

VISITATION OF ELIJAH THE RESTORER.

DIVINE HEALING MEETING.

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The third of the Divine Healing meetings of the Madison Square series was in charge of Overseer William Hamner Piper, Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion for the New England States.

Promptly at 10:30, Overseer Excell led the congregation in singing Hymn No. 391, "Crown Him," after which Overseer Piper read in a very impressive manner the 8th chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew.

No less than five thousand persons had assembled by eleven o'clock, when Dr. A. J. Gladstone Dowie entered the building and took charge of arranging the people.

It was found that not more than two hundred and fifty members of Zion Restoration Host were in the building, and these were placed in the choir gallery, leaving the entire floor to New York people, who completely filled it.

After prayer by Overseer Mason, Hymn No. 20, "Soldiers of Christ, Arise," was sung, while the General Overseer, accompanied by Overseer Jane Dowie, stepped upon the platform

CHRIST THE HEALER.

Madison Square Garden, New York, Wednesday Forenoon, October 21, 1903.

The General Overseer pronounced the

INVOCATION.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, and profitable unto this people, and especially to those who, in their sin and sickness are seeking deliverance for spirit, soul and body. Amen.

He then said:

The Overseer who has had charge of this meeting until now has read to you the 8th chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew.

You will observe that in speaking to you concerning the Christ as the Healer, this chapter presents Him in His fulness as such.

In the 5th, 6th and 7th chapters you have the continuous teaching which is usually called the Sermon on the Mount.

As a matter of fact, it is perfectly clear that the

so-called Sermon on the Mount is a synopsis of a large number of addresses that the Master spoke first to His disciples, and then to the multitudes that gathered.

Our Master means our Teacher.

The word used in Greek, *didaskalos*, (διδάσκαλος) is the exact equivalent of the Hebrew word *rabbi*.

The Christ Taught and Preached Before He Healed.

You will observe that He sat on that mountainside, and began to teach.

It was in this way that He carried on His mission.

I am to speak of the Christ the Healer, but I must speak of the Christ the Teacher and the Christ the Preacher before I can make it clear to you how you can receive Him as the Christ the Healer.

Our Master went about doing three things: Teaching, Preaching and Healing.

These three things are very different, and the Divine order is Teaching, first; then Preaching; then Healing.

The Need of Teaching.

That is the order still.

One of the great difficulties at all times, in the multitudes of the people especially, is for them to understand that if they would know, and be, and do anything effectually they must be taught.

Divine Healing is not an accident.

It is simply the result of Law; the Law of the Spirit of Life in the Christ Jesus working in us in accordance with Divine purpose and Divine plan.

The Christ, the Healer, is therefore the Christ, the Teacher. What did He teach?

What did He preach?

The key-note of the Healing lies right there.

He was only a man, by human appearance, but He taught the most astounding and perfectly ridiculous thing, according to the multitude of the rabbis.

For instance, He had the audacity—think of it—he had the audacity to say that He, a mortal man, was Immortal God, and that in Him dwelt the "fulness of the Godhead bodily!"

I dare say that if He came today to New York to teach that, clothed in the ordinary garb of man, and said, "You must believe that I am God, manifest in the flesh," many of the New Yorkers would want to kill Him.

It was an astounding thing for a man to say, "I am God."

It was an astounding thing for a man to say, "I am the Conception of the Holy Spirit. I am the Son of

Mary, but God is My Father. I am the Son of God.”

The Declaration of the Christ Received With Doubt and Anger.

The astounding nature of that Declaration can be better understood if you put yourself in the position of the Jews.

Put yourself in the position today of a Jew, who does not believe in the Incarnation; and the most preposterous thing in the world is the Declaration that Jesus, the Christ, was the embodiment, in the flesh, of the Eternal Logos, the Eternal Word, by which all things came into being.

The thing is perfectly preposterous from a human standpoint; but that was His claim, and He spoke with the authority of the indwelling power of the Father, and of the Spirit.

He declared to humanity that He was the long-promised Messiah; that He was the Wonderful, the Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father and the Prince of Peace.

But they first laughed at Him, and then became angry when they found that they could not laugh Him out of it.

In the end they killed Him, because they said that He, being a man, made Himself equal with God, and set Himself above Moses and the Prophets by saying: “Moses said unto you— but I say unto you;” and “a greater than Solomon is here.”

He said these things with the emphasis and confidence of a man who knew his power.

Those that believed Him were blessed; those that rejected Him did so to their own undoing.

It is the same thing now.

The Divinity of the Lord Jesus, the Christ, is

The Essential Truth in the Teaching of Divine Healing.

Hence, Christian Science proves itself to be a false and wicked system.

It is very hard to find what they really do believe.

They will tell you that God is a principle, and not a person.

They will tell you that Jesus, the Christ, is not God.

They will tell you that the Atoning Sacrifice of Jesus, the Christ, is not to be considered at all, and that—I quote the exact words of the high priestess of that cult—“Man is incapable of sin, sickness, or any departure from holiness.”

If man is incapable of sin, sickness, or any other departure from holiness, he needs no religion, not even Christian Science.

What is the use of talking that trash in a world where men are sinners, and know that they are sinners; in a world where men are sick, and know that they are sick; in a world where men are suffering, and know that they are suffering?

There was more in the Christ’s teaching.

Having taught that He, as Teacher, was superior to all teachers that had preceded Him; and that He had the right to put aside Moses who said, “An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth,” He said, “I say unto you, love your enemies; do good to them that hate you; pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you.”

He also taught them: “Do not kill; rather be killed. Speak the truth, live it, and take the consequences.”

Lex talionis, the law of retaliation, is an ungodly and anti-Christian thing, and therefore, war is always wicked.

“Wisdom is better than weapons of war.”

The Christ's Mission Was to Destroy Every Work of the Devil.

He taught more; He taught them that He came to take away sin and sickness, because sin and sickness go together, Satan and Sin, Disease and Death and Hell, are all links in one chain.

Jesus, Salvation, Health, Life and Heaven, are the links in another chain.

One is the chain of Good, and the other is the chain of Evil.

There would have been no Sin but for Satan.

There would have been no Disease but for Sin.

There would be no Death but for Satan, Sin and Disease and there would be no Hell but for these.

There would be no Salvation, Healing or Life but for the Christ.

The battle is one between Jesus and Satan; Salvation any Sin; Health and Sickness; Life and Death; Heaven and Hell and the battle goes on all the time until the Christ’s Universal Reign begins.

So He taught them that He had come to put away Sin any Sickness, and that they were both hateful to God, and the source of misery to man.

In teaching them this He not only taught, but when they believed it, He said to them: “Put away your sins. Repent Do right. Restore.”

It is very important to remember that

The Beginning of the Gospel Is Not Faith but Repentance.

If you do not repent, you cannot believe, because Repentance is the first thing.

When Jesus came, He came preaching the Gospel, and saying, “Repent ye, and believe in the Gospel.”

When John the Baptist preached, he said "Repent ye, and believe the Gospel."

When Paul preached, he taught Repentance toward God, and Faith toward our Lord Jesus, the Christ.

That is the Divine order.

If you have lied to any one, you must confess to that person.

If you have stolen, you must restore.

You must put every wrong right to the fullest extent of your power.

There is no use in talking about believing in God until you have repented toward God and toward man.

If you have money in your pocket that belongs to someone else, you must give it up.

If you have property that has been acquired fraudulently, it must be restored.

If you have lied to your wife, and quite likely many of you have, you must own up to it and tell her the truth, and if she does not forgive you, you will have to suffer the penalty. Your wives are not all angels, and you must tell the truth too, no matter what it costs.

Everything must be put right between husband and wife, father and son, mother and daughter, brother and sister, and master and servant.

"Repent ye, and believe in the Gospel," was the Christ's teaching.

He also said words which meant "If you will repent and come to Me, I will take you in. I will cleanse your sin and heal your sickness."

The Christ is just the same today.

He is the same Savior, the same Healer, the same Cleanser and the same Keeper; and His way is just the same today.

No matter what the parsons, the papers, or the people say, the power of God is just the same today; and whatever God hath spoken shall surely be performed, for Jesus, the Christ, is with us, "the same yesterday and today, yea, and forever."

Simple Faith in the Christ's Word Brought Blessing to Many.

The people believed what the Christ taught, and came in their simplicity.

Mothers brought their babes, and He took them in His arms and laid His hands upon them and they were healed.

The sick were brought by their friends, and as they looked up into His face, they repented.

They looked into the face of the Son of God and saw the Father shining through His beneficent, loving eyes.

The Father was in Him; in fact, He never did

anything Himself, it was the Father that did it.

He said: "The words that I say unto you I speak not from Myself: but the Father abiding in Me doeth His works." He gave glory to the Father.

Today it is the same.

It is the Father in Heaven, who, through His Son, and by His Spirit, is the Savior, the Healer, the Cleanser, the Keeper, and the Guide of Men.

One day after Jesus had taught these things a leper came to Him. How did he get there? How did He dare to come?

He may perhaps have been hiding behind some bush or tree, listening to the Master; because he did not dare to appear in the presence of others.

The Master's series of discourses was over, and He had come down the mountainside that day.

Perhaps He had said something about His coming away, and the leper thought, "I may never see Him again, and I believe that He is the Incarnation of God."

So, with the sackcloth on his lips, he ran down the mountainside, and fell at Jesus' feet, and said, "Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean."

Never Pray the Prayer of the Leper.

The Christ answered that prayer in a way that made it impossible for the leper ever to pray it again.

He said, "I will."

Suppose the leper had said: "But I should like to be convinced of this. I should like you to reason it out for me. Can you not sit down and talk it over?"

The leper did not talk nonsense, and since the Christ has said "I will," should we say, "If thou wilt?"

Has He not always been willing to heal those that repented and believed?

Then is He not willing to heal you?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—I desire you to be set right concerning this very essential point.

I am working today for those that have eyes to see and ears to hear.

There are a large number of professing Christians, who will tell you that you cannot be too sure of it.

They say, "You know, Doctor, God might not be willing; and, therefore, you must not be too sure."

I hope that you are following me closely, because teaching comes first, preaching next, and healing last.

I know what I am talking about.

I dare say that there is no other man on God's earth, who knows as well about Divine healing.

I have delivered tens of thousands of addresses, and have seen hundreds of thousands of persons healed.

I have been over this road a great many times.

The Christ Has Not Changed Since His Ascension.

The trouble with a great many Christians is that they say that you cannot be sure about the Christ's willingness to heal.

Did any one ever repent, and believe, and come to the Christ for healing, and hear Him say, "I am not willing to heal you?"

There is no such record.

Is the Christ the very same?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—Is He with us?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—If He is with us "All the Days, even unto the Consummation of the Age," although invisible, He is the very same Christ, and must be willing and able and present to heal.

"Divine Healing is a thing of the past, and we have something else today," some one may say.

What have you instead?

"We have the Science of Medicine," is often the answer. Science of humbug!

Leading Men in Medical World Testify Against Their Own Medicines.

In my native city, Edinburgh, I heard Professor Douglas Maclagan, Professor of Medical Jurisprudence in the University of Edinburgh, talk on the subject, "Medicine as a Science." They could not get him to talk at the opening of the medical sessions until that year.

I will never forget how they cheered him.

Sir James Simpson and Sir Robert Christenson were there.

Sir Alexander Grant was there, and Carlyle was our leader and rector.

It was a magnificent array of great and mighty men of the medical and surgical profession.

They cheered him as he stood up, but he said, "You will not cheer me long."

He stopped before these men, and these were his words: "Gentlemen, I am an honest man if I am a doctor, and an honest man is the noblest work of God."

Then, in the most deliberate manner, he said these words: "Medicine is not a science; it is purely empirical. From the days of Hippocrates and Galen until now we have been stumbling in the dark from diagnosis to diagnosis, and from treatment to treatment, and we have not found the first stone that we can lay for a foundation for medicine as a science."

Oh, how they groaned!

It seemed to me, as I looked at Sir Robert Christenson, professor of toxicology, as if he had swallowed his own poison.

Professor Maclagan said, "Did I not tell you that you would not cheer long?"

He told them that *Scientia* meant accurate knowledge, and accurate knowledge they had none.

You may say that that was thirty-four years ago and that we have science now. Are you sure of it?

Which is it, tell me, homeopathy or allopathy?

The homeopath says *similia similibus curantur*, like cures like, and the allopath is indignant and says, *contraria, contrariis, curantur*, the contrary cures the contrary.

"You are a fool," says the homeopath; "you are another," says the allopath, and in my opinion they are both right.

A So-called Science Whose Doctors Always Disagree.

I never knew two distinguished physicians of any one school to agree.

I have known of five physicians of one school in this very City of New York diagnosing a lady's case, and giving five different diagnoses.

They gave five different prescriptions, none of which touched the disease at all, for the very good reason that the lady was in perfect health, and she had gone out to trick them. (Applause.)

One said she had kidney disease.

Another said that she had incipient consumption.

Another informed her gravely that the spleen was in a very bad condition, and she had much difficulty to restrain herself from laughing in his face.

In a certain city, some arsenic had gotten into the dough of a baker who supplied bread to a very wide district.

As a result a number of persons died.

The physicians in every case diagnosed the disease differently.

The physicians gave certificates and the bodies were properly buried.

Every one of these persons had died of arsenic poison; but the allopathic physicians and homeopathic physicians had almost all given ridiculous certificates.

One said that it was kidney disease; another said liver disease; another, consumption; another, inward cancer; and still another, senile decay.

I tell you in the plainest of plain terms what the doctors themselves know, that in diagnosing they are a failure, as well as in treatment.

Every one knows what cancer is; but, I ask, have you ever found any one to cure it?

An Impudent Interrupter Answered.

Voice—"You cannot cure it either."

General Overseer—No, I cannot cure it, but God can and has done so.

Voice—"No one has been cured of cancer."

General Overseer—I desire to state to you that, notwithstanding your answer, I have seen large numbers healed of cancer by God through faith in Jesus, the Christ. (Amen.)

I will be very happy, if that gentleman is an honest investigator and seeking the truth, to give him the names and addresses of persons who have been healed of cancer.

My officers will give him the information at the door.

A few years ago, in Chicago, some of our enemies were guilty of the same temerity of which this gentleman is guilty. They had the same shape of head and the same impudent way of introducing themselves.

They were foolish enough to say that LEAVES OF HEALING contained lies, and that the people were not healed.

I instantly directed my attorney to summon a hundred, and if necessary two or three hundred of the people that had been healed.

Some of them had been healed of cancer, such as Mary Casey, who had nineteen cancers—eighteen small ones and one large one.

I had the affidavits of these witnesses taken, and I compelled Judge Barton Payne to sit in his Court for four days, and not only hear the affidavits, but we got the people on the stand, and they gave details of their healing.

The God who healed the leper can heal the cancer.

He who said, "I will; be thou clean," does heal cancer as well as other diseases.

At this point a number in the audience rose who said that they had been healed of cancer, and the General Overseer asked them to come to the platform.

Testimonies to God's Power to Heal Cancer.

General Overseer (to the first)—What is your name?

Mrs. Jones—"Mrs. Florence Jones, 3312 Gilboa avenue, Zion City, Illinois. I was dying from a cancerous tumor."

General Overseer—Who said so?

Mrs. Jones—"Dr. Richardson, of 5701 Wentworth avenue, Chicago, Illinois. He was the only physician who examined me at that time.

"After I was examined I heard of your teaching. You prayed for me, and I was healed.

"I was also healed of consumption at the same time."

General Overseer—This is Mrs. Ruby, a former doctor's wife. Her husband practiced medicine nineteen years at Winterset, Iowa, and he was very hard on her because she believed in Divine Healing.

Her testimony can be found in LEAVES OF HEALING, Volume V, Number 49.

How many years were you unable to walk? (to Mrs. Ruby).

Mrs. Ruby—"For thirteen years I never stood alone."

General Overseer—Where do you live?

Mrs. Ruby—"1816 Gilgal avenue, Zion City, Illinois.

General Overseer—She fell down an unfinished stairway, and the result was horrible.

The three lower joints of the vertebræ were broken and three of the ribs were tore from the spine.

On the side a large tumor formed, and the internal organs were grown together with internal cancers. External cancers covered her breast and extended under the arm.

Her husband, who was a Doctor, became angry every time he heard the name of Dowie; but when he was convicted of sin, he quit his business, sold his property, brought his wife on a stretcher to Chicago, and took her into Zion Home.

One morning, I came into the assembly room to teach, just as I am teaching now, and saw her, and asked, "Who are you?"

And when she told me, I said, "I have never seen you before, although you have written to me often. Where is your husband?"

A man who sat beside her said, "I am he." "You have been quite a bad boy," I said.

"Yes," he returned, "I have come down here with my wife to receive Salvation for myself and Healing for her. Doctor, you cannot whip me too hard; knock the Devil out of me."

I prayed with her.

How God Justified His Servant.

That morning before I came into the room, I had read a bitter attack that had been made against me by Dr. John M. Thoburn, bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church, and my heart was sad.

I said to God, "This woman has been unable to walk for thirteen years. O God, vindicate Thy servant, and heal her." For thirteen years she had been unable to stand on her feet. Her daughter told me that she could not remember having seen her mother standing and walking.

I prayed with her and told her to stand, and she stood. I told her to walk, and she walked.

I have her invalid chair, and a photograph of how she was at that time.

Here she is today healed of all her cancers and other miseries. Do you want me to tell you of another case of healing of cancer?

Voices—"Yes."

General Overseer—This is Mrs. Grote, of 1525 Race street, Cincinnati, Ohio. How many cancers had you?

Mrs. Grote—"Fifteen on my right side."

General Overseer—How many doctors had you? Give their names.

Mrs. Grote—"Dr. Grivy, Dr. Hoppey, Dr. Hayne, Dr. Zinkey, and Dr. Walker, all of Cincinnati."

General Overseer—What did they say about you?

Mrs. Grote—"They said that my cancerous tumor was in a hidden place."

General Overseer—How long did they treat you?

Mrs. Grote—"Eight months."

General Overseer—Did they then give you up to die?

Mrs. Grote—"Yes."

General Overseer—Did I pray for you?

Mrs. Grote Wonderfully Healed of Cancer.

Mrs. Grote—"On a Sunday afternoon I was brought to Zion Tabernacle in Chicago.

"I believed you to be a man of God, and as you passed by me I remembered the story of how the woman in the Bible touched the Christ's garment and was healed, and I believed that I could be healed as the General Overseer went by, and I was at that moment."

Overseer Mason—"General Overseer, there are fifty people here from Cincinnati that can confirm this testimony."

General Overseer—Did I touch you?

Mrs. Grote—"No sir,"

General Overseer—But you believed that God's blessing was upon us.

I never heard this woman's testimony before. I do not remember that I have ever spoken to her.

Mrs. Grote—"I spoke to you once. I was a Roman Catholic."

General Overseer—She is a Christian Catholic now. Did the cancerous tumor pass away?

Mrs. Grote—"In three days and three nights it passed away."

General Overseer—I did not know when I opened the service that I had any one in the room that had been healed of cancer.

The Restorationists are nearly all out at work; but I hope that my friend down there will make a note of that.

There are so many healed in our ministry, that we do not know a tittle.

Many are healed that I never see, such as people living at a distance that ask me to pray for them.

Overseer Bryant—"General Overseer, I wish to say regarding Mrs. Grote that I put out a number of tracts in Cincinnati containing the circumstances of her healing, with the names of the fine physicians who treated her.

It stirred the doctors and they became very angry, threatening us for using the names.

"But they had given her up to die, and God wonderfully healed her.

"It was nothing other than a mighty Miracle wrought by the Healing Power of Jesus, the Christ, and these doctors knew it was true.

"I was in charge of the branch in Cincinnati at the time and I knew it was true."

General Overseer—The gentleman who has just spoken was Elder in Cincinnati for some time.

He is now the Overseer-Designate for South Africa, and at the close of this Visitation he goes to that great field.

I am exceedingly pleased to hear his testimony, because every one that knows Overseer Daniel Bryant knows him to be a man of the highest character.

His grandfather was one of the ablest ministers in Chicago and a minister of the Ninth Baptist church there.

Those who desire to seek the Lord for healing will please to hear what I have to say.

There is no use asking the Lord for healing while you are smoking tobacco.

You may call yourself anything you like, but your wife will probably give you the same name I do—stinkpot.

How can you ask God to make you well when you are taking nicotine poison?

How can you ask God to Jesus, the Christ?

Unless you do this, there is no use in your seeking the Lord for healing.

All stand and 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, soul, and body. Give me power to do right, no matter what it costs; to repent, to restore, and to believe in the Lord Jesus, the Christ, for my spirit, my soul, and my body. For Jesus' sake. *(All repeat the prayer, clause by clause, after the General Overseer.)*

The General Overseer then pronounced the

BENEDICTION.

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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, the Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it. The grace of our Lord Jesus, the Christ, the love of God, our Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide, one Eternal God, abide in you, bless you and keep you, and all the Israel of God everywhere, forever. Amen.

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