

## ANOTHER STEP IN ZION'S ONWARD MOVEMENT.

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### Zion College Opens Its First Term With an Eloquent Inaugural Address by Its President.

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Report of the Address Delivered in Zion Hall of Seventies, Tuesday Morning, February 14, 1899, in the Presence of Faculty, Students and Many Friends.

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**W**HAT tremendous forces were set in motion; what tremendous possibilities were involved in the opening of Zion College. Several hundred gathered in that "upper room," Zion's Hall of Seventies, on a bitterly cold winter morning, to hear the inaugural address of the President, Rev. John Alex. Dowie. The following professors and teachers occupied the platform as members of the faculty of the institution:



#### Ministerial Training Department.

REV. JOHN ALEX. DOWIE,  
PRESIDENT.

Lecturer on Prayer.

REV. ORLANDO L. TINDALL, M.A., B.D.,  
PRINCIPAL.

Professor of Greek and Lecturer on Means  
of Redemption.

REV. A. J. LIEMAN, A. K. C.,

Professor of Hebrew.

REV. A. S. NEWCOMB,

Lecturer on the Bible-Old and New Testament.

Introduction and History.

REV. ROLLAND N. BOUCK,

Lecturer on the Covenants. Trinity and Unity.

REV. S. H. STOKES, B. A.,

Lecturer on Man-Tripartite Nature. Fall and Redemption for  
Spirit, Soul and Body.

REV. A. W. McCLURKIN, B. A., B. D.

Lecturer on the Church. Organization. Officers. The Nine  
Gifts. Perpetual Ordinances. Triune Immersion.

REV. C. F. VIKING,

Lecturer on Practical Christianity. Missions. Tithes and  
Offerings. Christian Socialism.

REV. S. MOOT,

Lecturer on Modern Phases of Infidelity. Christian Science.

Romanism. Secret Societies. Worldliness.

REV. WILLIAM F. MATTHEWS, M. A., B. D.,  
Lecturer on Church History. Apostolic. Medieval. The  
Reformation. Down to the present.

REV. E. B. KENNEDY,

Lecturer on the Second Coming of Christ. Last Things.

Second Probation. Ministry of Angels. The Devil. Final Victory.

Preparatory Training Department.

REV. WILLIAM F. MATTHEWS, M. A. B. D.

PRINCIPAL.

Professor of Latin; Ancient History; Literature and Rhetoric.

REV. O. L. TINDALL, M. A. B. D.

Greek.

DEACON R. H. HARPER, B. A.,

Sciences, and in special charge of Night School.

REV. A. J. LIEMAN, A. K. C.,

Modern Languages.

MRS. R. N. BOUCK,

Mathematics.

MISS GERTRUDE YERTSON,

English Branches.

MISS EDITH H. KENNEDY,

Music.

MRS. M. C. MOODY,

Assistant in Night School.

MISS ELLA M. WILSON,

Assistant Common Branches.

ALFRED C. JOHNSON,

Bookkeeping; Penmanship.

There was no ostentation, no demonstration, but all those present and many throughout the world, whose prayers are following Zion College, felt that God was there as the true Founder of the infant institution. He it was who furnished the endowment and revealed to His servant the plans for the work. He it is who guides and directs the policy, and in His wisdom the instructors begin their labors. With God as its head, what is impossible for this new force in Zion's glorious Onward Movement?

Thus, in a prayerful spirit, was this momentous force formally launched. Surrounded by the men and women who are called to the sacred office of teacher, Dr. Dowie delivered his inaugural address.

He said in opening:

There seems to me often to be only one hymn that we can sing in every Onward Movement. I wonder what that hymn is?

Voices:—"We're Marching to Zion." "

Dr. Dowie:—That is it. Everybody knows it.

All then united in singing the familiar hymn, "We're Marching to Zion."

Dr. Dowie again said:

I have been deeply impressed to read passages in two of the most wonderful books of the Bible; so wonderful that I have always felt great reluctance to speak concerning them, until my knowledge, or the knowledge of God, the wisdom of God, the faith of God, the hope of God, the life of God, and the light of God, should be so much increased in myself that I would be able to speak understandingly.

I call one of them the Sixth Gospel, although there are the four Gospels. The Acts of the Apostles is the fifth, the Book of Revelation is the sixth, and I think there is a Seventh Gospel being written now.

The Book of Daniel, from which I shall first read, is one of the most wonderful of all the ancient books. From it I shall take the sacred words which I shall put in the front of the address which I shall presently deliver.

### Scripture Reading and Exposition.

In the Book of Daniel I want to read with you the last chapter.

"And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt."

The word in the margin is stronger, even, than "contempt," it is abhorrence.

"And some to shame and everlasting abhorrence."

"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. But thou, O

Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

"Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on the brink of the river on this side, and the other on the brink of the river on that side. And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was above the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders? And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by Him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when they have made an end of breaking in pieces the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished. And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my lord, what shall be the issue of these things? And He said, Go thy way, Daniel; for the words are shut up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall purify themselves, and make themselves white, and be refined; but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand: but they that be wise shall understand. And from the time that the continual burnt offering shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and shalt stand in thy lot, at the end of the days."

Now, in the last book of the Bible, in the book of Revelation of Jesus Christ which He gave unto St. John, and showed unto His servant the things which must shortly come to pass, I read to you from the tenth verse, first chapter:

"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day."

O friends, may God grant that we shall be in the Spirit every day (Amen), but it is especially the joy of God's people to be in the Spirit on the Lord's Day.

I do think that even the commonest understanding must say that there is something in Zion that makes the people to stay from eleven o'clock in the morning until eleven o'clock at night; from eight o'clock at night until seven o'clock in the morning; and that enables us to stay for continuous meeting of five hours, as we did last Lord's Day; and that enables us at the same time to do all our appointed work, each in his and her station, and to cover by house to house visitation, in Chicago alone, homes in which there are fully one hundred thousand persons.

Nothing but an all-pervading spirit of united love from God could make that possible. We worship and we work.

"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me

a great voice, as of a trumpet saying, What thou seest, write in a book."

Now, friends, I have been often impressed with that word from the Lord, "What thou seest, write in a book."

O, I am so glad that the things that John saw he wrote in a book. I am so glad that the things that Daniel saw he wrote in a book. I am so glad that the things they saw Jesus do, and heard Jesus say, they wrote in a book, and may

### God help Us to Write Our Book.

May the words and works that are wrought by God in Zion not be lost in silence and forgotten. I thank God that at the top of this building there is a place for talking, and in the bottom there is a place for printing (referring to Zion Hall of Seventies which occupies the whole of the upper floor of Zion College Building, and to the machinery room of Zion Printing Works which occupies the whole of the lower floor). Here we speak the words, and down stairs they put them in a book. (Laughter. )

"What thou seest, write in a book, and send it to the seven churches; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamum, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. And I turned to see the Voice which spake with me. And having turned I saw seven golden candlesticks; and in the midst of the candlesticks one like unto a son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about at the breasts with a golden girdle."

What is going to become of the people that say you shall not wear gold? The Lord Himself in the glory of that wonderful revelation is seen with a golden girdle.

"And His head and His hair were white as white wool, white as snow; and His eyes were as a flame of fire; and His feet like unto burnished brass, as if it had been refined in a furnace; and His voice as the voice of many waters. And He had in His right hand seven stars: and out of His mouth proceeded a sharp two-edged sword: and His countenance was as the sun shineth in His strength. And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as one dead. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying, Fear not; I am the first and the last, and the Living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades. Write therefore the things which thou sawest, and the things which are, and the things which shall come to pass hereafter; the mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in My right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks are seven churches."

*(By this time the audience had considerably increased, the people gathering slowly in the zero*

*weather.)*

Dr. Dowie continued:

My brothers and sisters, we have been having a little season of conference and of prayer, while we gave a little longer time for the friends to gather on this very cold and stormy morning.

I am thankful that at this comparatively early hour, inconvenient, of course, for our business friends, so many of you have come to this opening of Zion College.

Most of our people are workers. Thank God most of them are employed. As this is to be the morning hour, nine o'clock, at which I shall deliver my bi-weekly lectures here on Prayer I want to begin, quietly, at that lecture hour to open our College.

### Zion's Onward Movements Born Quietly.

Everything that has been done in Zion has been born quietly. Whenever there is a baby born in the bouse, they keep things quiet, do they not? Babies are not born amidst brass bands, are they? We do not have brass bands when we are going to have babies born in Zion. We have everything very quiet, and the little one's voice is oftentimes heard just at the intense stillness where hearts are beating high with hope and expectation, and sometimes with a little fear.

This little baby, this little Zion College, comes into being without disturbance, and every part of this Zion movement has been born quietly.

Tabernacle Number One was ushered into the world, and scarce anybody knew about it.

Tabernacle Number Two was ushered into the world, and few knew about it. Not until we suddenly appeared in the great Chicago Auditorium down the street, with an audience of thousands that filled it for six months, did they begin to understand.

Our new Tabernacle, where we seat just 3100, where we began this year with 2500 at the Lord's Table, was born without any noise.

Three years ago, within eight days, the Christian Catholic Church was born; and, if anybody heard of its birth, they sneered at it: "O, what is that little thing going to do?"

It is astonishing what God has done through that baby that is not three years old.

Now here is Zion College. As far as I know there has not been a line in the papers telling of the establishment of Zion College or Zion Printing Works, with its beautiful machinery, down stairs.

There is nobody talking much about the births that are going to be.

The two institutions down stairs, Zion City Bank and Zion Land and Investment Association, are almost born now. Actually their birth is being forced.

The manager of our bank that is to be, came to me last night and said, "My first balance sheet, Mr. President."

I said, "What! Have you started already?"

We had not opened our bank, we had not even gotten the required documents signed, but money had come in, and there were thousands of dollars in the coffers, and he had been actually discounting bills and lending money. You see the institutions are being born, and on March 1st they will come quietly into existence.

Is it not much better that the baby shall be born quietly than noisily? Tell me.

Voices:—"Yes."

Dr. Dowie:—But now after the baby is born, let it make a noise. (Laughter.) I do not want the baby to be dumb; do you, Elder Matthews?

When my little boy was born he shouted and somebody said, "What is the matter with the baby?"

I said, "He is coming into the world with a shout."

May God grant that this dear baby of Zion shall be wonderfully blessed.

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I ask you to remember that the few words that I am going to say are just words to the family.

I want now a word of prayer by the Principal of the Ministerial Training Department, the Rev. O. L. Tindall, M. A.

I am so delighted to have the joy of such a faculty as I see around me.

Members of the Faculty, will you please to stand. (The Faculty, according to the request, all arose.)

I want you all to pray for this faculty, some of them bearing degrees from universities of this and other countries, and all of them having, I hope, the stamp of Zion.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. O. L. Tindall; also by the President.

Dr. Dowie then delivered the following

### **INAUGURAL ADDRESS.**

#### **INVOCATION.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable Thy sight, be profitable to all to whom these words shall come, and to Zion in every land, and every clime, until Jesus come, for His sake. Amen.

#### **TEXT.**

"Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are shut up and sealed. . . . Many shall purify themselves, and make themselves white, and be refined; but the wicked shah do wickedly; and none of the wicked shah understand: but they that be wise shall understand."

If you will look at the margin, you will see a very remarkable reading there:

"But the teachers shall understand."

That is the reading in the margin of the Revised Version. "But the teachers"—they that be wise—"shall understand."

The last verse:

"But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and shalt stand in thy lot, at the end of the days."

Zion! wherever my words may reach, ye who are in fellowship with the Christian Catholic Church here, may the words spoken today be blessed to every one of you.

They are spoken in the name of Him who has said:

"I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the Last, the beginning and the end.

I was dead, and behold, I am alive for evermore. . . .

He that openeth, and none shall shut, and that shutteth, and none openeth. . . . I have the keys of death and of Hades."

The words that we speak today are spoken in the name of Christ, who "is made" unto us Wisdom, and Righteousness and Sanctification and Redemption. They are spoken in the full assurance that "in Him are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge"; in the full confidence that He is the way, the truth and the life"; that "no man cometh unto the Father but by Him"; in the full confidence that "He is the light of the world"—its Saviour, its Healer, its Cleanser, its King; in the full confidence that "He is Lord of Lords, and King of Kings"; that "He is the conqueror, and will conquer." We speak in the name of Him to whom we believe God the Father has given all "authority in heaven and on earth," and who has bidden us go "And make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:" teaching them to observe all things whatsoever He has

commanded.

The words that I speak today I speak in the name of Him whose "name is above every name"; for "at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that He is Lord to the glory of God the Father."

God is the Maker and Founder of Zion College.

This College is not opened in the name of a successful thief.

Underneath the word Zion College we have no such words as "Founded by Judas Iscariot."

It bears no human name.

Unless Zion College, like all the institutions of Zion, has God for its maker and founder, it is not established upon any strong foundation.

We despise, abhor, hate, reject, and fight the thought that a college can only be founded when it is endowed by a successful thief.

I know what I am saying.

I know that the wicked will not understand; but I know what I am saying.

The educational institutions of the churches, as well as of the world, are, for the most part, founded by the world, the flesh and the devil.

There are large numbers of men in this world who think, apparently, that they can compound with God Almighty for all their stealing, and all their lies, by founding a church, or endowing a college.

This College of Zion is but a nucleus, but the babe, but the blossom, but the beginning of that which, when unfolded, will be the glorious educational institutions of the Christian Catholic Church, from the Kindergarten of Zion to Zion University. The time of the end has come, and Daniel stands in his lot at the end of the day. The time of the end has come, and Michael the Archangel is ready for his work. The time of the end has come, and Elijah is ready for his work.

Just as firmly as I believe that Michael the Archangel will come to do his work at the right time, so firmly do I believe Daniel and Elijah will also come.

And Zion has a voice which is crying in this wild, bowling wilderness, as one cried long ago, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Make His paths straight," straight! STRAIGHT!

God will walk in none of men's crooked paths.

Zion today is establishing its first school, thanks be to God, in a wonderful way.

Its faculty is brought from the East and the West,

from the North and the South, with the one great common purpose of an entire consecration to God.

I make the issue plain, as I want all issues to be plain: Zion does not intend to follow the models of any German rationalistic kindergarten. Did you hear that? Zion will not follow that folly in its training of its children. You can go into the kindergarten training school, and may well ask, "Where is God the Father? Where is God the Son? Where is God the Holy Ghost?"

He is not there. If you begin to train the children without God, they will live without hope, and they will die in despair.

Zion proposes, at the beginning of all its work, to put these words in the mind of even the little babe:

"In the Beginning God."

Zion proposes to put into the minds of the children, and of its most advanced students also, all the way along that thought: "In the beginning was the *Logos*, and the *Logos* was with God, and the *Logos* was God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that hath been made. . . And the *Logos* became flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth."

Zion proposes to bid all her learners listen to and obey that Voice which spoke to John on Patmos Isle:

"I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end."

Zion proposes that the golden threads of divine life and love and light shall link together every page of daily instruction, and make each life one glorious volume for God.

We tell the world that we are not indifferent to all that has been done in the past. We are thankful for it.

We can even be thankful to the German rationalist who founds a kindergarten for all that is good in what he has done.

We can even be thankful that some of the stolen money did get into a university, and that something can be done in training men, though we do not believe in the way that the fruits of robbery have been placed as burnt sacrifices on God's altar, for He hates them. We do not believe in giving honor to men who trample law beneath their feet, and who silence the officers of the law, by bribes.

We can be thankful for all that has been won from the hidden treasures of wisdom and knowledge in

material things. We have a right to say that those who know and love God have been foremost in every department of science, and in every department of true knowledge. If there had not been a Faraday, there would not have been an Edison. If there had not been an Owen; if there had not been a Sir Isaac Newton; if there had not been a Lord Kelvin, there would not be today in the ranks of knowledge many that are really but little children who have sat at their feet.

These great men, and many others too numerous to mention, were Christians.

We decline to believe that we owe our knowledge to infidelity.

### Infidelity Never Built Up Anything.

We decline to believe that we owe our knowledge to those who have hated God and rejected Christ, because we know that but for Christianity the general education of the people would never have been established.

The first educators of the masses of the people, in all lands, have been Christians.

The Gospel has everywhere preceded the school with its message, and there would be no schools today had there been no Church.

Zion will stand for the thought that everything that is good has come from God; that everything that is evil is from the devil; that the powers of sin, and disease, and death, and hell, which are ever gnawing at humanity, are hell-born powers, and that God in Christ has given us Salvation, and Healing, and Life, and Holiness, and Heaven. These heaven-born powers may not only be imparted by the Spirit of God to the enlightenment of the mind, but through an education which makes God first, last, and all the time there will come a spiritual power that will bring not merely expansion to the intellect, but life to the spirit, purity to the blood, and health to the body; a power which makes man the Temple of God, and which only God can impart.

The great purpose of the establishment of Zion College has been stated in the prospectus, of which you can each get a copy this morning. I want you all, and all Zion people everywhere, to read the simple words in which the objects of this College are set forth.

“The purpose of this advance movement in Zion is to prepare workers for service in the Master’s Kingdom, who shall be well equipped to teach the full gospel as interpreted and taught by the Christian Catholic Church. It will seek to supply deficiencies of early training in members of Zion who wish to fit themselves for

fuller usefulness by improving opportunities offered.

“The aim and object of all work in this College is distinctively religious, and is, above all, to teach men how to pray, so as to receive answers to their petitions.”

I charge upon the education of this day that it begins without God, and it ends without God. For the most part, even where prayer is, it is so formal, so cold, so stiff, and so repellent, that those who are called to “chapel” hate it. Even those who love God would rather be anywhere else than there.

Why? Because God is not there.

### Chilling Influence of Theological Seminaries.

I have talked with many men in many lands; I have talked with educators of high rank in Europe, in Australasia, and in America; I have read somewhat, and I have found that, speaking first of the Ministerial Training Department, young men who entered into these theological seminaries with the glow of Divine life and love in their hearts, and the passion for winning men to God, became frozen.

Is that true?

Voices:—“Yes.”

Dr. Dowie:—Became frozen in the seminaries. Yes, and when the frozen heart thawed it was in a splendid condition for the development of spiritual *la grippe*. The microbe of disease has fastened upon many who went there full of high hope and high aims, and came out knowing less of God, by far, than when they entered, and the disease of scholastic *odium theologicum* at last destroyed them.

I know something of it experimentally.

To save my soul alive I had to get out of the theological school of one of the greatest and most renowned teachers in the world.

Zion proposes, in this practical training, not to neglect the development of every power that God has given. Every particle of true knowledge is good, and we propose that true knowledge shall be imparted. We propose that the faculties which God has given to us shall be made, by careful training and discipline, keen and quick to see, to know, to understand the true nature of the things that God has made, and the things that God has said. We shall train men to assimilate that knowledge, and to realize that without wisdom from God, knowledge, which is only the material with which wisdom builds, would be a curse.

Our desire will be to impart a knowledge of the

things that God has wrought, and of what God has said in such a way that the spiritual, the psychical, and the physical faculties of our being shall be developed together. Strong spiritual natures shall be trained to dominate the fleshly nature, so that from the very beginning the spirit shall rule the soul and the body. We shall not train the intellect, the soul, or the animal life and the physical life to the awful danger of the spiritual life; but we shall train the spirit, first, last, and all the time; so that the soul and the body shall be dominated by the spirit, and that the human spirit shall everywhere be dominated by the Spirit of God.

This is the purpose which I impress, which I know is impressed in the hearts of this faculty, and will be impressed upon teachers throughout all the generations of this school.

Now let me say that I speak in malice to no one, in saying these things.

One of the great things that this school is going to do, God helping us, is to make it clear that

#### **Zion Has No Place for Fiction of Any Kind.**

**Zion has only place for facts; not fiction.**

**Zion will never waste its students' time in puzzling out what the modern or ancient novelist means.**

**Zion will never waste its students' time in an undue study of the mythologies of heathenism, and drag its students through all the dirt and muck of Saturn and Jupiter, of Juno and Venus, and all the dirty gods of the Olympus.**

**Zion will have no place for fictions of any kind. It will have no place for the bogus stories of the Roman Catholic saints. It will have no place for any of the idiotic follies of scholasticism. It will have no place for fossilized and dry-as-dust theologies.**

**Zion rejoices in all the good wrought by Pilgrim Fathers in every age; but Zion will not crawl around libraries like book-worms feeding on their sacred dust.**

**We shall have, in the course of our studies, to review periods in which all these things took place, but we shall pass them over as quickly as we can, consistent with a proper attention to historical grasp, so that we may get into the realm of fact—*fact!***

**Zion wants, by the grace of God, to be itself a very embodiment of facts. (Amen.) A living fact.**

**Friends, in short, we are going to be guilty of the great presumption of saying that we are not going to take our learning from the ancients; because we are**

**guilty of the great presumption, if presumption it is, of saying that we are the oldest generation in the world; that the generations of nineteen centuries ago were just nineteen centuries younger than we are; that we have nineteen centuries more of history than the Apostles had.**

**Upon us the ends of the earth have come, and all the treasures of all the ages past are being opened at our feet. The stars are being explored, and our knowledge of astronomy and mathematics has enabled us to calculate with the utmost accuracy the most wonderful and glorious facts. God has devised this universe in such perfect order that we can tell, hundreds of years before, the exact minute when the transit of Venus will happen.**

**We venture to say, in fact, that we will not depend upon the past for knowledge, either in mental, physical, or spiritual science. In short, we have been given, and are being given, in these latter days, powers by means of which we can smelt the hardest rock, and make it yield its hidden treasures. We are living in an age and time when the hidings of God's power are coming forth, and when, above everything else, the glorious findings of His power through communion with Him by prayer have come forth. The greatest thing in all the universe is that a man, brought, it may be, from the very depths of sin, shall be able to kneel and pray a prayer that shall cleave the frosty air, go above these dark lower skies, surmount the highest star, and reach the throne of Him who sits in the highest heaven; and that the answer shall come quicker than the flash of electricity, so that the sinner shall be saved and healed; and the powers of God shall come down and make a new man of a poor sinner.**

**We are aiming to make a new being of a poor, diseased, sin and sickness cursed man or woman who, either by inheritance or by his or her own transgression, has fallen into deepest depths and has made a bed in hell.**

**This is the great purpose for which all our knowledge shall be sought and won, namely, that**

#### **We Shall be Taught of God How to Pray.**

**Shall we ask that we may live in idleness?**

**Those who imagine for one moment that prayer does not mean labor, know nothing about it.**

**From the General Overseer to the humblest help in Zion we are workers. We do not eat bread and lie in idleness, but we work, work, work. It is very hard sometimes to get some of the Zion people to stay long enough to get some education, and instruction, and**

training. They want to work.

I love that. But, friends, a locomotive engine is doing its best work when it is getting cleaned out.

It is doing its best work when all the pipes in its boiler are being put into good order. It is doing its best when all its wheels are being oiled, and every part of it is being strengthened. It is doing its best work when it is being put into perfect order; when the stomach of it, as it were, is being filled with great masses of hard coal. Then it has not a bit of steam, but its boiler is full of water; its stomach is full of coal; its wheels are all oiled; all its pipes are in good order. Now light the fire; now get up steam; now attach it to the Limited Express and rush from Ocean to Ocean at sixty miles an hour. Go ahead. But get ready. Get ready.

I say to you, young men and women who are about to enter this College, do not imagine that you are not working when you are being prepared—there is no work so great as the work of preparation. You can dash into the work of God, and wear yourself out with a whole lot of nonsensical clamor.

You can shout in the streets until you are hoarse, until you have developed bronchial attacks, and asthma, and inflammation of the lungs; you can go away and shout a lot of meaningless testimony, which oftentimes is just the mere vain repetition of words, and what does it amount to?

What does it amount to with the Volunteers of America? Their own statistics show that there are just one-half as many as there were last year.

What is it amounting to with the Salvation Army? It is growing weaker all the time.

### Proper Preparation is of Utmost Importance.

As I grow older in years, my conviction that the most important thing with a man is to get ready is deepening. It is most important that a locomotive engine be in perfect readiness for the fire which will consume the coal and transform the water into steam; that it shall be ready to bear the pressure of all its tremendous power on every valve, on every wheel, and go forward to its work. When it has done that piece of work it must get ready again.

Do you hear me? Get ready. Get ready.

If the locomotive engine could speak, it would say, "Oh, why do you scrape me inside so hard? Why do you get all these clinkers out? Why do you take such pains with these tubes? Why is it you are pulling me to pieces and patching me up like this? Why is it you always make me so soft and oily? Oh, why is it?"

Brothers and sisters who are about to enter into training, you will never get too much of a real preparation, if that preparation is from God.

I want to say to the students that the first, and the

greatest, and the last requirement of a true student, is a humble determination to obey and to be taught. You must realize that you are ignorant, and that those who teach you know. You must therefore obey, and never mind all the scraping you get. You need lots of scraping.

"Oh," says somebody, "the Lord is coming, and He is coming so soon that we have not time for that."

How do you know? Who is it that is going to tell me when the Lord is to come? If He did come, if He were to come tomorrow, would He chide us for keeping the garden in good order? Would He chide us for taking out the weeds? Would He chide us for training the children? Would He chide us for preparing for His service in the very best and most efficient manner those who come into Zion? No.

Zion has a long life to live.

We are only beginning. Do not let us be in any hurry. We can make haste, for the King's business requires it. But take care of hurry; take care of flurry; take care of worry. Fret not thyself in any wise either to do evil or to do good.

It is not fretting; it is running that will win the race. And you can not run, if you are not ready.

I say these practical things this morning, because we will get down to business in this College. Elder Tindall and Elder Matthews, with their staff, will bring you down to business, and you will have to say (Dr. Dowie here rubbed his head with both hands to illustrate) "O, my poor head," and many a time you will rub it.

All right, rub it, and get that bump of ignorance out.

### You Will Learn the Beauties of the Greek Tongue.

"O," you say, "I can never understand this Greek. It is awful. I never can understand it." Keep at it, and then one day you will hear the Master say:

Μακάριοι οἱ πτωχοὶ τῷ πνεύματι, ὅτι αὐτῶν ἐστὶν ἡ βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν."

You will not know what that means just now, but when you hear it from His lips in the rolling beauty of that glorious language, you will see a new meaning to these words, "Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." You will hear Him say, "πιστεύετε εἰς τὸν θῶν, καὶ εἰς ἐμὲ πιστεύετε."

You will not know what that means just now, but one day, when you have gone with Brother Tindall through the Greek of John, you will come to it, and you will understand how beautiful it is in that lovely language in which Christ has recorded His words, "Ye believe in God, believe also in me."

Ἐν τῇ οἰκίᾳ τοῦ μονοῦ πολλοὶ εἰσιν."

“In my Father’s dwelling place there are many abodes.”

Your heart will rise with Him as you get to see the great wide sweep of the Greek, meaning so much more than, “In my Father’s house are many mansions.” When you go far away from Zion into heathen lands, among the heathen of the islands of the sea, O, how sweet it will be to take up that Bible and understand it in the words in which God inspired its writing. When you sit down to translate God’s word into a heathen tongue how happy you will be to know that you understand that Word not only in the English, but that you know it in that beautiful original tongue.

O, I almost envy you who are going, by-and-by, to live for more years in the world, perhaps, than I can live. I almost envy you who are young, that you have been born at this time, when not only knowledge but wisdom and love and power are coming to you. I pray God that you will not be weary in well doing.

Some of you will have to learn the English tongue. You do not know that, and you will not be permitted to learn any other tongue until you have learned that. Some of you who have come from foreign lands will have to learn the English tongue, as you ought to learn it.

You will not regret the time that you spent in learning to read, write, and understand the English tongue, which is fast becoming the one universal language of the world.

Dear friends, I know that God has a future for the little ones who have just been born; for those who are going to be born; for the generations in Zion that are growing.

O, there is a wonderful future, and now I pray you to be of good courage. Do not fail, no matter what happens. Persevere, and when your head is weary, and your heart is faint as you are endeavoring to acquire knowledge, look up to Him in whom are the treasures of wisdom, knowledge and power. Then the weary head will be all right.

### Prayer is a Mighty Power.

Many a time when I was studying in Edinburg, thousands of miles away from friends and home in Australia, alone in the city of my birth, my head would ache, and my heart would faint, and I would think to myself, “O, is it worth while?” Then I would lift my heart to God in the silence, in the solitude, and say, “O God, I want the training. I want the knowledge. I want the wisdom. Give it to me. Give me the brain power, the spiritual power and the physical power.” As I would pray the weariness would roll away, and I would suddenly be transported, as it were, into a new physical, mental and spiritual realm. Our Father in heaven had taken away the

discouragement, and the tears had made my eyes brighter, so that the page that was so dull to me a few minutes before, so that the lesson that was so hard, would be bright with light.

Friends, when we can carry prayer into everything, into the acquisition of knowledge and in the use of it, then it will be a power.

“I say to thee, do thou repeat  
To the first man thou mayest meet,  
On lane, highway, or open street,  
That he and we and all men move  
Under a canopy of love,  
Broader than the blue sky above.

“That grief and sorrow, and tare and pain,  
And anguish, ail, are shadows vain;  
That death itself will not remain;  
That weary deserts he may tread,  
Life’s dreariest labyrinths may thread,  
Through dark ways under ground be led.

“Yet, if he will the Christ obey,  
The darkest night, the dreariest way  
Shall issue out in perfect day,  
And we, on divers shores oft cast,  
Shall meet, our perilous voyage past,  
All in our Father’s borne at last.”

March on. March on, ye who are to march to distant fields, and live, and love, and labor, and die for the Lord. Enter into your training course at the very lowest, humblest rung of the ladder, and work legitimately, too.

No matter if it takes you years, you do not need to be idle. You can serve your God in many ways, even while you are acquiring knowledge. I am so thankful that Zion gives that opportunity to march on.

March on, and get ready for marching further, and doing better than ever before.

As I am sitting down I seem to hear words that I had no thought of repeating. It seems to me that they come with power at this moment.

“The Future hides in it  
Gladness and sorrow;  
We press still thorow,  
Naught that abides in it  
Daunting us—onward.

“And solemn before us,  
Veiled, the dark Portal;  
Goal of all mortal:  
Stars silent rest o’er us,  
Graves under us silent !

“While earnest thou gazest  
Comes boding of terror,  
Comes phantasm and error;  
Perplexes the bravest  
With doubt and misgiving.  
“But heard are the Voices,  
Heard are the Sages,  
The Worlds and the Ages:  
Choose well; your choice is  
Brief, and yet endless.

“Here eyes do regard you  
In Eternity’s stillness;  
Here is all fulness,  
Ye brave, to reward you;  
Work, and despair not.”

When that brave heart, Thomas Carlyle, repeated these words of Goethe, at his Inaugural Address as Lord Rector of Edinburg University in 1866, he added:

Wir heissen euch hoffen.

“We bid you be of hope”—let that be my last word.

#### Work and Despair Not.

Brethren and sisters of the Faculty, I charge you in the sight of God the Almighty that you keep this commandment without blame and without rebuke, that you will work for God in this school, and train for God, and that in every word you say, and in every lesson that you teach, the golden vein of prayer and faith and hope and love shall ever run.

May God bless you. Stand. (All arose. )

Father, for Jesus’ sake, command Thy blessing upon this dear company. Dear ones are here who feel their weakness; they are down, as they think, at the very bottom rung of the ladder. O God, we thank Thee that Thou didst take fishermen, and by means of fishermen didst save philosophers. We thank Thee that Thou didst take the weak of the world, and fill them with knowledge, and make those to speak in tongues that knew no tongue excepting the rude Galileean speech. We thank Thee that on Pentecost every man heard in the tongue in which he was born. O give us a Pentecost that these dear ones may not faint, but may feel that the God that lived at Pentecost is just the same today. We will go forward in our weakness. None were weaker than I, and none, O God, sometimes do I feel, are weaker than I, for often it is without power of any kind I stand before Thee. I thank Thee, O God, that when we are weak, then we are strong, for Thy strength is made perfect in our weakness. Now provide for this College, not by endowments from those who are worldly and sinful, that are thieves and robbers and do not repent, but O send us, we beseech Thee, the silver and the gold from the hearts of love of those who are determined to live every hour for Thee; that everything in Zion may be clean and sweet and beautiful. We ask it in Jesus’ name.

After the Doxology was sung, the meeting was closed

by Dr. Dowie pronouncing the following

#### BENEDICTION.

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

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