope and pray that God will help me to be good without having to send an earthquake to

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make me good. When an earthquake comes, about the only thing some people think about is their house and property.

Christ said: "He that endureth to the end shall be saved."

Some people think there is no God and no hereafter: at any rate, this is true, judging by the conduct of some people. The man who would lift his hand against Zion City had better have a millstone put around his neck and be thrown into Lake Michigan, because God Almighty will deal with him.

I do not see how you can be other than good with the teaching you have had—what else is there to live for except to live for God?

God Looks After His Own.

I believe with all my heart that God will provide places of refuge for His children. The common understanding is that we are going to be taken care of by being caught up in the air. That may be correct finally, but in the meantime God is going to provide places of refuge for His children. The only reason why He withholds His hand today is because there are still some that love Him in this world. Christ will come as a thief in the night. That is the way He will come to Zion City. Let us have God's way. Let us follow His Word and do right. Do not sit around judging each other. God will judge all. Do right in God's sight, and keep close to Him.

I believe we ought to see in Zion a generation that will know no sickness. (Amens). I tell you it is going to take a good deal of teaching and preaching, and still more practicing before we ever get to that place.

We are living in perilous times; nobody knows what a day will bring forth. We are hastening on. When a man reaches the age of forty, it does not take him long to reach the top of the hill. Then he begins to descend the hill. The descending of the hill ought to be more glorious than the ascending if a man is right with God. It seems to me the nearer a man approaches to the day of his departure, the happier he ought to be. Some people do not want to die, they want to stay here as long as ever they can. Why should we want to stay here except to serve God? Take God out of our lives, and the Word of God from us, what is there left to stay for? If we are here for Christ's sake, the nearer we approach the day of our departure, the happier we ought to be. I am perfectly willing to stay as long as God wants me to. It is not worrying or bothering me one iota It is a fight for righteousness and for God. When a man knows he is right, there is always joy,

We are going ahead, and God is blessing us. He always takes care of us when we do right. All we have got to do is to do right. The battle is harder because some people do not do right. God Almighty can answer prayer. We are going forward. Let us keep on praying, and never give up. There are hundreds all over the world praying for Zion City.

THE GENERAL OVERSEER PRONOUNCED THE BENEDICTION.

Shiloh Tabernacle

Cash Payment to be met June 25, 1909 - - - $2,687.50

Cash in hand, May 28, 1909 - - - - $2,140.25

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A little help from each Zion officer member, and friend, will erase this balance. 4 days more should settle it.

PROGRAM

OF THE

Thirteenth Annual Convocation

OF THE

Christian Catholic Apostolic Church

IN ZION

ZION CITY, ILLINOIS, U. S. A.

July 11th to 21st, 1909

LORD'S DAY, JULY ELEVENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
9:30 a. m. Junior Seventies; Superintendent, Elder O. L. Tindall
2:30 p. m. **General Assembly;** Services conducted by the General Overseer, assisted by Officers, Zion Choir, Orchestra and Band.
8:00 p. m. Illustrated Song Service.

MONDAY, JULY TWELFTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.
8:00 p. m. Address by Elder Eustace L. Carey.

TUESDAY, JULY THIRTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Divine Healing Address. Special Service for Teaching and prayer with the sick.
8:00 p. m. Cantata, "Joseph's Bondage."

WEDNESDAY, JULY FOURTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Divine Healing Address. Special Service for Teaching and Prayer with the sick.
8:00 p. m. Address by Elder O. L. Tindall.

THURSDAY, JULY FIFTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.
8:00 p. m. Concert by Zion Band.

FRIDAY, JULY SIXTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Divine Healing Address. Special Service for Teaching and Prayer with the sick.
8:00 p. m. Address by Elder Fred Richert.

SATURDAY, JULY SEVENTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
3:00 p. m. Visit to Zion Stores. Addresses by various Officers, and Music by Zion Band.

LORD'S DAY, JULY EIGHTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:30 p. m. **General Assembly.** Service conducted by the General Overseer, assisted by Officers, Zion Choir, Orchestra and Band.
8:00 p. m,

MONDAY, JULY NINETEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.
8:00 p. m. Cantata "Esther."

TUESDAY, JULY TWENTIETH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Divine Healing Address. Special service for Teaching and Prayer with the sick.
8:00 p. m. Address by Elder Silas Moot.

WEDNESDAY, JULY TWENTY-FIRST

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.
8:00 p. m. Closing meeting. Addresses by various Officers.

During the Convocation Elder E. W. Reder, representing Chicago, Deacon Theodore Forby, General Associate Editor of Leaves of Healing and The Zion Herald, and others, will deliver addresses.

There will be Consecration Services for young children on Lord's Day afternoon, July 11th, and also July 18th.

The Lord's Supper will be observed.
The Christian Ordinance of Baptism by Triune Immersion will be administered, and
Officers' Conferences will be held.

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The Thirteenth Annual Convocation

of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion

will be held, God willing, in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, from Lord's Day, July 11th to Wednesday Evening, July 21, 1909. . . . .

¶All of the Officers, Members, and Friends of Zion should begin their preparations immediately after they read this notice, to come to Zion City, and be present throughout the entire Convocation.

The program, in full, appears this week in Leaves of Healing and The Zion Herald.

All persons planning to come should write to Elder E. L. Carey not later than June 1st, so that arrangements can be made for room and board in various private houses.

This Convocation will mark the beginning of another period of a great onward movement in Zion's work. Let one and all earnestly pray that God will call and train two workers to be sent to the United Kingdom; two workers to be sent to South Africa; two workers to be sent to Australia; and many earnest workers to be sent to different parts of the United States and Canada.

Expecting to see you at the Convocation, and earnestly praying God's richest blessings upon you, I am,

Faithfully yours in Jesus' Name,

WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA,

(Successor to John Alex. Dowie)
General Overseer

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.

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I am the Lord that healeth thee.

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

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The Gospel of the Kingdom

PAUL

The Jew, The Persecutor, The Christian, Apostle of Jesus Christ.
A Living Example of the Gospel.
A Zion Man.

BY O. L. TINDALL

[CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS ISSUE.]

Paul an Apostle.

I desire now to speak of Paul as an Apostle. We have spoken of his early life when a Jew and a persecutor of the Church of Jesus Christ, and as a Christian, and of his wonderful conversion.

Well, Paul became an Apostle, and a very distinguished one, as all must admit. As far as history goes, he was "in labors more abundant" than any of them. He was a campaigner for God and His cause and Kingdom. He said of himself as an Apostle that he was "not a whit behind the chiefest" of them.

Paul Defends His Office.

Paul did not allow them to despise his position as an Apostle. The people tried to pit one man against another, and one said, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Peter (or Cephas)," and another, "I am of Apollos." Some felt called upon, I suppose, to disparage Paul, and then it became necessary for him to defend his authority in order to maintain order and the right kind of teaching. He did not allow any and every kind of a man to come into his Church and teach, nor to make divisions in his flock. He knew the difference between a wolf in sheep's clothing and a true shepherd, and he fought the wolf away as would any true and brave shepherd in the Church, the same as a man who guards sheep.

Apostles in Zion.

This subject of Apostles has made considerable stir in Zion. We do not wish to discuss it, only in a limited way. We do not deem it of such tremendous importance as do some Dr. Dowie, in his organization pamphlet, discussed it cautiously, only saying that the office should be continued in the Church—that it never should have been taken out; but any further than that he did not say only this: that God had to make Apostles, and that man, or the Church could not manufacture them to order. They are not machine-made. He said he did not see any in sight. He afterwards thought he saw some, but God evidently did not, and did not make them, nor did John Alex. Dowie. All, I think, agree that it would have been a great mistake if he had foisted upon the Church the men he had selected for Apostles. The most of them have proven false to their trust and are now out of Zion and denying the faith once delivered to us.

Dr. Dowie never solved the question either as to how we should get Apostles in the Church, or exactly what were the qualifications of an Apostle, or what were his duties in the Church. These are very important questions to settle before a Church should rush into an experiment of that kind.

Some Bible Facts Concerning Office of Apostle.

I wish only to call attention to a few facts as recorded in the Bible on this subject. They may help us in our study of the question and in settling our position in regard to the office of Apostles.

Some men are anxious to become Apostles—that is a very good sign that they are not fit to be chosen to the office. The signs of an Apostle must be shown before a man is fit to be chosen to the office by the Church. This is one rule, I think that is clear. For the Church to choose, or for the General Overseer to select a lot of men and lay hands on them and say they are Apostles, would not make them so. God must call

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them and equip them for the place, and they must show the evidence of this by their good works. That is all the way men can judge. We cannot see a man's heart, only his works; and they must speak for him and testify. Paul appealed to these when he talked to the people about his position and authority in the Church at Corinth. They had opposed him; denied his apostleship. Said he (2 Corinthians 12:12):

Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.

Again in 1 Corinthians 9:2, he says on the same subject, defending his Apostleship:

Am I not an Apostle? * * * * * The seal of mine Apostleship are ye in the Lord.

These are two things he states as evidence that he is an Apostle, viz: The signs of mighty works; and the salvation of these people by the Lord under his ministry. Let men show the evidence. If they are not forthcoming, let us not make a farce of it by simply having the form when the power is wanting.

God Made Him an Apostle.

Paul evidently got his commission from God long before the Church recognized it, or laid hands upon him and sent him away on the great mission to which the Lord had called him. God gave him his commission when he was first converted. At that time the Lord said to Ananias:

Go thy way: for he (Saul) is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

For I will show him how great things he must suffer for My name' sake.

When Paul spoke of his Apostleship, he based it upon the Divine call and not upon the call from the Church. In nearly all his epistles he speaks of himself as an apostle of Jesus Christ; and then adds, " * * * not of man, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father."

The Church Ordains Apostles.

What did the Church have to do with making Paul an Apostle? But little, it would seem. We say it was done in the 13th chapter of the Acts, where the prophets and teachers in the Church at Antioch were directed by the Holy Spirit to set apart or "separate Barnabas and Saul," who were then recognized either as teachers, or prophets, or both, "for the work whereunto I have called them." "So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost." The Holy Spirit made it known to the Church that these two men were wanted by God for a certain work, and the Church laid hands on them and ordained them to this work.

This was ten years, it is supposed, after Paul was converted and began preaching. He had fitted himself for his work by exercising his talents and grace. He had been persecuted and hunted by the Jews, who had tried to kill him at Damascus because he preached that Jesus was the Christ. He went away into Arabia for three years, he tells us, and then returned and went to Jerusalem, where even the Apostles were afraid to receive him. He was there rejected by his own countrymen and driven away to his old home in Tarsus.

"Lay Hands on no Man Hastily."

Let them give good proof of their ministry, whatever that may be, as Paul sets forth in Romans 12:

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation; * * * * he that ruleth, with diligence, etc.

That simply means: let every man fill the place for which he is fitted and to which God has called him; and that applies to all the walks of life. Don't spoil a blacksmith by trying to make him a tailor, nor a merchant by making him a teacher of art. God is a God of order and of good sense.

Are We An Apostolic Church?

Some men are greatly exercised over this question, and want to run ahead of God in the matter. I may just as well ask: Are we a prophetic Church? or, Are we a Divine Healing Church? We are none of them, simply because we "dub" ourselves as such. We must have the thing itself, and not simply the name. We are Apostolic, as we have always been from the start. We recognize the office as one that God has made possible and legitimate, but the officers He must furnish as He sees fit and as the Church needs them. We are Apostolic also in the sense that we "continue steadfastly in the doctrines of the Apostles," as they did on the day of Pentecost.

We believe also in Prophets and prophecy, and that God will bestow this gift upon His people as He has promised. We believe in the Apostolic power, and that God sends His messengers. We believe also in all the nine gifts of the Spirit, though we may not have them in a very great degree. We believe in Divine Healing, and practice it so far as we have the grace to do so. All these things will increase as we grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, and are faithful in our teaching these things: for "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." The foundation is in true and right teaching and preaching.

The Name of the Church.

As to the name of the Church, we are not expected to put everything into that which we believe, or else we would have to call our Church: Apostolic, Prophetic, Didactic, Divine Healing, etc., etc. There is nothing in the Scriptures that give much light on some of these things, and where the Word of God is silent, men had better walk carefully and not be too dogmatic. Much liberty is given in the New Testament along many of these lines. Only general principles are given us, and we must work them out by the help of the Holy Spirit and our good judgment, and the present necessities and circumstances. In essentials we must be united, and in nonessentials charitable and wise and practical.

Repentance, Then Faith, Then Salvation

An Address delivered at the Early Morning Meeting, in Shiloh Tabernacle, Lord's Day, May 9, 1909.

BY ELDER E. L. CAREY

REPORTED BY F. W. P.

The meeting was opened by singing Hymn No. 95, "There is a Name I love to Hear." followed by Hymn No. 212, "When I survey the Wondrous Cross," and No. 39, "At the Cross." Before the singing of the third verse the Elder said:

Now, while we sing the last stanza I would like you all to bow in prayer. Let our heads be bowed and we will sing this last stanza. Let us draw near to God. Let His Spirit be in every heart and the love of Christ take away from our lives whatever this moment may be a hindrance.

Be Sincere in Worship.

We are here for a blessing this morning. We are here to

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renew our strength, our spiritual vitality, and thanks be unto God, He is not afar off, but He is nigh at hand. He is closer than a brother. He may be within you and within me; and if He is within us He is within us as "a well of water springing up into everlasting life"—a well of water. Let us sing this last stanza with our heads bowed.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe.

A lot of people shed tears for sins. There are many tears shed for sins, but in many, many cases it amounts to no more than tears. I have been in revival meetings—so have you—where many tears have been shed, and where people have gone up to the Communion rail, and, perhaps, have been there more than once—a number of times—they have been taught to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, which is all right, but the first teaching they have had has been "to believe, to believe."

Opportunity Wasted.

I had a letter from Elder Royall, and he and Elder Viking both say that the Moody School evangelists were over there when they were writing, and, of course, like all revivalists, they drew a good crowd of people, and the churches were all represented. So Elder Viking went down to see them to find out just what they were doing, to summarize them and see if there was anything he could work upon for the extension of the Kingdom of God—to see how the land lay—and he tells the same old story as we have been told before.

There was a great and glorious opportunity of preaching the eternal Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. It was a splendid opportunity of putting before the people what true repentance meant—of telling the people of the sins of the day and of the things that are displeasing to God amongst the nations. It was a great opportunity and it would have been a fine chance for a Zion man, but no, they left those things aside and they simply told the people all they had to do was to just "believe" where they were sitting and they would receive salvation.

Repentance Must Precede Living Faith.

Now, of course "by faith we are saved," that is a grand and glorious doctrine. Without faith we could not be saved; but Zion knows that before a man can exercise a living faith, and have a salvation that is worth having, *he must repent of his sins*, and *he must turn to God with full purpose of heart*, but he can't do that unless he knows he is a sinner.

Humility Leads to Repentance.

In that wonderful prayer of Solomon's, at the dedication of the temple, that beautiful prayer which breathes the spirit of humility right through, he reminds the people who listen to it that every man, and every woman should know the plague of his or her own heart.

There is no use for me to excuse myself of this wrong that I committed, or that. If I do that, I probably will repeat it.

There remains no hope for me while I assume that attitude; but if I confess my sin and get down on my knees and wrestle with God, then, by the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, there is hope.

There is Hope for Every Man.

There is hope for every man. But think of the mass of humanity today! Think of the condition of the churches! Poor people! the churches are the only places they can go to get hope and help and salvation. And so they go, and when they are there the preachers preach "nice" words to them. They tell them that if they "believe" in Jesus Christ the whole thing is put right; all they have to do then and there is to believe, and yet the poor man is burdened with his sin. He is a dirty smoker, perhaps. He hasn't alway been a truthful man. May be he is a man that is mixed up with a lot of these fraternal secret lodges.

The Blighting Influence of Secret Societies.

I was reading last night of one of those great institutions called the Elks secret society and of the tremendous extent to which it has grown. I was reading out of this paper which is looked upon as one of the cleanest secular papers that there is, (how that paper lauded this society to the skies). What is its doctrine? What are its aims and purposes? What is it founded for? They asked those questions and answered them. Its purpose is to do justice and to have charity and love amongst all men and to help. That is, the Church of God has failed to do its duty, so men are looking around to establish their own concerns and do what they think the churches ought to have done, what the church of God ought to have done; and there are hundreds of these societies and clubs.

Repentance Must Come Before Salvation.

Here comes a poor man who is mixed up with these things. He is taught to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and he will be saved. He is a smoker, belongs to secret societies, perhaps takes a glass of whiskey occasionally. His sins are not brought before him. He is told to "believe" on the Lord Jesus Christ, but there is no repentance and restitution taught. What do you hope to have? How is it that, as a result of these revival meetings, there is so little which stands? How is it, for instance, in that great revival of Torrey's (I speak of this because I was acquainted with it) and Alexander's in Australia, that in less than twelve months with all their organization and with all their help, and with all that attracted, in not more than twelve months to my knowledge, the best men were bewailing and lamenting the condition of the churches. Yet they had ten thousand converts! —enough to raise the old town and turn it upside down. They had everything that could be desired.

The Forms of Religion Not Enough.

I love music, it is a wonderful power in bringing people to God. There is nothing like music to draw some people to God. They had that, I was going to say, to perfection. They had a lovely choir. I think there were seven hundred voices. Some say a thousand. They had a great conductor, Alexander, who could sway the people. They had all the churches. They had prayer meetings in the houses weeks before. I went to them myself; they were as dead as a door nail, at least the ones I attended were. I went to some of their tent meetings in one of the suburbs. They had the central meetings in the Town Hall and Exhibition Building. In one of the tent meetings I attended, the man in charge seemed to be an earnest Christian, but there was no power there. The man spoke earnestly. I believe he was a good man. He was what they called low Church, representing the evangelistic people of the Church of England. He spoke earnestly but there wasn't any power there. Well, why? Because there wasn't full obedience to the Word of God. That was why. There hasn't been true repentance. The ministers themselves havn't repented.

Voice: "That's true."

Fear of Criticism.

Just think, one night during the Torrey and Giel meetings, a speaker called for a meeting for men alone and there was a crowd of men there. He was going to talk to men alone. O, my God, what an opportunity! Never again would that man have that chance to meet those men, those hundreds of men. There was a great chance. He just talked a few words about one or two things, and when he came to one of the questions, one of the important questions he had in mind—that was smok-

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General Overseer's Notes

HEADQUARTERS OFFICES OF THE
CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH IN ZION,
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June 4, 1909.

In the Editorial notes which appeared in Leaves of Healing Vol. 23, No. 20, bearing the date of Saturday, May 22, 1909, your attention, in a general way, was called to the Basis of Fellowship as set forth in the Second Section of the Resolution passed on February fifth, and recorded in Leaves of Healing, Volume 2, Number 17, Page 267.

In the following Notes, your special attention is directed to the consideration of each part of the Basis of Fellowship.

(1) That we recognize the infallible inspiration of the Holy Scriptures as the rule of faith and practice.

The apostate churches everywhere are honeycomed with infidelity; and this is not at all to be wondered at when, in many cases, they are ministered to by persons trained in theological seminaries which are simply hotbeds of atheism.

The story is told that some time before Robert G. Ingersoll, the notorious infidel, passed away, he was approached by some persons who said: "You used to do a good deal of lecturing and writing advocating infidelity, but you do not seem to be doing much lately;" whereupon Ingersoll replied, "Oh no, it isn't necessary; the preachers are doing the work so much better than I can do it that I have turned the job over to them."

Viewing the conditions as they existed in the apostate churches, and their fossilized theological seminaries at the time the Christian Catholic Church in Zion was organized, it certainly does seem providential that John Alexander Dowie boldly proclaimed, in the face of infidels both inside and outside of the churches, the recognition of the Holy Scriptures as the rule of faith and practice.

At the very beginning, therefore, Zion proclaims that no one should be received into the Church as a member who does not believe that the Bible is the Word of God.

The word "infallible" means exempt from fallacy or error of judgment; exempt from uncertainty or liability to failure; conclusive.

Personally, it is my unwavering belief that the original Scriptures were not only inspired as to the thoughts, but also as to the very words themselves.

Sad, indeed, is the plight of one who sits under the ministry of a little theological upstart who thinks that it is smart to make light of the story of Jonah and the whale, and to label the narrative of Daniel in the lions' den as simply a Jewish myth.

The secret of Zion's marvelous success for many years was largely due to the acceptance of and emphasis placed upon this first condition of fellowship.

Let one and all, who read these Notes, be assured that this condition is, today, if possible, emphasized more strongly than at any time since the Church was first organized.

It is, indeed, an inexpressible joy to be able to stand upon a platform representing a Church which, in these days of widespread unbelief, stands uncompromisingly for the whole Word of God; and demands of one and all seeking admission unqualified acceptance of the infallible inspiration of the Holy Scriptures.

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2. 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.

That the churches everywhere are largely filled with impenitent men and women will be readily admitted by all who are acquainted with the facts. A noble man of God said, not many

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years ago, "We look for the Church and we find it in the world: we look for the world and we find it in the Church."

John the Baptist, the Forerunner of Jesus the Christ, began his preaching with the simple word, "Repent."

Jesus, the Christ, began His preaching with the simple word, "REPENT."

The Apostle Peter, on the Day of Pentecost, in response to the question, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" answered, "REPENT."

Zion's ministry must follow their example, and wherever they go, they must preach repentance.

The word "repent" literally means a change of mind; an afterthought; and it involves confession of sins committed; the making right of wrongs done; a reformation of life.

Today, an easy-going religion has substituted for repentance the signing of a card; the uplifting of the hand.

A certain eastern writer, in discussing the utter worthlessness of the average church organization, said, "A very suitable sign for many churches would be, 'Wanted, members; no questions asked and nothing in particular required.' "

The nauseating thing called "Religion," which most people have today, is a religion that does not demand repentance; and, therefore, provokes no opposition from the world, the flesh, and the devil.

The substitution of essays, orations, philosophical and scientific treatises and dissertations for the faithful proclamation of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God has worked great havoc and sent multitudes to hell.

To trust in Christ for Salvation means that you must accept Him as God manifest in the flesh, an All-sufficient Savior. Repentance toward God and a saving faith in Jesus the Christ, are absolutely necessary to Salvation.

3. 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.

To profess is to make an open declaration; to avow or acknowledge; to announce; to affirm.

All persons seeking admission into the Church must be able to make a good profession; viz., to declare their faith in and obedience to the Christian religion as set forth in the Bible, the revealed Word of God.

In response to the question, "So far as you know your own heart can you truly say that you have repented of all your sins?" each one must be able, unhesitatingly and emphatically, to say, "Yes."

All must be able to say that they are truly trusting Christ, for His is the only name given in heaven or on earth whereby the children of men can be saved.

Still further, they must have the witness, in a measure, of the Holy Spirit. Paul says, in Romans 8: 14-17:

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together."

The inward experience of true Christians, as described in verses fifteen and sixteen, is an evidence of the sonship set forth in verse fourteen.

4. That all other questions of every kind shall be held to be matters of opinion and not matters that are essential to Church unity.

This last condition makes it possible for all Christians to come into the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion; but this condition must not be construed as a license to any one who does come into our fellowship to advocate anything contrary to the generally accepted positions of the Church.

To illustrate: Zion teaches that no one is pardoned without repentance, but that a great and loving Father will seek His lost in future ages; and that finally God will have the victory in the salvation of all, and not the devil in the destruction of the vast majority of humanity.

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HEADQUARTERS OFFICES OF THE
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June 4, 1909.

In the Editorial notes which appeared in Leaves of Healing Vol. 23, No. 20, bearing the date of Saturday, May 22, 1909, your attention, in a general way, was called to the Basis of Fellowship as set forth in the Second Section of the Resolution passed on February fifth, and recorded in Leaves of Healing, Volume 2, Number 17, Page 267.

In the following Notes, your special attention is directed to the consideration of each part of the Basis of Fellowship.

(1) That we recognize the infallible inspiration of the Holy Scriptures as the rule of faith and practice.

The apostate churches everywhere are honeycomed with infidelity; and this is not at all to be wondered at when, in many cases, they are ministered to by persons trained in theological seminaries which are simply hotbeds of atheism.

The story is told that some time before Robert G. Ingersoll, the notorious infidel, passed away, he was approached by some persons who said: "You used to do a good deal of lecturing and writing advocating infidelity, but you do not seem to be doing much lately;" whereupon Ingersoll replied, "Oh no, it isn't necessary; the preachers are doing the work so much better than I can do it that I have turned the job over to them."

Viewing the conditions as they existed in the apostate churches, and their fossilized theological seminaries at the time the Christian Catholic Church in Zion was organized, it certainly does seem providential that John Alexander Dowie boldly proclaimed, in the face of infidels both inside and outside of the churches, the recognition of the Holy Scriptures as the rule of faith and practice.

At the very beginning, therefore, Zion proclaims that no one should be received into the Church as a member who does not believe that the Bible is the Word of God.

The word "infallible" means exempt from fallacy or error of judgment; exempt from uncertainty or liability to failure; conclusive.

Personally, it is my unwavering belief that the original Scriptures were not only inspired as to the thoughts, but also as to the very words themselves.

Sad, indeed, is the plight of one who sits under the ministry of a little theological upstart who thinks that it is smart to make light of the story of Jonah and the whale, and to label the narrative of Daniel in the lions' den as simply a Jewish myth.

The secret of Zion's marvelous success for many years was largely due to the acceptance of and emphasis placed upon this first condition of fellowship.

Let one and all, who read these Notes, be assured that this condition is, today, if possible, emphasized more strongly than at any time since the Church was first organized.

It is, indeed, an inexpressible joy to be able to stand upon a platform representing a Church which, in these days of widespread unbelief, stands uncompromisingly for the whole Word of God; and demands of one and all seeking admission unqualified acceptance of the infallible inspiration of the Holy Scriptures.

2. 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.

That the churches everywhere are largely filled with impenitent men and women will be readily admitted by all who are acquainted with the facts. A noble man of God said, not many

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years ago, "We look for the Church and we find it in the world: we look for the world and we find it in the Church."

John the Baptist, the Forerunner of Jesus the Christ, began his preaching with the simple word, "Repent."

Jesus, the Christ, began His preaching with the simple word, "REPENT."

The Apostle Peter, on the Day of Pentecost, in response to the question, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" answered, "REPENT."

Zion's ministry must follow their example, and wherever they go, they must preach repentance.

The word "repent" literally means a change of mind; an afterthought; and it involves confession of sins committed; the making right of wrongs done; a reformation of life.

Today, an easy-going religion has substituted for repentance the signing of a card; the uplifting of the hand.

A certain eastern writer, in discussing the utter worthlessness of the average church organization, said, "A very suitable sign for many churches would be, 'Wanted, members; no questions asked and nothing in particular required.' "

The nauseating thing called "Religion," which most people have today, is a religion that does not demand repentance; and, therefore, provokes no opposition from the world, the flesh, and the devil.

The substitution of essays, orations, philosophical and scientific treatises and dissertations for the faithful proclamation of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God has worked great havoc and sent multitudes to hell.

To trust in Christ for Salvation means that you must accept Him as God manifest in the flesh, an All-sufficient Savior. Repentance toward God and a saving faith in Jesus the Christ, are absolutely necessary to Salvation.

3. 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.

To profess is to make an open declaration; to avow or acknowledge; to announce; to affirm.

All persons seeking admission into the Church must be able to make a good profession; viz., to declare their faith in and obedience to the Christian religion as set forth in the Bible, the revealed Word of God.

In response to the question, "So far as you know your own heart can you truly say that you have repented of all your sins?" each one must be able, unhesitatingly and emphatically, to say, "Yes."

All must be able to say that they are truly trusting Christ, for His is the only name given in heaven or on earth whereby the children of men can be saved.

Still further, they must have the witness, in a measure, of the Holy Spirit. Paul says, in Romans 8: 14-17:

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together."

The inward experience of true Christians, as described in verses fifteen and sixteen, is an evidence of the sonship set forth in verse fourteen.

4. 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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the sick healed, the polluted cleansed, and in establishing the Rule of God.

At the forth-coming Convocation, which will be held, God willing, from July 11th to July 21st earnest, prayerful efforts will be put forth to get one and all to see that "the fields are white unto the harvest and that workers should be sent forth to gather the harvest.

All of the meetings held in Shiloh Tabernacle are weekly becoming more interesting, more deeply spiritual, and more richly blessed to all who attend.

In the future, for a time at least, in every service, the beautiful stanza:

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

will be sung.

The Psalmist said:

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

In that wonderful prayer which Jesus offered, as recorded in John, the seventeenth chapter, He prayed for His disciples that they might all be one as He and His Father were one. Later on, He prayed that all who believe on Him through their word should be one.

Paul wrote to the Church at Corinth,

"Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing."

True unity can only be had by emphasizing the things concerning which we think and talk alike, and never by magnifying differences.

"Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His."

Loud-mouthed professions, boisterous proclamations of doctrines without the manifestation of the Spirit of Christ count for absolutely nothing, and plainly show that the one indulging in such professions and proclamations is nothing more or less than "sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal."

Scatter Zion literature broadcast. Elder Tindall's tract entitled "The World's Need of Zion" has already been distributed in scores of thousands of copies.

Elder C. F. Viking's article entitled "Some Fundamental Teachings of Zion as Compared With Modern Theology" can now be had in tract form for free distribution.

Zion officers, members, and friends should always have a supply of tracts on hand, and give them to all the people whom they meet; and when they are traveling by train, throw out a bundle at every station.

Other tracts will be printed as quickly as possible, and a number, suitable in size to be placed in envelopes, so that with every letter sent out the Word of God may also be sent.

Once more the attention of all who expect to be present for the Convocation is called to the necessity of notifying Elder Carey at the earliest possible date in order that arrangements may be made for room and board.

Ask God to open the way for you to come and attend all the meetings from July 11th to July 21st.

Be faithful in tithing.
Give offerings as God prospers you.

Work for the night is coming.

Pray without ceasing.

Be ready all the time for the coming of Jesus, the Christ.

WATCH YE THEREFORE AND PRAY ALWAYS.

Repentance, Then Faith, Then Salvation

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ing—it turned out to be only cigaret smoking. He talked about boys smoking cigarets. That was all right, but what about those fellows there that were smoking tobacco? What about the ministers around him that were smoking? What about that? He just said one word in regard to tobacco smoking. He said, "I just leave it to you as to whether it is the best thing for you to do," and that is about all he said. I don't know whether any of you were there or not. He was frightened to touch upon that matter. He could talk about "little boys smoking cigarets." That was all right. None of the ministers were likely to growl at him for that—he would never get called onto the carpet for that.

Repentance Must Be Urged.

May God have mercy upon the poor people that have never

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been taught repentance That is the way in those meetings in China. God's Word is not being obeyed. A man has to be told his sins. It is a pretty good thing to face one's sins now instead of facing them by and by. It is a mighty good thing to be told what your wrong is and to get down on your knees and acknowledge it and get strength. Far better to know it now and to be saved from it and to be used by God in saving your brethren now, which we will never be able to do unless we are right ourselves.

Think of hundreds of men standing up in a meeting and saying they were ready for heaven; ready that moment if the call should come—like thousands of them expressed themselves in those meetings. He said, "If the summons came at this moment would you be ready?" Hundreds upon hundreds, and I suppose, thousands arose. The vast majority stood so far as I could see. Well, I didn't feel in such a hurry as that. I felt it was a mighty serious thing to say that if the summons came right at that moment I was ready. It was a very serious thing. I arose, but I know in my spirit that there were hundreds and hundreds there that were not ready. I didn't blame them, but I blamed the preacher. They hadn't been taught the Word of God. There were sins unrepented of and there were sins that were not recognized as sins. Lots of people don't think that what you look upon as sins, are sins. There is a difference between sinning ignorantly and sinning willfully. It is an awful condition to be in, to sin and not know you are sinning; but it is worse still when you know you have sinned and will not repent of it.

Be Right and Help Others to Get Right.

Zion, we have got to be right ourselves, so I want this morning for each one of you to get close to God. There are Seventies here. Lots of you will be used as Seventies. A lot of you will go out to preach the Gospel. You will have the duty of going out and telling the people that they are sinners; that they have wandered away from the Word. You will have the joy of telling them to look to the Savior to save them from their sins; that if they will turn to Him they may find a home where they shall be able to learn of God and be kept by His grace; and there must be a home for the people.

No Real Home Away From Zion.

I don't see a home for the people who turn from their sins, except Zion today. I do not. I don't mean to say there are not many in the churches who are lovely people and who do lead some people to God. They do. But as a church home for the people of God I fail to see where there is one. Zion has got to go forward and upward and keep close to God and if every man and woman will do right and keep close to God, there will be power; there will be joy; there will be a home for the people. They will turn and say, "Where shall we go?" I have heard the Gospel; I have turned from my sins; I have accepted the Savior Who keeps from sickness; a Savior Who keeps from the power of temptation. Where shall I go? Shall I go back to the Methodist or Presbyterian or Congregational church? How can I go there? My minister smokes, says one. How can I go back to the Methodist church? My minister is a Freemason. How can I go back to the Congregational church?

A Man is Known by His Company.

If a man associates continually with a person that doesn't believe what he believes, there is bound to be some pulling, and the question will be, where the pulling will be. By your company you will be judged and by your company God will judge you. Where shall I go?

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PROGRAM

OF THE

Thirteenth Annual Convocation

OF THE

Christian Catholic Apostolic Church

IN ZION

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July 11th to 21st, 1909

LORD'S DAY, JULY ELEVENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
9:30 a. m. Junior Seventies; Superintendent, Elder O. L. Tindall
2:30 p. m. **General Assembly;** Services conducted by the General Overseer, assisted by Officers, Zion Choir, Orchestra and Band.
8:00 p. m. Illustrated Song Service.

MONDAY, JULY TWELFTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.
8:00 p. m. Address by Elder Eustace L. Carey.

TUESDAY, JULY THIRTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Divine Healing Address. Special Service for Teaching and prayer with the sick.
8:00 p. m. Cantata, "Joseph's Bondage."

WEDNESDAY, JULY FOURTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Divine Healing Address. Special Service for Teaching and Prayer with the sick.
8:00 p. m. Address by Elder O. L. Tindall.

THURSDAY, JULY FIFTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.
8:00 p. m. Concert by Zion Band.

FRIDAY, JULY SIXTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Divine Healing Address. Special Service for Teaching and Prayer with the sick.
8:00 p. m. Address by Elder Fred Richert.

SATURDAY, JULY SEVENTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
3:00 p. m. Visit to Zion Stores. Addresses by various Officers, and Music by Zion Band.

LORD'S DAY, JULY EIGHTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:30 p. m. **General Assembly.** Service conducted by the General Overseer, assisted by Officers, Zion Choir, Orchestra and Band.
8:00 p. m, ———————————

MONDAY, JULY NINETEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.
8:00 p. m. Cantata "Esther."

TUESDAY, JULY TWENTIETH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Divine Healing Address. Special service for Teaching and Prayer with the sick.
8:00 p. m. Address by Elder Silas Moot.

WEDNESDAY, JULY TWENTY-FIRST

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.
8:00 p. m. Closing meeting. Addresses by various Officers.

During the Convocation Elder E. W. Reder, representing Chicago, Deacon Theodore Forby, General Associate Editor of Leaves of Healing and The Zion Herald, and others, will deliver addresses.

There will be Consecration Services for young children on Lord's Day afternoon, July 11th, and also July 18th.

The Lord's Supper will be observed.
The Christian Ordinance of Baptism by Triune Immersion will be administered, and
Officers' Conferences will be held.

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You Cannot Afford to Miss It

The Thirteenth Annual Convocation

of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion

will be held, God willing, in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, from Lord's Day, July 11th to Wednesday Evening, July 21, 1909. . . . .

¶All of the Officers, Members, and Friends of Zion should begin their preparations immediately after they read this notice, to come to Zion City, and be present throughout the entire Convocation.

The program, in full, appears this week in Leaves of Healing and The Zion Herald.

All persons planning to come should write to Elder E. L. Carey not later than June 1st, so that arrangements can be made for room and board in various private houses.

This Convocation will mark the beginning of another period of a great onward movement in Zion's work. Let one and all earnestly pray that God will call and train two workers to be sent to the United Kingdom; two workers to be sent to South Africa; two workers to be sent to Australia; and many earnest workers to be sent to different parts of the United States and Canada.

Expecting to see you at the Convocation, and earnestly praying God's richest blessings upon you, I am,

Faithfully yours in Jesus' Name,

WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA,

(Successor to John Alex. Dowie)
General Overseer

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The Gospel of the Kingdom

PAUL

The Jew, The Persecutor, The Christian, Apostle of Jesus Christ.
A Living Example of the Gospel.
A Zion Man.

BY O. L. TINDALL

[CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS ISSUE.]

Was Paul a Zion Man?

We have considered Paul in his various characters and strange experiences. We have found him a very remarkable man. He was a zealous opposer and we find him an enthusiastic advocate afterwards of the very thing he once opposed so vigorously. He did not do things in a half-hearted way—a very good trait of character. I have said that Paul was a living example of the Gospel. We learn more of the true Gospel by Paul's example and life than we do from his sermons.

He taught that we should be epistles ' know and read of all men." Christianity was built up by actions and real works, far more than by essays and arguments.

When they saw the blind were made to see and the deaf to hear and the lame to walk, then they paid attention. Jesus said to the disciples of John, who came to inquire whether He was the One who was to come or should they look for another, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard, how that the blind receive their sight and the deaf have their ears unstopped," etc.

That was the evidence that would convince John, or any other man, or doubter.

The pulpits today have no such evidence to convince the world. Their nicely written essays fall on the world's sleepy heads and close their eyes, rather than open them. Men look on and see what the churches are doing, and are not convinced. As a minister recently said to his wealthy congregation as he was about to leave them, after 18 years of service. "You pay large sums to support the church, but you don't go to hear the sermons." He was tired of preaching year after year and seeing no results, no fruits. That is what most of the ministers are doing today.

They do not get the fruits—"nothing but leaves." I ask, was Paul a Zion man? Perhaps it would be more appropriate or becoming to say, Is Zion a Paul-Man? if you will allow that expression, or wherein does Paul furnish us an example, and how far do we follow him in our work? I would that we came much nearer his standard.

Let me point out some things in his life and teachings that Zion must and does teach and preach and practice.

Paul believed in the Holy Spirit, in conviction of the sinner and in converting the repentant seeker.

He was a beautiful example of a man repenting of his sins and changing his whole life—turning squarely around from sin to righteousness and obeying the Word of God. At the very time of his conversion, he obeyed the Lord in baptism; he received the Holy Spirit, and was healed of his blindness. A pretty good start.

Paul Was a Good Fighter.

He pressed the battle to the gates from the very beginning. He assailed the "strongholds" of the enemy. He had the enemy aroused in all the city of Damascus from the first. He had to flee for his life. They lay in wait for him in all the gates of the city, and his friends had to let him down in a basket over the walls to save his life. It was the same thing in Jerusalem on his first visit there, to his old home. It was always so to the end of his life—one round of fights from first to last. Zion was and is the same. She has had no flowery beds of ease to recline upon.

Other churches are asleep. No one cares for them. They are popular, for the most part, with the world, the flesh and the

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devil. Even the Salvation Army seems now to be on exceedingly good terms with the world. They used to be persecuted and imprisoned, but not so now. Their witnessing against sin is mostly in low places and of very "light weight." They get their support from the outside world, largely, and it is policy to deal carefully with them. It's an army with a white flag, compromising all along the line. Their fight against sin is feeble enough.

Zion is still in the field for active work; and the devil knows it. He and his host have cried "Peace, Peace, on any terms; only let us have Peace."

They got a man all the way from ——— to help them to have Peace, at any price. They were ready to sacrifice all the principles of God and of Zion if we would only give them "Peace." They made it all right with the world and are on good terms with the wicked, compromising Press. They sleep in the same bed with the stinkpots. They banquet the Mah-hah-bones and fellowship doctors and drugs and devils. They are on good terms with everything, except Zion. They love everything in sight except Zion, and her they hate with all hatred. They curse her, they persecute her, they fight her. They would exterminate her if they could.

Zion expects to fight on as long as there is any sin in the world. There will be no peace, till the Prince of Peace shall put under His feet all principalities and powers and every enemy is subdued and destroyed, even death and hell. It will never be done by compromise nor by crying "Peace, Peace," when there is no peace. The warfare is still on. It is not ended.

Paul Preached Salvation for the Body.

as well as for the spirit. He followed his Master in this and kept His commandment: to preach the Kingdom of God and heal the sick. The healing of the sick was a most important part of his work, and the reason of his success. This convinced unbelievers as nothing else would do. He was no 'Christian Science healer;' nor 'mind healer,' nor 'Emmanuel-movement healer;' but in the name of the Christ he bade a man arise from his sickness and the impotent man leaped to his feet, and the dead man awoke. We follow in his footsteps, and in the Christ's teaching.

Paul Ruled in the Church.

He was no democrat, that believed in the rule of the people. He commanded. He used authority, as God gave it to him. He never asked the people to decide questions for him. He was an ambassador of Christ. He took his orders from his Master. He went where He told him to go. He had only a message from his Master. He taught the people the way of Life. He put down all opposition. He was not called by the people. He went where the Lord sent him. He was no hireling, like a Baptist parson is. He did not expect the sheep to rule and direct the shepherd. When a wolf came in, he fought him.

He Put Down All Sects.

He said they came from envy, and strife and jealousy. He said, "Mark them that cause divisions among you. They serve not the Lord, but their own belly. Avoid them."

If any man preached any other Gospel than what he preached "let him be anathema." He would not bid him God-speed. He forbade his people fellowshiping with them.

When a man was unruly and disobedient in the church, and would not be corrected, he even delivered him over to satan.

How would he handle this church question, think you? Would he say, "Come along, all of you denominations—you who say, 'I am of Wesley' and 'I am of Luther' and 'I am of Calvin' and 'I am of Alex. Campbell' and 'I am of Mrs. Eddy' and so on down the line for more than a hundred?" That is the Christianity of today. How think you he would treat that kind of a thing among the professed followers of the Christ.

He would say, "Let the whole accursed thing be swept off the earth."

"Whence come these divisions? Are ye not carnal when ye say thus?"

He would take the reins in his own hands, and start preaching the truth and setting things in order, just as Zion has done.

He could never patch up these old garments. None of the churches are right, and never have been, even when they were at their best.

They have left out one part of the Gospel which Christ gave to the world and told His disciples to preach and practice, viz: to heal the sick. The preachers are false in practice, in selling their services to churches for so much money, and allowing the churches to rule them and dictate to them.

God Set Officers in the Church to Rule.

Paul and Zion agree on this point that God calls all His ministry and they are set over the church, and the various churches, or gatherings and it is their business to direct them in all spiritual things; to teach them the Word of God; to explain it, and to apply it to all the affairs of life. The church, through its officers, is to guide all things. "The saints shall judge the world," said Paul. He took a hand in all matters, and directed his people on all questions. The food question—he wrote sensible things on that subject. He taught on the Sabbath question. He forbade them fussing and quarreling over Sabbath days and feast days, even over the "Feast of Tabernacles," I presume. He forbade them going to law with one another before the world; and insisted that they settle their troubles among themselves. He instructed them about marrying, and said Christians should not marry unbelievers—should not be unequally yoked with them. He made elders, and told them to rule and set things in order. If they could not do that, they were not fit to be elders. The ministry was for the purpose of edifying the body of Christ; that is, building it up and bringing it into the *Unity* of the faith—not into a hundred and one different faiths and bodies.

Paul Gave Good Advice to the Tongue People.

Read the fourteenth chapter of First Corinthians. What wisdom he shows in dealing with men who were going astray on that subject!

He wrote wisely on the *Second Coming of our Lord.* He taught it as a great fact to be looked for, but not as a foundation upon which to build a church. He said you could not tell the hour nor the day, and therefore it was our business to watch and be ready when the Bridegroom comes.

Paul was a Zion man.

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Repentance, Then Faith, Then Salvation

An Address delivered at the Early Morning Meeting, in Shiloh Tabernacle, Lord's Day, May 9, 1909.

BY ELDER E. L. CAREY

REPORTED BY F. W. P.

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

Oneness in Christian Association.

May God help Zion to be a home and open the doorway, for God's people must be gathered together. How will they be gathered together? They must be united. They must be one in Jesus Christ. How? When? Where? These are questions I cannot answer. I have often believed that Zion would be the place. You see the necessity of Zion. Do you understand what I mean? It isn't just because we say this is Zion that that settles the matter. It isn't because this is the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion, therefore Zion has got to be the place. No, God doesn't work like a machine; but if you and I are faithful, and if this people are faithful, and if we live close to the Word of God, God will honor us and will make us a blessing because *His Word says so.* WE CAN PROVE WHAT WE ARE. That is sound Gospel. You might just as well say, for instance, that because I am an Elder I am a good man—*because I am an Elder.* That is foolish, as everybody knows. It would also be foolish to take a position like that in regard to an organization. There is the Methodist church. It has been a wonderful organization in the past. Think of their revivals and the thousands of people that were saved. They will get up in their celebrations and they will tell about the great meetings they had in the Methodist church in the early days. That is the way they go on. They had a great meeting in the Town Hall in Melbourne once, and somebody had made a speech there that had shocked the good Methodist people of the town. They also spoke of John Wesley and the past. Somebody wrote a letter to their paper and said, "My opinion is if John Wesley had come on that platform that he would have torn that meeting to pieces."

Keep Right.

It doesn't count anything as to what you *have been*, as to what the church *has been*. It doesn't matter whether the history is a splendid one, one that has bespoken the power of God. It may all be true. So they try to bolster it up. The right thing for them to do is to repent before God.

My opinion is that their day is past, and Zion, if you and I are going to be used of God; if this people are going to be the people, then it doesn't do for you and me to simply think and tell of what Zion *has been* in the past. If this people don't do right God will simply turn you down. It does not matter, in a sense, what the name is. You can call yourselves Zion if you ilke. You and I have got to realize that. If we realize it and get upon our knees in earnest before Him, He will answer.

The Possibilities of Zion.

Oh, the possibilities of this people! Why? Because we stand against the things of the world today whilst the churches do not. That is the difference. We stand for honor and righteousness, and Zion is determined to have the holy life in the Church and to stand for it by discipline and by authority. There is the difference. That is why there is hope for Zion today. If we didn't have these things we would be as bad as the others.

I don't want you to have your eye on the Organization only. Have your eyes on Jesus Christ; and upon the Word of God. Remember, as you act, so will the result be. We have an opportunity that no other organization in this world has today. That is what I want you to realize. We are in the place where none of the other organizations have ever been. That is a wonderful thing to say. There is no other organization that has preached against the evils of the world today as Zion has preached, not one, I don't care who they are. You can look for them. I can't find them and you can't find them. You may pick one out and say it preaches against certain evils. Zion is the only one that faces the issue, that faces the position, and is prepared to fight against all that is of the devil, and if we maintain that position we have everything before us and God's blessing upon us, and the world to be saved and a wonderful message to deliver. What a power there will be in delivering that message to the world. They will turn from their sins and they will look for a Savior to deliver them. They will find out by and by that they have been deceived and they will want a place to go to.

Oh, that you and I may be ready; that we may be able to say, "Here is a home for you, my brother."

We are not perfect. There is no perfection in humanity, but here is a place where we are trying to live out the Gospel; where the people are brave enough---where the ministers are brave enough to stand up and declare against these wicked things and tell the people that they must repent and turn to God or perish. We are doing that and this is where they will come some day in hundreds and thousands.

Now, let us sing that last stanza and earnestly pray to God. Think of the words of this stanza, brethren.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe.

Tears Will Save No One.

We have got to do something more than cry and weep. We have got to repent. Yes; we have got to turn to God and *do* something. I cannot go to the people and tell them to repent if I myself think that by shedding a few tears I am a saved man, without really being one. *There must be an* UNDOING and a DOING. You know that is the Word of God. "Work out:" What does it say?

Voices: "Your own salvation with fear and trembling."

Sins Repented of Clear the Way to Salvation.

My brethren, this salvation is A PROGRESSIVE SALVATION. It is a salvation which will never allow you to let up for one moment. The enemy of your soul and spirit who was after you in the beginning and had you in his grasp (but thanks be unto God you have escaped) is after you all the time and is on your track, and on my track, all the time. It is only the power of God operating through Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit, that can save to the uttermost. But that power can't save you unless you have repented in earnest and done something more than cry. What is the use of my coming here and crying and saying I have been unfaithful to God and when Monday comes and Tuesday and Wednesday I am simply where I was before? What is the use of my tears?

The Nations Must Repent.

Christ wept. Yes; He wept. His heart ached. He wept tears of sorrow for Jerusalem. They didn't repent. They pretended to be this and that, but their doom was sealed, for they did not repent. We may well weep for the world today, and for the awful condition of it! When I think of the awful trouble

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.
PATIENCE
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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PRAISE

PRAYER

TESTIMONY

"Who is like unto Thee, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like Thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?" Exodus 15:11.

"He is thy praise, and He is thy God." Deut. 10:21.

"And to make thee high above all nations which He hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honor; and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the Lord thy God, as He hath spoken." Deut. 26:19.

"For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised." 1 Chron. 16:25.

"And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten." 2 Chron. 20:22.

"Stand up, and bless the Lord your God for ever and ever; and blessed be Thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise." Neh. 9:5.

"For in the days of David and Asaph, of old, there were chief of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving unto God." Neh. 12:46.

"Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright." Ps. 33:1.

"His praise shall continually be in my mouth." Ps. 34:1.

"Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, in Zion." Ps. 65:1.

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 throng,
And crown Him Lord of all.

THE NAME OF JESUS.

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called WONDERFUL, COUNSELLOR, THE MIGHTY GOD, THE EVERLASTING FATHER, THE PRINCE OF PEACE.

"Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice, from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this." Isaiah 9:6,7.

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"And thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins." Matt. 1:21.

"And they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." Matt. 1:23.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Matt. 28:19.

"Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name." Matt. 6:9.

"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.

AND CROWN HIM LORD OF ALL

"And in the days of these Kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

"Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure." Daniel 2:44,45.

"These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.

"But the saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever." Daniel 7: 17, 18.

"REPENT YE: FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND."

"THY KINGDOM COME. THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN."

"BUT SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS."

"AND AS YE GO, PREACH, SAYING, THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND."

"AND SAY UNTO THEM, THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS COME NIGH UNTO YOU."

"The Kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field."

"The Kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed."

"The Kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened."

"The Kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field."

"The Kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchantman, seeking goodly pearls."

"The Kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea."

"The Kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, who went out early in the morning to hire laborers into his vineyard."

"Verily, verily, I say unto you (speaking to the Chief Priests and the Elders of the people) that the publicans and the harlots go into the Kingdom of heaven before you."

"The Kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, who made a marriage for his son, and sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding; and they would not come."

"Then shall the Kingdom of Heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom."

"For the Kingdom of Heaven is as a man traveling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods."

"To whom also He showed Himself alive after His passion

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by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God."

"The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever."

Come, Thou Almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise:
Father! all-glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us,
Ancient of days!

Come, Thou incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend:
Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success:
Spirit of holiness!
On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter!
Thy sacred witness bear,
In this glad hour:
Thou, who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power!

To the great One in Three,
The highest praises be,
Hence evermore!
His sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to Eternity
Love and adore.

Zion people everywhere throughout the world should be filled with the spirit of praise.

They have been gloriously saved.
They have been wonderfully healed.
They have been marvelously kept.

All have experienced great deliverances---some from the accursed tobacco and whiskey habits; and all from the devilish, withering, blighting curse of drugs.

May God, in His infinite love and mercy, in the name of Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, cast out of all the spirit of criticising, fault-finding, murmuring, and complaining; and fill each and every one with the beautiful spirit of praise.

Let all daily praise God from Whom all blessings flow, and sing the inspiring hymn:

My Savior's praises I will sing,
And all His love express;
Whose mercies each returning day,
Proclaim His faithfulness.

Count your many blessings,
Name them one by one,
And it will surprise you,
What the Lord hath done.

Praise, Prayer, and Testimony Meetings are now being held regularly in Shiloh Tabernacle every Lord's Day morning at 7 o'clock, and every Wednesday night.

Already scores have testified to God's goodness in Saving, Healing, Cleansing, Blessing, and Keeping them; and there are many hundreds yet waiting the opportunity to stand up as witnesses to the fact that God's promises are true, and that He has verified many of them in a most wonderful way to them.

On last Wednesday night, one brother testified that after having smoked on an average of eight ten-cent cigars a day for thirty-five years, and having drunk four fifteen-cent glasses of whiskey per day, he had been reached by Zion's message, and for six years had been living an earnest, Christian life.

Another brother testified that some years ago, while passing through the City of Chicago, a Zion lady handed to him a copy of the Leaves of Healing; that he took it home with him---his home being in the State of Michigan---and that he read it, and sent for other literature, and was wonderfully converted and delivered from the tobacco and drinking habits.

On hearing his testimony, I remarked: "That man will be a jewel in the crown given to the faithful sister who handed to him the Leaves of Healing."

It must be apparent, by this time, to all who attend the services in Shiloh Tabernacle, and to all who read the sermons and Notes in Leaves of Healing and Zion Herald, that it is my great aim, in all I do and say, to lead the people to the place where they will once more realize that Zion's great mission is to proclaim the Full Gospel of the Kingdom; get the sinner saved; the sick healed; the polluted cleansed; and to show one and all how to claim God's Keeping power.

God is richly rewarding the earnest efforts put forth in the above direction.

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A glorious future awaits us if we are only true and faithful.

The walls of Zion are being rebuilt, and the foundations of the works are being solidly laid. There are Sanballats, Tobiahs, and Geshems who oppose, but God sweeps them aside, and the work goes forward.

Let Zion everywhere be wholly consecrated to God.

Put on the whole armor, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Be faithful witnesses against every sin in the catalog.

Witness everywhere against Doctors, Drugs, Surgeons, and all of Satan's attempts to set the Atonement aside, and trample the precious blood of Christ under foot.

Witness against the growing, manufacturing, selling, and using of TOBACCO in every form.

Witness against LIQUID FIRE—ALCOHOL—in every form.

Witness against the DANCE HALLS—one of the principal gateways to hell.

Witness against the THEATRE, which is demoralizing and devilish in the extreme.

Witness against the APOSTATE CHURCHES.

Witness against SECRETISM, and especially against that unchristian and antichristian abomination---FREEMASONRY.

God is waiting to bless. Let us, by His grace, measure up to the standard.

Send to Headquarters for Zion tracts, and distribute them wherever you go.

Pray!
Work!
Wait!
Watch!

WATCH YE, THEREFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS.

PROGRAM

OF THE

Thirteenth Annual Convocation

OF THE

Christian Catholic Apostolic Church

IN ZION

ZION CITY, ILLINOIS, U. S. A.

July 11th to 21st, 1909

LORD'S DAY, JULY ELEVENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
9:30 a. m. Junior Seventies; Superintendent, Elder O. L. Tindall
2:30 p. m. **General Assembly;** Services conducted by the General Overseer, assisted by Officers, Zion Choir, Orchestra and Band.
8:00 p. m. Illustrated Song Service.

MONDAY, JULY TWELFTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.
8:00 p. m. Address by Elder Eustace L. Carey.

TUESDAY, JULY THIRTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Divine Healing Address. Special Service for Teaching and prayer with the sick.
8:00 p. m. Cantata, "Joseph's Bondage," Choral Music Class.

WEDNESDAY, JULY FOURTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Divine Healing Address. Special Service for Teaching and Prayer with the sick.
8:00 p. m. Address by Elder O. L. Tindall.

THURSDAY, JULY FIFTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.
8:00 p. m. Concert by Zion Band.

FRIDAY, JULY SIXTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Divine Healing Address. Special Service for Teaching and Prayer with the sick.
8:00 p. m. Address by Elder Fred Richert.

SATURDAY, JULY SEVENTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
3:00 p. m. Visit to Zion Stores. Addresses by various Officers, and Music by Zion Band.

LORD'S DAY, JULY EIGHTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:30 p. m. **General Assembly.** Service conducted by the General Overseer, assisted by Officers, Zion Choir, Orchestra and Band.
8:00 p. m, Cantata: "Under the Palms," Junior Choir.

MONDAY, JULY NINETEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.
8:00 p. m. Cantata "Esther," Choral Music Class.

TUESDAY, JULY TWENTIETH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Divine Healing Address. Special service for Teaching and Prayer with the sick.
8:00 p. m. Address by Elder Silas Moot.

WEDNESDAY, JULY TWENTY-FIRST

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.
8:00 p. m. Closing meeting. Addresses by various Officers.

During the Convocation Elder E. W. Reder, representing Chicago, Deacon Theodore Forby, General Associate Editor of Leaves of Healing and The Zion Herald, and others, will deliver addresses.

There will be Consecration Services for young children on Lord's Day afternoon, July 11th, and also July 18th.

The Lord's Supper will be observed.
The Christian Ordinance of Baptism by Triune Immersion will be administered, and
Officers' Conferences will be held.

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that the poor world is in---what sorrow? It is enough to make any man weep and to say, "Lord Jesus, how long? Lord Jesus come quickly." Think of the terrible conditions! The end of the Age is drawing near. Peace Congresses are being held, but there is something more than talking about peace. Men cannot bring peace. They are not the ones to bring peace. They are not right themselves before God and *peace will not come to the world until the nations repent!* They have not been told as they should be, to repent and turn away from their vices and from their secrecy and all their sins. Yet they will have their conferences and great celebrations and talk great things about peace, peace, and talk about the swords being turned into ploughshares and the spears into pruning hooks. But the world has got to repent. But it hasn't repented and will not repent for a while. You will save some individuals. We will save them by the grace of God, but as nations, they are not going to repent. The Salvation Army's motto in Melbourne one year was "Melbourne for Christ this year." What nonsense! Just as much sense in one as in the other.

The Strife of Nations.

The world is not going to repent, as a world and as nations, for a while. So while they are having their "peace conferences" there is England talking about the way Germany and Austria are doing things and she is awfully afraid they are going to get Russia, and, worse still, that they might get France, then there will be Germany, Austria, Russia and France on one side, and poor England will be up against it. That is the condition of the world today. And while they are talking about peace there is war in the air. There is unrest everywhere. Look at France today. Any moment we may have a telegram stating that there is a great strike declared. If that strike is declared they are going to have a horrible time.

They had a strike in one of the large cities of Australia once. It started with the railroad employes and they tried to get other trades to join them so that they could hold up all trade and paralyze business. We had quite enough of it for the time, and if a strike occurs in France, as they intend to have it, they will have a mighty hard time. This is the condition of the world today. What is the matter? *It has got to come, that is all.* You may rest assured the evil day is coming, brethren. No use going around with our eyes closed and say it is heaven here below. The people who have their eyes open know it is coming. They know that the storm is breaking. In view of the time that is before us, let every man and woman turn to God today and repent of his and her sins and get right before God ere the storm breaks, for, if you do not, you will be lost. My brethren, you and I have got to be true and in earnest about our own personal lives. Salvation begins with you and with me first before we can say anything about it to anyone else.

The Word of God the Unvarying Standard.

Every man and woman has got to be tested by the Word of God, all the way along brought into line with God, and his life brought into touch with the life of the Christ. Everyone work. If you don't and I don't I will drop out and you will drop out, and the great white harvest will go ungathered.

The time is coming when a great change will take place and all who are ready for the last Great Day will be found within. Those who are not ready will be outside where all is confusion, anarchy and distress. That is all there is about it.

Study to Show Yourselves Approved.

The keynote is for every man and woman to know their hearts before God. "Try me, O God, and know my heart." That was the condition of the Psalmist of old. Brethren, they are words for you and me. The Psalmist found out what he was and he had to face the issue. He had to get down before God and confess to be a sinner. That is the way he got salvation and peace. You and I have got to do the same thing.

Consolation in the Christ.

Let us sing this:

But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe.
Here, Lord, I give myself away,
'Tis all that I can do.

The last stanza of Hymn No. 39, "At the Cross," was then sung.

Prayer by different members of the congregation interspersed with the singing of some of the old familiar Gospel hymns.

Hymn No. 157, "It is Well With My Soul," was sung by the congregation.

Let us sing this second stanza. "Though satan should buffet." He is doing a good deal of buffeting. Let him buffet. What does it matter, if your feet are upon The Rock? That is what you and I have got to be sure of. Satan may buffet and trials may come. Well, we can't say we haven't had trials the last three years or so, perhaps before. We can't say we haven't had buffeting. He that is our Captain, He will bring you through. Let us stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free. We are as free as any people on God's earth. Hold fast! The trouble has been that some have let go. Pray for them. Let your heart go out to them; let your voice go to them where you can. Let them hear you say "For you I am praying. I am praying for you." Prayer was answered for me, so I am praying for you, and I will keep praying, and if you do not come back it will not be because we haven't prayed. I will pray, and I will pray. God's Spirit will go out after you no matter where you are. The truth will go after you. Your spirit will go on and on, but yours will be a living death all the time you are away from God; so turn back and seek the face of the Lord of Hosts.

Let us pray for them. Let us sing this stanza.

Though satan should buffet,
Though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Well, thanks be unto God that it is. Go forward and do His will. If "it is well," go forward and do His work.

Shiloh Tabernacle

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Cash in hand, June 11, 1909 - - - - $2,488.85

Balance Needed - - $ 198.65

No Contributions towards this payment will be received after June 15th, 1909. The matter will be closed on the evening of June 15, and preparations made to draw the check for $2687.-50. God has been good, very good to us. I thank one and all, in the name of the Lord, who have helped. May God bless you.

Faithfully yours in Jesus' Name,

WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA,
General Overseer.

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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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The Gospel of the Kingdom

How to Pray

"WHEN YE PRAY, SAY"

By O. L. Tindall

"Our Father"

Jesus gives us the exact words to say when we pray. How carefully we should study those words, that we may get their full meaning. They cover all our needs. It is a most comprehensive prayer. It will bear the study of a life time, and then we will not be able to comprehend it.

We must not only read the Word of God, and His law, but do as the Psalmist said, "meditate on His law day and night."

Things, merely on the surface, do not avail very much. Water on top of the ground does not help your plants very much. It must soak in and reach the roots. So is it with the life-giving words of our Lord, "My words, they are life."

It is not the amount of food you eat that builds up your strength, but the amount you digest. So is it with your spiritual food, the Bread of Life, "every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." How important that we should know how to pray. How direct was Christ's answer to their prayer, "Lord, teach us to pray."

You cannot go over too often what Christ Himself said on this subject. Do not pray to be seen of men, to see how nicely you can frame your sentences, and how correct is your grammar, and study how it will sound to your fellowmen.

Do Not Pray Too Long.

Do not pray too long, as if prayers were measured off like calico in a dry goods store and were valued by the yard, but pray like a child asking bread of his parent. The whole story is there: Simple childlike petition, expecting what you ask for, earnest and persistent like a hungry boy who wants bread and must have it, or you will get no rest. He is hungry and must be filled.

Away with your long dissertations on prayer, and your philosophies.

When Ye Pray, Say "Our Father."

There is much contained in those two words. It was a revelation to the men of that age, even to the Jew, who was supposed to know the true God. They had heard of God the Maker of all things, the King and Potentate, the Great Ruler of the Universe, the Judge of the whole earth, etc.; but as a Father they had heard little of Him. God was too high and far off for them to approach as a Father. You see the word in the Old Testament, but very seldom. It is true He was called the Everlasting Father, but that was the name of the Coming One.

To realize that God is our Father is the key to the secret of true prayer. It makes it so simple that a child can understand it. You have only to say to the child or to the man, God is your Father. "Oh," says he, "then I know how to go to Him. I just tell Him I want some bread, that I am hungry, and He will give it to me. I know Him. I will trust Him, then, for I know He will help me. I have only to make my wants known. If I am in danger I fly to His arms for protection. If I need clothes to wear He will provide them. If I am out in the cold and need shelter, I know my Father's house is open for me. Am I in doubt on any subject and want light, Father knows, and he will help me and give me light and help and instruction."

Is that all there is of it? Just remember that God is your Father, not alone a great Creator. I would not know how to approach such a great person as that, or a King. They that

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dwell in kings' houses must wear fine clothing and must have court manners, etc.; but it is different with my Father.

The World Needs a Father.

Oh, how the world needs a Father; not lords to rule over them!

The most important thing we can think of is Father. When Christ said we could come to God as a Father, it was enough. There was no thought more emphasized by our Lord in His earthly pilgrimage than "The Father." Why did He come? To manifest the Father to the world; to make Him known.

Who sent the Son? Why, the Father. From whom proceeded the Holy Spirit? Why, from the Father.

When He comes into our hearts what does he first teach us? To cry, "Abba Father"

Zion Honors the Father Above All.

Zion's teaching on this subject is somewhat different from what we have been accustomed.

While we teach the oneness of the Godhead, three in one, yet there is a marked distinction between the three. So we were taught most emphatically by the Son while He was among us. This was, we may say, the beginning. He brought it out most plainly in many ways. He said we must pray to the Father, that we should honor Him above all. All things proceeded from Him and by Him all things consist, and in the end when all is finished, when the Son has finished His work and the Spirit has fulfilled His mission, then all will be delivered up to the Father, Who is to become All in All.

Modern Preaching Dishonors the Father.

Mark the difference between Christ's teaching on this subject and the modern theology and popular preaching.

The Father is not properly honored. Men today preach the Holy Spirit as if He were the whole thing. Little is said about the Father. "Christ and Him crucified" has come to mean that Jesus the Christ is to be honored above all.

Zion is quite in accord with the Word of God, when she says the Father is the source of all our blessings, "All good and perfect gifts come down from the Father of Lights." Christ was the gift of the Father, so was the Holy Spirit, the Comforter. Was He not the "Promise of the Father?"

A man that magnifies the Holy Spirit to the exclusion or subordination of the Father, dishonors God.

These Holy Ghost preachers, so-called, are far off the track, as a general rule. They do not rightly divide the Word of God, as good workmen. Zion's careful teaching on this subject in regard to prayer should be maintained.

Pray to the Father in the Name of the Son by the Holy Spirit.

We are to pray to the Father in the name of the Son as He taught. "Whatsoever ye ask the Father in my name, He will give it you."

What about the Holy Spirit? That is plainly set forth also. He helps our infirmities for we know not what to pray for as we ought, but He maketh intercessions for us. We do not pray to Him however, we pray to the Father and He gives us His Holy Spirit. He came upon the Christ when He came up from His water baptism. He proceeded from the Father.

We wish to continue this subject of this wonderful prayer in subsequent articles.

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Great Deliverances

An Address Delivered in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, Lord's Day Afternoon, November 22, 1908.

By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva

REPORTED BY T. FROST.

I have selected two passages of Scripture appropriate to the subject announced: "GREAT DELIVERANCES."

Fear not; for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. 2 Kings 6:16.

The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them. Psalms 34:7.

It is my purpose, in this address, to place before you the most remarkable things that God has done for His children.

As I do, I shall earnestly pray, from the greatest depths of my spirit, that God will sanctify these narratives to the good of all present, and particularly to Zion, and that He will make them a source of strength, instruction, and encouragement to each one.

The verse that I have read to you from the thirty-fourth Psalm does not stand alone, but there may be coupled with it many others, particularly that verse in the first chapter of Hebrews, which reads:

Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of Salvation?

The Psalmist had been compelled to flee from the court of King Saul, and had gone to Achish, expecting there to find succor, but he was disappointed.

Bless the Lord at All Times.

It is evident, from the first verse, that He wrote it at a time when he was passing through adversity and trial. What a wonderful resolution: "I will bless the Lord" how often?

Voices: "At all times."

In prosperity only? "At all times," whether the sun is shining, or the dark clouds hang low over my head; whether it is perfectly calm, or whether a mighty storm is raging. "At all times." That means, Zion, that you are to be just as enthusiastic as you were a few years ago when there was not a cloud the size of a man's hand hanging over Zion's sky.

That means that you are to praise God and bless His name just as much today as you ever have done in the past. What less than that is becoming of a Christian, for cannot anybody be enthusiastic when all is prosperity, when all is well? but it takes men and women of the right kind, men and women truly devoted to principle, to praise God at all times, and to bless His Holy name.

Zion Always Enthusiastic.

Sometimes it is said, "There is not the enthusiasm that there used to be. The people are not so much alive as they once were." I do not believe the accusation is just. I believe the true Zion people are just as enthusiastic as they ever were. I believe they are as much alive, and I refuse to allow the accusation to stand unchallenged.

Men and women of principle never change. No matter how the storms of adversity may rage without, there is always a calm within; and a true man is always a man whether there is a scarcity or a plenty; whether there are many friends or few, and many foes.

I thank God that history furnishes us with the names of men

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and women who have stood alone for principle; who have suffered the confiscation of goods, and have gone to the stake refusing to retract or give up a single principle which they had espoused.

Zion, the kind of men and women that God will use in saving Zion City are men and women of principle, who will suffer the confiscation of goods, and the taking of life itself; who will die proclaiming the principles of the Kingdom of God, and who will not recant, retract or renounce anything.

Called Into Zion.

This afternoon, I want to ask you, Do you believe, with all your hearts, that God the Almighty, by the Holy Spirit, called you into Zion?

Voices: "Yes."

Do you believe, with all your hearts, that God Almighty brought you from across the ocean, from o'er the mountains, some of you thousands of miles, some only hundreds, to establish a City where God should be honored?

Voices: "Yes."

How can any one for a minute believe that all of you people came together by any other power or from any other motive? You have gone through much, but those who go through a great deal are the ones who receive the reward—"He that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved."

You helped to found Zion City. Now God calls upon you to help save it. It was worth founding, it is doubly worth saving; and shame be to the man or woman who will, in his or her heart, say, "Let the devil have the victory. I have denied myself, I have made sacrifices, I have apparently lost all, and I won't do any more."

All that a Man Has, the Measure of Giving for God's Cause.

My brothers and sisters, the more you do, the more you want to do. The more you have done for God's cause, the more God will enable you to do. I would just like to ask here, How many of you can say to the honor and glory of God that, for the past twelve months, you have had little if any sickness, put up your hands. (A large number raised their hands).

That is a great testimony. I know that, as we learn the Word of God, and as we consecrate ourselves, the more we shall realize God's keeping power, and this people will make a record that will astonish the world.

The Bible is True.

Let us look at some of God's great deliverances.

I take these up not as a semi-infidel, but as a man who thanks his God that he can say from his heart that he believes this Book (the Bible) to be the inspired Word of God.

I never have found the man or the woman who could say on his or her knees with uplifted hands, "I have tested God's Word, and I have found it is a lie."

I have never found one who has taken the first Psalm and has obeyed it who can say, "God's Word is untrue;" not one. I never expect to. I therefore cite these wonderful deliverances believing them with all my heart, and knowing that what God has done in the past, He can do now and He will do if we are faithful.

Righteous Noah's Deliverance.

You take the case of Noah. His life furnishes us with days, weeks, yea, months of prayerful study. He lived in a time when all the world had gone away from God; when, from morning until night, every thought they had was evil, and God, as He looked down upon them, repented that He had ever made man.

As He scanned the then living world, He saw just one righteous man. I want you to bear in mind that there has never been a time so corrupt but that God has found at least one witness to stand up against the scoffing world, and bear testimony to God and His goodness.

Noah was a righteous man. He walked with God, but God said, "I will destroy the world." However, He had a way to deliver Noah, a very simple one, a way that only called forth the sneers and the jeers and the laughter of the wicked people of His time.

There are people today, by the million, with the same spirit that those people had. There are some in Zion City who have banished God from their lives, and have put Him out of their thoughts, out of their daily considerations, and they no longer think of Him.

When you talk about saving Zion City, they only sneer and jeer and scoff and laugh at the idea of God Almighty interposing to save Zion City.

God told Noah to do a certain thing. Noah took God at His Word; but he had to wait one hundred and twenty years.

In saving Zion City, the one lesson God intends us to learn is that of patience. We want tomorrow what God will give us in ten years. We want to see transformed in the next year what God will give us, if we are faithful, in the next twenty years. We have got to learn the lesson of patience.

God Knows Best How to Deliver.

God saved Noah by means of the ark. The lesson that I read to you this morning was about God destroying, by water, the world that then was, and that this world is going to be destroyed by fire. God knows how to save and deliver His own. He does not have to do it in any one particular way. "He knoweth how to deliver them that are His." He will do it in His own way and time. He knows every one in this audience that is His child. He knows all in Zion City that belong to Him. You can rest assured that the devil knows all that belong to him, also. It is a very singular thing when a father does not know his child God knows His children, and the devil knows his. You must not be surprised when I say that there are some of both families in Zion City. That is the reason there is this row. As soon as the devil's children are put out, the row will cease; but you cannot expect the devil's children and God's people to live in the same house peaceably. That is an absolute impossibility.

As God looks upon the people of Zion City, He knows them just as He knew Noah. He has a way for our deliverance. He has a way for you who have invested your money. You may not know it, I may not know it, but if you are true and faithful, God has a way of deliverance for every man and woman who will faithfully trust Him—not for a day, or a month, or a year, but all the time—the man that will endure to the end.

If I were in the shoes of some of these other men, I would come right straight to this Tabernacle, and get up and say, "By the grace of God, I am going to be more enthusiastic for Zion than I ever was;" because, when men and women, in the time of adversity, lose their interest, absent themselves from the House of God, complain about losing their money, can they blame anybody if they say, "You just went in there for the money? As long as the money held out, you were a great Zion man, but as soon as the money was gone, you lost your interest all at once."

God knows His own, and whether He is going to save us by an ark or not, it matters not. He may save us by some means just as simple. Take Him at His Word, and be loyal, steadfast and true in face of all scoffing, and God will take care of His own. (Amens)

Steadfast and Believing to the End.

The history of Noah is wonderful. Just think of a man

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EDITORIAL NOTES

By O. L. TINDALL

ZION, THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, PEACE TO THEE, AND GREETING FROM ZION AT HEADQUARTERS.

The General Overseer is in "Labors abundant," as Paul said of himself.

I doubt if the great Apostle had a greater variety of duties to perform than does the Leader of Zion in these days. Neither could they have been more perplexing.

Zion has undertaken a work, such as has never been tried before, perhaps, especially on so large a scale. This is why it is so difficult, and also why she is so much feared and dreaded by the enemy.

Dr. Dowie used to say he laid it down as a principle, that when he found a thing that the devil didn't want him to do, that was the very thing he wanted and ought to do. He watched the enemy, especially at that point. It is a sound principle.

Zion has various points of attack—many gates that have to be guarded against the foe. He has tried all our avenues of approach.

He used to fight Divine Healing; then all of our peculiar doctrines; then our commercial plans and schemes, and our political and our educational ideas.

Every one of our ideas and plans have been bitterly opposed, and every inch of ground we have gained has been contested, just as was Moses in his march to the promised land. Edom opposed him, and Moab said he should not pass through his territory, and the Amalekites would give him no concessions.

He had to enter into the earthly Kingdom of God through great tribulations, as Paul told his people they must do, and as we have to do. All the engines of war have been brought into action against us.

The devil is determined that Zion shall not have Zion City. That is a good and sure sign that we ought to have it, and that God wants us to have it.

The conflict is especially hard because so many of the devil's host have gotten inside of the City, and have betrayed the garrison to the enemy.

But Zion says, "We are well able to take it. Let us go up at once and possess it." We need the help and cooperation of every true Zion man and woman to do it.

Some of the tribes, we might say, have refused to come up "to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty." That is a grievous offense, and grievously will they answer for it, as of old.

God wants every soldier in his place, and with the whole armor on.

Every one can help. If nothing more, you can do as did those faithful ones, who were carried away into captivity: open your windows toward Jerusalem and pray three times a day, as did Daniel.

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Many more can come up and help to rebuild the walls which have been broken down in places by the the devil's battering rams.

Come and live amongst us. Make you a home in Zion. Help others and at the same time help yourself. There are many openings for Zion men. There is land to be tilled; there are industries to be launched on a cooperative plan.

This affords a place for the investment of your capital, with good assurance of success; for Zion will stand by her own people in their proper undertakings, and truly cooperate with them. A good patronage is thus assured. With a patronage of several thousand, as we have now in Zion City, there are many different kinds of business, that could be launched with good profits.

Zion has demonstrated this possibility in the last year or two by her own business enterprises. They have succeeded in a most encouraging way.

Zion is being attacked at this point. The devil and his emissaries here are determined that Zion shall not have anything to do with business, or politics, or the schools, to educate the children in the laws of the Lord. If he can continue to control these he does not care for any of the rest.

These are some strongholds that the devil will never give up, unless he is forced to do so. Those are great engines of power, and hell has its hold on them.

Zion is determined to live her principles. Zion will do business in the name of the Lord for the promotion of His Kingdom, and to help honest men to make an honest living in an honest trade without being oppressed by cruel employers or selfish labor unions.

Zion knows too well that there is a great field of usefulness and helpfulness along this line. That is why the devil hates her so intensely, and has put his preachers up to preach against the church or religion being mixed up with business.

"Oh no," he says, "Give me the business and you can have the church and do all the praying and all the singing of psalms, and shouting."

The gold and the silver are mine, saith the Lord. If that be so, then His children are heirs to them and ought to have them. This is true of all the land—the earth, and the cattle, and the flocks on a thousand hills.

Zion must maintain her old and original position on all these questions.

This is true also of politics. They must be taken out of the hands of wicked and unprincipled men. The law in the hands of good men becomes a great power for good. God believes in law everywhere in His kingdom, and in all the universe.

God believes in government and order in the state. Magistrates are ordained of God. They are His ministers. They stand as a terror of evil doers, and for the praise of them that do well.

Zion has had to go before magistrates to defend her rights and protect her property.

Some weak brethren have been offended, thinking that Christians ought not to go to law under any circumstances.

Courts were instituted by God. Christ submitted to them, and Paul was in the Courts and had his trials and appealed his case to Cæsar.

Christians are among the people of the world and are to be subject to all the ordinances or laws of men, and to "obey magistrates and honor the king."

Zion must also contend for Godly schools where God's law is honored and taught to the children as we are commanded to teach it everywhere to our children.

Our word to Zion everywhere is, "Come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

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Great Deliverances

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working for one hundred and twenty years on an old boat! Did you ever hear of any one building a boat for one hundred and twenty years, and building it on dry land? Every time the hammer sounded it was a sermon to that wicked generation. They laughed at him, and mocked him, but no doubt they took the money for helping to build it, just as a lot of people now here in Zion are doing; but they do not take any stock in our preaching or our principles.

The Day of Retribution Will Come.

God said, "One hundred and twenty years and the end of all flesh shall come." Noah believed it, but the other people did not. After the one hundred and twenty years, they all believed it, did they not? They are like a lot of people who say now that there is no hell; but the time will come when they will all believe in hell. The only difference is we do not have to go into it to believe it. We take God at His Word. A lot of people will never believe it until they are pitched headlong into it, just as the people will not believe in the return of Jesus the Christ until after He has come and taken His own out of the world. The only time some people believe a thing is after it has taken place.

Lot's Great Deliverance Through Angel's Warning.

Then we have the story of Lot, who lived in Sodom and Gomorrah. A couple of angels went there one evening, and Lot invited them into his house. Soon his premises were besieged by reprobates, and they were going to destroy the lives of those angelic messengers. When Lot would not bring them out, they said, "We will destroy your life," and the angels reached forth their hands and pulled Lot inside and smote the men with blindness. They had to grope their way in darkness. The angels said to Lot, "Who else is there here? Up, get out of here; escape for your lives, God will bear no longer." They knew how to deliver Lot. How slow Lot was to act! Like some of us, the angels had to take him by the coat collar and put him out, and tell him to escape for his life.

A Fatal Backward Look.

Lot's wife looked back. I have often wondered what she was thinking of. I do not wonder at some people in Zion City looking back. They are looking back at the pen of hogs in Iowa. (Laughter). They are looking back at that lovely home in Kentucky, Maine, New York, or Kansas. They are looking back and pining like the Children of Israel.

I do not know for what purpose Lot's wife looked back. The Bible does not say; but she was turned into a pillar of salt. The New Testament says, "Remember Lot's wife." A lot of people, who were once marching under Zion's banner, who have looked back, have turned into something worse than a pillar of salt. Salt is all right for cattle, but these people, who have turned back upon Zion, are absolutely good for nothing. What a fool a man is for looking back! One man, who was once a Deacon in Zion, has gone back to the Methodist Church. Another man goes back to the Baptist Church. The last state is worse than the first. Think of a man, who has sat and listened to the glorious messages of the Kingdom of God in Zion, going back to these old apostate churches that are sepulchres of the dead! I tell you, my friends, before I would ever go back to an old apostate church, I would become an avowed infidel, for I would rather be an infidel any time than a hypocrite, "having a name to live, dead, thrice dead, plucked up by the roots."

John Alexander Dowie's arraignment of the apostate churches was just, and his message had the ring of a prophet. His censure will stand the test of time and eternity.

Let "Forward" be the Watchword.

Zion, no looking back. Keep your faces forward "toward the mark of the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus." There never would have been any United States if the pioneers had acted like a number of people in Zion City have acted. You women would have been sewing by hand today had there never been a sewing machine invented—if some one had not had more courage than a lot of people in Zion City have. The finest pottery was perfected by a man who burned every stick of furniture he had in his house. He had failed and failed, until he had one piece of furniture left. He had carefully prepared the clay, and in his last effort put the sticks on the fire, and as a result the finest pottery in the world has was perfected.

You will find out, Zion, if we will only pursue the straight course, and do what is right, that the world, in ages to come, will praise their God when they get their eyes open, that there once lived men and women to face disaster and failure and go forward and establish the Kingdom of God on this earth among men.

Take the story of Hagar and Ishmael. You remember how, because of Sarah's opposition, Abraham sent Hagar and Ishmael out of his house. They went on their way. At last the water was spent, the food was gone, and she took the child and put him under a shrub to die, and said, "Let me not see the death of the child." An angel called to her out of heaven, and God provided water and spoke words of encouragement, and deliverance came.

As we go on through the Word of God from narrative to narrative, I hope you will be set on fire until you will say, if you have wavered—if you have been unfaithful in the least—"O God, forgive me. Help me to be faithful to the end. I know Thou art able, and Thou wilt do all things well for Zion if she will only be faithful and steadfast to the end." May God grant it.

The Story of Joseph.

I have heard some of you people say, "Well, I wonder why God permits some of these things to happen? O, what a shame things are in the condition they are!" That has been said to me a number of times during this past week.

Joseph had a dream, and a dream that amounted to something. He was out in the field with his brethren binding sheaves. He had a vision of the sun, moon and the stars. When he told his dream to his brethren at home they were very envious and jealous of him. The old father rebuked him. Then these brethren took the boy Joseph, and made up their minds that they would kill him, but finally one of them interceded, and they put him into a pit instead of killing him. What a terrible thing for a brother to murder a brother. What an awful thing to put him in a pit, and what a terrible thing to sell him and for him to be taken down into Egypt. What an awful thing it was that such things should happen. Why should it have to be?

In a little while, there is a great famine all around, but that boy, who has been placed over Egypt by the king, is gathering all the grain, and getting ready for the seven years' famine. His father and brethren up in Canaan eat the last food they have, and there is nowhere to go except down to Egypt, where Joseph makes himself known to his brethren, and said, "Ye meant it for evil, but God meant it for good." God had sent him down ahead to preserve life. That was not so terrible. That part of it was all right.

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True, Faithful, and Loyal to Zion.

Adelaide, South Australia,
November 29, 1908.

My dear Brother in the Christ:

Peace to you all:

It was with real gladness I received yours of August 24th. I quite intended to have answered it at once, but I have been so busy. . . . : . . My heart goes out in thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for all His past and many mercies. They truly are more than could be counted up. After keeping us and blessing us so, in our old home for forty years, He has now permitted us to have this nice home, and in such a good position. . . . with a lovely view of the hills.

I love, and am ready to help when Zion starts again in Adelaide. I have just read your letter again. Yes, I do daily pray that Zion will go on more glorious than ever. I have today read again some of your reasons for leaving the Methodist Church, and I do agree with you. I have been attending the Churches (different ones), but although I have heard a few good sermons and met some earnest Christian people, still I could not be satisfied. My whole heart cries out for the beauntiful teachings of Zion, as taught for so long in the precious Leaves of Healing; so please send them on. If you have a few good, late numbers, I shall be glad for them. I am sorry to have missed any. . . . . I could not go back from the teaching of Zion or ever forget the wonderful way I was led in distributing the Leaves, and how very kindly I was received; and I do try to uphold the teaching whenever I have an opportunity. A good many of the leading people of the Churches (Methodists and Congregationalists) have called on us, and, as I told one lady this week, "If I do have an 'at home' day, I shall want to turn it into a prayer meeting to pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit."

I ask still a continuance of your prayers for me and mine, that we may be faithful to the teachings of Zion.

With Christian love to the Overseer and Mrs. Voliva, and praying daily for the uniting of all the people in the city, I am,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) MRS. —. ———.

P. S. I enclose money order for one pound for Leaves of Healing and Herald to be sent. I do feel daily the great need of Zion's teaching in the Churches, and hope it will not be long before an earnest leader will be raised up here in our midst, or sent across. With kind regards to yourself and family.

ZION IN CHICAGO

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PROGRAM

OF THE

Thirteenth Annual Convocation

OF THE

Christian Catholic Apostolic Church

IN ZION

ZION CITY, ILLINOIS, U. S. A.

July 11th to 21st, 1909

LORD'S DAY, JULY ELEVENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
9:30 a. m. Junior Seventies; Superintendent, Elder O. L. Tindall
2:30 p. m. **General Assembly;** Services conducted by the General Overseer, assisted by Officers, Zion Choir, Orchestra and Band.
8:00 p. m. Illustrated Song Service.

MONDAY, JULY TWELFTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.
8:00 p. m. Address by Elder Eustace L. Carey.

TUESDAY, JULY THIRTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Divine Healing Address. Special Service for Teaching and prayer with the sick.
8:00 p. m. Canta'a, "Joseph's Bondage," Choral Music Class.

WEDNESDAY, JULY FOURTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise. and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Divine Healing Address. Special Service for Teaching and Prayer with the sick.
8:00 p. m. Address by Elder O. L. Tindall.

THURSDAY, JULY FIFTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.
8:00 p. m. Concert by Zion Band.

FRIDAY, JULY SIXTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Divine Healing Address. Special Service for Teaching and Prayer with the sick.
8:00 p. m. Address by Elder Fred Richert.

SATURDAY, JULY SEVENTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
3:00 p. m. Visit to Zion Stores. Addresses by various Officers, and Music by Zion Band.

LORD'S DAY, JULY EIGHTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:30 p. m. **General Assembly.** Service conducted by the General Overseer, assisted by Officers, Zion Choir, Orchestra and Band.
8:00 p. m, Cantata: "Under the Palms," Junior Choir.

MONDAY, JULY NINETEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.
8:00 p. m. Cantata "Esther," Choral Music Class.

TUESDAY, JULY TWENTIETH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Divine Healing Address. Special service for Teaching and Prayer with the sick.
8:00 p. m. Address by Elder Silas Moot.

WEDNESDAY, JULY TWENTY-FIRST

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.
8:00 p. m. Closing meeting. Addresses by various Officers.

During the Convocation Elder E. W. Reder, representing Chicago, Deacon Theodore Forby, General Associate Editor of Leaves of Healing and The Zion Herald, and others, will deliver addresses.

There will be Consecration Services for young children on Lord's Day afternoon, July 11th, and also July 18th.

The Lord's Supper will be observed.
The Christian Ordinance of Baptism by Triune Immersion will be administered, and
Officers' Conferences will be held.

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The Thirteenth Annual Convocation

of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion

will be held, God willing, in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, from Lord's Day, July 11th to Wednesday Evening, July 21, 1909. . . . .

¶All of the Officers, Members, and Friends of Zion should begin their preparations immediately after they read this notice, to come to Zion City, and be present throughout the entire Convocation.

The program, in full, appears this week in Leaves of Healing and The Zion Herald.

All persons planning to come should write to Elder E. L. Carey not later than June 1st, so that arrangements can be made for room and board in various private houses.

This Convocation will mark the beginning of another period of a great onward movement in Zion's work. Let one and all earnestly pray that God will call and train two workers to be sent to the United Kingdom; two workers to be sent to South Africa; two workers to be sent to Australia; and many earnest workers to be sent to different parts of the United States and Canada.

Expecting to see you at the Convocation, and earnestly praying God's richest blessings upon you, I am,

Faithfully yours in Jesus' Name,

WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA,

(Successor to John Alex. Dowie)
General Overseer

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.

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I am the Lord that healeth thee.

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

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The Gospel of the Kingdom

Great Deliverances

An Address Delivered in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, Lord's Day Afternoon, November 22, 1908.

By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva

REPORTED BY T. FROST.

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

The Glory of Zion's Work.

So I say to Zion, it was a glorious thing that men and women were saved in hundreds. It was a glorious thing when they were healed by the score. It was a wonderful thing the way the Seventies worked, and the way the work grew. That was all very wonderful. Then the time came on April 1st, 1906, something happened, and many things have happened since.

Some people say, "How terrible! What a pity it ever happend." My brothers and sisters, you will live to see the day when you will be able to say like Joseph said, "Yes, the devil meant it to destroy Zion, but God has overruled all, and Zion has come out of it more than conqueror, and she will become what, without these things, she never could have become." (Amens). Then you will understand. Then you will praise God. The important thing now is not to fall under the weight, but to be faithful and true to God. Zion principles are still true. (Amens). Zion truths are still of God. Every word that John Alexander Dowie proclaimed in accordance with the Word of God still stands.

There is no reason why any man or woman that ever stood under Zion's banner, should step aside or waver in the least. It does not matter what the people say; it does not matter what anybody says; it does not matter how dark the night, or how great the hardships, let us be faithful and keep everlastingly at it, and trust in our God, and those who are talking about Zion being destroyed, will wake up some day to find that Zion is purer, stronger, better, more powerful, and shaking the world as never before. (Amens). When that day comes, then many will have shame written upon their faces. They stood with Zion in prosperity: in adversity, they forsook her. When prosperity again comes, then they will all want to come back. How much better to stand all the time straight through the fight, and never surrender a single principle. Elder Richert said last Lord's Day, "If we will only have the faith to say, 'Lord, speak the word,' Zion City shall be saved; and even if Zion City does die, God can resurrect her."

Some Notions of Independence.

I think the only thing that will ever bring some people to their senses is to have all hell let loose with tobacco smoke puffed in their eyes and noses, and a good many other things; then perhaps they will come to their senses. Some are doing all they can to turn this place over to the world, the flesh and the devil, and to hold high carnival here. You know there have been some recent arrests for smoking. They say they are going to see whether they cannot smoke here. A man has just as much right to spit in my water-bucket as he has to puff dirty, stinking tobacco smoke in the atmosphere. Every bit.

The ordinance in this City, making it a misdemeanor to smoke, ought to be upheld by every court in the land. (Amens) We have a right to say whether we will have a pure atmosphere, or an atmosphere foul with tobacco smoke. There is one thing sure, you can create sentiment that will put these fellows in a veritable hell. Men and women, be true to God and true to Zion. Do not trouble about your money or your property. Think of God first, and God will take care of you, and He will see you through in the long run. His Word will be fulfilled, and where you had twenty thousand dollars, God will give you forty thousand dollars. He did it with Job, and He can do it

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with you. He will only do it by your being faithful, true and steadfast.

You can hear people say, "If I just had my money out of here, I would get out of here tomorrow." Another one says, "If I could sell my house, I would not stay here twenty-four hours." What wonderful people (?) Zion (?) people they are!

The true Zion man says, "If I lose every dollar and all my property, and have to live in a tent, I will stand for God and Zion." He further says, "Father, if I have to give my life, I will give my life for Christ's sake."

Do you know my brothers and sisters, in Church History, the fellows that ran away and turned coward were more often killed than the Christians that stood their ground? There are some remarkable cases of men and women who turned cowards, renounced their belief in Jesus Christ that were put to death; and, on the other hand, there were those who stood their ground and refused to renounce the Christ whose lives were saved. "He that will save his life shall lose it. He that will lose his life for Christ's sake shall find it."

I believe, if we are willing for all things to go for Christ's sake, that we will save them. If our first thought is to save all things, and have no reference to the Christ, then I believe we shall lose them.

Moses Delivered.

You all remember the story of how God saved Moses. The old king of Egypt issued a decree that every little baby boy should be put to death. You know how God saved the boy Moses. He made use of certain people, and He will use certain people in saving Zion City. He used certain people in preserving the life of Moses. Was it not Pharaoh's own daughter that took him, and was it not his own sister that asked her if she should call a nurse of the Hebrew women, and she went and called Moses' own mother? Is not that providential?

Voices: "Yes."

God saved Moses, and he became a mighty servant of God, and he was used in saving the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage.

Israel Provided For.

Just a few instances in the life of the Children of Israel as a nation. They had no water, but God the Almighty showed His servant that if he would only go to a certain rock and do a certain thing, the water would come. You say, "How about that?" Do you know that in Libby prison, a most wonderful thing happened that is almost as wonderful as that even in the life of Moses? In Libby prison, where the prisoners were dying of thirst, where they were starving and enduring the most horrible hardships, a beautiful, sparkling, bubbling spring burst forth in the very midst of that prison, and you would have mighty hard work to convince any old soldier that languished there, that God the Almighty did not work a miracle and give that water. There may be some sitting here today that were in that prison, for all I know. I have talked to a number who were in it, and while they may not have been church members, some of them may have been profane, but I never talked to one yet who did not believe that God wrought a miracle, and caused that spring to break forth there. That is about as wonderful as Moses striking a rock and getting water, is it not? Does it seem a difficult thing that God the Almighty could cause water to pour forth from a rock? No. Some people say they have hard work to believe in God. I would have mighty hard work not to believe in God.

Look at the machinery that man can invent. Look at the wonderful works of man. Then what about an infinite God? It would be a very hard thing for me not to believe in God, and I am surprised when people say it is very hard work for them to believe there is any God. When you look at the sun, moon, stars, planets, the mountains and rivers and the ocean—and you know the ocean can come so far and no farther—they all testify of God. I cannot see how any one can keep from believing in God their Heavenly Father.

When the children of Israel had nothing to eat, did not God send the quails and the manna? Yes; and He delivered them.

Obedience to God Before Obedience to a King.

When you go on into the Book of Daniel, and take the story of the Three Hebrew Children, you know they said, "God is able to deliver us, and whether He does or not, we are not going to bow down and worship that image." So ought you to say, "Well, God is able to deliver us, and whether He delivers us or not, we are going to stand by the right." (Amens).

They took those Three Hebrew Children and threw them into the fiery furnace; but God took care of them. That is a wonderful narrative.

True Piety Carried into Official Life.

Then we have the wonderful story of Daniel. The presidents and princes were jealous of Daniel, and said, "We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel except we find it against him concerning the law of his God." So they wrote up a decree, and flattered the old king. Most people like to be flattered. May our dear Heavenly Father, if any of us want to be flattered, take that all out. Some people like to be told they are good looking. (Laughter) How they like to feed on such things. That is one of the tricks of the devil. Some people like to be told they are great.

I was sitting at a table one night with quite a company. The mother of a certain girl said, "The professor at school said that my daughter had the finest head that was ever put on a girl's shoulders." (Laughter) I did not say whether he was right or not. I thought of the fellow who went up to a doctor and said, "Do you think I am a fool?" The doctor replied, "I would not have made the assertion, but, since you have made the statement, I am not prepared to deny it." (Laughter). How people like to be flattered!

So they flattered the old king, and said, "Now we have made a decree that no man shall make petition except to you for a few days." As soon as that petition was signed, Danial hoisted his window, and three times a day prayed toward Jerusalem. They reported it to the King, who said, "Take him and put him in the lions' den." The king could not sleep at all that night. He walked the floor all night. Some of you men have walked the floor at night with crying babies, but that was paradise to what the king went through. He could not rest. He had no peace. How he longed for morning to come.

As soon as morning came, he found out at once about Daniel, that he was all right. God took care of him.

New Testament Records of Deliverances.

Then we come into the New Testament, we find that King Herod tried to kill the Christ; but God sent an angel, and Christ was protected.

In the Acts of the Apostles, you find that Peter was locked up. James was put to death by the sword, and when the old king saw it tickled the people, they laid hold of Peter and locked him up. Then a prayer meeting was held, and the doors of the prison were thrown open. What a glorious time they had. Paul and Silas had certain Parhamites trotting around after them, who said, "These be men of the Most High God." They thought that the girl who could talk like that must be a saint. What wonderful talk! When some people hear these Parhamites saying, "Jesus is coming." they say, "What a beautiful testimony! What lovely people they must be!" It is nothing but the talk of demons.

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I met a fellow the other Lord's Day who, when he saw me coming, said, "Jesus is coming soon."

This girl said, "These men be men of the Most High God." Paul rebuked the devil, and the devil came out. The owners lost their means of livelihood. When you strike a man's pocket-book you strike hard. They had Paul and Silas put in jail.

How foolish people are! Some of the biggest devils can shout the loudest, and are always saying, "Praise the Lord." Whenever I see them coming along, I always put my hand on my pocket-book good and tight. (Laughter). I have in mind a man who could pray as long as your arm, and could always shout "Glory to God," but there was not a man in town who would sell him a pound of sugar on three days' time. He was a rascal.

Some people in Zion City need the same thing done to them as Paul did to that girl—they need the devils cast out of them. Oh that God would clothe them in their right minds! Some people think the more crazy they become the more religion they have.

Paul and Silas were put in prison. Their feet were put in stocks and their hands were tied behind them. They held a prayer meeting and praise service at midnight, and God heard them and delivered them by an earthquake. So I say to you, Zion, today, God the Almighty can deliver Zion City. (Amens).

In the name of the Most High God, I care a good deal for the salvation of Zion City. What a shame it is that people, not from the outside, but people who came here professing to be Zion people, are the ones who are Zion's worst enemies. When I look at them I think of the Jews who said, "His blood be on us and on our children." These people, if they can succeed in destroying Zion City, will be the first ones to suffer. Some of the boys and girls here are bad enough at the present time, God knows, but once let the devil get a foot-hold and the next thing you will get will be a drug store, and then a doctor's office, the next thing a saloon, then a Masonic lodge, then gambling, then cigarettes and theatres. They say, "Only let the devil in a little bit." (Laughter).

Keep to the Standard.

My brothers and sisters, I plead with you here, I do not know whether yau are all Zion or not—there are many people in Zion City I do not know where they are; a number of them go nowhere on the Lord's Day—never let down the standard. I can bear all I have to bear. I know what is in my heart. They can talk about my having no love and about being harsh, but the day will come when many people who say those things will say, "We thank God for one man in Zion City that would stand up for the right through thick and thin." Any man can compromise, any man can let down the standard, and any man can sell Zion City out and surrender all Zion principles, but the kind of men and women God wants is men and women who are steadfast all the way through, no matter what comes or goes.

I feel grieved that all the people in Zion City are not in this Tabernacle this afternoon. I know that if all were here and were true to God and Zion a wonderful work could be done. We are not going to compromise to get them. In the long run we will gain by doing right, and living for God, and standing up for Zion. Let them have competition here. They will be the first to get sick of it.

Cut-throat competition always leads to all kinds of lies and crimes. It is true all over the world. All we have to do is to be united, and start Zion institutions, and we will just watch these other shops fight each other. When they get enough of it, and come to their senses, they will see that Christian cooperation is what we want. I am going to do all I can to give this people what they were promised---Christian cooperation.

We have already accomplished a little. In two or five years more they will all be astonished. Let us keep together; that is all we need to do. Let us stand as one man, and pray as one man. Let us bear each other's burdens. Let us be kind to each other. Let us help the weak and erring, and live for humanity and not for ourselves.

Zion's ministry is here to serve you: you are not here to serve us. We are not called here to get rich, to become millionaires and pile up money. We are here to serve the people, and to serve them faithfully and well, and to preach the eternal Word of our Father.

I have done enough talking within the last two years and six months to kill a dozen ordinary men. God has brought me through it all. If they will sell this estate out to me I will pay the investors so many cents on the dollar, and I will consecrate my life to God for years to come to pay them out dollar for dollar. I say it humbly before you and before my God, we can do more to solve these problems and pay off the debts of this Estate than anybody else in the world. A people who can establish Zion Stores (and there is a good deal more to Zion Stores than many think there is), and go through what we have gone through, and buy this Tabernacle, and pay all expenses, with a pay roll of two thousand dollars a month and regular and miscellaneous expenses, and have over three thousand dollars in cash in tithes and offerings in hand this day, I tell you, in ten years, by the grace of God we could do wonders.

Why not get down to business and do it. You say that they will not sell it to us. I think they will sell it to us; or if they do not sell it to us, they will not sell it to anybody else.

As I look at this congregation, if you are all standing for God and Zion, if you are all under the banner of Zion and faithful, no one but God knows what can be done in the next ten years.

What if the day should come when Zion City is saved and has a population of twenty-five thousand people, all the debts paid? Why not say, today, "By the grace of God it will and shall be saved." That is the kind of spirit we want in the people. All this talk about the one-man-rule is silly. The people are not to blame for that. How are you going to run an organization without rule? All this talk about freedom, and having "my own way," is of the devil. I will never deny any man or woman God-given liberty. I would not deny any brother or sister the right to exercise any gift of the Spirit he or she has. The day has to come when you will not see people going in five or six different directions to meetings in Zion City. Zion City means one Church, one place of worship, one family. If all of you will be in earnest, and zealous for God and Zion, the day will come when you will see our prayers answered, and God will clothe those people in their right minds.

One of the greatest joys I have this day is when I think of some people who, not more than fifteen months ago, were just as mad as those people are, who are now clothed in their right minds.

You remember my saying two years ago that the doctrine of speaking in tongues is a sign of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost is demoniacal? Some of them now say the same thing. I said that the gift of Tongues was, if anything, the least of the nine gifts. That is what ——— now says.

It will not be twelve months before every position I took will be verified. We can afford to wait. It does not matter what they call me. They say that I said they were incarnate devils. I can say that yet. I can say that it is true and love them just the same. Every man or woman is the incarnation of the Holy Spirit or of an evil spirit. When a man gets mad and hits his wife over the head, you say, "He has a devil." The only trouble is they do not want somebody else to say it. Some people will say, "My brothers and sisters, I am nothing." If I

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TRUE-HEARTED!
WHOLE-HEARTED!
FAITHFUL AND LOYAL!

Divine Steadfastness is a quality which must be possessed by every Zion Officer, Member and Friend.

"Many are called, but few are chosen,"

How many begin well, but comparativly few end well.

"But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."

"And let us not be weary in welldoing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

"Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip."

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

Nehemiah said, "The work is great and large."

Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

No one can be a Christian without paying the price; and no one can be used of God in the Salvation, Healing, and Cleansing of mankind who is not willing to deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Jesus—meeting the requirements of a good soldier, following a Leader who left heaven, with all that heaven means, and came down to this sin-cursed disease-smitten earth, and trod the thorny pathway which led through Gethsemane and to Calvary.

The religion of Christ, His Apostles, and the Early Christians was as different from the religion of nine-tenths of the so-called Christians today as daylight is different from darkness.

Verily it has come to pass, even as God revealed through the Apostle Paul, that the vast majority of church members will no longer endure sound doctrine, but, having itching ears, they employ hirelings to "prophesy smooth things" to them while they live, and to pronounce a lying, sickening eulogy over them when they die.

The cry of today is for a preacher that will "draw," no matter what antics he may have to cut, nor what ridiculous claptrap agencies he has to employ---and it is, therefore, no wonder, to the prayerful Bible student and close observer of current events, that God Almighty, true to His Word in Revelation, the third chapter, has spewed the apostate churches out of His mouth.

The average church member, at the present time, is a careless, indifferent, worldly-minded, lifeless, backboneless, jellyfish nothing.

He wants a religion that costs nothing.
He wants a religion that creates no opposition.
He wants a religion that means no conflict.
He wants a religion that is on good terms with the world, the flesh and the devil.

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The following paragraph, quoted from a very remarkable little book entitled, "Behold the Bridegroom Cometh," is one of the most scathing and truthful arraignments of the religion of the present time that I have seen:

"The religion which is characteristic of these last days curls its lip at holiness; caricatures divine healing; antagonizes the premillennial coming of Jesus; thinks the world is growing beautifully better; puts outward reformation for soul salvation; runs off on lines of humanitarianism as a substitute for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit; is forever forming itself into fresh organizations of 'Leagues' and 'Endeavors' and 'Boys' Brigades.' It dreams of bringing in the millennium by social reforms; it denies that Jesus will come and reign on the earth, but seeks to usurp His place and build for itself a kingdom in this world. It is an ease-loving, jovial, laughing, fun-making, fun-loving, superficial thing. Its motives are bounded by time. All its enterprises have an atmosphere of earthliness about them. It despises the day of small things; it scorns little, humble people, and lonely ways. It is eager to jump to the height of prosperity; it is domineering and Popish in its assertions over the poor, and yet, at the same time, cringes like a puppy before the rich and the great ones. Its music has no pathos in it; its laughter lacks divine cheerfulness; its worship lacks supernatural love; its prayers bring down no huge answers; it works no miracles; calls forth no criticism from the world; it has no light of eternity in its eye. It is a poor, pale, sickly thing born of the union of the heart of the world with the head of Christian theology—a mongrel, bastard thing, with a backslidden Church for its mother, and the world for its father. This modern, fashionable religion will be everlastingly wrecked at the appearing of Jesus."

The Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion must be radically different from the other churches, or else there is absolutely no excuse for its existence.

The line of distinction between the Church and the world must be sharply drawn.

The secret of Zion's marvelous success, for many years, is not a lost secret, for it is nothing more nor less than the following.

Unwavering faith in God;

Unqualified acceptance of the infallible inspiration of the Bible, His Word;

The faithful, uncompromising proclamation of the full Gospel;

The smiting of iniquity in low and high places, and

An earnest, honest effort, by His grace, to live the Gospel as it is preached.

I send this burning message to one and all who, at any time, have stood under Zion's Banner: Where are you today? Have you made shipwreck of your office? Have you cast your membership lightly aside? Have you, after having tasted of the goodness of God, gone back to the beggarly elements of the world? Have you allowed to slip away the precious truths that attracted you and won you, and, for years, stirred the whole world? Did you come into Zion from principle, or did you simply come in for the "loaves and fishes"?

How do you explain the fact that, while prosperity lasted, you were enthusiastic; and when adversity came, you suddenly lost your interest; ceased to pay your tithes and give your offerings; and left it absolutly to others to toil day and night to maintain the principles, truths, ideas and ideals which mean so much to multitudes for time and eternity?

The world sadly needs Zion.

There is a great work to be done.

The latest statistics, which are at this moment accessible to me, show the following terrible condition of the world:

856,000,000 Heathen;
170,000,000 Mohammedans;
8,000,000 Jews;
190,000,000 Roman Catholics;
84,000,000 Greek Catholics;
116,000,000 Protestants.

The following quotation, taken from "The Watchman," is an eye-opener:—

The ideas of some are very misty and indefinite in regard to the world's spiritual condition. We hear of glorious revival work at home and abroad, of fresh missionary efforts in various directions, of one country after another opening to the Gospel, and of large sums being devoted to its spread: and we get the idea that adequate efforts are being made for the evangelization of the nations of the earth. It is estimated today that the world's population is 1,424,000,000, and by studying the diagram we will see that considerably more than one-half---nearly two-thirds---are still *totally heathen*, and the remainder are mostly either followers of Mohammed or members of those great apostate churches whose religion is practically a Christianized idolatry, and who can scarcely be said to hold or teach the Gospel of Christ. Even as to the 116 millions of nominal Protestants, we must remember how large a proportion in Germany, England and this country have lapsed into infidelity---a darkness deeper, if possible, than even that of heathenism---and how many are blinded by superstition, or buried in extreme ignorance; so that while eight millions of Jews still reject Jesus of Nazareth, and while more than 300 millions, who bear His name, have apostatized from His faith, 170 millions more bow before Mohammed, and the vast remainder of mankind are, to this day, worshipers of stocks and stones, of their own ancestors, of dead heroes, or of the devil himself; all in one way or another worshiping and serving the creature instead of the Creator, who is God over all, blessed forever. Is there not enough here to sadden the heart of thoughtful Christians?"

Please note that the number of Protestants is put down at 116 millions, but no well-informed person believes for a minute that all of this 116 millions are Christians: far from it. The fact

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of the matter is that from Zion's standpoint, if you took off 115 millions, and then some, you would then begin to approximate something like the correct figure.

Just turn the searchlight of God's Word upon the churches, and behold the miserable hirelings in the pulpits; the theatre-goers; card-players; dancers; tobacco growers, manufacturers, sellers, and users; drug manufacturers, vendors, and dosers; secret society Baal-worshipers; liars; frauds; cheats; and thieves in the pews, and you will soon begin to see that all this talk about one hundred and sixteen millions of Protestants is simply a farce.

It is, indeed, a sickening mess. All that you have to do to cause the majority of them to pounce upon you and tear you to peaces is to read certain chapters in the Bible, and utter a few words of condemnation of their pet sins.

In a book entitled, "Manhood's Morning," printed in the year 1897, some very interesting statistics are presented; although the figures would be very much greater taken from a book up to date.

About $750,000,000 are spent annually for tobacco in the United States.

3,137,318,596 cigarettes are manufactured for home consmption.

The author remarks that if these cigarettes were laid end to end in a row, they would encircle the earth three times. He further states that it takes about ten minutes to smoke a cigaret; and adds that at this rate, to consume our aunual output, it would keep busy, for ten hours every day in the year, no less than 143,000 men.

During the same year, 4,422,024,212 cigars were manufactured; 76,088,300 lbs. of smoking tobacco; in the manufacture of the cigarets, 10,000,000 pounds of tobacco; and in the manufacture of the cigars, 85,000,000 lbs. of tobacco, were used.

During the same year, 166,177,913 lbs. of plug tobacco, and 16,868,870 lbs. of "fine cut" were manufactured.

The statement is also made that in this vast amount of nicotine poison were put mixed quantities of opium, valerian guaiac and other drugs, all intended to make the habit more fascinating and the effect more sedative and deceptive.

Note the following table taken from the same book:—

Smoking 3,137,318,596 cigarettes, men required.....	143,000
Smoking 4,422,024,212 cigars, men required.....	400,000
Smoking 76,088,300 lbs. of tobacco, men required.....	1,000,000
Chewing 183,176,783 lbs. of tobacco. men required.....	2,500,000
Men Chewing or Smoking ten hours daily.....	4,043,000

God the Almighty, said unto Cain, "Where is Abel thy brother?" Cain answered, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

God, the Almighty, says, today, unto all who profess to be Christians, as He looks down upon the multitudes annually destroyed by tobacco, "Where are thy brothers?"

Sad to say, the vast majority, like Cain, the murderer, answer, "We know not. Are we our brothers' keeper?"

Oh Zion, everywhere, smite tobacco and boldly witness against its growth, manufacture, sale and use!

In an editorial article, taken from a Chicago paper only a week ago, the following figures are given:

During the year 1908 there were made in the United States, 7,490,000 cigars of the larger size, and 1,152,000,000 of the smaller size. There also were manufactured 5,168,000,000 cigarettes.

The above startling figures ought to be sufficient to stir the indifferent reader and impel him to begin active work for the rescue of humanity. In next week's Editorial Notes, figures equally startling will be given in regard to intemperance, secretism, and other cunning devices of Satan for the destruction of humanity.

One and all will be interested to learn that on Monday next, the third payment on Shiloh Tabernacle will be made, and the amount is $2,687.50. All of this, with the exception of less than $30, has been contributed as a SPECIAL OFFERING; and scarcely a day passes but that money is received for the purpose of paying for Shiloh Tabernacle. In the Name of the Lord, I thank one and all who have assisted by their prayers and contributions.

The time for the Convocation is drawing near, and, God willing, the first service will be held on Lord's Day morning, July 11th, and all the services, as outlined in Leaves of Healing and The Zion Herald, will be held, the concluding service being on Wednesday night, July 21st.

Let one and all earnestly pray that God may hasten the day when Zion Seventies, two and two, shall be sent in all directions to distribute Zion literature and to proclaim the Everlasting Gospel. To discover Christ, as did the two disciples spoken of in the first chapter of the Gospel according to St. John, is of infinitely greater importance than to discover a gold mine, a great invention, or a continent. To win one sinner to God, who, in the Day of Judgment, shall be a jewel in the crown of the one used in his salvation, is of infinitely greater moment than the accumulating of millions of dollars, or the winning of the highest offices in the gift of the people.

Horace Mann, the noted educator, said: "Be ashamed to die until you have done at least one good thing for humanity." Zion must act as well as talk. Zion must watch as well as pray. Zion must do something for humanity. May God bless you and make you earnest witnesses against all sin.

WATCH YE, THEREFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS.

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Great Deliverances

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should say that of them, they would hit me on the end of the nose for saying it. People will say of themselves what they will not permit others to say of them.

"By their fruits ye shall know them." The other day Mrs. Voliva and myself passed one of the men who attend ———'s meetings, and I thought that a Christian, baptized with the Holy Ghost, would not pass another brother without speaking. He would pass nobody without speaking; not even a dog, without a pat on the head. A man that is a Christian, and filled with the Spirit of God, will not pass another man without saying a word to him. When I meet men and women and they look the other way, they can talk about being baptized with the Holy Spirit all they like, but I take no stock in them. They have an evil spirit. There is where the trouble comes in.

You may as well face things one time as another.

I stand for Zion first, last, and all the time. I stand for leadership in Zion. The Holy Ghost makes a Deacon, Elder or Overseer; He makes Prophets, Teachers and General Overseers. God will settle who is General Overseer. I am not caring about that. I can go and plant potatoes for my living. You cannot settle the question of General Overseer. When I pray to my God, I say, "Well, if Bryant is the man you have chosen to lead this people, I want to be a Deacon and follow him." So I do. I see no signs to prove that. I believe in a man who can take a position and keep it over sundown; not one who believes one thing today and something else tomorrow.

In closing, If you believe these sentiments with all your hearts, as I do, then you will go away from this Tabernacle greatly encouraged. It will not matter what they say, nor what they do, God is able, in His own time, in His own way, to answer the prayer.

We are going to pursue a straight policy, and go right forward and contend for the faith once for all delivered to the saints.

We say to all men and women who have been in Zion and who have wandered away, who want a Church home, and want to take their stand under the banner of Zion, "You will be heartily welcomed, and we will pray for you, and if you will give yourselves wholly to God, you will make better men and women than you ever were."

My brothers and sisters, go to work and get hold of the people. This is their home—Shiloh Tabernacle. God gave it into our hands. It is open to every child of God. There is no respect of persons here. The seats are all alike and not any reserved. The rich are not shown one place and the poor another. This is the Church Home for Zion City and all are welcome.

No one need feel the least backward about coming.

Our aim is to get everybody back into line. God will do it. I want to thank you for the beautiful spirit you have shown. I can simply say, when I think of the beautiful spirit of the people, my heart is filled with joy to overflowing. I have every encouragement to toil on. If I can live and be used of God in saving the situation, and put this work on a solid basis, I shall feel that I have not lived in vain.

May God bless you, and help you today to do what is right, and to stand together and go forward and help save the situation.

Everybody in this building, who today, by the grace of God, will take his and her stand, and pray morning, noon and night for wisdom divine and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and for the Salvation of Zion City, stand up and let us sing the first stanza of "Blest be the tie that binds."

After singing this stanza, the General Overseer closed the meeting by a short prayer.

PROGRAM

OF THE

Thirteenth Annual Convocation

OF THE

Christian Catholic Apostolic Church

IN ZION

ZION CITY, ILLINOIS, U. S. A.

July 11th to 21st, 1909

LORD'S DAY, JULY ELEVENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
9:30 a. m. Junior Seventies; Superintendent, Elder O. L. Tindall
2:30 p. m. **General Assembly;** Services conducted by the General Overseer, assisted by Officers, Zion Choir, Orchestra and Band.
8:00 p. m. Illustrated Song Service.

MONDAY, JULY TWELFTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.
8:00 p. m. Address by Elder Eustace L. Carey.

TUESDAY, JULY THIRTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Divine Healing Address. Special Service for Teaching and prayer with the sick.
8:00 p. m. Cantata, "Joseph's Bondage," Choral Music Class.

WEDNESDAY, JULY FOURTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise. and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Divine Healing Address. Special Service for Teaching and Prayer with the sick.
8:00 p. m. Address by Elder O. L. Tindall.

THURSDAY, JULY FIFTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.
8:00 p. m. Concert by Zion Band.

FRIDAY, JULY SIXTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Divine Healing Address. Special Service for Teaching and Prayer with the sick.
8:00 p. m. Address by Elder Fred Richert.

SATURDAY, JULY SEVENTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
3:00 p. m. Visit to Zion Stores. Addresses by various Officers, and Music by Zion Band.

LORD'S DAY, JULY EIGHTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:30 p. m. **General Assembly.** Service conducted by the General Overseer, assisted by Officers, Zion Choir, Orchestra and Band.
8:00 p. m, Cantata: "Under the Palms," Junior Choir.

MONDAY, JULY NINETEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.
8:00 p. m. Cantata "Esther," Choral Music Class.

TUESDAY, JULY TWENTIETH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Divine Healing Address. Special service for Teaching and Prayer with the sick.
8:00 p. m. Address by Elder Silas Moot.

WEDNESDAY, JULY TWENTY-FIRST

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.
8:00 p. m. Closing meeting. Addresses by various Officers.

During the Convocation Elder E. W. Reder, representing Chicago, Deacon Theodore Forby, General Associate Editor of Leaves of Healing and The Zion Herald, and others, will deliver addresses.

There will be Consecration Services for young children on Lord's Day afternoon, July 11th, and also July 18th.

The Lord's Supper will be observed.
The Christian Ordinance of Baptism by Triune Immersion will be administered, and
Officers' Conferences will be held.

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You Can not Afford to Miss It

The Thirteenth Annual Convocation

of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion

will be held, God willing, in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, from Lord's Day, July 11th to Wednesday Evening, July 21, 1909. . . . .

¶All of the Officers, Members, and Friends of Zion should begin their preparations immediately after they read this notice, to come to Zion City, and be present throughout the entire Convocation.

The program, in full, appears this week in Leaves of Healing and The Zion Herald.

All persons planning to come should write to Elder E. L. Carey not later than June 1st, so that arrangements can be made for room and board in various private houses.

This Convocation will mark the beginning of another period of a great onward movement in Zion's work. Let one and all earnestly pray that God will call and train two workers to be sent to the United Kingdom; two workers to be sent to South Africa; two workers to be sent to Australia; and many earnest workers to be sent to different parts of the United States and Canada.

Expecting to see you at the Convocation, and earnestly praying God's richest blessings upon you, I am,

Faithfully yours in Jesus' Name,

WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA,

(Successor to John Alex. Dowie)
General Overseer

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He sendeth His word and healeth them.

PATIENCE

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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The Gospel of the Kingdom

How to Pray

"WHEN YE PRAY, SAY"

By O. L. Tindall

"Our Father Who Art In Heaven."

In our last article we spoke of "Our Father." When we think of God as our Father it brings Him down to us in a most familiar way. It does away largely with the ideas of awfulness and fear which are so common in the minds of the heathen when they think of their deities.

The same idea was in the mind of the Jews. They said, "If a man see God he shall die." They were afraid of God and much of their service was from the fear of the wrath of God, and "the terror of the law," as Paul expressed it.

Now, Jesus brings them a new idea of God. He said, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father." He spoke of Him as "The Father." How near it brings Him to us!

"Who Art in Heaven."

Why does Jesus add this phrase to "Our Father?" Shall we say, to teach us that *The Father* is far more than we have ever thought of *a* father? Our notion of *a* father among men would be most narrow and limited. How short is the arm of any human father! How frail are our fathers, even when they are kind and good! Can they deliver us? No. They are only of like natures with ourselves.

Can they tell us of these great questions?

Do they know what we must know of God and Heaven and life and all its relations?

If we lack wisdom, can they give it to us? Only in a limited and imperfect way.

Lest we should think of God as a mere man, Jesus adds,

"Who Art In The Heavens."

No one small heaven, but One Whom the "Heaven of heavens cannot contain." The Greek word which we translate here "heaven" is always plural, and I can see no reason why we should not translate it to read "Who art in the Heavens."

Paul ascended up to the "Third Heaven," he says, and we read of the "seventh heaven" and of the "Heaven of heavens." Our God fills them all. Let us have no little God; but think of Him as the Almighty One Who made all things—the heaven and the earth and the seas. Then we can trust Him and not be afraid of what man can do unto us. Oh, then we can ask large things of Him and know that He is abundantly able to save, even to the uttermost, and is able to do for us "exceeding abundantly more than we think or ask."

It is too often the case that we do as was said of the old Israelites, "They limited the Holy One of Israel." Remember, when you utter this short sentence of four words, that our God dwells in the Heavens, and is everywhere present.

"Hallowed Be Thy Name."

Do not allow your familiarity with your Father to degenerate into irreverence—a most common sin today. With many men and youth nothing is sacred, and reverence is entirely wanting. You see this in God's House, and in the awful profanity among men. This part of the prayer teaches us not only the Third Commandment of the old Law—against taking the Name of the Lord our God in vain, or what we call profane swearing—

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but it also teaches us not to use His Name in a light or trifling manner.

Blasphemy, in the olden times, was punished with death. This is one of the worst sins, for it is without excuse. There is no necessity. A man may be led to steal to get bread for himself or his family; he may be tempted to lie to escape punishment, or to cheat for gain; but swearing or taking the Name of God in vain is pure wantonness. It profits no one; it is without excuse.

How sadly we need to learn reverence for God's Name, for His House, for His Word and for His Holy Day.

Pray against this profanity, for "God will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain."

How much these three expressions in this prayer teach us. They open up a whole field of thought to us. Now, in a few words, Jesus points out to us our relations to God and His relation to us. These are vital questions to us. When properly learned and lived they mold the whole life of man. A man must first be right with God.

It is the same thought that Jesus taught the lawyer who tempted Him and asked Him, "Which is the first or greatest commandment?" "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy strength." This is the first.

The second follows, without the saying: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

"Thy Kingdom Come:"

This may be said to be the first direct petition uttered in the prayer, "Thy Kingdom come." How short and terse the petitions. There is a world of meaning in those three words. Should we undertake to write what is said about this Kingdom, it would fill volumes, instead of a few paragraphs in a weekly paper.

You would have to write the whole story of Israel, of the kingdom of David and his sons; you would have to tell of that kingdom which Daniel saw in his vision—an "everlasting kingdom." We are still praying for it to come, and we know that it will come and cover the earth.

To describe it you would have to describe the Heavens where God dwells and reigns supreme. That is what it means.

It is a visible kingdom made up of men and women of flesh and blood; not angels nor mere spirits. It is as real a kingdom as was that of David or Solomon. It will be built on the same principle, too.

God made Israel a nation; He ruled it. He appointed officers and gave them the law that should govern them as a nation. "Obedience" was the one word to all the people—"Diligently hearken to my voice and keep (or obey) my commandments." Obey God rather than man. It is the same today.

What Is The Kingdom of God?

It is "*Righteousness*, and *Peace* and *Joy* in the *Holy Ghost*." When a man prays this petition, that is what he prays for.

He prays first for himself that he may be right in all things —right in his life, right in his teaching and theology; right in his conduct, in his business and in his politics; right everywhere. That expresses the whole thing.

Every question that comes up demands that every one shall be right on it. "What is right?" is the only question that any man ought ever to ask; not "What is popular with men?" Not, "Which side will pay me the most money?"—But, "Which is right?"

In this we pray to be right ourselves; then the kingdom has come to us; then we pray that our neighbors be and do right; then that all men do what is right. The Kingdom is broad. You make a great request when you pray, "Thy Kingdom come."

It means that God shall come and reign in your heart and life and in your home and in your business, and in society and in the nation.

It is not simply a spiritual kingdom, but it is temporal also. "All the kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdom of our God and of His Christ." It will be a real and temporal reign of our Visible Lord aud Master.

What a glorious thought! What a privilege to pray for such a thing!

Our little Zion is a beginning of this great Kingdom. We build it on that model. We make God our King in all our affairs. We shape all our lives after the Pattern He has given us. If we do that, we have the Kingdom of God.

Then we have the Peace and Joy which always accompany Righteousness. If a man does right he will have peace and he will have joy; they follow as a consequence. They are the fruits that grow on that kind of a tree.

A man who has a conscience void of offence toward God and man, will have peace. "Being justified by faith, we have Peace with God."

The wicked have no peace, nor joy! It is torment here and hereafter.

May "THY KINGDOM COME" speedily!

"LORD JESUS, COME QUICKLY!

The Purpose of the Gospel

An Address Delivered in Kimball Hall, Chicago, Lord's Day, May 9, 1909

By General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva

[REPORTED BY T. FROST]

TEXT: "And as Jesus passed by, He saw a man Which was blind from his birth."

The ministry of Jesus, the Christ, is summed up in the Gospel according to St. Matthew, in the fourth chapter, verse twenty-three, and the ninth chapter, verse thirty-five, in three words:

"And Jesus went about"—first, "teaching;" second:

Voices: "Preaching;"

And third:

Voices: "Healing."

Difference Between Teaching and Preaching.

There is a great difference between teaching and preaching. A teacher is one who explains, makes plain by means of illustrations, comparisons, contrasts, putting Scripture with Scripture: and by employing all the various figures of speech, references from history, etc.; whereas a preacher is simply a herald, a man who does not create a message, but proclaims a message committed to his care.

There is no healing where there has been no teaching, and where there has been no preaching.

Preaching is for the sinner: teaching is for the saint. The Gospel, which begins with repentance, is proclaimed unto all men and women. After a man has been convicted of sin, and

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has shown some indication of turning away from his wicked ways unto God, he can then be taught the further steps that must be taken in order to reach God by and through Jesus the Christ.

Jesus Improved Every Opportunity.

We find Jesus in the synagogue preaching to the entire congregation. We often find Him preaching to one person. How many ministers are there today who will spend their time preaching to one person? Today there is a great hankering after large congregations; after big salaries; public notice, etc., but where are the men who have the humility to stop to proclaim the Gospel to *one* person on the street corner, or wherever they may chance to meet one—in his home, in his shop, in his place of business, or wherever it may be.

Jesus preached a wonderful sermon to Nicodemus, as recorded in the third chapter of the Gospel according to St. John. He preached another wonderful sermon to the solitary woman at Jacob's well, as recorded in the fourth chapter of the Gospel according to St. John. Was it not Jesus, the Christ, who deigned to stop the funeral procession as they carried out the body of the only son of the widow of Nain, and to raise the young man to life? Though He was very busy, He stopped to proclaim the Gospel to one person, to one individual. That was His business.

Each Christian to be a Worker.

While there is a place for the public sanctuary, let us keep in mind that the most important of all Christian work is in doing heart to heart work, personal work, speaking face to face with individuals, and pointing them to "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world."

I realize that the ministry of Zion has a work to do; but the members of the Church have a great work to do in handing out the little messages and papers, and speaking to individuals as they meet them, and telling them the story of Jesus and His love.

Let us all be personal workers.

On the tombstone of Horace Mann, the great educator, there appear these words:

Be ashamed to die until you have done at least one good deed for humanity.

It was also Horace Mann who gave the world that simple maxim:

Lost, somewhere between the hours of sunrise and sunset, two golden hours, each set with sixty sparkling diamonds. No reward offered for their recovery, for they cannot be recalled.

Eech and every person ought to be a personal worker in the Master's Vineyard. It ought to be the aim of each one, this year, to lead someone to Christ.

I remember very well when the Seventies were first organized in the City of Chicago, and they went from house to house in the streets and lanes, scores and scores of people were reached; drunkards were saved; the sick were healed; and many in this Church who today are living earnest Christian lives were thus won by humble men and women who went out into the streets and lanes, and into the houses, and told about Jesus, the Christ.

Illustration of Personal Work.

In this chapter, there is an illustration of the personal heart to heart work which Jesus did. He was simply passing by when he saw the man who was blind from his birth.

The Glories of a Clear Vision.

God the Almighty has endowed us with five senses, and of these, the sense of vision is, if not the most important, one of the most important. I believe, if any of you were told that you had to be deprived of any one of the five senses, that you would keep the sense of vision in preference to any of the others.

I have dealt with and studied very carefully a great many blind persons, and I have usually found them to be very bright people, and happy too. They "see" in a very remarkable way, through the ends of their fingers, because they have, by cultivation, made the sense of touch do double duty. But I want you to think, without any detailed description from me, of how much blind persons are deprived in this life. The one born blind has never seen father or mother, brother, sister, or relative, a loved one, or any of the beauties of nature—and who is there who has not gone into ecstasies as he has viewed God's wonderful works in nature? The Psalmist, as he stood one beautiful moonlit night upon one of Judea's hills, wrote that Eighth Psalm. He says:

When I consider Thy Heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained,

What is man that Thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that Thon visitest him?

In the Nineteenth Psalm he writes,

The heavens declare the glory of God.

How beautiful is this world! This world would be good enough for you and for me if the people were all right; if all sin were taken away, and the curse removed, and every heart throbbing with Christian love. This is a beautiful world. Life is very sweet. I do not want to give up this life. I enjoy every minute of my life, and I am happy all the time. When a person wants to commit suicide, there is something radically wrong with him. Every moment spent to the honor and the glory of God is a happy life.

I have spent altogether forty-four days upon the ocean. Every day presented some new beauty. Many of you, no doubt, will be able to bear me out in this statement.

Look at the sky, studded with stars, planets, the moon, the sun. If you get to look through a telescope, like the one at the Chicago University, you will see how wonderful God's creation is.

The blind man has never been permitted to feast upon the beauties of nature. Here is a man born blind—the only case on record in the Scriptures. Jesus healed other blind men, but in this case this man is the only one referred to in the Scriptures as being blind from his birth. In order to appreciate this simple narrative—and the Bible is made up of narratives—you want to place yourself in the very place, deprived of the sense of vision, never having been permitted to see—blind from birth.

A Far-Reaching Object Lesson.

We next behold the Savior, and then the twelve disciples, who were men like we are—human beings, of like passions. When they saw this blind man, they asked the question:

Who did sin, this man, or his parents; that he was born blind?

That is haman nature. Some people are always asking questions. You know that children often ask questions that we cannot answer. The disciples fully understood that to be blind was traceable to sin. Sin, you know, is the fuel that feeds disease. If you want to put the fire out, cease putting on fuel.

The Savior said, "Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents." He did not stop to argue the question. Oh, how much of God's precious time is wasted in arguing! How many people worry themselves over the theological questions! Some people will stand and talk for hours trying to prove a single theory.

The most important thing in this case was to open that man's eyes. It did not matter much who it was that committed the sin and caused the blindness, but the main thing was to get him healed. To me, the thing in Chicago is to get the sinner

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EDITORIAL NOTES

By O. L. TINDALL

ZION, THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, PEACE TO THEE, AND GREETING FROM ZION AT HEADQUARTERS.

Zion may take to herself today the words spoken by Jesus to Peter when Peter was under severe trial: "Satan hath desired to have you that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not."

Jesus is praying for you still, and for Zion as a body. She is being thoroughly tried "as by fire." The faith of many has failed. Some of our old associates have become avowed infidels, who used to shout the loudest for Zion and her truths, and said, "though all men forsake thee, yet will not I." When the test came, like Peter, they denied their Lord and His cause.

The words of the Apostle in Heb. 12: 27 seem to be appropriate for us at this time:

"And this word, yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain."

Zion, no doubt, was founded by Jehovah through Dr. Dowie; but this does not prove that it was perfect, and that no errors should come into her; for this was not the case. She has had a phenomenal life thus far. She has given clear evidence that God founded her. No man could have done the miracles which Zion did except God had been with her.

Israel of old did not drive out all the wicked tribes at once. Some always did remain, as thorns in her side. Not all the "high places" were torn down at once. So man's work has always been somewhat imperfect.

Zion made a good start. Satan opposed, and is now sifting her as wheat; but we are earnestly praying, as is Jesus at the right hand of God the Father as our Advocate, that her faith fail not. Thank God, too, for the many who are true and steadfast. She has great reason to rejoice that so many are faithful. The things "that are shaken" must be removed, and those which cannot be shaken will remain. That is all Zion wants to stay with her—things that cannot be shaken—only truths that can stand the test of God's Word. We want no false doctrines to creep into our theology. We want no evil ways or practices to injure our glorious work. We must, as nearly as possible, be The Church on earth that is looked for that is "without spot or wrinkle."

Is not that expected by our Lord? Must not there be a bride arrayed for the Bridegroom in white garments to be presented? We certainly are aiming to be such a church—the Lamb's Bride.

Paul sent Titus to Crete to the Churches to set things in order. Churches get out of order, and must be set right.

God sent a messenger and messages to the seven Churches of Asia, to set them right. They were all Apostolic churches, we may say, founded by Apostles, or under their authority. They were not of many years existence. They were young, yet, in years, not more than thirty-five or forty years, to say the least; and yet they had departed from the faith, more or less, and needed to be set right.

That is Zion's condition today. We need only to follow the path of our fathers and predecessors.

God is doing the same thing to us. John Alex. Dowie gave clear evidence that he was a messenger to the Churches of this age. They needed the sharp reproofs that he gave them. How far have they heeded them? Have they repented? Not very much, I fear—only individuals—and that is all we can expect. They are too far gone as organizations, we believe. Zion will gather out of them faithful men and women who love their Lord supremely, more than they do their old churches, or even than their lives. Out of these faithful ones and others God will organize a faithful band. In this way He will bring His own sheep—scattered now over the world here and there, without true

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shepherds—and bring them, as Jesus prayed, into His true fold, where they will be shepherded, where the sheep will be fed upon clean food taken from God's own Word, and not upon grass that has been trodden down by unclean feet, and water that has been befouled as the old prophet describes, (Ez. 34,) where the sick will be healed and the lambs cared for, and the lost sought for in the mountains.

All this has been prophesied many years ago. God said it would come to pass.

He said He wonld send His servant, David, and He would gather His sheep into one fold, and they would be abundantly blessed. Jesus said the same thing.

Zion has made a good beginning along that line. She has a great mission before her. She must be set right and kept right. What does it signify that she has stepped aside for a short time? God quickly rebuked her, and has sent a man to set her right again.

Our present leader is, no doubt, sent of God to do that thing. He is making it plain that God sent him. Where Zion was weak he is making her strong. She was weak in her financial policy, or rather, perhaps, in her financial practices; for Zion was right, for the most part, in her policy or teaching, but not in her practice. She erred grievously, and left us in bad shape.

The present General Overseer is especially strong on this line. He, in company with some wise and honest associates, has remedied this matter, to a very large extent, already. They are fulfilling the Apostle's injunction, yes, and the Christ's also: that we are to "be of good report with those that are without;" that is, we must be honest in our dealings with the world—be of honest report.

Zion is now doing a large business with the world, as we have too, and she has restored her credit by being honest and paying her debts on time. She is redeeming herself most rapidly.

This is a most important matter. The world has no use for a church that will not pay her honest debts. Zion's doctrines were good, but some of her deals were doubtful. We confess our sins, and we forsake them, too.

Zion would be glad to pay every debt that is due any and every creditor. She could easily do it if satan did not hinder.

Our leader would help the investors to regain all their losses; but many of them will not allow him to do so. They look to the world to help them instead of God, and His own people. If they would all fall into line and follow the Divine leading, all would be well.

The General Overseer, in setting things right in Zion, is not tearing Zion into pieces. He is cautiously repairing the breaches, not tearing down all the walls.

The General Overseer has been troubled by two classes in his work. The one has been rash and wanted to destroy the whole work and throw Zion overboard altogether. They would blot out even her name. The other class would keep all her faults and evils and mistakes.

God said to the churches of Asia, "I have somewhat against thee; therefore, repent." He dealt justly with them and gave them credit for all they did that was good and right. So God would deal with Zion today. So is the General Overseer aiming to do by the help of God, through the Spirit, and with as gobd counsel as he can get. God is blessing, and we believe the motto we have adopted for this year will be fulfilled: "For God will Save Zion."

In the time of excitement and confusion, men are very liable to judge rashly and to act hastily. The sober second-thought is best under such circumstances. We need a steady hand at the helm and a well balanced brain, as well as an abundant grace.

I would call especial attention to two passages of scripture, we must remember. They are from Paul's epistle to the Philippians, Second chapter:

"Work your own salvation."

And this is followed by:

"For it is God who worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure."

I want to emphasize this last sentence. Many men, today, are ruling God out of all His works, and out of His Church, and out of the lives of His people. It is all done by natural laws, and by science, and by doctors in the case of healing; and, in the church it is only done by men, by the flesh,; by education, by human effort, —all of man. God is ruled out of the Bible. They say it is only man-made, inspired only as our common poetry is inspired. Christ was only a wise man; there was no miraculous birth for Him ; He had no physical resurrection, or ascension.

Hence the growing infidelity.

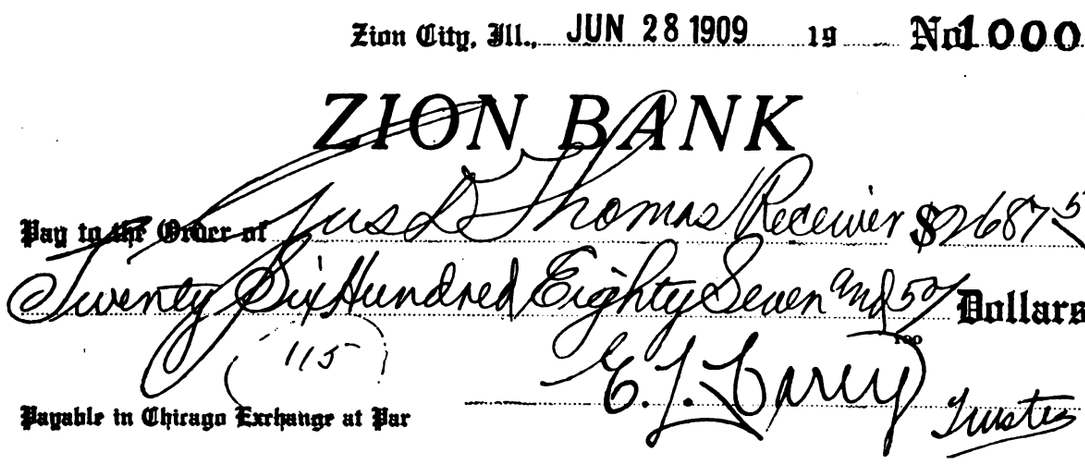
Our popular literature and magazines and colleges and universities are full of that kind of infidelity. God is ruled out of their thoughts. Unitarianism and Christian Science are honeycombing the churches, and the religious teaching of today. Zion must oppose and fight it with signs and wonders and miracles, that the world may know that there is a God in Israel and a God in Zion; so said the old prophet.

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God must be manifest in our lives and in our work, and we must compel the world to say, "No man could do the works that you do except God be with him."

Let God be exalted. Let the Christ be glorified. When they saw the lame walk, and the blind see, what was the result? Let all the world *see* the glory of the Lord and the excellency of our God.

WATCH YE THERFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS.


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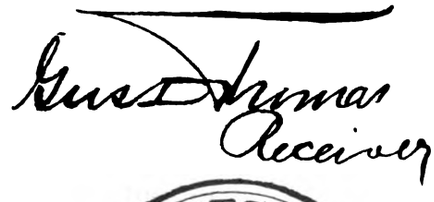
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The Purpose of the Gospel.

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saved; to get the sick man healed; and to point one and all to the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

The Folly of Quibbling.

As an illustration, take the doctrine of Soul Sleeping. Its advocates say, "What do you believe about that?" I say, "What do you believe about it?" I say, "I am not concerned about that." They say, "when a man is dead, he is dead; and when a man dies, he ceases to exist: he is just as though he had never lived," etc. I am not caring about that for a moment, and I have no time to spend on the subject.

Another man says, "Where do you believe heaven is located?" Well, I do not know, and I do not care. I am only concerned in finding out the way to get there: that is the all-important thing for you and for me.

In other words, be practical; do practical things, something that will help humanity.

Doing Things Silences Controversy.

Jesus said, "But that the works of God should be made manifest in him."

In Jesus supreme prayer, as recorded in the Seventeeth chapter of John, we find the words:

> I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do.

God likewise gives to everyone of His children a work to do. It may be in an humble little corner, but that is none of our business. I can truthfully say, as I look back over my ministry, that I have said, "I am willing to be a door-keeper in Thy House; I am willing to be a foot-rug, anything that you see fit to make out of me, only let me have a little place in Thy service." That is the only spirit which God will accept.

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Commence Work With Your Neighbor.

Some people ask to do Christin work in China, in Japan, in Africa, but they do not want to do any in Chicago. They say, "I cannot work in Illinois; if I could go to California," etc. The saying is true that, "A light that will not light up the kitchen, will not light up the parlor." A man will never accomplish anything in China, or in Africa, etc., if he cannot work in Chicago. Perhaps there is someone in your own home today. It may be your wife, your husband, your son, your daughter; or it may be a relative or a friend is waiting for you to speak to him about giving himself to God. This is the way the uninvited reason: "You profess to be a Christian. You are a Church member and go to Church carrying your Bible with you, and you pray, but you have never said one word to me about being a Christian."

The Work of Jesus was Definite.

Jesus had a definite work to do. He said, "I must work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."

Every man has his day, and every man has his night. Alas! how many there are who give satan thirty and forty years of their lives—it may be there is some one sitting here this afternoon who has given satan thirty of the best years of his life. Well, do not despair. Give yourself wholly to God today, and redeem the time as far as you can. Get salvation yourself, and then put in your time in getting others saved, healed, cleansed, and blessed.

The True Light.

Jesus said, "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." How dark this world would be, literally, if the sun were to hide his face! Then how dark would be the way if the Sun of Righteousness were to hide His face.

Obedience Causes Light to Be Revealed.

Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, No man can go unto God except through Jesus the Christ, the Son of God.

When He had thus spoken, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay.

I think it is plainly to be seen that there was no virtue in the spittle. No one would contend for a moment that it was any sin to open the eyes of a man born blind, on the Sabbath Day; but Jesus had a purpose in it. He then told the man to go to the Pool of Siloam to wash. He went and washed and came seeing.

The principle of obedience, which is taught by this story, ought to be in the life of every child of God today.

THE
CHRISTIAN ORDINANCE
OF
BAPTISM
BY
TRIUNE IMMERSION

Arrangements have now been completed so that the Ordinance of Baptism can be administered at Shiloh Tabernacle every day and night throughout the year. Application to any of the Elders will be responded to at any time.

PROGRAM

OF THE

Thirteenth Annual Convocation

OF THE

Christian Catholic Apostolic Church

IN ZION

ZION CITY, ILLINOIS, U. S. A.

July 11th to 21st, 1909

LORD'S DAY, JULY ELEVENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
9:30 a. m. Junior Seventies; Superintendent, Elder O. L. Tindall
2:30 p. m. **General Assembly;** Services conducted by the General Overseer, assisted by Officers, Zion Choir, Orchestra and Band.
8:00 p. m. Illustrated Song Service.

MONDAY, JULY TWELFTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.
8:00 p. m. Address by Elder Eustace L. Carey.

TUESDAY, JULY THIRTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Divine Healing Address. Special Service for Teaching and prayer with the sick.
8:00 p. m. Cantata, "Joseph's Bondage," Choral Music Class.

WEDNESDAY, JULY FOURTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Study.
8:00 p. m. Address by Elder O. L. Tindall.

THURSDAY, JULY FIFTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.
8:00 p. m. Concert by Zion Band.

FRIDAY, JULY SIXTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Divine Healing Address. Special Service for Teaching and Prayer with the sick.
8:00 p. m. Address by Elder Fred Richert.

SATURDAY, JULY SEVENTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
3:00 p. m. Visit to Zion Stores. Addresses by various Officers, and Music by Zion Band.

LORD'S DAY, JULY EIGHTEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:30 p. m. **General Assembly.** Service conducted by the General Overseer, assisted by Officers, Zion Choir, Orchestra and Band.
8:00 p. m, Cantata: "Under the Palms," Junior Choir.

MONDAY, JULY NINETEENTH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.
8:00 p. m. Cantata "Esther," Choral Music Class.

TUESDAY, JULY TWENTIETH

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Divine Healing Address. Special service for Teaching and Prayer with the sick.
8:00 p. m. Address by Elder Silas Moot.

WEDNESDAY, JULY TWENTY-FIRST

6:30 a. m. Song, prayer, praise, and testimony meeting.
2:00 p. m. Bible Reading.
8:00 p. m. Closing meeting. Addresses by various Officers.

During the Convocation Elder E. W. Reder, representing Chicago, Deacon Theodore Forby, General Associate Editor of Leaves of Healing and The Zion Herald, and others, will deliver addresses.

There will be Consecration Services for young children on Lord's Day afternoon, July 11th, and also July 18th.

The Lord's Supper will be observed.
The Christian Ordinance of Baptism by Triune Immersion will be administered, and
Officers' Conferences will be held.

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You Can not Afford to Miss It

The Thirteenth Annual Convocation

of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion

will be held, God willing, in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, from Lord's Day, July 11th to Wednesday Evening, July 21, 1909. . . . .

All of the Officers, Members, and Friends of Zion should begin their preparations immediately after they read this notice, to come to Zion City, and be present throughout the entire Convocation.

The program, in full, appears this week in Leaves of Healing and The Zion Herald.

All persons planning to come should write to Elder E. L. Carey not later than June 1st, so that arrangements can be made for room and board in various private houses.

This Convocation will mark the beginning of another period of a great onward movement in Zion's work. Let one and all earnestly pray that God will call and train two workers to be sent to the United Kingdom; two workers to be sent to South Africa; two workers to be sent to Australia; and many earnest workers to be sent to different parts of the United States and Canada.

Expecting to see you at the Convocation, and earnestly praying God's richest blessings upon you, I am,

Faithfully yours in Jesus' Name,

WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA,

(Successor to John Alex. Dowie)
General Overseer

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