

## THE SPIRIT OF INSTRUCTION.

## INVOCATION.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight and profitable unto this people, and to all to whom these words shall come in this, and in all coming time, for the sake of Jesus, my Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer.

## TEXT

“Thou gavest also Thy good Spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not Thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst.

I want to thank God for the Spirit of Instruction, and I want to tell you this afternoon concerning the new departure in Zion in connection with instruction.

Then, I want to appeal to you to help.

In this passage the whole history of the Jewish people up to that time is reviewed in a masterly manner; but the history of the Jewish people up to that time was not any better than their future history, until their wickedness culminated in the crucifixion of the Lord.

But it is a wonderful illustration of what I was speaking about a few Sabbath mornings ago: the various stages of laboring in the vineyard, from the early morning hour until this eleventh hour, when the Lord of the vineyard is calling new laborers, and especially many who have been enforced idle in the churches all the day long.

There are 420 workers going out, the most of whom were enforced idle in the churches. They did not know how to work. They were not taught, and they were not wanted. They had no message to take from these churches. If they did go, they had nothing to tell.

Now these 420 workers have gone forth, and there is in this eleventh hour the prospect of a large harvest.

Just let me put it before you in a word or two.

## WHAT GOD HAS WROUGHT IN ZION.

There are many critics of this work, and I am not sorry. I would rather they would criticize than ignore it, and, if a work cannot triumph over criticism, it is no good.

Let it be fairly criticized. I never object to fair criticism, but I do object to absolute misrepresentation and lying especially by churches and ministers who are bemoaning in their won conferences that they are dying

out, losing ground.

While the Conference for the Rock River District with 105 ministers has been unable to show any increase, but the contrary; while the whole Methodist body North has only shown six-tenths of one percent. Average increase for a year; that is to say, only six-tenths of a man or woman has been converted in each church for a while year, with 2,250,000 members, with 25,000 ministers, with all their affiliated officers, of one percent, Zion has been increasing rapidly.

## ZION'S GROWTH.

During that time Zion has been growing by leaps and bounds, not only in Chicago, but in all parts of the United States, in Africa, in Asia, in Australasia, in Europe, and in the islands of the sea, in many parts of Canada, and away down even to the most southernly portion of New Zealand.

It is impossible to tell how many have been added, but it would be fair to say that no year has ever seen less than from five to twenty thousand persons blessed savedly through this church, and many more some years.

The membership has not grown as rapidly as that, but it has grown until now we number a great many thousands.

During the last year we have ordained nearly twenty officers, evangelist and elders. The Rock River Conference with 105 churches During the whole year only ordained fourteen.

This church in four years has baptized over 6,000 persons in this city; nearly 3,000 within the last nineteen months, but fully 6,000 within the last four years.

I ask the critics just to face this one fact, that if the 500 or more Protestant churches had each baptized a thousand, it would be 500,000; and, if each had baptized as many as Zion Tabernacle, there would have been 3,000,000 of baptisms of adult persons in this city within the last year. That is a million more inhabitants than there are in Chicago.

Now, I want to say to Zion specially, and to those who are listening who are not of Zion, a few words concerning

## ZION'S ONWARD MOVEMENT.

God has always done as this text says. He has sent in

ever age His good spirit to instruct them. He has given them, not only that, but He has not withheld His manna from their mouth, and He has given them water for their thirst.

Friends in Zion, has He not given us the living water here?

Voices:—"Yes."

Dr. Dowie:—Has He not given us the heavenly manna here?

Voices:—"Yes."

Dr. Dowie:—Now that Spirit of Instruction must be obeyed. We desire to do all we can in what is left of life.

When a man has reached fifty-one years as I have, he is under no delusion as to the future. He knows as the snows of winter begin to gather on his brow, no matter who green and fresh his heart may be, as mine I trust is; no matter how strong he may be—and God has made me strong; yet he knows that humbly speaking, twenty-five years of life is all that may be before him of very active work in the world. More or less, perhaps, is my portion. I know not. But his I do say that whatever is left of life shall go as life has gone already, in the service of the Lord.

#### ZION'S NEW DEPARTURE.

As the General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church with its many branches now throughout the world I have felt it to be absolutely incumbent, even before we get to the city that we hope and believe we shall build, and I shall have something to say about that very soon, but even before we get there, it has been found absolute essential that we should found a college for the instruction of those who are workers in the seventies, and for the instruction of those who will study for the ministry in the Christian Catholic Church.

Therefore, we have asked God, who has given us the Spirit of Instruction to enable us to gather around us staffs of instructors who shall help us in establishing Zion College.

I want to tell you now that Zion College is about to be established, bless God. (Amen.) Zion College and the hall of the seventies, and a new home for Zion Publishing House are all about to be established on this avenue in the large building at the corner of 13<sup>th</sup> street and Michigan avenue, which used to be occupied as the Seventh Illinois Armory. So that between this

Tabernacle and Zion Home there will be another large Zion institution, which will bear the title of

#### ZION COLLEGE, AND HALL OF SEVENTIES AND ZION PUBLISHING HOUSE,

and may God bless it. (Amen.)

In this place, we shall, within the next few weeks, gather a staff of instructors. A number are already appointed, and the principals of the two departments have received their first instruction from myself as President of the institution.

We shall have two departments in Zion College. One will be the training college for ministers;

#### THE MINISTERIAL TRAINING COLLEGE.

A college of evangelist and elders in the Christian Catholic Church.

This will be the most important part of the institution, and it will be for both men and women. For God has given women in the ministry as well as men, and you know it, for my wife has been a minister by my side for many years, and I trust that God will show women a great and glorious manifestation of His favor in this college.

I hope to train men and women as missionaries, as evangelist, as elders, and other officers of this church, both for home and for foreign work. We know of two who will be studying there with us who came from China, and will go back to China.

Then there will be another department. That will be

#### THE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

in which instruction, will be free, excepting for a very small fee to cover the absolute expenses of the school. And in case of those unable to pay it, this will not be required.

This will be a school where many of our beloved members who are working in the Seventies, both men and women, young men and maidens, may supply the deficiencies of their education and may get special instruction in lines of study, which will fit them to be good inhabitants of Zion when the city is built, and amongst our leading helpers.

Many have come to this city: Danes, Swedes,

Norwegians, French, Russians, bohemians, Hungarian, an others, who are most useful members of this church. They are well education in their home tongue, but they do not understand the English language correctly, nor do they read it or write it as it ought to be read, written and spoken, and we therefore, desire to help them by having a school of instruct in these common branches of an English education.

#### WE SHALL ALSO STUDY LAW.

Because it is essential to be acquainted with the laws of the United States, especially when we go to Zion.

I want all our people to be thoroughly read in municipal law, so that they will understand the government of a city, and be able to intelligently vote.

Especially do I hope that the coming aldermen of Zion will know both law and Gospel. In Chicago they know neither. (Laughter.)

In this college

#### MUSIC WILL BE TAUGHT.

So we can have that choir gallery speedily filled with trained singers.

And some day when we reach the city of Zion and gather 20,000 people in one temple, may God give us a thousand singers, (Amen) and players on instruments, because I believe in an orchestra. I believe in an organ. I believe in everything that is good and beautiful in sound, and in other things.

Everything that is beautiful belongs to God. (Amen.) I want to get it from the devil.

That college will have also

#### A COMMERCIAL COURSE,

in which we will teach book-keeping; train people to keep accounts. And I hope you will all keep your accounts properly with God Almighty, and see that you give Him your tithes.

I want, in short, our workers to get an education.

#### CONDITIONS OF ENTERING THE COLLEGE.

And I want to tell you frankly that no student will be allowed to enter either the theological or ministerial

training school, or the preparatory school, or in any other department of Zion College who is a stinkpot (Amen. Applause,) or who is a beer-pot. And moreover, I will say frankly at the beginning, that the college is not open to those who are not members of the Christian Catholic Church.

I do not propose to train any more Methodist or Baptists, or anything else, and they can not blame us, because we are not going to bring into the college a disturbing element.

We must be of one heart and mind in that college, if we are to do good. It is for Zion's people, and I say so frankly, and, if you want to get into Zion college, you will have to come into Zion's kingdom, and you will have to become a member of this Church, and we will have to baptize you properly, and may God wash away your sins.

But I want to say that we are praying God, and He will answer us too, that this preparatory school shall be greatly blessed.

#### THE STUDY OF GREEK.

The Theological School will require every student who enters into it to study Greek, and later, if they take a third year, Hebrew.

There will be two courses, one of two years and one of four.

In the two years course, Greek will be required from the very beginning, because we do not intend to send out a ministry to preach the Word of God, which cannot read it in the tongue in which the Holy Spirit wrote it. (Amen.) We believe that to understand the Word of God thoroughly and teach it one must read it in the original Greek.

You must always remember that the Word of God as it is originally written is inspired, but not the translation. In many cases the translation are very defective. And in all cases a teacher should be acquainted more or less with the original tongue

The course of study will not be one that lazy people will like, because they will have to work, *work*, WORK. Work is the very key-note of Zion, and we have no place for drones—buz-z-z. (Laughter.)

"If any will not work, neither let him eat."

Is that right?

Voices:—"Yes."

Dr. Dowie:—May God grant then that there shall

enter into the college only those that will work.

Now, in connection with this we shall have

#### THE HALL FOR THE SEVENTIES.

There the Seventies will meet their various captains and talk over their districts from time to time.

There also in a room capable of holding a thousand person, I hope that ere long a thousand members of the seventies will meet. (Amen.) I want a thousand. Do you hear me? Did I say it plainly? How many did I want?

Voices:—"A thousand."

Dr. Dowie:—Well now, you lazy bones, get in. (Laughter.) You get in, some of you who are standing outside. I have nearly 420, but we want a thousand.

That hall of Seventies will be used by the Juniors as well as by the Seniors, and for many meetings.

#### THE PUBLISHING HOUSE.

Then in the basement we will put Zion's great, big printing machines, and give a part, perhaps, of one floor to the compositors. And I am of the opinion that we shall crowd the Publishing House out, or it will crowd us out, I do not know which. But we will try to keep the there institutions in the same large building for a year.

I have taken that building of two and a half years, and by the time I hope that Zion's city will be laid out, and that Zion's temple, Publishing House, and various institutions will be in course of construction. (Amen.)

But let me tell you

#### WHAT THIS MEANS.

It means a great deal. It means that from that college I believe within two years we shall send forth hundreds of Ministers, Evangelist, Elders, Missionaries into this great city and into others.

That we shall train the masses of our people to be still more intelligent in the carrying out of their great and important duties. That our Elders and Evangelist will themselves become stronger.

Some persons said to me the other day hearing of this: "Doctor, tell me what Zion College is for in a word?" I thought for a minute or two, and asked God to give me an answer.

I now tell you what Zion College is for in a word.

#### THE PURPOSE OF ZION COLLEGE IT TO TEACH MEN HOW TO PRAY.

That is what Zion College is for: To teach men and women how to pray. The whole object of the teaching will be to lead up to men's understanding God and His Word, and getting to that place where they can pray the prayer of faith that saves the sinful and the sick. And that brings them into the kingdom of God. (Amen.)

That is, we want above all things, not to teach men merely how to preach. That is important. Nor to teach men how to teach. That is important. But above all things to teach men and women how to pray. How to pray.

That has been the power in Zion, that God has in a measure given me the Spirit of Instruction, and taught me how to pray. I have prayed for you, have I not?

Voices:—"Yes."

Dr. Dowie:—And did not God answer?

Voices:—"Yes."

Dr. Dowie:—Yes, I have, and tens of thousands of others beside.

Now I want men and women who will know how to pray—how to kneel, yea, and now to bring a prayer to God and get the answer quicker than electricity could bring it from any part of this earth. May God grant it.

#### GOD'S PROVIDENCE IN FOUNDING THE COLLEGE.

I want to tell you that we only fully determined upon this college being formed at this time just a little more than two weeks ago.

And when I put the project before a meeting in Zion Home on the third day of this month, that is Monday week last, one good brother, and he was a Presbyterian elder too, from New Jersey, rose and said: "I will give a thousand dollars," that was Mr. D. Wilson Moore, of Clayton, New Jersey.

And I want to tell you, I have the second thousand dollars for the college, from an evangelist now upon this platform, whom I ordained here on the second day of October.

Among the thirteen Evangelists, Elders and Deacons whom I ordained, I had the joy of ordaining Evangelist Reginald Studd of London, who had come to me a few weeks before with an introduction from his beloved

brother George, of Los Angeles, whom I knew so well, and I knew well about his family.

I was rejoiced to meet the young brother, and he seemed to fall in love with Zion at once, and eventually within a week or two desired to enter into fellowship, and in the sweetest and humblest manner, presented himself as a candidate for the position of Evangelist.

He is, though I say it in his presence, educated in one of the greatest universities of the world, Cambridge, England, and educated, most of all, in God's own school. (Praise the Lord.)

I did not know anything about his particular circumstances, in fact, Brother Studd, I had heard that all of you boys had given all of your money away, and I know that some of your brothers did so, did they not?

Mr. Studd:—"Yes."

Dr. Dowie:—They gave it away to the glorious work of the China Inland Mission.

And now Reginald Studd came amongst us, and I found he had not given all his money away, for he gave us a thousand dollars. And I want to thank God for that.

And I want to thank God for the love of many of you that have given your ones and your twos and your fives and your tens toward Zion Publishing House.

#### NEW EXPENSES OF THE WORK.

We have had to buy \$4,000 worth of new machinery. More than that. About \$4,500 all together.

Lately I find that the work is out-growing its accommodations.

I would like you to know this church is only a baby. It is only two and one-half years old, but O, what a monstrous baby it is. What a size it grows to be! It grows out of all its clothes every year; every three months nearly. I only know this, that I am rejoiced to find that it is growing so.

And now I want to ask this congregation, are you heartily with me in praying that God will give the Spirit of Instruction to this institution?

Voices:—"Yes."

Dr. Dowie:—That He will give the manna to them to eat the Word of God the bread of life? Do you want that?

Voices:—"Yes."

Dr. Dowie:—And do you believe with me that God will bless this institution?

Voices:—"Yes."

Dr. Dowie:—And do you want to support me in founding it?

Voices:—"Yes."

Dr. Dowie:—Then I want you to give me your money right now. (Laughter.)

I have agreed to all the conditions necessary for this building, and the final papers will be signed tomorrow, and every thing is arranged, and I was authorized to make the announcement today on the word of honor.

Deacon Harper will go over with me tomorrow to look at that building. We have an engine house to build and a new engine to put in, and a boiler, and perhaps a dynamo, and a steam plant. And we have to clean up the place and adapt it for our purposes, and find chairs for the people to sit in and desks for them to write on. And you know that will cost a great deal; more than twenty-five cents, will it not?

Voices:—"Yes."

Dr. Dowie:—But we ask you that you will remember that I shall not get afraid. Do you think I will?

Voices:—"Yes."

(Here a little child approached the platform and placed money at the Doctor's feet.)

Dr. Dowie;—Well, now, they have started already. But wait a minute before you start. I am going to ask something that you will pray with me that the Spirit of Instruction will be upon us in the preparation for this work. (Amen.)

#### PLANS FOR THE OPENING OF THE NEW BUILDING.

And when we open it, I will invite you all to come to see it, although I know you will not all get in at once, for I am sorry to say, it would not hold this large congregation.

Yet it is a large place. But I will invite you, as far as it will hold you, to come and see it; and, if nothing more to pass through it, and to receive you in it when we are all ready. And we will run the presses for you, and will run a souvenir card and will give it to you, when the time comes, and we will be glad to have you see the whole establishment.

But now you are going to help me pay these bills, are you not?

Voices:—"Yes."

Dr. Dowie:—Yes. Now, I am so glad I told you to come this afternoon with about ten thousand dollars. And I will not quarrel with you, if you give me twenty thousand dollars. I am going to ask you to give it freely and into my own hands.

If any of you have not with you what you want to give tonight, I want you to come on Tuesday night.

But however small the sum is, I want every one in this building who is in sympathy with this movement, to give something to-night, so that we shall have something added to this \$2,500, and shall be able to go on and buy the machinery for cash. Would that not be nice now?

We can do so much better, if we can buy all and pay for it immediately than if we have to pay for it slowly. I want you to help me.

And now I want to ask every one in this meeting who desires to help God in this great work, to help me as His faithful servant, and I feel increasingly the responsibility which come upon my own individual shoulders by the construction of this church. I cannot cast this responsibility spiritually or financially upon others. I can only cast it upon God, and ask my friends and my brothers to hold up these hands while the battle is being fought.

#### THE BATTLE TO BE FOUGHT IN THIS NEW INSTITUTION.

The battle against ignorance and false theology will be fought in Zion College. (Amen.)

The battle against sin and disease and the powers of death and hell will be fought in the hall of the Seventies.

The battle of right and wrong; of heaven against hell; of God against the devil will be fought in that institution as in Zion everywhere, and may God stand with us (Amen) as we go forth to fight this battle.

#### CALL

All who want to help us in it, stand to their feet. (Nearly the entire audience rose.)

Well, thank God for that array. I will ask another question: All who want to give themselves wholly to God, stand to their feet. (Apparently all rose.)

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

My God and Father, in Jesus' name I come to Thee. Take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be in spirit, in soul, in body. Give me power to do right. If I have wronged any, to repent, to restore, to confess, to trust Jesus the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world. Take away my sin for His sake. Give me Thy good Spirit to instruct me, to impart to me the heavenly manna and the water of life. Strengthen this church in its great undertaking, and bless Zion College, Hall of Seventies, and Zion Publishing House, as the Little White Dove goes forth to all the lands carrying the LEAVES OF HEALING from the tree of life, and help us now to give ourselves and our substance to this work, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

[All repeat the prayer clause by clause, after Dr. Dowie.]

The meeting was then closed with the following

#### BENEDICTION

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil, and may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly, and I pray God your whole Spirit, 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.

Dr. Dowie then received the offerings of the people during the singing by Evangelist Graves and Holmes of the words:

“Willa man rob God” Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings.

“Ye are cursed with the curse; for ye rob Me, even this whole nation. Bring ye the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith Jehovah of host, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.”

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