



Few times in the history of His Church has God filled nine days with greater blessing than the days of Zion's First Feast of Tabernacles.

In them He has brought Zion to the First Anniversary of the great day when Zion Temple Site was Consecrated to Him, for His service and worship forever.

In them He has brought thousands of His true people together from all parts of this country and from many distant lands.

In them He has blessed, by the Presence and Power of His Holy Spirit, a Series of the most wonderful meetings held in the History of the Christian Church.

In them He has brought the Time of that most significant event in these Times of the Restoration of All Things: the Opening of the Gates of Zion City.

In them He has given many of His children the blessed privilege of dwelling, for a few days, in the midst of the beauties of the site where that City, of which He is the Builder, will soon rise, a blessing to the whole earth.

About two thousand five hundred people had arrived at the City, and were encamped in Camp Esther when the first meeting of Zion's First Feast of Tabernacles was held.

In the sweet coolness of Shiloh Grove, that Early Morning Sacrifice of Praise and Prayer was held at 6:30 o'clock, Saturday morning, July 13 1901.

As fragrant incense, the sincere thanksgiving and worship of the earnest company gathered there with their beloved leader, ascended unto God.

Then into their midst came that Personal Presence, the Heavenly Dove, God's Holy Spirit.

God had set the Seal of His Divine approval upon Zion's Feast of Tabernacles. Saturday evening's meeting was a big family gathering for joyous praise to God and testimony to the many tokens of His wondrous grace and mercy. It was a much larger meeting than the morning meeting, as many had come during the day to spend the night and the Lord's Day in Zion City.

Without a cloud to dim his glory, the sun sent his golden beams dancing over the lake on that Lord's Day morning.

The responsive waters caught their brightness, and mingling it with the reflected azure of the sky sent it

quivering through the leafy shades of the grove which crowns Zion's Hill.

The birds awoke and a thousand tiny throats began to sing the praise of their Creator. Then the thousands to whom God had given refreshing sleep in the little city of tents in Shiloh Grove began to rise.

In quiet joy they assembled again in the Auditorium for the Early Morning Sacrifice of Praise and Prayer.

Within a few hours the trains from Chicago began to unload at Zion City the thousands who had not been able to leave their duties during the week to attend the Feast. Three long trains, of ten cars each, were necessary to bring out these worshipers.

A delightful meeting was conducted by Overseer-at-Large William Hamner Piper, beginning at 11 o'clock.

Then there was an intermission of three hours, after which came the great meeting of the day.

It was in the presence of at least 8000 people that Zion City Band, of thirty-six pieces, led the Processional of Zion White-robed Choir, Zion Robed Deaconesses, Deacons, Evangelists, Elders, Overseers, and the General Overseer once around the Temple Site. Then, entering at the rear of the Auditorium and passing down the broad aisle, the Choir and Officers slowly mounted the platform, the Choir singing the Processional Hymn:

Forward! be our watchword,
Steps and voices join'd;
Seek the things before us,
Not a look behind.
Burns the fiery pillar
At our army's head;
Who shall dream of shrinking,
By our Captain led?
Forward thro' the desert,
Thro' the toil and fight!
Jordan flows before us;
Zion beams with light.
Forward, when in childhood
Buds the infant mind;
All thro' youth and manhood,
Not a thought behind:
Speed thro' realms of nature,
Climb the steps of grace;
Faint not, till in glory

Gleams our Father's face.
Forward, all the lifetime,
Climb from height to height,
Till the head be hoary,
Till the eve be light.

Glories upon glories
Hath our God prepar'd,
By the souls that love
Him One day to be shar'd:
Eye hath not beheld them,
Ear hath never heard;
Nor of these have utter'd
Thought or speech a word.
Forward, marching eastward
Where the heav'n is bright,
Till the veil be lifted,
Till our faith be sight.

God gave the General Overseer, the Messenger of His Eternal Covenant, a wonderful Message for the 6000 people who heard his Voice, and for the untold thousands who will read these pages.

With mighty power, given by the Holy Spirit, it entered the hearts of the people.

With an orderly but intense enthusiasm they made response.

They realized, more deeply than ever, that theirs was the inestimable privilege of hearing the words of Elijah, the Restorer, and having some part in the long-prophesied work of the Restoration of All Things, which was being begun in Zion.

With great joy, then, they gathered around the Lord's Table which was spread at the close of the service. Never in Zion was communion with the Lord more real at His Table than on this occasion, in the midst of the site of His City, in the holy calm of that beautiful Sabbath evening.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Early Morning Sacrifice of Praise and Prayer.*

Reported by A. C. R., D. B., and A. W. N.
Shiloh Grove, Zion City, Illinois, 6:30 A. M., Saturday, July 13, 1901.

The meeting was conducted by the General Overseer, who said, as he began the service:

Let us first, in silent prayer, invoke God's blessing upon us, that we may be in tune with God, and in harmony with each other that the Holy Spirit's power

may rest upon the entire Feast of Tabernacles, and that on this sacred spot already consecrated to God, we may realize His power and presence: His Saving, Healing, Cleansing Power; His Presence as the Holy One.

For a few minutes all were silent as their hearts were lifted to God.

All then joined in singing Hymn Number 201

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

The morning lesson was taken from the sixty-second chapter of Isaiah.

Scripture Reading and Exposition.

For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest.

There are some people who can rest, and there are some people who can hold their peace.

"Oh," they say, "let us alone. Now just rest and be thankful, and let the world go to the Devil, and let the Devil have it all his own way."

If we have the Spirit of God in us, we will not be able to hold our peace; we will not be able to rest; and another thing is, as you will see presently, we will give God no rest. God does not want rest, and we will give Him no rest.

For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her Righteousness go forth as Brightness, and her Salvation as a Lamp that burneth.

That is it. We want the Righteousness of God, which is the foundation of His Kingdom, to go forth as Brightness. The Kingdom of God is first—what?

Audience—"Righteousness."

General Overseer—And

Audience—"Peace."

General Overseer—And

Audience—"Joy in the Holy Ghost."

General Overseer—We will never get the joy nor the Peace until the Righteousness goes forth. The strength of Zion is her Purity, her Righteousness; and both are from God.

God's People Shall Have a New Name.

For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her Righteousness go forth as Brightness, and her Salvation as a Lamp that burneth. And the Nations shall see thy Righteousness and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a New Name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name.

That is one of the characteristics of the Dispensation,

*Owing to great pressure of other duties at Zion's Feast of Tabernacles, the General Overseer has been unable to revise the reports which follow.

that when the fulness of Time has come, God's people shall realize that they have this New Name which the Lord shall name.

Thou shalt also be a Crown of Beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a Royal Diadem in the hand of thy God. Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzi-bah,—

That is, "My delight is in her."

—and thy land Beulah:—

That is, "Married."

—for the Lord delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married. For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.

I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem; they shall never hold their peace, day nor night: ye that are the Lord's remembrancers, take ye no rest, and give Him no rest, till He establish, and till He make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

Rest Impossible Till World is Won for God.

Sometimes people say to me, "General Overseer, don't you take some rest?"

I say, "Yes; I am going to Ben MacDhui to take some rest."

I went over there and worked thirty-two hours at a stretch that week.

I cannot take rest when God's Name is profaned; when the Church is apostate; when the world in its misery is groaning under the oppression of sin and disease, and the powers of death and hell.

How can I rest, while the work is needing to be done, not only here but in all the lands? I cannot rest.

Rest must not be taken in one sense. Of course, we must have natural sleep, and when we get it, we rejoice in it. I sleep very soundly.

I slept until dawn last night, and then, with the first light of the morning, I awoke to bless God

For the hues of rich unfolding morn,
That ere the glorious sun was born,
By some soft touch invisible
Were caused around his path to swell.

The night was passing, and the morning rays were going before the dawn had come.

Then I was wide awake; no more sleep.

We ought to be in that spirit of real wakefulness: wide: awake, after refreshing sleep.

Wide-Awakeness Needed.

One of the things that we must ask God for is

wide-awakeness, perception, the quick eye to see, the quick ear to hear the quick heart to sympathize, and quick action to do.

We must not let an opportunity slip. When once it comes, it must be used, or it never comes again. Never!

Another opportunity may come, but that opportunity is gone.

Let us remember these beautiful words, that God has set watchmen upon the walls, and that they are never to hold their peace day nor night.

All around this earth, when we are sleeping, we thank God that already Zion is waking; and when we are waking, others, that have been awake are resting, so that the sun never sets upon Zion. In that way, we shall keep awake all the time in Zion.

Ye that are the Lord's remembrancers.

We are here to remind God of all His great and precious promises which He has given to the Church in all the ages; that they shall be fulfilled now; that we shall have grace given to us to take our part in the fulfilment of these great things.

Ye that are the Lord's remembrancers, take ye no rest, and give Him no rest, till He establish, and till He make Jerusalem a praise in the earth. The Lord hath sworn by His right hand, and by the arm of His strength, .. Surely I will no more give thy corn to be meat for thine enemies.

Zion's Corn Not Meat for God's Enemies.

Oh, how much of the corn that you have grown has been meat for God's enemy? Now the day has come when God has said that not a plat of ground shall be grown for His enemies.

I will no more give thy corn to be meat for thine enemies; and strangers; shall not drink thy wine, for the which thou hast labored: but they that have garnered it shall eat it.

That is the trouble today. The wealthy classes that have hitherto had the people completely in their hands, are seeing that if this movement goes forward, multitudes on every side will escape from Poverty, and from the hands of the Devil.. (Amen.)

They see that the people will get the reward of their labor, and so they are angry; but the promise is:

Strangers shall not drink thy wine, for the which thou hast labored: but they that have garnered it shall eat it, and praise the Lord; and they that have gathered it shall drink it in the courts of My sanctuary.

Go through, go through the gates.

Go Through the Gates.

That is the command to us. The Gates of the World are open to us today if we have the courage to go through; but if we are afraid, and say there is a lion in the way, we shall be slain in the street. Then we will be like the cowards who have given it up and allowed the Devil to have it all his own way.

But there is the command:

Go through, go through the Gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the high way; gather out the stones; lift up an ensign for the peoples.

Thank God, we have lifted up the Banner of Zion and will never lay it down. (Amen.) Never.

Behold, the Lord hath proclaimed unto the end of the earth, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy Salvation cometh; behold, His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him. And they shall call them The holy people.

May we win that title. (Amen.)

May We Be a Holy People.

But do not let us call ourselves a holy people.

"Let another praise thee, and not thine own lips."

The best testimony of sanctification is the testimony of the unsanctified; is the testimony of others who do not know God, but who say, as they look at the people, "Well, they are a good people; they are a holy people."

Let the testimony come from others. Let us live the life, but let us feel how weak we are; how imperfect we are; let us realize that abiding in God alone we have perfection.

The promise is that all around the world they will call us a holy people; a redeemed people.

And thou shalt be called Sought out, A city not forsaken.

May God bless His Word.

God Has Begun to Make Zion a Praise in the Earth.

Take this thought before we go to prayer. Remember it.

"Ye that are the Lord's remembrancers, take ye no rest, and give Him no rest, and He make Jerusalem a praise in the earth." That means His Church.

We want God to make Zion a praise in the earth. Thank God, He has done it already in some measure, has He not?

This is only a beginning.

We will ask God to make His own Zion a praise in the earth, so that multitudes who are perishing may be won to Him.

I will ask Overseer Jane Dowie to lead in prayer,

and others to follow.

Overseer Dowie then offered prayer, followed by others.

The congregation then sang Hymn Number 227:

The morning light is breaking,
The darkness disappears
The sons of earth are waking
To penitential tears;
Each breeze that sweeps the ocean
Brings tidings from afar,
Of nations in commotion,
Prepared for Zion's war.

Prayer for Rain.

Those who want prayer for rain in their localities, arise and tell us where.

From various parts of the platform and congregation, numerous persons arose and mentioned the respective communities in which they were interested, where rain was needed.

The following named places are those where droughts were prevailing and for which prayer was requested:

Southern Nebraska; Waterloo, Iowa; Harvey, Illinois; Auburn, Nebraska; Marion, Kansas; Iowa; Shelby, Michigan; South Dakota; New York; Missouri; Raymond, Kansas.

The General Overseer then offered the following prayer:

PRAYER BY THE GENERAL OVERSEER.

Almighty and Everlasting Father, whose sun shines upon the evil and the good; whose rain falls upon the just and upon the unjust; have mercy, O God, upon the drought-smitten parts of America, and grant that these brethren and sisters may join with us now in prevailing prayer.

Open Thou, in Thy great compassion, the windows of heaven. Hear us as we plead the promise which Thou didst give to Thy servant Noah:

"While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."

O God, who didst give us the seedtime, grant that the harvest may not fail. We thank Thee that in this land, though the people have been sinful, there are those who are faithful.

O God, open Thy windows, and pour out rain. (Amen). Save the crops, that there may be bread to the eater and seed to the sower. Once more, therefore, we plead Thy promise to Thy servant Noah, when he stepped out on the earth, and Thou didst set Thy bow in the heavens; "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."

O God, then let not the harvest fail where we have been asking for rain

(Amen), for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Elder Fockler then prayed.

Testimonies to Answered Prayer.

Now, beloved friends, we will have a few testimonies.

August Haenchen, 1810 Dekalb Street, St. Louis, Missouri, said: "I praise God that I got LEAVES OF HEALING in St. Louis. I could see right through that you were a prophet of God.

"My wife was taken with inflammatory rheumatism. We wrote to you for prayer; I told her to lean on Jesus, and she received healing."

General Overseer—How long was she sick?

Mr. Haenchen—"Two weeks. My family are now in Zion."

General Overseer—The Lord is opening up the way for His people to come to Zion City. Is it not wonderful?

Mrs. Miller, formerly of Waterville, Minnesota, nine months a resident of Zion City, said: "I praise God that I am permitted to be a resident of Zion City. I called it sacrifice when we sold our property in Waterville, Minnesota, very cheap, to get here, but we have long ago ceased to call it sacrifice. What a sacrifice it would be if we had to be back in Waterville because we had property there. I thank God we are here.

"We could not find anything better than an old feed-mill to live in. Elder Fockler called it a tar-and-feather house, but by patching it we have it large enough to entertain twelve persons through this Encampment."

General Overseer—Thank God.

Evangelist Fisher, you are one of the Mansfield blue-paint and tar-and-feather men; let us hear what you have to say.

Evangelist Fisher—"I am glad, General Overseer, to be here. The inspiration of Zion City has entered into me since I came.

"I often think as I go back and forth to Mansfield and Zion City that these are the two extremes of what God can do for a people, and what the Devil can do when he gets possession of them."

The meeting was closed with the

BENEDICTION.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere forever. Amen.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Evening Prayer and Testimony.

Reported by I. M. S. and A. W. N.
Shiloh Grove, Zion City, Illinois, Saturday Evening, July 13, 1901.

The meeting was opened by singing "I Will Sing of My Redeemer."

The General Overseer read from the Inspired Word of God in the sixty-first and sixty-second chapters of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

May God add His blessing.

The congregation then made the woods ring with their hearty singing of the hymn, "Go Forward, O Zion!"

The General Overseer then said:

I am glad to meet you tonight. I feel as the sun is setting that the Sabbath has begun. Oh that the Sabbatic power may come upon our spirits now, and that we may realize that this first Sabbath that we have spent together on this soil is a momentous occasion!

Oh that God would make the night to be filled with sweet repose and heavenly sleep, and blessing that shall give us power for the morrow, and that this place may be filled with the presence and the glory of God!

Welcome to Zion City.

I am glad to welcome you tonight. Many have the morning.

I say to you, in the Name of the Lord, Welcome! a thousand times Welcome to Zion and to Zion City! (Amen.)

I am so thankful that, so far as I can learn, there has been no accident to any of our people on the trains which have borne them here.

In one case where there was an accident, our people escaped with the car hanging over the brink of a broken bridge. I am so thankful for that goodness of God which has brought our people safe to Zion City.

This Glorious Feast of Tabernacles Will Be Largely What We Each Make It Ourselves.

If we are "in the spirit on the Lord's Day," the Lord will be present to bless us; for He is ever willing.

There is so much to thank God for; but we can put it all into one Thanksgiving, when we say, "Thanks be unto God for His Unspeakable Gift;" for Him through whom our blessings came; thanks be unto God for Jesus Christ, His dear Son; thanks be unto God for such a Saviour; for so great and good a Father, and for so glorious a great Elder Brother, and for so tender a

Comforter and Guide as the Holy Spirit. Thanks be unto God that now at the close of the Dispensation He has established Zion."

May God grant that that which the enemies of God everywhere fear will take place, that Zion City will be a glorious success.

Now let us pray for the sick and the sinful, and the sorrowful and the weary, and the dear ones who have come long distances to this Feast of Tabernacles to meet that Lord who met with His people at these festivals long ago. For all in Zion everywhere we will pour out our hearts now.

Overseer Piper then led in the common supplication, the General Overseer offering the special petition for God's saving, healing, and cleansing Power upon those who had requested prayer.

I wish Overseer Jane Dowie to talk to you for a minute or two. May God bless her.

Welcome by Overseer Jane Dowie.

Overseer Jane Dowie said:

"We are very much pleased indeed to see you all here this evening.

"We thank God for the wonderful meeting we had this morning—the early morning prayer meeting.

"We rejoice tonight that we have come here together to this Feast of Tabernacles; that we have come to this beautiful site, and that ere long we shall see you all here in your homes.

"We know that this will be a City of Peace and Joy. We believe that it will be a City where we will live in Purity.

"We thank God for these blessed privileges which He has given us.

"It seems sometimes when we think of it, that it cannot be real; and yet when we look around us and see that it is real, it makes us very happy indeed.

"Our hearts are just full of joy and thanksgiving to God for His wonderful goodness to us in giving us this beautiful land, where we can build together, and serve God in peace and in unity.

"Tonight I feel that my heart is almost too full of gratitude to God to speak. It seems as if there is hardly anything lacking, and that we are going to have all the good things 'with persecutions.'

"I do not think that we will be persecuted in this City. I am sure we will not. I thank God that we have a place of refuge, a haven of rest, where we can come together and worship Him according to our consciences, and do things He would have us do.

"We pray for a blessed day tomorrow, that God's Holy Spirit will be poured out upon the people.

"May those of you who have brought your sick, and your lame, and your halt to this City, that they may

have the blessing of God upon them, get answers to prayer here for them.

"How blessed it is when the lame are able to walk and to leap and to sing for joy, and the blind see, the deaf hear, and the sick are healed!

"We trust in this Encampment to see the sick healed.

"We have today prayed for one sick person who had a very deadly disease, and God answered prayer.

"We think, as we look tonight at this tent and see the people, of the little gathering that we had when we first came to this country.

"The first tent meeting that we had ever attended was at Western Springs, just outside of the City of Chicago. There, you know, we had the blessed healing of our sister, dear Deaconess Paddock. She was healed in Chicago at the time the General Overseer prayed for her in the tent while the meeting was going on.

"You all know how she has, since then, been used of God in carrying the Gospel of Salvation and Healing to multitudes of sick people; how she gained entrance into the hospitals where she herself had lain and 'suffered many things of many physicians,' only to be turned out dying.

"I know He will pour out a blessing so that there will not be room enough to hold it. There never is room enough after the first beginning. We trust that there will not be room enough to receive the blessings, even in Zion City.

"Oh how happy we shall be when we meet in the Heavenly City of the Zion above! We shall think of the happy times we have had together here in this City upon earth.

"We desire this City to be a preparation for the Zion above."

Healed of Partial Paralysis. Now an Elder in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

Elder Archibald McFarlane, Marion, Ohio, said: "I praise God that I am in Zion City tonight. It is a delightful place to be.

"I cannot express tonight the number of blessings I have received since I came into Zion. I was partially paralyzed, when I was healed in Zion. I was taking drugs, and everything that I ate tasted like drugs. I threw the medicine away, and asked God to heal me. Inside of three weeks I was able to be about my work again."

General Overseer—Hallelujah!

Great Joy in Being on the Site of Zion City.

Rev. W. H. Cossum, Zion College and Divine Healing Home, formerly of China, said: "After having my eyes upon Zion for a number of years, after having

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prayed many days for this City and its prosperity, God gives me the privilege of standing upon its consecrated, sacred soil. I could not walk fast enough this afternoon, so I got on my wheel and spun around and saw everything that I could.

"My heart was filled with thankfulness to God that I was in so clean a City. I did not care if there were not many houses on the site. I said, 'The ground is here and the buildings are coming, too, soon.'

"I felt that God was here, and I thanked Him for it.

"I thanked God that I was on a piece of ground where there was no sin, no tobacco stench, no worldliness.

"Having been in almost all of the prominent cities in the United States, and having grown weary of the sin and the worldliness, it was a great joy to stand on the site of a Clean City."

Campers at Feast of Tabernacles From All the Wide World.

General Overseer—It makes me so happy to see people here from nearly all of the world. Here is our Brother Cossum from China. He is a very good brother.

There was another one here today who said he came from Cuba, and another one said, "General Overseer, I want to shake hands with you. I came here from the Isle of Man."

There was another who said that he came from Scotland; another said that he came all the way from Ireland to be here.

Then I saw one lady who said, "General Overseer, you must not pass me by."

"Why," I said, "I will not pass you by; you came from the first State in the United States, alphabetically speaking; you came from Alabama."

Then some one claimed my attention who had come from British Columbia; then a man who had come from Canada, and then another from Texas, and the next minute one from Pennsylvania.

Others are here from many distant places.

There are more than a thousand people here tonight; I suppose nearly 1500.

One of Zion's Earliest Members in Chicago.

Mrs. Sarah Thomas, Englewood, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I have been in Zion seven years, and was baptized by the General Overseer at Manhattan Beach in the first Baptism he ever administered in Lake Michigan.

"I have been faithful ever since, and have grown in

grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"The Devil has tried to overthrow me; but I praise the Name of the Lord for all that He has done for me."

God Heals of All Afflictions.

Mrs. Crabtree, Dews, Iowa, said: "The Lord has healed me of my afflictions. I am glad to stand before this people and witness for God."

Instant Deliverance From Serious Trouble.

Mrs. Ida Stern, Zion Building, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I praise God for a wonderful deliverance last night. I had been sick for several days with severe stomach and bowel trouble, and kept getting worse, until late in the night I had a severe hemorrhage of the bowels.

"About five o'clock this morning I asked the General Overseer to pray that it might be stopped, and immediately the trouble ceased.

"I praise God for this wonderful deliverance, and for His many mercies to me and to my dear husband."

Rejoices in Zion After Being Fifty Years a Presbyterian Minister.

Rev. Amos Jones, Indianapolis, Indiana, said: "I thank God with my whole heart tonight that the clouds which came and darkened my early days and life have all been dispersed and rolled away.

"As the sun is in the West and the shadows are growing longer, I bless God that He has brought me out of the malaria of the Church where I preached for many years, and brought me into the atmosphere that gives me an inspiration I never knew before.

"I thank God, too, that He has brought me out of a Church which, like all the other apostate churches, had no authority, into a Church which has authority; that centers first in God and in Christ, and also gives His power to chosen Messengers.

"I thank God that He has permitted me to live these latter days of my life under conditions that are uplifting and inspiring. I have no words to express the gratitude I feel in Zion."

General Overseer—How many years have you been a Presbyterian preacher?

Father Jones—"About fifty years." (Applause.)

General Overseer—Thank God, there is hope for others.

Thanks God for the Virility of Zion.

Deacon W. D. Yerger, Methodist Book Concern Building, Cincinnati, Ohio, said: "I thank God for

being in Zion, every day of my life.

"There is a virility in Zion that I love. There is a manliness about it; there is depth of character that I love, and it impresses me most when I get by myself and look out into life. I see the one thing that humanity needs, and Zion has it in every respect.

"That is what gives me courage in speaking to business men. I tell them, 'This is what you need—God.' We have God in the highest, sweetest, noblest way.

"I had never lived as strong and as noble a life as I have since I have been in Zion. I do not think that I was a weak man before, but my life in Zion today is infinitely sweeter, and stronger and better than it ever was. I testify to this to God's glory.

"I bless God for giving me the teaching through the General Overseer. I have grown to love him.

"It seems to me that to take Zion out of my life would be like wiping my life out. I would not want to live twenty-four hours without the consciousness of the life that comes to me through Zion, for I realize that it is Christianity in its noblest and best sense.

"I thank God for every moment of my life for Zion, and I deem it the highest honor that I can have to be associated with it and have my name linked in any way with that of the General Overseer.

"I bless God from the depths of my heart for the General Overseer. I do not worship the General Overseer. They tell me I do. I worship God, but I follow the General Overseer, because I believe him to be, as I told Bishop Thoburn on the streets of Cincinnati, 'the greatest man of God living today.' "

General Overseer—We love the Deacon, and we love you all. He is a very good man. He was one of the best Methodists I ever knew. For myself, I make no claims to preeminence. I am what I am, by the Grace of God.

God Answers Prayer for Balky Horse.

Deacon W. B. Kindle, Zion City, Illinois, formerly of Kalamazoo, Michigan, said: "We were holding a meeting on the street in Kalamazoo last week, and somebody shouted out, 'He is a Dowieite.'

"I answered, 'Yes, I am a Dowieite, thank God,' and they did not try to do it any more."

General Overseer—You ought not to have said that you were a Dowieite. You are a Christian Catholic.

Deacon Kindle—"It was the only way we could put them to silence.

"They gave us a balky horse this morning when we started out. He reared straight up. We remembered that the General Overseer said, 'Stop at nine o'clock and have five minutes of prayer.' We stopped and spent five minutes in prayer, and then we suggested to ask God

to make the horse gentle and take the Devil out of him, and He did. The horse was gentle all the day and did not give us any trouble."

General Overseer—May he remain so.

Six Years of Perfect Health After Miraculous Healing.

Mrs. Charles Wilson, Chicago, Illinois, said: "It is just about seven years now since I was healed. Over six years I have had perfect health, and I thank God for that. I thank God for Zion and for the General Overseer and Overseer Jane Dowie, and I am thankful that I am here, and that my two little boys are strong and well."

General Overseer—The doctors so operated upon that dear girl that they took away certain important organs which would make it impossible for her ever to become a mother. God gave her back these organs.

Tonight she is a happy wife and mother.

For years and years the physicians and surgeons had put her in nameless agony. It is a joy to me tonight to know that she is sitting there with her two little boys and her husband. Bless God for them. Hers is among the Miracles of Healing.

Many Healings and Blessings in Family.

Mr. Taylor, Hornellsville, New York, said: "I thank God tonight for this first glorious day in Zion City. I praise Him, for the healing of my dear wife two years ago. I praise Him for the healing of my dear son a year and a half ago. I praise Him for the blessing He has given me through the Christian Catholic Church in Zion and through LEAVES OF HEALING. I thank Him that He has brought me to this City, where I hope to have a home amongst you and yours, and to work for my Lord and Master."

Saved From Sin Through Zion.

Gus Hammock, Cincinnati, Ohio, said: "I thank God for the privilege of being in Zion City. I also thank God for the General Overseer, and that he sent Overseer Piper to Cincinnati. It was through his teaching that I was led into Zion."

"I had every sin on my heart except murder, and when Overseer Piper came to Cincinnati, he told me how to get right with God."

Children Wonderfully Healed.

H. S. Tidd, Lima, Ohio, said: "I thank God for the privilege of being in this meeting tonight.

"I thank Him for the healings that we have had in

our family. All of our children have been wonderfully healed.

"I thank God for the teaching that the General Overseer has given us."

Healed of Heart Trouble Through Faith in Jesus.

Mrs. O. W. Farley, Pontiac, Illinois, said: "I thank God for LEAVES OF HEALING. It is five years ago last March since I first heard of Zion. I had heart trouble, but I threw away the medicines and trusted God, and I have never had any return of heart trouble since."

Way Opened to Come to Zion City From Cuba.

S. L. Benham, Cuba, said: "I thank God for helping me to come here. Two weeks ago my business was in such shape that I did not think it possible for me to come; but I prayed for the way to be opened for me to come to Zion City, and just a few days ago I received mail from the States which put me in a position to come.

"My wife received a wonderful healing through the General Overseer's prayers, a few years ago."

Not "Dowieites," But Members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

General Overseer—I wish to break a lance with Deacon Kindle. Whenever anybody says to you, "You are a Dowieite," say, "No, I am a member of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion."

I desire that Christ's Name shall come first. I desire that the great broad word, Catholic (Universal), shall come next.

Tell them just what this Church is. It is the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, thank God.

Deacon Kindle—"I have been in the habit of rebuking people for that thing, but in this particular case, I knew I could keep that man silent.

"A preacher once said to me, 'It keeps me busy to look after Christian Science and Dowieism.'

"I said, 'Do not you say Dowieism. We do not permit God's work to be blasphemed in this way. Do not call this work of God Dowieism.' "

General Overseer—Do not let any one call this work Dowieism. If you do, you deserve to have the hose turned upon you. (Laughter.) The Name, above every name, which comes first in the title of the Church, is Christian, and the next is Catholic.

All the Epistles of the early Apostles that are not addressed to special Churches, are Catholic Epistles. The Epistle of James is Catholic; that is, it is to the Universal Church. The Epistles of John are Catholic

Epistles. They are called so in the original. Peter and James and Jude are all Catholic Epistles.

We believe in the Holy Catholic Church. Thank God.

The Name of Christ is the Name We Love.

We will not let anybody narrow it down to Dowie, because, as a matter of fact, I do not like the name myself. It is a poor, petty sort of a name. There is much about the name that I do not like.

The Name which I love, and the only Name which we can put upon the Church, is the Name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Never permit any person to call you a "Dowieite," without rebuking them. It is not that you are ashamed of me, but, beloved, do not let any one for a moment think that you belong to me.

You belong to God, as I believe; and if I should for one single moment imagine that this Church was my Church, then God would set me aside.

This Church is the Church of God, my Father, which has been redeemed by the Blood of Jesus Christ, my Lord, and has been brought into existence by the power of the Holy Ghost.

Who am I to allow my name to be put upon His Church?

It is His Church, and, beloved, never forget that the whole family is called by that Name: for "at the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

I Am Your Brother and Fellow Servant.

I am your minister; and for Christ's sake I want to serve you and Him.

If any one says to you, "Well, what is Zion?" you say, "Zion is the Kingdom of God, and this is the Christian Catholic Church in the Kingdom of God."

My name is a poor, puny thing alongside of the glorious Name of Christ.

Everyone admires the beautiful name that God has given to this Church.

It is strange that while we have the Roman Catholic, the Greek Catholic, the English Catholic, etc., that we are the only body of people who honor the Name of Christ and place it first, and called His Church the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

God has honored the name.

I Thank You Tonight for Your Great Love to Me.

I know that neither dear Deacon Kindle nor any of

you are ashamed of me.

I am proud of the people whom God has raised up and committed to my care. I thank such loyal people as Father Jones, who for fifty years has been a splendid minister in the Presbyterian Church, and now comes out and places himself at my direction.

I thank God for the dear young men like Elder Brasefield and Evangelist Fisher, and many others who have come out.

I thank God for the splendid missionaries like Overseer Mason, Mr. Cossum, and Elder Viking, who have come out and placed themselves so humbly at my direction, that it almost breaks my heart.

I can only tell you that there is nothing that makes me more truly your servant than the love that you are willing to bear with me. I can only thank God for giving me this Church, which Christ has purchased with His blood.

May God bless you, and let these words suffice.

I never want my name to be placed upon this Church. I want my name, if it is best, to be forgotten.

Not myself, but the truth that in life I have spoken;
Not myself, but the work that in life I have done shall pass on to ages.

Let all about me be forgotten, save the truth I have spoken, the work I have done for my Lord.

Let the Worker Be Buried and Forgotten, and Let God Carry On the Work.

Let mine be the name of one who wanted the Name of Christ to be put over all his work and all his life.

This is the deep-seated thought in my heart. It is not a mock humility. It is a deep, earnest longing of my heart that the Name of Christ shall be glorified, and that His Kingdom shall stretch from shore to shore and cover the earth as the waters cover the seas.

May God grant it. (Amen.)

Now let us rise and praise Him as we go home to our rest.

The Doxology was then sung, after which the beautiful duet and chorus, "A Well of Water," was sung by Deacon Judd and Conductor Rice, and the service was closed with the followings

PRAYER.

O God, come and be within us a Well of Water, and flow through us to the sin-cursed cities and to all the world. By Thy Holy Spirit take Zion and on the day of the opening of this City, lead us, and let that day be taken possession of by God, for Jesus' sake.

BENEDICTION.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very

God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

LORD'S DAY MORNING.

Early Morning Sacrifice of Prayer and Testimony.

Reported by O. L. S. and A. W. N.

Shiloh Grove, Zion City, Illinois, Lord's Day, July 54, 1901.

The General Overseer presided.

He announced the Hymn, "Bless thou the Lord, O my Soul, and in reading the lines before the singing he said: It is not only "mercies," but what?

Audience—"Tender mercies."

Kind hearts are here,
Yet would the tenderest one
Have limits to His mercy,
But thy God hath none.
Man's forgiveness may be full and sweet,
But still man stoops to give it.
More complete is love,
That lays forgiveness at Thy feet,
And pleads with Thee to raise it.

The Tender Mercies of Our God.

It is God who comes down in the deepest humility and knocks at the door of the sinners' hearts; the heart's door, where He has the right, for in the name of the law, the Eternal Righteous Law, to batter it down.

But He does not do it.

He stands a suppliant, knocking at the door with a humility deeper than any of us would have shown had we been treated as God has been treated.

I think that there is no word in all the Bible more wonderful than that, the "Tender Mercies" of our God—the humility of an Infinite Love that comes to seek such hearts as ours. That is what I would like you to think about:

Who doth redeem thy life, that thou
To death mayst not go down!
Who thee with loving kindness
And tender mercies crown!

After the singing of the hymn, the General Overseer read the seventeenth chapter of the Gospel according to Saint John :

These words spake Jesus;

And lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said,
Father, the hour is come ;
Glorify Thy Son,
That the Son may glorify thee:
Even as Thou hast given Him authority over all flesh,
That whatsoever Thou hast given Him,
To them He should give eternal life.

What is the extent of Christ's power? Over how much of the human flesh?

Audience—"All."

General Overseer—And the promise here that Christ repeats is that He Would give Eternal Life to "as many as Thou hast given Me." Then is not that Eternal Life for every human being?

The provision is infinite, not only in time, but in eternity; for "the mercy of the Lord endureth for ever." Neither for these only do I pray,

But for them also that believe on Me through their word.

Christ's Prayer Is for Us Who Live Today.

That comes down to us today. We have believed in Jesus through their word that has come to us through the apostles and saints in all the ages. So for us the Redeemer was praying in this last hour of His earthly ministry when He was about to submit Himself to all the cruelties and agonies preceding the death on the cross. He is thinking of us whom He sees down through all the ages, sitting here today, and He says:

Neither for those only do I pray,
But for them also that believe on Me through their word; That they may all be one;
Even as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee,
That they also may be in Us:
That the world may believe that Thou didst send Me.

The world will never believe that God has sent Jesus the Christ until the word sees a United Church.

May God make us that. (Amen.) We are that, but God make us that still more (Amen): a perfectly United Church.

The General Overseer then continued the reading to the end of the chapter. He then remarked:

More than fifty times in this prayer of the Redeemer do we have the word Father, or the personal pronoun.

Prayer was then offered, which was followed by the congregation singing Hymn Number 63.

After some further remarks by the General Overseer, another song was sung, and he then said

Let us have a few words of praise to God from the Overseer, Elders, Evangelists, and privates.

Blessing Through Editorial Notes in Leaves and Banner.

Overseer G. L. Mason, of Cincinnati, Ohio, said: "I thank God for the refreshings of my spirit that come every time I read the strong, brainy editorials in THE ZION BANNER and LEAVES OF HEALING. I get a refreshing and uplifting, a humbling of my spirit, a deepening conviction that God is speaking to the whole world now."

Unhoped for Blessings in Zion.

Elder Silas Moot, Lima, Ohio, said: "I thank God that He has given me more than I hoped for or than I dreamed of in Zion, through His Son and our General Overseer."

General Overseer—God bless Elder Moot. He has had a hard field.

Greetings From the Pacific Coast.

Elder August Ernst, Seattle, Washington, said: "I praise the Lord this morning that I am here. We did not dream that we would have the privilege to come here. We bring greetings from our dear friends in Seattle, and Tacoma, and Portland."

General Overseer—I am going to that coast some day.

Elder Ernst—"You have an invitation."

General Overseer—Yes, I have many of them. Thank you for the latest one.

Three Years of Happy Service for God in Zion.

Mrs. Caroline Miller, Elroy, Wisconsin: "So far as I know, Zion is in me. I thank God for this privilege we have today. God has been wonderfully blessing us. We hope to make our home here in Zion City. We thank God for the privilege of being in Zion City and the privilege of working in Zion three years. God has kept me."

Thanksgiving for Blessing in Persecution at Evanston.

Elder A. W. McClurkin, 1320 Wrightwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I am so glad that God gave us, I believe, a glorious victory in Evanston the other night. Praise God for that. I was never happier in my life. I enjoyed that meeting the best of any in my life, and I want to go back again."

Deacon William A. Starrett, 6837 Green Street, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I thank God that I was counted worthy to go to Evanston and to stand up there on the public square and let them throw water, and after

throwing the water to take me down and lock me up in the Police Station. I am waiting for a chance to go back."

Great Peace and Joy in Coming From Apostate Church Into Zion.

Elder C. A. Hoy, Auburn, Nebraska, said: "I praise God for the privilege of being here with a delegation of ten from Auburn, Nebraska. We praise the Lord for LEAVES OF HEALING, which brought us into Zion, and brought us healing physically and spiritually, and brought us out of the apostate Lutheran Church.

"We praise the Lord for the peace and the joy that we have in Zion and did not have in the old hard-shell Lutheran Church.

"I know many ministers in the Lutheran Church who are on the highway to Zion. They expelled me from the Lutheran Church for 'expounding Dowieism.' What did they do that for? They knew that many were reading the Zion Literature I was sending."

Healing in the Evanston Persecution.

Miss Louise Huber, Chicago, said: "I praise God and thank Him that He kept us so wonderfully at Evanston the other day. Many of us did not have a dry stitch of clothing on us when we reached our homes that night. Some of us had to stay in the corridors of the Police Station a long time. The next morning the girls who had gone to Evanston with colds were well. Praise God; He had healed every one of us and did not permit us to get sick."

Great Blessing Through Leaves of Healing.

C. H. Bailey, St. Louis, Missouri, said: "I praise God for being here in Zion City, a Clean City. I praise God for LEAVES OF HEALING. If it had not been for LEAVES OF HEALING I never would have come into Zion.

"I praise God that He healed me. I was healed two years ago the 17th of this month of rupture and appendicitis, through the prayers of the General Overseer. I praise God for what He is doing for us. I praise Him for what He is doing for my wife."

Holy Joy, Peace, and Calmness in the Midst of a Mob.

Deaconess Sophia Hertrich, Zion Building, Chicago, said: "I have only one sorrow, and that is to think that there are many who are dear to us who are not realizing the privileges and blessings that come to us through Zion. I am so glad for the experience that I had at Evanston. I have never before in my life realized

the possibility of such a calm, heavenly peace in a mob. The thought that came to me was that if I should be counted worthy to die for the Gospel's sake and go home in that spirit and gladness that filled my heart at that time, it would be better than toiling on.

"If it is His will, I am willing to toil on. But I am so glad for the experience that I have had to know the possibility of being filled with perfect peace whilst a howling mob is doing its worst.

"I thank God for the privilege of having a little part in this great work."

The Blessing of Cleanliness in All Things.

Mr. Ellis, Cooksville, Illinois, said: "I thank God that God is in Zion, that we can feel assured that we are in a City of God, and that God is in our City. When we have a clean city, and a clean ministry, and a clean body, we can go to God with clean hearts and get his blessings."

Healed Through the General Overseer's Prayers Eleven Years Ago. Wonderfully Kept Since.

Mrs. E. T. Milner, Sycamore, Illinois, said: "I praise God from the depths of my heart and all the powers of my being that God, in His Infinite Love and Mercy, has kept me eleven years. It will be eleven years in a few days since I first set my eyes upon Dr. Dowie and heard his teaching and received a perfect healing, after listening to two lectures.

"Through all the trials and persecutions and afflictions that he has gone through with, various foes and everything that has evil in it, I do not think that my heart or thought has ever had one ray of doubt about him. I have said from the beginning that he was a man of God from the minute he spoke, and I have said it every day since."

General Overseer—It has been a very great joy to me in this Feast of Tabernacles to have seen quite a number who heard me speak my first words in the neighborhood of Chicago, at Western Springs, eleven years ago this month. Our dear Sister Milner was at that camp meeting. She had a wonderful healing. She is the sister of Elder Tindall.

Speedy Healing of a Painful Injury.

Deaconess Carrie Krause, 7701 Goldsmith Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I thank God I am able to be here this morning.

"On Friday I fell on the way coming down from the city to my home, injuring my knees and right leg.

"When I had gotten on the cars and sat there for a time, my limbs began to ache and my knees began to

swell.

"When I arrived here I asked the General Overseer to pray, and he did so.

"That swelling is all gone from my knees."

Zion Not Only Talks Full Salvation and Christian Unity, But Lives Them.

Deaconess L. Blackmore, 39 Tregarvon Road, Clapham Common, London, S. W., England, said: "I am praising God that I am a member of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion. I had been mixing with people who talked about Full Salvation.

"I am thankful for the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, because they do not only talk about a Full Salvation, but they have it. It is not a Gospel to be merely theorized about, but in Zion I find it lived.

"I praise God for the unity in the Christian Catholic Church in Zion. It is a matter of talk with the people from whom I have been expelled. They talk about unity, but do not possess it. Here we find it from the least to the greatest. We find this fact, in all nationalities, that we are one in Christ.

"May God cement us more and more with the Holy Spirit's power. Perhaps I am speaking too long."

General Overseer—We will consider that you represent all London.

Deaconess Blackmore—"That is a large city for a little person like me to represent, although I am not very small in body.

"I rejoiced when I saw in the papers that the General Overseer was coming to London. If ever a place needed this Full Gospel, it was London; although I find the Devil is just as bad here.

"This teaching is bitterly opposed, and especially by the majority of the Holiness people.

"I had been a member of the Baptist Chapel for about six or seven and twenty years. But I saw clearly, from reading the Word of God, that Baptism meant three immersions. I desire to be right as far as I know, and as far as God shows me I mean to obey Him.

"I was among the first to be baptized by Triune immersion when the General Overseer held his first Baptism in London, and I praise God for it.

"I belonged to what is called the 'Pentecostal League.' There was a League here in America, but I think it has fallen through. I know that many have come out of it, even in England, of late, because they are talking of Full Salvation, talking of Divine Healing, and they do not exhibit it. As to Divine Healing, they talk about it, but they say if you do not get healing, you must go to the doctors. But Zion believes in a Full Salvation for spirit, soul, and body. I praise God. To Him be all the Glory."

A Large Estate Belonging to a Lone Widow Being Eaten Up by Enemies of God.

Mrs. O. F. Long, Chicago, Illinois, said: "I praise God that six years ago He opened my blind eye and my deaf ear, and healed me of paralysis. I also asked the General Overseer to put his hand on my crooked back and pray. He did so, and God healed me of my spinal trouble. The General Overseer gave me \$----- to come out here with, and"-----

General Overseer—Now I may as well say a word at this point. It just makes my heart ache to hear our sister talking about a little sum like that, when the fact is that a large estate that her husband has left has gotten into the hands of the enemies of God. The poor, lone widow, who has neither children nor husband, cannot get a dollar out of it today.

It has gotten into the hands of a godless set. The Court as appointed as trustee 2 minister, who, while he is administering the Lord's Supper, has a chew of tobacco in his mouth.

Our good sister's husband was a member of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion. He always talked of putting all his interests into Zion and getting us to protect his widow in the event of his death. But he put it off too long, and the consequence is that when dear Mr Long died his estate went into the hands of the Court. His wife is practically poor. Yet she has a large estate there that is being eaten up by persons whom Mr. Long would never have trusted—enemies of Zion.

Actually, the other day, they certified, I am informed by Mrs. Long, \$250 for a doctor whom Mr. Long refused to see.

Zion must get together and protect one another in business matters. If you do not, the world will rob you. You deserve to be robbed, too, if you do not pool your issues in Zion.

Babe Healed When Dying. Great Joy in Persecution.

Overseer W. Hamner Piper, Chicago, said: "I thank God especially for the great blessing I received last night in the meeting, and also for the meeting this morning.

"I thank God for the healing of one of our little children during the past ten days, when he seemed to be dying.

"I am specially grateful to God for the opportunity of going to Evanston the other night.

"I have been wondering what was the matter with me. Every officer was being mobbed, and I was slipping through without receiving anything, but I got what I was looking for the other night.

"My desire is to go back again. I never enjoyed anything so much before in my life. I was calm and cool as any one. possibly could be, and I rejoice in the Lord for being counted worthy of suffering a little bit for Him."

The meeting was then closed by singing the doxology and the General Overseer pronouncing the

BENEDICTION.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

LORD'S DAY AFTERNOON.

Elijah the Restorer.

Reported by C. L. D., A. C. R., and D. B.

Shiloh Grove, Zion City, Illinois, Lord's Day Afternoon, July 14, 1901.

INVOCATION.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us, And cause Thy face to shine upon us; That Thy Way may be known upon earth; Thy saving health among all Nations For the sake of Jesus. Amen.

The Choir and congregation joined in singing:

Blow ye the trumpet, blow,
The gladly solemn sound!
Let all the nations know,
To earth's remotest bounds,
The year of jubilee is come!
Return, ye ransomed sinners, home,

Jesus, our great High Priest,
Hath full atonement made:
Ye weary spirits, rest;
Ye mournful souls, be glad:
The year of jubilee is come!
Return, ye ransomed sinners, home..

Extol the Lamb of God,
The all-atoning Lamb;
Redemption in His Blood
Throughout the world proclaim:
The year of jubilee is come!
Return, ye ransomed sinners, home.

Ye slaves of sin and hell,
Your liberty receive,
And safe in Jesus dwell,
And blest in Jesus live:

The year of jubilee is come!
Return, ye ransomed sinners, home,

Ye who have sold for naught
Your heritage above,
Shall have it back unbought,
The gift of Jesus' love
The year of jubilee is come!
Return, ye ransomed sinners, home.

The Gospel trumpet hear,
The news of heavenly grace;
And, saved from earth, appear
Before the Saviour's face:
The year of jubilee is come!
Return, ye ransomed sinners, home.

The Apostles' Creed was then recited, after which the Choir sang the beautiful Anthem, "Rejoice Greatly."

The General Overseer then read part of the third and fourth chapters of Malachi, part of the seventeenth chapter of Matthew and the third chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, beginning with the nineteenth verse.

The Choir then sang the *Te Deum*.

Rev. George L. Mason, Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in China, and Rev. William Hamner Piper, Overseer-at-Large of the Christian Catholic Church, offered the common supplication, after which the General Overseer presented the special petitions.

The General Overseer made the announcements.

The Tithes and Offering were then received.

The Choir then sang Stainer's "O Clap Your Hands."

The General Overseer began his discourse with the following prayer:

INVOCATION.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, be profitable unto this people, and unto all in Zion, and all who have Zion in them, in this and every land, in this and all the coming time, till Jesus come. (Amen.)

The Apostle Peter said these words, which are recorded in the third chapter of the Acts of the Apostles:

TEXT.

Repent ye therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that so there may come seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord; and that He may send the Christ who hath been appointed for you, even Jesus; whom the heaven must receive until the Times of Restoration of All Things, whereof God spake by the mouth of His holy prophets which have been since the world began.

I feel most deeply the responsibility of the message which I am about to utter, upon this First Anniversary

of the Consecration of Zion Temple Site, around which our Processional marched today.

I cannot tell what the future holds in individual minuteness. I can see, what you can all see, that when the Gates of the City are opened tomorrow, a vast number will seek to enter in.

Zion a Worldwide Power.

I suppose that no such scene has ever been witnessed in any age of the Church as the scene that will be witnessed then, that is being enacted now. A remarkable series of events within five years and five months has made Zion, before unknown and non-existent, what one of the great leaders of a denomination calls a world-wide power.

May God make it a worldwide power for the extension of His Kingdom. (Amen.)

It would have been easy to have selected for my address today, a theme that would n 'ither have taken as much thought or as much responsibility as the one I have chosen; but had I taken other than the one I am about to take, I should have utterly failed in my duty to my God, and to you my people, under God.

The passage which I read to you is closely connected with the opening of the Beautiful Gate of Divine Healing. A man who had never walked, after over forty years of impotence, was instantly made to rise and walk, in the Name of Jesus Christ.

That miracle appealed to multitudes to whom nothing else could appeal.

A mighty miracle was wrought, and the result was more far reaching than even the Apostles knew.

The Great Power of Divine Healing.

At Pentecost, when they preached the Gospel, there were only 3000 persons saved; but that night upon which the lame man was healed at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple, 5000 men swept in through the Gates of Salvation into the glorious fulness of Salvation in Christ.

I have always said that if 5000 men went in, there were more than 10,000 women.

However that may be, there is no doubt that this sermon, of which the words that I have quoted for my text are a part, was the direct means, following the miracle, of 5000 persons being saved, as against 3000 on the Day of Pentecost.

Great as Salvation is, it is only one-third of the Gospel of the Everlasting Covenant of God-His Covenant of Salvation, Healing, and Holiness to all the earth.

Thank God, in Zion we know that. (Amen.)

Thank God, we know that Jesus saves.

Thank God, we know that Jesus heals.

"Where are the healed?" is the cry of those who are so blind they will not see.

Do you want to see the healed ?

I will show you thousands now.

Four Thousand Witnesses to Divine Healing.

Those present who have been healed through faith in Jesus Christ, stand. (Fully 4000 people arose.)

Have you been healed?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—By God, or man?

Audience—"God."

General Overseer—Through medicine, or faith?

Audience—"Faith."

General Overseer—Did I heal you?

Audience—"No."

General Overseer—Who healed you?

Audience—"God."

General Overseer—Was it without money and without price?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—If you should be sick, can you get it again?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—Is God the Healer always?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—Thank God for that. (Amen.)

You are his witnesses, thousands and tens of thousands, standing this day in Zion in all parts of the world. Let those who are candid look at these witnesses and see whether Divine Healing is a fact or not.

Thank God, that Jesus saves. Thank God, that Jesus heals.

Thank God, that, by the power of the Spirit, Jesus sanctifies. (Amen.)

May God bless you.

This Testimony Unique.

I venture to say that this spectacle of thousands of witnesses to God's healing power, which has just been presented, cannot be duplicated in any assembly in the world today.

It is peculiar to the Christian Catholic Church in Zion. Why should it be so?

The opening of the Beautiful Gate of Divine Healing, nineteen centuries ago, was not an accident.

It was a part of the predestined purpose of God.

The opening of the Gate of Divine Healing in this city by the great unsalted sea is not an accident.

It is a part of the predestined purposes of God. (Amen.)

It was no accident when God sent me to Chicago. I was in some little degree like Jonah when sent to Nineveh.

God Sent Me to Chicago Against My Own Personae Desires.

The last place I wanted to stay in was Chicago, and I wondered why God imposed that task upon me.

I thought it hard, almost, that I should be compelled to stay in a city where if all the Protestant churches were crammed to their utmost they would contain only two hundred and fifty thousand people, and there would remain one million seven hundred and fifty thousand outside of these churches.

I wondered why I should be sent here; but when I found that God sent me I was satisfied, and asked no more questions.

I knew it by this token, that the Devil used the editor of the Chicago Tribune to say, when I had only been a week or two in Chicago, that he would see to it that I should be driven out of the city, and that paper has been saying the same thing ever since.

I said, "Now I am sure this is the place where God wants me to stay, for it is the place where the Devil wants to kill me.

I shall stay if every tile of every house in Chicago become a devil's voice crying out against me. I shall stay to plant the Banner of Zion here." (Amen. Applause.)

That editor is dead and in his grave, and all the editors of that time who attacked me are dead and in their graves.

Thanks be to God, I stand here to carry on the fight with the generation of vipers who have succeeded them, and I will win. (Amen. Applause.)

It is not a small fight, for

The Press of Today is the Mouthpiece of the World, the Flesh, and the Devil.

It is the mouthpiece of those who are the wirepullers in all kinds of wickedness, and the newspapers are the deceivers and oppressors of the poor.

The press is the mouthpiece of those who would, if it were possible, destroy Zion today, and who have, for months past, been inciting the populace to murder me.

But the populace could not be moved thereto, for, thanks be to God, Zion has representatives in every street of Chicago, and they are a blessing wherever they dwell. (Amen.)

As I stand here today about to open the Gates of this City, I glorify God that He has proved once more, as He did on Carmel's side, that one man with God on his side is an absolute majority on any question.

One man with God on his side can bring down the Holy Fire from heaven, which can consume a sacrifice of greater value than that of bullocks.

It can consume the sins and the diseases, the infidelity, intemperance, and impurity of the people, and make clean hearts and bright, new creatures in Christ Jesus. This God has done for you, has He not?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—Thank God.

Zion Not a Creature of Yesterday.

I have been telling the people this for nearly eleven years, while my enemies want to make it appear that Zion is a thing of yesterday. Let me remind you that Zion, in my person, first planted her Banner in Western Springs, on the West Side of the City of Chicago, at the end of July, 1890.

Within a few days it will be eleven years since I first proclaimed this Gospel in Chicago.

Deaconess Jennie Paddock, stand.

Deaconess Jennie Paddock, Healed Through Zion Teaching and Prayers, Eleven Years Ago.

Deaconess Jennie Paddock, who stands there, was dying in her house. Her body was a mass of disease; one side had decayed and turned purple, for a horrible tumor of great size (illustrating) had seized upon her. She was in the last stage of the disease; doctors had operated for years in vain, and had given her up.

Now, when at death's door, she had heard that there was a man at Western Springs who taught that Jesus healed; who prayed for the sick, and they were healed even when dying.

A messenger came to that tent and as I stood in the center about to speak, I saw a woman coming rapidly up with a paper in her hand. This was the cry on the paper: "Jennie Paddock, a Christian woman, is dying in her house at 611 Thirteenth Street. Pray for her. She believes that if you will pray, God will heal her, although she is pronounced to be dying at this moment."

I read the paper. I was attacking the falsehoods of the so-called Christian Alliance at that moment, and denouncing that accursed organization, which has been, more than Christian Science, a hindrance to Divine Healing in this land.

I was attacking its deadly errors, and I said as I read the paper, "I shall take God's answer to this prayer which I shall offer for this dying woman, as His endorsement of me as His Messenger in Chicago, and as the denouncer of the falsehoods of Christian Alliance."

I knelt and prayed.

ZION'S FIRST FEAST OF TABERNACLES.

Nearly twenty miles away she turned in her bed and lay upon the side which she had not lain upon for weeks, and went to sleep. When my meeting had finished, she awoke in that distant home and said, "God has healed me."

The next morning she was up and sewed a carpet, and moved to a new house within one week. Every vestige of that tumor passed away. She has been healed and kept by God for eleven years.

She is the Matron and Deaconess-in-charge of the Zion Home of Hope for Erring Women, and has been a blessing to multitudes. She has spent eleven years of life, and bids fair to spend three times eleven years more. (Amen.)

Is that true, Jennie Paddock?

Deaconess Jennie Paddock—"Every word of it, praise God, is true."

General Overseer—That, I then say, is the endorsement upon almost the first words that ever I uttered in Chicago as God's Messenger.

God's Blessing, Despite Persecution.

From that time to this, despite the attacks of the mendacious press, despite the attacks of the apostate churches, despite the fact that multitudes of good Christians had only a cold shoulder and a cold word for Dr. Dowie, despite the attacks on every side, God has blessed my ministry, and has raised up this ministry of hundreds of ordained officers around me.

He has blessed you in tens of thousands, and has established Zion as He said he would in these latter days. Praise be to God. (Amen.)

Therefore, I say today that history is repeating itself and God is healing probably in even larger degree than at the opening of this Dispensation.

Tens and hundreds of thousands are now gathering beneath the Banner of Zion which was unfurled five years and five months ago, for I worked and waited five years and seven months in Chicago to be quite sure that I was making no mistake in planting the Banner of Zion there.

The moment I did so, and formed the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, on February 22, 1896, I said, "Now I shall address myself to the securing of a large tract of land, and I shall address myself to the foundation of a City for God, where tobacco and liquor, pigs and pills, and many other evils, shall have no place whatever."

I have steadily set myself to that task amidst all the toils of my constant work in preaching the Gospel, in founding this Church, and in ruling it to earth's remotest bounds; for now Zion is a hundred-fold larger outside of Chicago, I think, than in it.

For instance, since my missions last year in my trip to Europe, I find that there are now

Nearly Fifty Centers of Christian Catholic Church Work in Zion in Europe.

Yesterday I received a letter that a beloved sister, blessed under my ministry in a great city of Switzerland, had purchased a great palace, a castle, on one of the Swiss lakes, which she desires me to use for Zion in Europe.

Zion has gone throughout America, Europe, Asia, Africa, Australasia, and the Islands of the Sea.

In this meeting today, there are thousands who have come here from places in America, as far distant as British Columbia and Texas, Northern Canada and California, from one side of the land to the other.

There are those who have come from England, Scotland, and Ireland.

One came from the Isle of Man to be at this assembly today. Now what has come.

Every one can see that something has happened, our bitterest enemies being witnesses.

The statement is made by the press in Europe and the press in America that Zion is the most aggressive force for God today in all the world. (Amen.)

Thanks be to God for that.

The apostate churches have lost their aggressive power, and are decaying in spiritual power and also in numbers.

The Methodist Church admits a loss of 20,000, but forgets to add those of her new members whom she lost that very year, which makes the loss as many as 140,000 in one year.

When people ask where they have gone, the answer usually is, "Why, they have gone to Zion and to Dowie." (Laughter.)

Something Has Happened.

Every one could see that, at the close of the Nineteenth Century, God had made Zion a power so great that our presence, the press itself being witness, stirred that vast City of London with its seven millions of inhabitants, to its deepest depths.

The fact that there were 30,000 persons, mostly medical students and doctors, who were all howling together in Trafalgar Square for my blood, was a pretty good proof of that fact. But what has happened?

Every one can see that some New Times have opened.

Whether it be for good or for evil, you must face the question of Zion every day of your life, and you cannot get rid of it. (Applause.)

Enemies of Zion, you cannot keep me out of your papers.

Every reporter is like a character in one of Dickens' novels who could not write many sentences before he got King Charles' head in it.

So it is with the reporters; they cannot write many sentences before Dr. Dowie or Elijah comes in. (Laughter.) What has happened?

I notice in one of my exchanges that a man of considerable talent said that "Satan dwelt in the Planet Saturn; that a certain event which happened forty years ago in Saturn was about to make its impression upon this earth; that, in connection with it, Satan had now embodied himself in the form of Antichrist and that "the name Antichrist belongs to John Alex. Dowie, who lives in Michigan Avenue." (Laughter.)

I thought that this poor Mr. Fulton, who writes this nonsense —I do not refer to the New York Fulton—might have made himself a little better acquainted with the fact that, from the first dawn of my conscious intelligence, I have loved the Name and I have loved the Cause of my Lord and Master Jesus Christ.

Jesus, my Lord, I know His Name:
His Name is all my boast;
Nor will He put my soul to shame,
Nor will my hope be lost.

Jesus Fills All My Life.

I love Him, I serve Him; I long to see His face. I shall do the work that He has given me to do in preparing the way for His coming, God helping me, as surely as the Baptist did who preached beside the Jordan.

I know now what my mission is.

I know now that He has clothed me with the Spirit and Power of Elijah.

I know now that which all theologians admit, that before Christ come, "Elijah indeed cometh and shall Restore All Things."

I Know Now What My Mission Is.

It is to begin that work of the Restoration of the Kingdoms of this Earth until they become the Kingdom of our God and of His Christ.

I shall fight that battle for the supremacy of Christ while there is a drop of blood in my body.

I shall claim that every foot of this earth and every man upon this earth belongs to Christ, for He made the earth and He made every man. He tasted death for every man, and, therefore, every foot of earth and every man on earth belongs to Christ, my Lord. (Amen.)

I claim for Him this great and glorious universal Kingdom. The Church has forgotten that Christ came to establish a Kingdom.

The Gospel which He preached was the Gospel of the Kingdom of God.

The hope and aim of all His work was the establishment of the Kingdom of God. When the end shall come, it is-written that He shall deliver up the Kingdom to God, even the Father.

We who preach this Gospel preach the Gospel not of a Republic which Boss Hanna or some other fellow controls; not a Democracy which Boss Croker or somebody else controls. We preach the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. We demand that every man upon this God's earth shall bow the knee and glorify God by calling Jesus Lord. (Amen.) This Gospel must precede the Lord's coming.

Position of Commentators on Third Coming of Elijah.

Let me call the attention of this vast audience, and the attention of the still vaster audience whom my words shall reach when they are on the printed page, to the fact that there is not a single commentary written upon the words of Christ in the seventeenth chapter of Matthew which I read to you, namely, "Elijah must first come and Restore All Things," but admits that before the second coming of Christ there must be the Third Coming of Elijah.

There is no question about it. The words admit of no other interpretation.

"Why then say the scribes that Elijah must first come?" The answer of Christ was, "Elijah indeed cometh, and shall Restore All Things."

He came in the person of John the Baptist, and they killed him.

I have come, said Jesus, and they will kill Me; but before I come again Elijah shall come and fulfill the last two verses of Malachi, the last two verses of the Old Testament:

Behold, I will send Elijah the Prophet before the Great and Terrible Day of the Lord come. And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to the fathers; lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

That, therefore, is the theology of the churches, Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, especially the latter, for John Keble sang it.

Twice in her seasons of decay,
The Church hath felt Elijah's eye;
Again he comes:
His chariot wheels are nigh.

John Keble, the author of "The Christian Year," sang the theology of his Church.

It is admitted, theologically, today, although the Church is not saying it, that before Christ can come, Elijah must come and must Restore All Things.

May God make it plain that Elijah has come and is setting about it. (Amen.)

Zion a Revival of Old-Time Religion.

Even my enemies have said that the remarkable thing about this ministry is that it is a revival of old-time religion.

Thank God, it is that, religion which demands Purity in the marriage bed.

It is that religion which demands Purity in the home between the sexes.

It is that religion which demands that the Ten Commandments shall be obeyed.

It is that religion which exalts the Eleventh Commandment, that we should love one another in the same way as He has loved us, and He loved us better than Himself.

It is that religion which brings back all that is good in the Old Testament.

It is that religion which brings back the Apostolic, Prophetic, and Didactic ministry, and establishes a Church built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief Corner Stone.

"Where are the Apostles?" some say.

You might just as well say, "Where is the City of Zion?"

I will tell you where to find it.

"Where are the walls of Sparta?" said a mocking priest, and the Greek said, "Look at these men with their brave hearts and their determination to uphold the Republic of Lacedaemon. These are the walls of Sparta."

I will show you Zion City. It is in the hearts of thousands who are here and are determined to found this City.

All who are determined to help us to establish this City, God helping you, stand. (Thousands arose, a most inspiring sight.)

Where are the Apostles? I will tell you where the Apostles are.

The Apostolic Office is in Zion.

Whether the day be far or near when God shall call these Apostles to office, thanks be to God, the prophetic ministry, and the teaching ministry, out of which the Apostles came, is now to be found in Zion,

here, not in the Apostasy at Salt Lake City.

The Apostles will come in due course. May God prepare us for them when they come. (Amen.)

I hope I shall have something to do with their coming. Perhaps it will be given to me to nominate and ordain them. I know not. I shall be in no hurry. I shall only ordain to the Apostleship those whom God has called and manifestly prepared for that office.

But that office is coming, thank God, with everything else that is to be restored in Zion.

My brothers and sisters, we are at the beginning of "the Times of the Restoration of All Things which God has promised by the mouth of all His holy prophets which have been since the world began."

As Elijah the Restorer, I call upon you to help me.

My brothers and sisters, youths and maidens, men and women, I call upon you in the Name of Christ, my King, to help me to establish His Kingdom in every heart, and to restore the things that have been lost for generations.

All who are willing to do it, stand and tell God so. (Apparently all arose.)

Pray with me.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. Take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be, in spirit, in soul, in body, for Jesus' sake, the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world.

Take away all my sin. Give me power to do right to any whom I may have wronged, no matter what it cost. Give me power to serve Thee.

Give me power to hold up the hands of the Messenger of Thy Covenant, of Elijah, Thy Prophet, and the General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion; that in his three-fold ministry he may have the power and the presence of God, and the hearty good-will and help that Thou dost enable us to give.

Help us to be true to him, to each other, and to Thee, and to lay all upon Thine altar, for Jesus' sake. Amen. (All repeat the prayer, clause by clause, after the General Overseer.)

General Overseer—Did you mean it?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—Will you live it?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—Gather, then, around the Lord's Table and seal it with the sacramental cup.

After the Lord's Supper, partaken by fully 4000 persons, "God be with you till we meet again" was sung, after which the service was closed with the

BENEDICTION.

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of our Lord Jesus, the

love of God our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

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