



THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL PROCLAIMED.

Report of Meeting held in Arcade Hall, Pullman, Illinois, Lord's Day Morning, March 31, 1901. Sermon: "The Beginning of the Gospel."

Report of Meeting held in Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Afternoon, March 31, 1901. Sermon: "Blessed Are They That Wash their Robes."

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"REPENT!" "Give up your filthy habits." "Turn to you God in Faith and Obedience." "Let Him cleanse you from your sins, and heal you from your sicknesses."

The words came with startling directness from the lips of God's Messenger.

They flew straight into the hearts of the fifteen hundred people listening.

The effect was electrical.

Strong men paled under the fierce but loving denunciation of their sins.

Careless and indifferent hearers were stirred.

Some sneered and scoffed until, stung beyond endurance by the merited rebuke of God's Messenger, they were compelled to leave the hall.

But most listened intently and respectfully.

The ringing Call to Repentance and Consecration brought them to their feet with tear-dimmed eyes and prayerful voices.

The scene was Arcade Hall at Pullman, Illinois.

It was the occasion of the General Overseer's first visit, on Lord's Day morning, March 31, 1901.

The day had dawned clear and bright, with a cool but pleasant breeze, after the snowstorm of the

Saturday.

A large number of Zion's White-robed Choir, Zion Robed Officers, Zion Guard, and many members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion in Chicago, accompanied the General Overseer on a special train.

As at all other points where the General Overseer has held his Lord's Day morning suburban missions, the hall, which would seat about fifteen hundred people, was filled to its utmost capacity, and hundreds of people gathered outside, unable to get in: for all the standing room was occupied.

MORNING SERVICE.

Arcade Hall, Pullman, Illinois, Lord's Day Morning, March 31, 1901.

The service was opened by the General Overseer pronouncing the Invocation, after which Hymn Number 151 was sung.

After the Apostle's Creed had been recited, the General Overseer read from the third chapter of Malachi.

Behold, I send my Messenger, and He shall prepare the way before Me; and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple; and the Messenger of the Covenant, whom ye delight in, behold, he cometh, saith the Lord of Hosts. But who may abide the day of His coming? And who shall stand when He appeareth? For He is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers soap; and he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver; and they shall offer unto the Lord offerings in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in ancient years. And I will come near to you to judgement; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers,—

God is Witnessing Against the Pharmacists and Physicians.

The word translated "sorcerers," is in Hebrew *Kashaph*, and the Greek equivalent, always translated "sorcerers" in the New Testament, is *pharmakoi* (φαρμακῶν).

It is simply the modern word for pharmacist, and means a maker, dealer or vender of deadly poisons.

The Word of God always strikes at the traffic in, the making of, and the use of deadly poison in the human stomach.

They destroy the brain, excite the passions, and damn the man.

Narcotic poisons are the very brewing of hell. All the deadly drugs which curse humanity, whether alcohol, nicotine, morphine, laudanum, strychnine, or any other deadly poison, are accursed by God.

—and against the adulterers, and against false swearers; and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not Me, saith the Lord of Hosts. For I the Lord change not; therefore ye, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.

From the days of your fathers ye have turned aside from Mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto Me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of Hosts. But ye say, Wherein shall we return? Will a man rob God? yet ye rob Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with the curse; for ye rob Me, even this whole nation. Bring ye the Whole Tithe into the Storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of Hosts. And all nations shall call you happy: for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the Lord of Hosts.

They Who Do Not Pay Tithes Into God's Storehouse Are Robbers of God.

Will you do what God tells you?

Will you fear God, serve Him, repent, believe, and give Him what belongs to Him?

One dollar out of every ten is God's, and you are a thief if you keep it back from His Storehouse, whence it will be used by His Servants in His Service throughout all the world.

You are to bring the Whole Tithe into God's Storehouse.

It does not belong to you at all, any more than the rent of your house belongs to you, if you rent from a landlord. It is a positive debt.

That is the Word of God.

It does not matter what you think.

It is what God says.

What you think is immaterial. The only thing which should concern you ought to be to find out what God thinks. This Universe is run by God, not by your opinions.

The thoughts of God are supreme.

You had better think what God thinks, or you will think wrongly, and get into all kinds of trouble.

Tithing began before the Jewish Dispensation.

Abraham gave tithes to Melchizedek, King of Salem, the High Priest of God, long before Isaac or Jacob or Moses had being.

As you know, who know your Bibles—the most of you do not; you know the newspaper better—your Bibles tell you that Jesus Christ is a High Priest forever after the order of Melchizedek, not after the order of Aaron.

Christ did not belong to the Tribe to which Aaron belonged. Aaron was a member of the Tribe of Levi, the priestly Tribe.

Jesus was a member of the Tribe of Judah, the kingly Tribe. He is King and High Priest as Melchizedek was, to whom Abraham paid tithes.

This is a very serious matter. It does not matter what the people say. It only matters what God says.

Great Blessing Has Come Through Tithing.

I may say to some of you here who know so little about the work in which we are engaged, that the blessing which God has given to Zion has been because year after year, for many years past, Zion people have given their tithes to God. They are better, richer, healthier, stronger, happier, because they have paid their tithes.

I will ask that question of all here who are in Zion. Have you been weaker or poorer since you paid your tithes to God?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—Any one who has been poorer say Yes. I would like to investigate that case. I have never heard of one.

My people man for man are healthier, stronger, richer, better, and the whole organization has power because we do not steal from God.

God gets His tithe, and there is a greater blessing with the other nine-tenths.

When a man is a thief and robs not only his fellowman but his God, he is the meanest kind of a thief.

Your words have been stout against Me, saith the Lord. Yet ye say, Wherein have we spoken against Thee? Ye have said, It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept His charge, and that we have walked mournfully before the Lord of Hosts? And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are built up; yea, they tempt God, and are delivered.

I never believed in walking mournfully before the Lord. Whenever I see a mournful Christian, I believe that he is, with few exceptions, four-fifths hypocrite, and always a fool. "Serve the Lord with Gladness!" is the Command in all the ages:

A Christian Ought to be the Happiest Man on God's Earth.

A mournful Christian is, in my judgment, a disgrace to his profession.

The Lord Jesus Christ came to make us happy. If we are not happy, we ought to be.

I cannot understand a Christian being unhappy.

"The Kingdom of God is . . . Righteousness and Peace and Joy in the Holy Ghost."

Jesus said, "These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be fulfilled."

Christ came to give us Gladness.

The only persons who ought to mourn are those who are living in sin and fighting God, and going as they please and doing as they like. They may well mourn, for they will come to a bad end.

And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are built up; yea, they tempt God, and are delivered. Then they that feared the Lord spake one with another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard, and a Book of Remembrance was written before Him, for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon His Name. And they shall be Mine, saith the Lord of Hosts, in the day that I do make, even a peculiar treasure; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. Then shall ye return and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not. For, behold, the Day cometh, it burneth as a furnace; and all the proud, and all that work wickedness, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of Hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. But unto you that fear My Name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in His wings; and ye shall go forth, and gambol as calves of the stall. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I do make, saith the Lord of Hosts.

Remember ye the law of Moses My servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, even statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and terrible day of the Lord come. And he shall turn the heart

of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers; lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

The General Overseer also read the following from the seventeenth chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew, tenth to thirteenth verses:

And His disciples asked Him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elijah must first come? And He answered and said, Elijah indeed cometh, and shall restore all things: but I say unto you, that Elijah is come already, and they knew him not, but did unto him whatsoever they listed. Even so shall the Son of man also suffer of them. Then understood the disciples that He spake unto them of John the Baptist.

May God bless His Word. Let us pray.

PRAYER BY THE GENERAL OVERSEER.

Our Father who art in the heavens, grant a blessing upon Thy work, Bless the words of Jesus which we have read, and the words of Divine Inspiration through the Prophet Malachi, who closed that sacred record of the Old Testament.

Let that wondrous prophecy come with power today.

Let the words of Jesus come with power today. (Amen.) Let us remember that the same Elijah who came was to come again and restore all things, and prepare for the coming of the King.

O God our Father, prepare the way speedily for the coming of the King. (Amen.)

Bless this assembly.

We thank Thee for the sight of so many strong, hearty, earnest workmen this morning in this workmen's town; men of skill who put their brains in their fingers, and think as they work.

God bless these men. (Amen.)

Bring them into the fulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord with a true Repentance and an humble Faith, and a sincere and willing Obedience that they may receive the Holy Spirit, and be fathers, husbands, friends and good citizens who shall be a blessing to the land.

Bless us today, and bless where'er Thy people meet, O God. May they behold Thy mercy seat o'er all the earth, in every nation and o'er all the seas today as the Sabbath sun shines from shore to shore. Where'er they seek Thee, be Thou found. Let every spot of earth, and every place upon the sea, be hallowed by Thy presence today, as men seek Thee.

O God, we thank Thee that this journeying will not always be a journey, that we shall arrive home at last in that land where there is no sickness, no sin, no sorrow, no disappointment, no broken hearts and weary lives, no winter, and no night. So lead us that we shall obey Thee, serve Thee, love Thee, enjoy the fulness of Thy presence here and hereafter, be a blessing while we live, and leave a blessing when we have passed away.

Grant, O God, a blessing this day upon all who bear rule and authority; that if they are bad they may be removed, that the people may be wise and then Thou wilt give them wise rulers.

God bless Thy people in their strivings for a better life, that they may have a better life on earth, that their children may be better and wiser than they, that they may be able to fulfil the mission

which Thou hast given to them in this great Nation. Help us to do our little part in this great matter.

Give us a good morning and blessing according to our necessity.

Help us, that with one heart and voice we may pray as our Lord Jesus in the days of His flesh taught us when He said, "After this manner therefore pray ye."

The congregation joined in chanting the Lord's Prayer.

Elder Dinius then made the announcements.

THE BEGINNING OF THE GOSPEL.

After the tithes and offering had been received, the General Overseer delivered the following address:

INVOCATION.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, be profitable unto this people, and unto all to whom these words shall come, in this and every land, in this and all the coming time till Jesus come. Amen.

In the first chapter of the Gospel according to St. Mark you find the words which I now read

TEXT.

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Even as written in Isaiah the prophet,

Behold, I send My Messenger before Thy face,
who shall prepare Thy Way;

The Voice of one crying in the wilderness,
Make ye ready the Way of the Lord,

Make His paths straight;

John came, who baptized in the wilderness and preached the Baptism penance unto remission of sins.

And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in the Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water—

Not straightway after a few drops had been sprinkled upon Him. That is not Baptism, and never was.

The most stupid thing in the world is to call the sprinkling of a little water upon a baby's face, Baptism.

The word *Baptismos* (βαπτισμός) never meant anything but dipping. Anybody who says otherwise is either not a good scholar, does not understand the language in which the New Testament was written, or else he is not honest, and that is worse.

Baptidzo (βαπτίζω) means to immerse repeatedly. It is used commonly in the Greek language, among its other uses, in speaking of a woman washing pots, who keeps dipping the pot into the water, rinsing and rubbing it, until at last she has it clean. It takes more than one such dipping to cleanse a pot.

Baptism is Triune Immersion Into the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

For seven centuries there was no other Baptism acknowledged in the Christian Church as valid.

The "Apostolical Canons" threatened the excommunication of any archbishop or bishop or priest who would dare to baptize in any other way than by a Triune Immersion; that is, three immersions, into the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. The Greek Orthodox Church baptizes in that way to this day.

There is no one who can question, honestly or intelligently, about the form.

The form is immersion. Christ went down into the water and came up out of the water.

—and straightway coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens rent asunder, and the Spirit as a dove descending upon Him: and a Voice came out of the heavens, Thou art My beloved Son, in Thee I am well pleased. And straightway the Spirit driveth Him forth into the wilderness. And He was in the wilderness forty days tempted of Satan; and He was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto Him.

Now after that John was delivered up, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the Gospel of God, and saying, The Time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe in the Gospel.

Repentance, and Not Faith, is the Basis of a Christian Life.

Faith is impossible to the impenitent. Unless a man has truly repented and brought forth fruits meet for Repentance, he is a hypocrite if he says "I believe." No man can believe in "God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord," and in the Holy Ghost, and in the fact that Christ died for his sins according to the Scripture, rose again from the dead and is the Advocate with the Father for sinful man, unless he has repented.

It is a sham, a delusion, a snare, and a lie to tell a man that all he has to do to be saved is to believe.

To say to a man, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved," is to lead him to damnation, unless the man to whom these words are said has repented.

Those words were spoken to the Philippian jailer by Paul and Silas after the, Philippian jailer had repented of his sin; had been awakened to a sense of his wickedness by an earthquake. It takes an earthquake to wake up some people.

It seems to me that it would take almost an earthquake to awaken the masses in this city to believe that there is a Living God.

That drunken jailer thought that he had these apostles just where he wanted them in the inner prison.

He was going to stamp out Christianity!

He was like some people in this city who were going to stamp out Zion.

Where are they?

Many of the men are dead who fought Zion throughout a whole year of Persecution by the Municipal Authorities of Chicago, in 1895. And the Republican Party in Chicago lost power, municipally, at the next election, and has never regained it. The editors and controllers of these papers who tried to crush Zion in 1895 are all either dead or out of their editorial chairs.

Their mouths are stopped.

Six feet of earth lies above them, and into their lying mouths the earth is pushed today. The worms are digging out their eyes.

It Does Not Pay to Fight God.

These were the men who were going to crush Christianity.

"Aha!" they said, "we have Paul and Silas in the inner prison there in Philippi. We have their feet fast in the stocks. We have scourged them. Now where is their God? Where is their God?"

I hear the thick, drunken tones of that jailer at Phillippi, as he sits at the revel and drinks to the gods, and curses his Christian prisoners—

"I say, what was that? The voice of a song ringing through the prison? Who is singing?"

"Go out and see who is singing in the prison.

"I never heard that song before. What is that song?"

"That song is ringing through the prison. What is it?"

"He that dwelleth in the Secret Place of the Most High
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the Lord, He is my Refuge and my Fortress;
My God, in whom I trust."

Yes, oh cruel heathen foe of God, a voice thou canst no longer refuse to hear is saying:

"What is that they are singing? They are singing the Song of Triumphant Faith that has come down through the ages, the song of Salvation and Healing and Holy Living, to the prisoners."

Then the earthquake comes, and the prison trembles.

The jailer leaps out as he sees every door open.

"I had better kill myself," he cries. He takes his sword, and the very voice which has been singing tells him not to do it: "Do thyself no harm, for we are all here."

Then he repented.

Then he fell at the feet of his prisoners.

Then he acknowledged God, who answers by His overruling Power, even when the Powers of Evil burst forth in fire and earthquake and storm; God, who defends His people, and will sweep His enemies away

as chaff before the wind; God, who hears and answers prayer, and in His own time brings forth the righteousness of His true servants.

He confessed his sin. He brought them out. He washed their stripes. He set food before them, and in his own house he said, "What must I do to be saved?"

There was no use preaching Repentance to that man; because he had repented. He showed it. The next thing was Faith, and therefore they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and thou shalt be saved, thou and thy house."

A Truly Saved Man Will Get His Family Saved.

He then did what a great many people do not do when they get saved: he brought in his family.

When some people get saved, they shout hallelujah and praise God, but they do not go for their wives and families and get them saved.

I do not take much stock in the salvation of a fellow whose wife and children are at home on this lovely Sabbath morning, cooking for his disgusting belly.

If any of you have your wives at home cooking a hot dinner for you, you wretches, may the Lord have mercy upon you, and make you sick when you eat it. (Laughter.)

I have kept house for thirty-three years, and I have never ordered a hot Sunday dinner in my house. I would not allow it. My servants have as much right to their Sabbath as I have. Thank God, there are many servants from Zion Home in this meeting this morning. They are not at home, slaving over a hot dinner.

Some of you have wives at home cooking a hot dinner, and pig at that. Oh, you disgusting fellows! The unspeakable pig which God Almighty not only forbade you to eat, but to touch! You have much to repent of.

This man repented. He went and got his wife and his children. He set them before the apostles. He said, "These men have a Message from God."

They also repented and believed. They were all baptized before the morning light.

There might have been some babies there. If so, they were babies old enough to repent and believe.

The Lie of Infant Baptism.

They were much older than the little baby whom you bring to a minister or a priest. Any decent baby would do what it does. The moment it feels that water on its eyes or nose it cries.

The ridiculousness of it! The abomination of it!

What a lie to say that baby sprinkling is Baptism!

How much worse to say that the child is regenerated and its heart changed by the Ordinance!

It is a still bigger lie for a man to stand up as a godfather, and a woman as a godmother, and renounce

the World, the Flesh and the Devil on behalf of this child. The World, the Flesh and the Devil are in full possession of them, oftentimes as you can tell by smelling their breath; especially the godfather's. It stinks, in tens of thousands of cases, the dirty stinkpot!

The Vile Filthiness of the Tobacco Habit.

He just put down a cigar, or threw away a quid, to say the words of the ceremony.

The dirty dog goes up and down this earth (laughter) chewing tobacco and squirting it out. Then the sun dries it, and the air takes it up, and we have to breathe your dirty tobacco and catarrh, you dirty dogs!

Be clean!

It is a dirty, filthy, vile habit. You are chewing a deadly narcotic poison, and you are smoking poison.

You will get amaurosis, and paralysis, and dyspepsia, and ulceration of the stomach and bowels, and cancer. You deserve it all, you dogs! (Laughter.)

The only trouble about it is that your wives and families have to suffer for it.

Now you quit! Do you hear? You quit, and quit quick, at once.

God's command is, "Abstain from every form of evil!" The next time you take a smoke, may you be sick over it. May the next quid of tobacco taste like soapsuds, or worse.

(Laughter.)

You dirty cogs! (Laughter.)

You call yourselves Christians, do you? Do you ever imagine a Christian could come and put down his pipe and his tobacco, and kneel here and ask God to bless him? "O God, bless me in chewing this plug. (Laughter.) O God, bless me in smoking this 'Cavendish.' Help me to spit and spew it out everywhere like a dirty buzzard (laughter), for Thy glory. Help me to smoke for Thy glory. And, as it is a good thing, help my wife to chew and smoke for Thy glory. (Laughter.) Help my children to do it. Let the baby learn to chew as soon as it can suck."

You Do Not Want Your Families to Chew and Smoke.

You dirty dogs! You do not pray that prayer. You do not want your wives to smoke. You do not want them to drink. You do not want them to chew.

Why not? If it is good for you, you gander, is it not good for the goose? (Laughter.)

You do not often catch it like this, you dirty dogs. (Laughter.)

You sweat it out at night until your body has sweat out the deadly poison of the nicotine drug. You infect your wives with that poison by inhalation, and also by

absorption through the skin, until they are poisoned literally to death with the dirty, nasty, filthy odors and sweats which come from your dirty, nicotinized and demoralized body.

You do not know how your wives, who once loved, now loathe you.

You promised to love them. Is that loving them, to stink them out of their lives?

You promised to love them. Is that loving them, to get drunk?

There is not a real good Christian woman in this house who is not on my side. Are you not, women?

Women—"Yes."

General Overseer—You hear that, you dogs. (Applause. Laughter.)

I am in earnest about this thing.

Lives are being made miserable by this filthy nicotine habit.

You do not know how your wives are disgusted with your filthiness. You wonder why your wife does not kiss you as she used to when you kept your mouth clean before you married her. Who would kiss you now, you stinkpot? (Laughter.)

Who wants to kiss your dirty mouth? Your throat is like an open sepulcher. Ugh, you dirty dog, how you stink! (Laughter.)

No man has a right to be a walking nuisance like that.

When you go out in the morning, do you know what happens? Your wife goes to the window, flings it up and says, "Thank God, the fellow is gone. We can have some fresh air now." (Laughter.) That is a fact.

You have to repent! Do you hear?

Repentance Means Giving Up Your Disgusting Habits.

It means giving up your filthiness, learning to be clean, keeping your vows to God and to your wives, making your homes sweet and your lives happy.

By the way, there are some of you women who are not angels in this matter. (Laughter.) I hear there are some women who snuff. Oh, you dirty creatures! (Laughter.)

You are a dirty woman if you snuff. There are not many who do, but now and then I find one. I may just as well let you know that all women are not angels. But men are worse.

You men are smoking and chewing six hundred million dollars' worth of God Almighty's money every year in the United States of America alone. You are giving to your sons and daughters shattered constitutions in every nerve.

They are crying out against you, because you have given them a wretched constitution full of nicotine

poison.

God help you. My brothers, God help you, every one of you, to be clean. (Amen.)

Repent! Do the right thing.

Quit your meanness, your bad habits, and ask God to forgive you of all your other sins.

You have told many lies to your wives. Confess them all. What liars many of you men are!

The Lies and Sins Fostered by the Secret Lodge.

You told your wife when you married her that her society would be the joy of your life, and now, you scoundrel, you belong to every society in town except the Home Society.

You lodge everywhere. You lodge with the Red Men, and you lodge with the Elks and the Buffalos. (Laughter.) You lodge with the Mah-hah-bones, the Freemasons. You lodge everywhere except at home.

You only come home to say to your wife, "Hurry up with supper and give me my apron." It would be a good thing if you went out to do honest work with your apron, rather than to get drunk, and eat and spew, and go into lodges where you have the goat prancing around.

What right have you to go to Secret Lodges and call your selves Christians? Did not Jesus Christ say, "In secret have I said nothing"? What do you need of a Secret Society?

Walk in the light.

Take care of your wives and families.

Save your money.

Do right in God's sight, and leave the saloon alone; because it is very close to the lodge-room.

Leave the lodge-room alone, for on one side of it often is a saloon, and on the other side the house of her whose house is the gate of hell.

Take care! I warn you in God's Name to take care! You are digging the grave of this Nation with the wine-cup, with the beer-cup, with the tobacco and with the lodge.

Be clean! Repent and do right before God.

There is no mistake about that being sound Gospel. Every last man here knows it.

Repentance is the first thing. Do right.

Faith is the next thing. "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and thou shall be saved."

With a penitent heart come to your God, but do not forget to go to your wife and those whom you have wronged, and confess your sins one to another. Then pray one for another, and you will be blessed.

Confess to God. Then trust Him. Trust your God.

God Loves You.

I wonder that He does love such a dirty lot as we, by nature, are.

What a miserable dirty set of people we are! To think that we should be so full of uncleanness by nature, when we know what God is by grace!

But He loves us: for below all our uncleanness there is a spirit that came from Him. He put it there. It is an undying spirit. The Lord Jesus Christ came to save the spirits, the souls and the bodies of men. Let Him do it.

How will He do it?

He will do it by a belief that means something. An abstract belief, a confession of faith, is nothing unless it takes practical realization.

If you believe in God, you will do what God tells you.

If you believe in Jesus Christ, you will do what Jesus Christ tells you. If you do not obey, you will have no right to say that you believe at all. You have no right then to say, "I believe on the Lord Jesus Christ," or in the Holy Spirit, or in the forgiveness of sins. Your sins are not forgiven when they are resting upon you with all their weight. You must get them forgiven before you can say truly, "I believe in the forgiveness sins."

I call you to believe to the saving of your spirits, to the saving of your souls, to the saving of your bodies: for when Christ came to this earth, He taught men that He had come to save them to the uttermost.

Jesus said:

The Spirit of Jehovah is upon Me;

Because He anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor.

He hath sent Me to proclaim release to the captives,

And recovering of sight to the blind,

To set at liberty them that are bruised,

To proclaim the Acceptable Year of the Lord.

This is Still the Acceptable Year of the Lord.

Jesus did not read the next words, when He read those I have quoted, in the synagogue of Nazareth. The next words are:

And the Day of Vengeance of our God.

That day has not come. But it is coming. Beware!

Thank God, my brothers and my sisters, that we are in the Acceptable Year of the Lord, and that "faithful is the saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world," as the Apostle Paul said, "to save sinners; of whom I am chief."

That greatest of all the Apostles confessed his sin as the chief of sinners, and God blessed him.

When a man says, "I have no sin to confess," then either that man is a liar, or God is a liar; for God hath said that "all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God."

Confess your sins! Forsake your sins, and turn unto your God.

For, behold, the Day cometh, it burneth as a furnace; and all the proud, and all that work wickedness, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of Hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

The Earth to be Destroyed by Fire.

The astronomer tells you what the prophet tells you, that the day will come when this earth, which was once destroyed by water, shall be destroyed by fire.

A very small change in the chemical proportions of the water and of the air would make them fiercely combustible.

Lake Michigan will on that day be a rolling Lake of Fire. The mighty oceans will be rolling Oceans of Fire. The elements shall be dissolved.

Then every man shall stand a naked spirit before God, on that day when the heavens and the earth shall pass away.

May you so live that you will stand before God, and hear the Great judge of all, the Saviour whose Gospel I preach, tell you that your name is written in heaven, and that you are His.

Then there will come a new heaven, and a new earth.

This earth will pass through the cleansing fires. No one will be able to say which was their corner lot, nor will they want to; for it will be "a new heaven, and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."

In that great Day the poor will not be differentiated from the rich, or rather if there is more wealth or power in one, it will mean more love for the other.

The strong will help the weak. The archangel will be the servant of the weakest as Christ Himself has said, "He that is greatest among you shall be your servant."

This Gospel is an Everlasting Gospel.

Whatever else may perish, this will not perish.

The Love of God is From Everlasting to Everlasting.

His love will never change. God our Father will seek these spirits of ours until He finds them by His Son and until He brings them back.

You cannot flee from God. Why do you desire to? Seek God. Seek Him now.

Every one in this room who wants to be right with God, and seek God with all his heart, stand and tell Him so.

Every one who wants God's blessing upon him, stand and ask God for that blessing. (The greater portion of the audience arose.)

Pray with me.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. Take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be, in spirit, in soul, in body. Give me power to do right, no matter what it costs. Give me Thy Holy Spirit that I may repent, and restore to my fellowman, and do right in Thy sight. For Jesus' sake, "the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world," take away my sin. Give me Thy Spirit, that I may be clean in spirit, soul and body, for Jesus' sake. (Amen.) (All repeat the prayer, clause by clause, after the General Overseer.

Did you mean it?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—Then live it. God will give you all you ask Him. He is our Father, and He loves us.

After the Doxology had been sung, the service was closed by the General Overseer pronouncing the

BENEDICTION.

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

AFTERNOON SERVICE.

Central Zion Tabernacle was crowded on Lord's Day afternoon, March 31, 1901.

The end of the storm and the coming of the bright sunshine had made traveling pleasant, and thousands had embraced the opportunity to hear the General

Overseer.

God blessed the stirring Message which He had given to His fearless Messenger.

The blessings which God had promised to those who should Wash the Robes of their Spirits, namely, their souls and their bodies, formed the theme for the discourse.

The services began with the impressive scene of the Processional of Zion's White-robed Choir of over 200 voices and scores of the resident officers of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

It was an act of solemn, reverent worship. The audience sat with hearts lifted to God as the joyous song rang out:

Go Forward, Christian soldier,
Beneath His banner true;
The Lord Himself, thy Leader
Shall all thy foes subdue.
His love fortells thy trials;
He knows thine hourly need;
He can with bread of heaven
Thy fainting spirit feed.

Go Forward, Christian soldier,
Fear not the secret foe;
Far more o'er thee are watching
Than human eyes can know.
Trust only Christ, thy Captain;
Cease not to watch and pray;
Heed not the treacherous voices
That lure thy soul astray.

Go Forward, Christian soldier,
Nor dream of peaceful rest,
Till Satan's host is vanquished
And heav'n is all possessed;
Till Christ Himself shall call thee
To lay thine armor by,
And wear in endless glory
The crown of victory.

Go Forward, Christian soldier,
Fear not the gath'ring night;
The Lord has been thy shelter;
The Lord will be thy light.
When morn His face revealeth,
Thy dangers all are past:
Oh, pray that faith and virtue
May keep thee to the last.

Central Zion Tabernacle, Lord's Day Afternoon, March 31, 1901.

The services were opened by singing Hymn Number 63:

"For God so loved!" Oh wondrous theme!
Oh, wondrous key to wondrous scheme!
A Saviour sent to sinful men
Glory to God the Father!
CHORUS—Glory to God, the Father!
Glory to God, the Father!
Glory, glory,
Glory to God, the Father!

The Apostles' Creed was then repeated by the General Overseer and congregation.

Scripture Reading and Exposition.

The General Overseer then read from the Inspired Word of God in the book of the Prophet Ezekiel, the forty-seventh chapter; also the last book of the Bible, the Revelation of Jesus Christ which God gave to His servant John, the twenty-second chapter:

And he shewed me a River of Water of Life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the midst of the street thereof. And on this side of the river and on that was the Tree of Life, bearing twelve manner of fruits, yielding its fruit every month: and the Leaves of the Tree were for the Healing of the Nations. And there shall be no curse any more: and the Throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein: and His servants shall do Him service; and they shall see His face; and His Name shall be on their foreheads. And there shall be night no more; and they need no light of lamp, neither light of sun; for the Lord God shall give them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

And he said unto me, These words are faithful and true: and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel to shew unto His servants the things which must shortly come to pass. And behold, I come quickly. Blessed is he that keepeth the words of the prophecy of this Book.

And I John am he that heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. And he saith unto me, See thou do it not: I am a fellowservant with thee and with thy brethren the prophets, and with them which keep the words of this Book: worship God.

And he saith unto me, Seal not up the words of the prophecy of this Book; for the time is at hand. He that is unrighteous, let him do unrighteousness still: and he that is filthy, let him be made filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him do righteousness still: and he that is holy, let him be made holy still. Behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to render to each man according as his work is. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Blessed are they that Wash their Robes, that they may have the right to come to the Tree of Life, and may enter in by the Gates into the City. Without are the dogs the sorcerers,

Sorcerers is just the word that you see over every drug store, pharmacists. The Greek word is *pharmakoi* (φαρμακοί).

—and the fornicators, and the murderers, and the idolaters, and every one that loveth and maketh a lie.

I Jesus have sent Mine angel to testify unto you these things for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the bright, the Morning Star.

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And he that heareth, let him say, Come. And he that is athirst, let him come: he that will, let him take the Water of Life freely.

I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this Book, If any man shall add unto them, God shall add unto him the plagues which are written in this Book: and if any man shall take away from the words of the Book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Tree of Life, and out of the Holy City, which are written in this Book,

He which testifieth these things saith, Yea: I come quickly, Amen: come, Lord Jesus.

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with the saints. Amen.

Prayer was offered by Elder McClurkin ; also by the Gen. eral Overseer.

The announcements were then made by Overseer Speicher. The General Overseer then said:

Before the offering I desire to say a few words. My Editorial Notes in yesterday's issue of LEAVES OF HEALING have the important announcement that

A Very Large Section of Zion City Will be Opened for Selection on Monday, July 19th.

Plats of this will long before that time be put into the hands of all who desire them.

In connection with this, I desire to say what is most encouraging, that, so far as we can estimate, Six Thousand Applications for Lots have been received. We know that from the fact that shareholders desiring land for purchase, have taken hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of stock, and have intimated to the Association that they desire to avail themselves of their right of choice of lots which we still give to our shareholders.

A large portion has already been paid on these lots, yet all this has been done before a single lot was really surveyed.

That is a very remarkable thing. I do not think it has ever occurred before in real estate transactions. People have put money into our Zion Land and Investment Association stock even before we have had the title to the possession of the land.

The land is thrown open a little earlier than we expected, perhaps.

I would like to have laid out all our main boulevards and main avenues and some of our principal streets, and

to have made them strong enough for heavy traffic, before putting any land on the market. But the cry from all parts of the United States and Canada, Germany and England is, "Do not wait any longer, General Overseer. Let us go on the land this year. We are aching to come."

Many have sold their farms and their business enterprises and are ready now to come to make their investments, and many have taken houses near Zion City and others are living in Chicago.

This is the cry which has reached me for months, through Zion City Bank and Zion Land and Investment Association. At last I have yielded, a little prematurely almost, as I think, to the plan. I hope, nevertheless, to be able to get some of our streets graded before wet weather comes in the fall, so that the building operations will not be impeded.

At Least Four Million Dollars Will be Invested in Zion City This Year.

I know not how many will build; but from statements made to me, it seems that at least 2000—some say at least 5000—will build this year.

If 2000 persons build, they will invest, probably, an average of \$2,000 each in lands and buildings. That is a low estimate.

That amounts to, at the least calculation, Four Millions of Dollars which will be laid down in Zion City this year.

What does that mean to you, my brothers and my sisters who buy land?

It means that the land is enriched by \$4,000,000 worth of property upon it.

If 5000 persons should build, which is not an impossibility, there would be Ten Millions of Dollars invested and placed upon Zion City land.

How that will increase the value of the land!

We do not intend to give the land away. We will get as much out of this land for Zion as we can, and yet dispose of it at a price which is sure to advance steadily to very high figures, year by year.

How the Revenues From Zion City Will be Used.

The object of this City is not only to settle our people upon the land, but by our combined Industries, and by adding to the value of the land and labors of our people, to produce large funds for the building of schools and colleges; for the building of orphanages and

old people's homes; for the building of libraries, and for the building of Zion Temple to seat many thousands.

I said first that Zion Temple would seat 20,000. I have gone up to 25,000, and I am really seriously considering whether I ought not to make it 30,000. If the City grows as rapidly as it certainly promises to, then Zion Temple ought to be able to seat as many as we can make hear our Voice. We want, also, money to mission these large cities: Chicago, St. Louis, Philadelphia, New York, London, Paris, Berlin, St. Petersburg, Vienna, Stockholm, Rome, Cairo, Bombay, Peking, Yokohama, and many other great cities. We want funds for Zion Printing and Publishing House. We want funds for Messengers to be sent to China, Japan, India, Africa, and the Islands of the Sea.

Zion Messengers have begun to be sent out and their missions are beginning to cost a great deal; for, although we cannot tell you all of the story, the work is constantly going on in distant continents: in Japan, in China, in Australia, and in all parts of the world.

If we charge a fair price for the land, we are even then giving you a great bargain, because we will put back upon the land a great part of what we get out of it, and, eventually, a great deal more than we received for it. This is utterly unlike other real estate dealers, who take out all they can, and put back into city sites only what they must. Not only will the people build houses, but it is my policy to put back on the land the millions which God will give us. That will, in its turn, increase the value of your possessions.

I want God's people under my overseership to be healthy, to be happy and to be wealthy.

Poverty is a curse. It is written that our Lord Jesus Christ, "though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might become rich."

Jesus Came to Make His People Rich.

If you say that is only in the life to come, then you forget the Lord Jesus Christ said, "There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or mother, or father, or children, or lands, for My sake and the Gospel's sake, but he shall receive a hundredfold NOW IN THIS TIME, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come Eternal life."

I made that my plea before God when I started this matter. I said, "I have left mother, father, friends, business, given You my life, and I have had the persecutions; now, Lord, I present my little bill. I want a hundredfold more." (Laughter.)

I got it. I am getting it, and I believe I shall have a thousandfold more.

I do not want it but to do good with it. I have always

done that with every talent which God has given me. I can say that honestly.

Anybody who says the opposite is a liar and a wicked falsifier. I have used every talent for God all my life to the extent of my power, except the unavoidable mistakes which all men make even when they do their best.

I have given more than money. I have given that which money cannot buy. I have given life, and I give it still.

I care nothing for what the World or the Flesh or the Devil, or the papers or the parsons say. God has vindicated me, and those who are criticising Zion today and saying that Zion has become rich are the very people who sneered at Zion when they thought she was poor.

It does not matter whether they sneer at our poverty or cavil at our wealth, Zion goes on, and Zion will win. Zion has won.

Those Who Have Money to Invest Should Invest It at Once.

I feel happy about this announcement. You had better get in quickly.

If I were you, I would. If I were an investor, I would not know a better place to invest my money. Indeed, it is a fact that I put all that I can control into Zion City land, sure that there is no better investment in the world; for God is with us.

The public believe that, too. The sneers which met us a year ago, the contemptuous prophesies that the whole thing would fizzle out, and that we could never accomplish the purchase of so large an area of land, have all passed.

What have they to say, now that I shall have the absolute title to nearly five square miles of that site by the first of June?

I hold, in behalf of Zion, the title to the lake shore for two and one-half miles, and right back for four miles. I have all the best of that land in my hands and under title. I have paid a large part of the purchase price on the remainder of it, and am in a position to take it under title whenever I require it.

No one can take it out of my hands. The foes who lied about us and endeavored to make the people think that their investments were in hands which would never be able to carry the project through, are silent now.

It is a simple fact that scarcely a day passes over my head but I have to say, "No; not now at any rate," to men who are offering to lend Zion millions of dollars upon my bonds.

The enemy is put to rout in every way, and still they growl. Now it is a low whine, which you can hear only now and then.

God is Good to Us, and I Rejoice in This Announcement.

Zion Lace Industries are good, but do not let anybody run off with the thought they will be our only Industries. There is more than Zion Lace Industries. I have already begun Zion City General Stores and Zion Lumber Association in Zion City. We shall not fail to establish every industry, in its turn, that can be made useful to Zion, and we are planning for many.

Pray that the God of all grace who gave us this land, and from whom it shall never be alienated, will give us the grace and wisdom to carry it through.

I will never sell an inch of the land. The Word of God makes that plain. "The land is Mine," God says, "forever."

We asked God to give us the site of Zion City.
God has answered in the face of all the nations.

We, therefore, hold this land on the same tenure that Israel held the land of Canaan (Leviticus 25:23, 24).

There God said:

And the land shall not be sold in perpetuity;
For the land is Mine:
For ye are strangers and sojourners with Me.
And in all the land of your possession
Ye shall grant a Redemption for the land.

I shall lease it. I am not quite sure just how many years, but probably for 1100 or 1200 years. I may lease it for 3000 years.

The Tenure of the Land Will Depend Upon the Keeping of the Covenants of the Leases.

You will not be able to do with that land anything that you covenant not to do in the lease. Any one who wants to build a whisky shop or a pharmacist's joint upon it will find that every bone in his commercial body will be broken. (Laughter and applause.) Zion will simply step in and say, "You only obtained a lease on condition that neither pig, nor pill, nor tobacco, nor alcoholic liquors, nor theatrical performances, nor any other vile thing should be tolerated upon the land."

If you violate the covenant in your lease, Zion will say, "We terminate your lease. Here is the valuation of your property—get, *get*, GET! Quickly, too."

They will have to get out. You may depend upon it. We will allow no man to say he can do what he likes with it; for it is God's from the surface to the center of the earth. It is Zion's only because it is God's forever.

We only lease it to you. We give you a long lease, which will endure for your children and your children's children for a hundred generations, perhaps, if the world should last that long. You will never be able to break that lease, however, without being turned out of

Zion.

You desire that these conditions be made, do you not?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—They will be made whether you want them or not. (Laughter.) But I greatly value your hearty assent and devoted cooperation in helping me to carry out God's purposes.

Those Who Want to be Filthy Need Not Come to Zion City.

No stinkpot need apply (laughter), if he wants to make a stinkpot manufactory.

No maker of liquid fire and distilled damnation need apply, if he wants to make his accursed liquor there.

No druggist need apply, for we will take none of his hellish poisons, and we will not let him sell one single drop of it.

If we need any alcohol or any other poison in the manufactures or arts, they will be sold as any deadly poison would be, under severe restrictions, and used only for external application. We would soon be able to find out if a fellow had been taking it inside, because even now, in any of our Zion homes, you can always tell when a stinkpot has been there by the smell he leaves behind him. (Laughter.)

Pray for us.

O that God would put upon this land thousands and tens of thousands of men and women whose children shall be educated in Zion schools and colleges, and eventually in Zion University, where they shall get an education of which God is the Alpha and the Omega; in a City where God is owned in every part of it; whose government is such as God can approve.

May God grant it.

Audience—"Amen."

General Overseer—Thank you for your confidence.

This involves an immense amount of work.

Pray for my officers, noble and good men. Pray that every man will do what he is told.

There are, however, some men who come into Zion and say, "I will go where You want me to go, dear Lord, but You must send me where I like to go." (Laughter.) They say, "I will do what You want me to do, but then, Lord, I will do it in my own way, and Dr. Dowie must not interfere with me."

No Man Can Run Zion. Zion is Ruled by God.

If any man thinks he can run Zion without me, he is mistaken. (Laughter.) If any man thinks that he can run me, he is mistaken.

My hand is gentle, but if any man wants to run me, he will find that it is as firm as steel.

I give that notice to some who may think that they can run Zion, or any department in Zion, just as they want it to be. I know what the result will be if any man tries to run Zion. He will be run out. I say that frankly. You have plenty of room in Zion to do right, but you have no right to control.

God gave me the control. This people gave me the control, did you not?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—You will stand by me, will you not?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—There shall be no elections in Zion or in Zion City. I will not have Peter Jones running against George Smith and ripping up his back at the election of the Sixteenth Ward.

There Will be No Municipal Elections in Zion City.

Zion City can be ruled in your interests and God's without voting at all. The capital city of the United States of America—the City of Washington, and indeed the whole District of Columbia, is so ruled. There is not a single vote cast by any taxpayer or citizen there, and that district and city are better managed and kept than any other city in this country.

Has the Christian Catholic Church in Zion been ruled by votes?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—I do not know where any have been taken. I have never taken any. You have been kind and true to me, and you have prospered, and Zion has been established under my personal control, as God's Servant, from the beginning.

May God help us. May He establish His own government in Zion (Amen): a Rule of Love, but a Rule of Omnipotent Power.

I say this, because there are some people who think that they can do what they like because they have eighteen pence more than other people. There is no man indispensable in Zion, not even myself.

When I think that I am indispensable, God will do without me; and it will be time, too.

If any other man thinks that he is indispensable, we will do without him very quickly. When you have a servant who thinks he is the hub of the wheel, and that it cannot be run without him, then it is time to get rid of that servant.

I say this frankly.

Do not let any one come into Zion with the thought that he can alter the Theocratic policy upon which Zion has been founded.

God shall rule, and He shall rule in the way He has been ruling.

This is a plain intimation to any before they take a single lot in Zion. If you cannot stand the rule of God, then you had better go to Waukegan, where I guess the Devil rules, judging by the number of saloons, and other kindred shops of the Devil, which are found there, although there are many good, honorable and upright men and women there. Waukegan is neither worse nor better than other cities of its size and kind; but I would cut off my right hand sooner than sign a license to sell liquid fire and distilled damnation.

Zion City Will be Built and Conducted by and for God.

I am determined that we shall keep ten square miles of God's green earth for God, and two and one-half miles of lake front for God. I think we can do it by law. We will trust in the Lord, and we will do it. (Amen.)

I do not believe in the "try-to-do-it" business.

I love this people. They love me.

The snows of winter are beginning to gather on my brow. I do not know how many years I may have, but every year I have shall be given to God, in the Extension of His Kingdom, for which purpose we formed the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

I long to see Zion City established, and the Dome of Zion Temple rising higher than any dome in Chicago, sending out its light by day and by night across the waters of Lake Michigan.

May God grant it. (Amen.)

Zion's Far-Reaching Light.

May Zion's be a light which shall go across the Continents and the islands, and shall be an inspiration to multitudes.

Oh may we live to see a Zion City near Philadelphia, Zion City near Boston, Zion City near London, Zion City near Constantinople, Zion Cities by the side of all great cities; that we may take some part in the restoration of beautiful Jerusalem, the Zion City of the Great King. (Amen.)

God help us.

We will go ahead on the lines upon which we started.

When I find any man wanting to tamper with these lines, I am steel: a steel that can bend, but it will not break, God helping it. Do not make any attempt now.

There has been an attempt made this last week. I put my foot upon it at once. I will pay out every man who wants to interfere with the government of God in Zion. (Amen.)

I say this because I love this people. I have given my life for this work, and I desire to lay the foundation so strong that no successor of mine at any future day shall say, "The first General Overseer of this Church allowed

something to be done that has caused a Calamity."

The stones of the City of God are flashing jewels, but they are stones. That city is 1500 miles four square, and these stones, albeit that they are jewels, as beautiful as heaven itself, are hard as adamant.

If any of you think that you have to deal with a weak man, you had better stop right now, because you have not. God has given to me a Divine strength for this work, and I think I have more of that within me now than I ever had in all my life. I am glad of it.

I say this, because, as the time approaches, the enemy tries in various ways to get in somewhere and make us alter our policy.

Zion Will Never Alter Her Policy.

Insidious attempts have been made to get me to alter the Agreements. A man proposed to give me a large sum of money upon his investments if I would alter the Agreement to suit him. I will do no such thing. There is not enough money in the treasury at Washington, although there are \$525,000,000 of gold there, to tempt me to alter the Agreement.

The Agreement which is made with the poor man will be the same as that made with the rich. (Applause.)

I will not make one Agreement in the light and another in the darkness.

I will not put one branch of my work in one position and another in another. Every branch of it shall be in the same position, without any distinction.

I will have no favorites in this work. I will administer Zion without fear, without favor, and I hope with perfect love. Pray for all the officers connected with all the Branches of the Church, with all the Educational Institutions, and with all Zion's Financial Institutions and Industries.

May God grant that some of you who do not understand everything, will go on like good soldiers, even when you do not understand. Was it possible for Grant to explain to every private soldier in his army his plan?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—Would it have been wise?

Voices—"No."

General Overseer—Can you trust me?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—All right. It will not make any difference you do not, we will go on. (Laughter.) I thank you that you do trust me, however, and your loyalty is a constant inspiration to serve you as God's Messenger should: for the proudest title in the world does not compare with this title—"A servant of God and of His Servants." I want to prove my I to this title above all other titles.

I want Zion City to be a success from the very start.

I intend to do all I can to make it so, lovingly, wisely. I will be tender and considerate to the fullest extent of my power with all who do right; but I have no tenderness at all for those who want to do their own will, and who foolishly threaten to withdraw from Zion if they don't get it.

"I will go where I want to go, dear Lord," they sing.

"I will be what I want to be."

"I will say what I want to say."

Then such a person will have to go to the Apostate Denominations. He cannot do that in Zion.

The tithes and offering were then received.

"BLESSED ARE THEY THAT WASH THEIR ROBES."

INVOCATION.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, be profitable unto this people, and unto all to whom these words shall come, in this and all the coming time, in this and every land, till Jesus come. (Amen.)

TEXT.

Blessed are they that Wash their Robes, that they may have the Right to come to the Tree of Life, and may enter in by the Gates into the City.—Revelation 22: 4.

The old rendering is, "Blessed are they that do His commandments."

The revised reading is as I have spoken it, "Blessed are they that Wash their Robes, that they may have the Right to come to the Tree of Life, and may enter in by the Gates into City."

Wonderful Blessings for Those Who Obey God.

The blessings which God has given to those who obey Him are without number.

To the poor in spirit, He gives the Kingdom of Heaven.

To those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, He gives the Divine fulness.

To those who are merciful, He gives the glorious title that they are the children of their Father in Heaven, who is kind the unto the thankful and to the evil, and He says they shall obtain mercy.

He says that the mourner who mourns for sin, and over the sins of the world, shall be comforted.

He says the meek shall inherit the earth. Moses was the strongest and meekest man in all the earth. The word meek is not spelled w-e-a-k.

There are some people who think that meekness

means weakness.

Moses was a meek man, but he marched up the steps of Pharaoh's throne and demanded that the Crowned Heathen Oppressor should let God's people go.

Weakness and Meekness Never Existed in the Same Character.

A man to be Divinely meek must be Divinely strong. A weak man is never meek. A weak man is always a coward, foolish, not meek at all, but boastful, and full of insufferable self-conceit.

"Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth."

He tells us that there are blessings for those who are persecuted, "for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven." He gives blessings to those whom men revile, persecute, and say all manner of evil against falsely; for great is their Reward in Heaven. No other Rewards are eternal.

It seems to me that the most blessed of all the beatitudes is given to the pure in heart; for He said, "Blessed are the Pure in heart: for they shall see God."

Here is another Blessing at the very end of the Book, at the very end of all the Blessing, spoken from Heaven itself for us upon whom the ends of the earth have come:

Blessed are they that Wash their Robes, that they may have the Right to come to the Tree of Life, and may enter in through the Gates into the City.

Soul and Body the Robes of the Spirit.

This spirit, the wonderful spirit which God puts within us, is robed in two beautiful and wonderful garbs.

One is bright red. What is redder than blood? There is nothing; it is the warm and brilliant red of the soul.

The other in us of the Caucasian race has an outer skin of whiteness. It is the Body of Flesh, the second and outside Robe of the spirit, whatever the color of the skin may be.

God has given to all mankind the same soul, the same blood; made of one blood all men, made of one flesh all men. If there is anything that my spirit hates, it is the accursed abomination which makes race hatred, because of diabolical pride of race distinction.

I know no race distinction. The Lord Jesus Christ tasted death for every man. He said, "One is your Master, even the Christ; and all ye are Brethren."

I see no wrong in the mixing of the races. God has "made of One Blood every Nation of Men to dwell on all the Face of the Earth."

This was the inspired declaration of Paul, an apostle of our Lord, on Mars' Hill at Athens, about eighteen and a half centuries ago.

It is just as true today.

The man who protests against the Chinaman because he is yellow, and the African because he is black, has a yellow stripe in his spirit and a great black spot on his heart.

This spirit of ours has two garments, the garment of blood-red soul, and the garment of the body. The man who hates a negro because he is a negro, because the skin which covers him is black, and who refuses to eat with a man because of his color, is a cur and a coward and a wicked man, and neither a Christian nor a good citizen.

Lynching a Horrible Crime Against the Victim, the Law and Against God.

I hate to see what I see in this country.

If I were President of the United States for the twenty-four hours, when the next lynching takes place in the South, I would put a cordon around that district.

I would hang a hundred of them, if hanging is a good thing.

I would shoot a hundred of them, if shooting is a good thing.

If blood for blood is to be the law, then the officer at the head of this government should take the blood of the lyncher; because he is the most horrible of all criminals. He slays the law itself. He strikes a deadly blow at the government of the Nation; yea, at the existence of the Nation itself.

A nation which tolerates murderous lynching is fast proving that it has no right to national recognition amongst the nations of the world.

It is time that it were controlled by a law-abiding power: for its existence is a menace to civilization.

Why do not this people see it? I care not what the crime is, this government is strong enough to punish the criminal to the full extent of the law.

Worthy of cannibals are the horrible things which we hear are carried on in the South, and sometimes in the North.

One would think that no rape was ever committed by a white man, from what you see and hear.

If every man who has defiled his neighbor's wife or daughter who wears a white skin were to be lynched, I wonder how many would be lynched before midnight in Chicago?

If it is right to lynch a black man who commits some unspeakable crime, why do they not set to work to lynch the white man?

You Southerners, either in Chicago or in the South, hear a Voice today telling you that God will require this blood at your hands.

As sure as you live, these eight million negroes will one day burst loose. If it is to be blood for blood, then

woe to you in the Black Belt!

Have a care!

You Southerners, with your rebellious pride still left, you who lynch the poor negro, why do you not execrate the memory of your fathers for the similar crimes they committed upon their own slaves?

The Negroes Have Suffered Violation of Their Wives and Daughters by Their White Masters.

The South has tens of thousands of mulattoes. Where did they come from? They came from your fathers' lust.

There is one Voice that will speak, if all others are silent. (Applause.)

When the time comes, we will do more than speak: for we shall hope to be powerful enough to demand, and to obtain, Justice for the American-African at Washington.

God will judge you, you whited sepulchers who strain at a gnat and swallow a camel.

He will judge you who murder, burn, destroy, and tear to pieces the dead flesh of the wretched, uneducated and illiterate negro, whose brutal condition is the consequence of your fathers' crime.

Many of these mulattoes have your fathers' blood in their veins. They are your own brothers and your own sisters. You are murdering your own flesh and blood!

If I were a negro today, I would make you pay for the lynchings. I would lead my people in such a manner as would put the meshes of the law around you, and the hangman's rope around your neck, and make the counties, cities and States pay heavy damages to the families of the victims, or else deprive such communities of their privileges as citizens until they did pay such damages.

Have a care, you men at Washington who are afraid to execute the law!

"Righteousness exalteth a nation," but partiality and sin in the administration of the law "is a reproach to any people."

I have been told that I have lost friends in the South because of what I have said in the North.

I never had them as my friends. They were never worthy of my friendship. I repudiate the friendship of any man or woman who encourages murder. Such persons are neither Christians nor good citizens.

If they wish to get my friendship at the price of silence concerning their crimes, they will never get it!

The Christianization and Education of the Negro the Solution of the Problem.

I hate this wickedness. I hate the crimes of these poor illiterate negroes, committed under the influence, usually, of the damning drink which you sell them for

revenue. They commit these crimes, also, under the influence of the ignorance in which you have kept them for your own evil purposes that they should not exercise the franchise.

You want to keep them in ignorance. You want to keep them poor. You want to keep them drunken and illiterate. You are creating a Frankenstein, a monster who will turn upon you and rend you.

May God forbid that crime should be added to crime.

I would God today that this Nation were wise enough to tell the legislators at Washington that they must at once create a United States Department of Education: take the education of the present and future citizens out of the hands of cities, counties and States, take it into the hands of the government, and see that every one is educated throughout the whole land. (Applause.)

That is what is wanted. Give every child born under the Stars and Stripes a chance. The Nation is rich enough to afford it; and it would soon result in a great increase of national prosperity and wealth. No better Investment could be made than a System of National Education which should be Compulsory and Free to all. It is a crime to leave National Education to Charity, Church or Chance. It is a National Duty.

Negroes have a right to Education. They were wronged and robbed of their liberty, and now you are robbing them of their franchises, and robbing them of their lives.

I hear the march of eight million Ethiopians. It will be an awful day when they burst forth in the Black Belt.

May God avert it.

I come back to my main subject.

"Blessed are they that Wash their Robes."

White man, black man, yellow man, red man, brown man,

We Have All the Same Father, the Father of Our Spirits.

We all have the same kind of a soul, the red blood of our lives. We have all the same kind of flesh.

Blessed are they that not only have their spirits washed. but their souls and bodies.

We have been talking about that, a Real Baptism, which will wash away Sin, which will give Life and Power for Service. Wash your Robes.

A great many people seem to think that piety is a synonym for ignorance and dirt. Dirt and ignorance are absolutely inconsistent with piety.

If your hearts are to be sprinkled from an evil conscience, your bodies must be washed with pure water, and there is plenty in Lake Michigan, you dirty fellows!

The spirit in man comes from God, the Father of

Spirits. The soul is that which comes from your father, your mother, the same as any animal's soul.

A living soul was given to every bird and beast and fish.

Only man has a spirit.

This soul, the animal life, must be cleansed.

The last word in the book of the Prophet Joel is the Word of Hope for Zion, "And I will cleanse their Blood that I have not cleansed: for the Lord dwelleth in Zion."

Thank God for that word. (Amen.)

O God, come and cleanse our life-blood that it may flow free from the pollution which has come down to us, by hereditary transmission, or by our own transgression.

O God, come, and in Thine own Zion cleanse the blood of all Thy people.

They have not only a soul, but a body.

"Blessed are they that Wash their Robes."

There is Only One Fountain in Which You Can Wash Your Robes.

That is the "Fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for Sin and for Uncleaness," whether that Uncleaness be in spirit, soul or body.

All uncleaness can be washed away in that Fountain open for the sinner and the sick in the house of David.

Christ is that Fountain.

I say to you, Come, and let Him who cleanses your blood heal your body, that the Robes of flesh and blood that you wear, your soul and body, shall be such that God Himself can use.

A clean man, a clean woman will be a Temple for His Spirit.

The River of Living Water will flow through you. For this is what Jesus said.

When did He say it?

Let me try and give it to you?

Scene at the Feast of Tabernacles.

It was the last, the great day of the Feast of Tabernacles.

Gathering around Jerusalem upon all its hillsides and all its mountain tops, and down into its valleys, there were thousands and tens of thousands of tents, booths made of leaves, under which the people lived.

As John says in the seventh chapter of his Gospel, "the Last Great Day of the Feast, the Seventh Day, had come."

The High Priest had gone down the side of the Temple Mountain in the presence of multitudes assembled on Mount Zion, Mount Moriah, Mount of Olives, and all up and down the hillsides around, looking upon the Temple.

He had gone down in his sacred vestments with the golden vessel, accompanied by all his high officials, priests and scribes, the Temple Guard, the Herodian Guard, the Roman Guard, and all the panoply and pride of heathen display, as well as of Jewish ceremonial.

Down he had gone to the stream that flowed under the Temple Mountain. There the High Priest had filled his vessel with the waters of the stream that flowed, and that flows still, under the Temple Mountain. Then, turning his back to that stream, he had gone up the hill singing the song in Isaiah twelve:

Behold, God is my Salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and song; and He is become my salvation, Therefore with joy shall ye draw Water out of the Wells of Salvation. And in that day shall ye say, Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon His Name, declare His doings among the peoples, make mention that His Name is exalted. Sing unto the Lord; for He hath done excellent things: let this be known in all the earth. Cry aloud and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

Then came a great clash of instruments, and the trumpets sounded, amid the shout of multitudes over all the hills, as the high priest took the water and poured it on the altar, in the very center of the Temple, where the smoking sacrifice was wont to be.

As he poured out that water, they shouted with joy.

"Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the Wells of Salvation."

In that moment there sprang in the front of the altar a Man, the only Man this planet has ever seen worthy altogether of being called a Man, the Man Christ Jesus.

He sprang into the front, and His trumpet Voice echoed through all the Temple Court, and over all the hills around as He cried

The Wonderful Words of Jesus at the Feast of Tabernacles.

If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink. He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow Rivers of Living Water.

Then the Evangelist adds: "This spake He of the Spirit which they that believed on Him were to receive: for the Spirit was not yet given; because Jesus was not yet glorified."

The Holy Spirit came.

The Holy Spirit is here.

God is saying to us today that that River which flowed from the Throne of God and the Lamb must flow in Zion. Therefore, it must flow in us.

May God grant that it shall be so that the power of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus shall set us free from the pollution of filthy lust and unclean bodies, and make us

Temples of God through whom He can flow to a sin-stricken and disease-smitten humanity.

May God grant it. Therefore, "Blessed are ye that Wash your Robes."

Wash them, make them clean; for you will then have the Right to come to the Tree of Life.

You will have the Right, in prayer, to take these "Leaves of the Tree that are for the Healing of the Nations" and put them on the bleeding hearts and broken, bleeding bodies of humanity. You will be able to enter in, through the Gates, into the City even now.

By and by when life is past, and you come up, they will sing:

Fling open wide those Golden Gates,
And let the victors in.

You will be victors over sin and disease and death and hell; victors over the contemptible hypocrisy of the apostate churches; victors over the accursed wickedness which would keep hack Salvation and Healing from humanity; victors over the pride which mocks at God, and seeks to wrest Him from His very Throne.

God Give Us Humility, the Faith, the Hope, the Love, the Wisdom and the Knowledge, the Strength and the Purity to Wash Our Robes.

God help us to make them white and clean in the Blood of the Lamb; to enter in through the Gates into the City; to take all these words of God which are the Leaves of the Tree, and carry them to humanity everywhere.

For that purpose, and that purpose alone, God has established Zion.

God has raised me up, and raised you up, for that work. May we fulfil His Purpose.

All who desire to fulfil that Purpose, stand and tell God so. Pray.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. Take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be, in spirit, in soul, in body. Give me grace to do right, that I may truly repent, fully believe, be fully saved, and have my robes washed in the Fountain for sin, for all uncleanness; that I may have the right and the power to take of the Tree of Life, and enter in through the Gates into the City in spirit now, in spirit by and by, forever, for Jesus' sake.

Give me power to live, that this prayer may be answered, in Jesus' Name, and for His sake. Amen. (All repeat the prayer, clause by clause, after the General Overseer.)

During the Recessional of the Choir and Robed Officers, the people stood in silent prayer.

The service was then closed by the General Overseer pronouncing the

BENEDICTION.

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