

Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois Thursday Afternoon, June 19, 1902.

DIVINE HEALING MEETING.

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Conducted by Overseer Jane Dowie.

DEEPLY spiritual, soundly sensible and intensely practical is the teaching given by the General Overseer and Overseer Jane Dowie at the regular Tuesday and Thursday afternoon Divine Healing meetings held in Shiloh Tabernacle.

Patiently and painstakingly, line upon line, and line upon line, precept upon precept, and precept upon precept, these faithful teachers have instructed the hundreds of sick and sorrowing who have gathered there, and in other Zion Tabernacles, seeking God's blessing for spirit, soul and body—taught them how to put aside all hindrances, fulfil all of God's conditions and come unto Him in an acceptable manner, so that they may receive the desire of their hearts.

Tens of thousands of joyous, happy, strong and healthy children of God, in all parts of this and other lands, testify to the efficiency and power of this faithful teaching, and to the glorious answers which God has given to the Prayer of Faith which has followed.

God has ever abundantly blessed to men and women, to youths and maidens and to the little ones, the teaching and prayers of Overseer Jane Dowie.

On account of the great pressure upon the space of LEAVES OF HEALING, it has not been possible to publish as many reports of these blessed teaching meetings as we have desired.

This week, however, we have great joy in sending forth, on the wings of the Little White Dove, a report of

the Divine Healing meeting conducted by Overseer Jane Dowie in Shiloh Tabernacle on Thursday afternoon, June 19th.

This teaching was greatly blessed of God to the hundreds who heard, and we send it forth with earnest prayer that God may even more abundantly bless it to the tens of thousands who will read it.

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The meeting was opened by singing Hymn No. 219:

Take my life and let it be

Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.

Overseer Jane Dowie then said: We will take our lesson this afternoon from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 7th chapter and first twenty verses.

Prayer was then offered by Overseer Jane Dowie, after which the freewill offerings were received, and the Congregation sang Hymn No. 222.

Overseer Jane Dowie then continued to address the assembly:

TEXT.

Judge not, that ye be not judged.

This passage goes on to show that we must not make unrighteous judgments.

We have a standard given here by which we shall judge, and that is,

“By Their Fruits Ye Shall Know Them.”

You can judge people by their fruits—you can know them by their fruits.

This Book says that you cannot gather grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles.

We are also told that we are to ask from God good things—good gifts:



OVERSEER JANE DOWIE.

Ask, and it shall be given you;
 Seek, and ye shall find;
 Knock, and it shall be opened unto you;
 For every one that asketh receiveth;
 And he that seeketh findeth;
 And to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

If we are to judge by this Standard of Judgment—by these fruits—we can see that

Disease Is Evil, and Is Not from God.

In past days those who have taught that disease was from God, and was God's will, and that it was sent to people for their good, so that they could be made better by having passed through suffering and disease, have endeavored to show that disease was good.

I think that they always failed to do it, because no one, judging it by its fruits and knowing that disease is the corruption of God's Creation, can really believe, that it is from God, however much they may try to say it.

There is a beautiful hymn that says,

Though pining sickness waste away
 My frame in premature decay,
 Oh, then, my Lord, I'll strive to say,
 Thy Will be done.

So people have striven to say, "Thy Will be done" to disease, but they never could really feel in their hearts that it was the right thing to do, because disease is not from God.

It is not His work, and it cannot be His will.
 Disease is the work of the Devil.

It is evil, and we are so glad that we do not have to believe that it is good, and that it is from God. When we look at those who have been suffering for many years from sicknesses, and see their wasted bodies, and know of their tired nerves; when we see how sad are the faces of those who have been seeking healing for a long time, and we smell the horrid, diseased breath and see the effects of terrible diseases upon the human body, it does not look like God's work.

It is not God's work—it cannot be God's work, because at the very beginning

Disease and Death Came into This World Through Sin.

Disease and death came through transgression, through the breaking of God's laws.

All the way through the Bible, they are shown to be

the consequence of sin, and the result is death.

Today, we are so glad to be able to tell the people that God does not make them sick, but that God makes them well, and that all good gifts are from Him, and that it is His will that His children shall "excel in strength" to do His will, carry His message and serve Him.

We know that those who serve God excel in strength, that the hosts of Heaven excel in strength, and that it is a blessed thing to have the strength of the Lord in our mortal bodies.

God has told us to ask for "good gifts."

In this chapter we are told by Jesus:

What man is there of you, who, if his son shall ask him for a loaf, will give him a stone; or if he shall ask for a fish, will give him a serpent? If ye then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in Heaven give good things to them that ask Him?

God Gives Us the Bread of Life.

When we go to our Heavenly Father and ask Him for bread, does He not give us bread, the Bread of Life?
 Voices—"Yes."

Overseer Dowie—If we did not have the natural bread we would not have food for our bodies and souls, and we could not stay in this world.

Our bodies and our souls would be separated, and the spirit would go back to the Father who gave it.

We have to live upon the natural bread as well as on the spiritual, and God gives us that bread.

If God withheld the water from the earth the sun would scorch up all the ground, and all the people would famish without food and without bread. All living things would be destroyed off the face of the earth.

But God renews these things in their seasons.

He waters the earth, and the children of God get the earthly bread, which is also given not merely to the children of God, but to the disobedient children, because God sends His rains on the just and on the unjust.

The people of God, however, get the most blessings in the parts of the earth where the most of His children dwell, who serve him and where their prayers go up to Him.

He answers for the rain in its season, and they receive these blessings from God.

In every age, the Nations that served God were more blessed than those that did not live righteously.

God looks after His children on the earth and sends

them bread, and if we were to ask Him for bread, we would not expect Him to give us a stone instead.

If we were to ask God for a fish, we would not expect Him to give us a serpent.

God Would Not Give Filthy Disease When Asked for Blessing.

In like manner, when you go to God and ask Him for help, you do not expect Him to send down horrid, filthy, cancerous sores and every other kind of disease to destroy your bodies, and put into them afflictions that are worse than the bite of a serpent.

That would not be like the work of God.

Many years ago, when the General Overseer first used an illustration on this subject, he made a very striking picture.

Taking his two little children—his little son and his little daughter—and suppositiously putting them into a den filled with horrid serpents and scorpions, he said: “Now, I will put you in here, and these serpents can bite you, and this will be for your good.”

He pictured himself putting his own little children into such a place as that, shut up with the serpents.

Then as he began to make it real to his hearers, he showed how one little child and the other cried out, “O, papa, the serpents are biting me!” and he would say coolly, “Yes, dear, that is for your good, I have put you there for your good, so that you will love me better.”

He just showed what an inhuman monster he would be if he could do that to his children.

Then he turned to the people and said, “That is what you are saying that God does to you when you say that He gives you these horrible diseases, and that if is done for your good. That is not the work of God, but the work of the evil one. It is one of the consequences of sin, and is followed by death.

“But Jesus Christ came to relieve you, came to take away your sicknesses and diseases and conquer death and hell.”

I remember the first time that he gave that illustration in Los Angeles, California, when my little daughter was just a child. She had come into the meeting after school to look for her mamma, and sat down quietly in the audience.

She was very much disturbed by that picture.

She did not like it at all.

After the meeting, she came up to me. She was feeling a little agitated in body and the tears came to her eyes, and she said to me: “Mamma, I do wish that papa would not put Gladys and me in that illustration.”

She did not like to have it before her imagination.

Yet people do think that God does really do these things.

God never does it.

God Is Never Cruel to His Children.

He let His own Son be put to death because He came into this world to give Himself up as a Sacrifice for Sin.

He did that, not that we might suffer, but that He might become a propitiation for our sins, and that we through Him might receive Salvation and eternal Life; that we might be saved from our sins, and not only saved from our sins, but also delivered from our sicknesses.

He has borne them. He made Himself bear poverty that we might become rich.

Poverty a Curse.

People who teach that poverty is a good thing are wrong; for we know that it is not a good thing.

Poverty is a curse.

Jesus came and made Himself poor that we might become rich in everything.

This is the doctrine that we teach here in Zion, that the children of God that serve Him here, and are careful and not wasteful of the things God gives them, can become rich in this world's goods as well as rich in the things that pertain to the Heavenly Kingdom.

We want our little children to be clothed and cared for; we want them to be strong and we want their diseases to be healed.

God's Blessed Work in Zion People.

How delightful it is to see the difference in our people from what they were when we first had them under our ministry!

Last Sunday the General Overseer consecrated 145 young children, and I did not see a single child that had anything the matter with it. All looked like clean, healthy children—children born when their parents were not eating the scrofulous swine's flesh, when their fathers were not smoking tobacco—born of those who loved them and brought them into this world with a desire to care for them and have them grow up to be children of God.

Oh, what a difference!

We are looking forward to these children growing up to be the future men and women of Zion.

We want you to help lead and teach them, and bring them up in the Way of Life, so that they may grow up

to be better than their fathers and mothers were.

We Want Our Children to Be Better Than We Are.

They ought to be, because they will not have to fight against the things that we did.

They will not have the false teachings to fight against, and they can live right in good surroundings, and then they can live right everywhere.

God will give them the grace and the strength and the power to do it.

We want to train up, here in Zion City, children who shall be holy men and women, who will walk in the straight way, the Way of sternal Life.

If ye, then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good gifts to them that ask Him?

No One Would Ask God for Disease.

I do not believe there is one person on the earth who would ask God to give him disease.

It is not at all natural for people to ask God to give them disease.

It is sensible and reasonable and natural, and is in accordance with the wise Providence to ask Him for health, and, if you are well, to ask Him to keep you well.

If you are sick, ask Him today for healing.

He has promised to give good things to them that ask Him. In another passage we are told that He has promised to give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him.

We Have a Right to Ask for Healing.

When God has promised to give us something we have a right to come to Him and ask Him for it.

There are some things that God has not promised, and when we ask Him for these things He often does them in His mercy, for He is very merciful, and His Will is Just.

When we have a positive promise from God, however, that He will do something for us, we have a right to come to Him and ask Him to do it.

Himself took our infirmities, and bare our diseases.

God Is Faithful to His Promises.

That is a positive promise, spoken in prophetic language.

We can always ask Christ to take away our sins, and we can always ask Him to heal our bodies.

We come asking Him to do this, because He has promised it, when we are walking in the "Straight Way," and are making "straight paths" for our feet, and are in the place where God can answer our prayers and where we can have a right to ask Him to fulfil His promises.

When we promise our children something, they come to us and ask us for it, expecting to get it if we have always been truthful to them.

When my children came to ask their father or me for something that we had promised them, they never for a moment supposed that we would not give it to them, because they knew that we kept our promises.

Our Heavenly Father has promised, and He will fulfil.

We can go to Him and ask Him to heal our diseases because He has promised it.

Disease came into this world as a result of sin, and it was one of the things that Christ was sent to atone for.

He came to take away the suffering from those who were in sorrow.

He came to "bind up the broken-hearted;" 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."

That was one of the first sermons that Christ preached after His temptation in the wilderness.

God, today, is doing this same blessed work, but in order to receive these blessings we must be walking in the "Straight Way."

The Straight Way.

This Book says:

Enter ye in by the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many be they that enter in thereby. For narrow is the gate, and straitened the way, that leadeth unto life, and few be they that find it.

One Sunday, recently, there were some reporters here in this building, and one went away and wrote a lying report and misrepresented the things that the General Overseer said, in a most shameful way.

He was not walking in the "straight way," nor seeking to find it.

He went out of his way to make crooked paths for his feet, because if he had written just what occurred it would have been far more interesting than the stuff that he wrote, which three or four newspapers published.

There was another man here, in another part of the building. He listened to the services and was very much impressed with what he heard, and with the things that he saw here.

He wrote an article for the evening papers, and when he took up the morning papers, and looked at these lying reports, he said he must have been either deaf or blind or something of that kind, for he heard and saw none of these things with which the General Overseer was charged.

He gave his report, and very nicely for the most part.

Although he said that he did not care to move to Zion City or live up to these truths because he did not think them easy to follow.

You see he knew that he was in the broad path, and he knew that he did not want to go into the "narrow" way, and make "straight paths" for his feet.

Probably he smoked tobacco and wanted to hold on to it.

Reporters for the Newspapers Ought to be Able, Good Men.

Newspaper writers in these days are not looked upon as very respectable persons.

It ought not to be so.

A writer for the press ought to be a bright, clever, clean man or woman. He ought to be a man who could be looked up to and honored because he was a newspaper writer.

But because of the crooked ways of these newspaper and press reporters, they imagine that the people want to get falsehoods and untruths poured down their throats every day, so they give them these crooked things to read.

The time comes, however, when people get tired of being told that God makes them sick, and tired of being told that they are very good people because the "Lord chastens" them.

They grow tired of getting, as the General Overseer says, "taffy all the time," and they want something a little more substantial, and a little more real.

Their spirits become satiated with these things, and they want to get something a little more wholesome and right.

The usual idea is that people have no desire for good, solid food, and that they want "pastry" and "taffy" all the time.

Those of you who are coming into the Healing Room this afternoon and desire to be prayed with in the Name of the Lord Jesus, you must have "straight paths" made for your feet before you can expect to get this blessing.

The Essentials of Prevailing Prayer.

In the first place, when you come in to be prayed with, we pray to God, our Heavenly Father. We do not pray to the Lord Jesus Christ, because He taught His disciples not to pray to Him, but to the Father.

He said, "When ye pray, say, our Father who art in Heaven."

We need to speak to the Roman Catholics and tell them that they must not pray to the Virgin Mary or to the saints. It at first seems strange to them, because they have been taught to pray to the Virgin Mary and to the saints and then to Jesus.

Some years ago, for the first time, we had an illustration of this kind.

There was a Roman Catholic woman in Sydney, Australia.

She was sick, and she heard that a gentleman was there, visiting her master, whose prayers were answered for the healing of the sick.

Roman Catholic Attitude Toward Divine Healing.

People in the Church of Rome believe in the prayer of faith for the healing of the sick.

My daughter and I, when we were in Paris, going through the large churches and cathedrals, were frequently struck with the number of tables that were placed on the walls as notices of thanksgiving to God for having healed sick ones.

This is also one of the ways that the Roman Catholics are attracted to Zion.

This woman believed in "Dr. Dowie," still she was a Roman Catholic.

She begged to have him come in and see her. She was very, very sick—about to die.

We went down to the little cottage, and there she lay on her sick-bed, apparently a bed of death.

We began to talk to her. She believed in the Bible, she believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, she believed in the prayer of faith.

Then the Doctor said, "Now, if I pray for you, I am going to pray in the Name of the Lord Jesus, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, and in accordance with the Will of God, our Heavenly Father."

She began to repeat something to herself about the saints and the Virgin.

Teaching a Roman Catholic How to Pray.

The General Overseer told her then that she must not pray to the Virgin Mary, and she said, "Why, I have always prayed to her, and to the saints, for protection

and care.”

Then the General Overseer went on to show her that it was wrong.

He said, “Do you believe what Mary said?”

“Yes.”

“Well,” he said, “she said that whatever Jesus said to them they were to do, when they brought in the water-pots and set them down at the time of the marriage feast in Cana.”

She listened to him as he went on to explain to her the story of the marriage feast.

She said, Yes, but it all seemed so new to her.

Then the General Overseer said that Jesus said, “Whatsoever ye ask *in My Name* it shall be done for you of my Father which is in Heaven,” and that Jesus had said we were to go to the Father in His Name.

In this way he showed her that Jesus had told us that we were to go direct to the Father, in His Name, and that the Blessed Virgin Mother Mary had said that.

He said, “I have gone to God in prayer, and you know my prayers have been answered before, and Jesus is the right way to God, the Straight Way, and you can get to Him in a more direct way than the way you have been going around.”

She listened to him, and she said, Yes, she would pray in the Name of Jesus.

So he started to pray.

While we were praying to God we got her to repeat the prayer of consecration.

While she was repeating it, she stopped and said, “Whenever I pray, these things always say themselves in my mind, and they keep saying themselves to me. Even while you are talking to me I keep hearing myself say, ‘O blessed Virgin,’ and I pray to the saints, and to the angels.”

Then the General Overseer asked God to help her so that she should not do this and keep her mind fixed on the Lord Jesus Christ and on God.

She stopped again, and we repeated very slowly again the prayer, and she did her utmost to follow us in prayer.

Then the Doctor prayed again for her healing, and she got it; and, as far as I know, she is a strong and well woman to this day.

She then went the “Straight Way” to God.

We Must Obey God as Fully as We Know.

While we do not know the right way, God has mercy upon us, and He often answers the prayers of those who come to Him in ignorance. But when we can know the right way and can be sure of His promises, is not that better than going to Him in a roundabout way?

Voices—“Yes.”

Overseer Jane Dowie—“Enter ye in by the narrow gate,” and “make straight paths for your feet.”

It is no use coming to God as the hypocrites do, pretending that they believe when they do not; pretending that they serve God when they serve the Devil.

In this same chapter, we are told to beware of the hypocrites who come in sheep’s clothing, appearing to be sheep outwardly, but inwardly are ravening wolves.

If you are true faithful sheep, you will know the Shepherd’s Voice when He calls.

Ministerial Wolves in Sheep's Clothing.

Some years ago that came to us so forcibly, when in our missions there were a great many people blessed—many hundreds—sick with almost every disease, and the healings were very marked and striking.

One woman who had been lame for twenty-five years put down her crutches and got her healing, went away rejoicing, and walked up high hills.

Another woman who was in torture with rheumatism all over her body, so that she was unable to move about without the greatest of pain, was instantly relieved, and was able to walk about without any pain whatever. She rejoiced that God had healed her.

There were some very striking Miracles of Healing during that ten days’ mission.

Knowing the Shepherd's Voice.

After the people got healing, the ministers came to the meetings.

They preached on the Sunday on the text, “Beware of wolves in sheeps’ clothing.”

They said that our teaching was not of God.

One minister told a woman who had been healed that she belonged to his fold, and not to Dr. Dowie’s, and that she had no right to go to our meetings any further.

She said: “If Dr. Dowie is a wolf and not a good shepherd, then I must belong to the wolves, because when he speaks I know His Voice. When he speaks there is something in my heart that responds to him, and it seems that it is the voice of the shepherd.”

The General Overseer had, under God, made her a better woman, a better mother, and led her to read God’s Word and to love God better, and she would not believe that he was not a good man.

The teaching that he gave her bore good fruit.

By their fruits ye shall know them.

When teaching is given us which influences us to live worse lives, if it leads us to have bad thoughts, if it makes our hearts bitter towards one another and leads us to do bad things, that is not the teaching of the Good Shepherd: it is not the teaching of God and it will not bring forth good fruits.

Helpful teachings that help you to live better lives, and help, you to understand the Word of God are from the Good Shepherd.

Sickness Drives People Away from God.

If sickness brought people nearer to God, then the most pious, most holy, clean and lovely people would be the ones found in the hospitals, because the greatest numbers of sick and diseased people are there.

Have any of you ever had any experience in visiting hospitals?

If you have, you would know that those places are not the places to find the best and most holy people.

You will not find the best people among the doctors or among the nurses in the hospitals.

Once a challenge was given in one of our meetings to go and visit the hospitals.

We knew from past experiences, that the doctors would not let us in to see the sick ones and teach them; but at this place a good, Christian doctor had been attending our meeting, and we were told that he would be very glad to have us see the sick people in the hospital with which he was connected.

We had not a very long time to stay there, and we had no time to interview, individually, all the patients, and ask them to give their hearts to God, so the first question that the General Overseer asked the man who was in charge of that hospital, and who was very courteous, was, "How many of the people in the hospital are really Christians?"

He looked over his list of names and said, "Well, there is one man here who is a Christian. He is suffering from a very bad disease of the heart and cannot recover, humanly speaking."

We asked him if there were any more Christian people in that large hospital, and he said he knew of no other.

After we had seen that man, there was none other in that hospital that even professed to be a Christian, not one.

Disease had not brought these people closer to God, and even this man, although he was a Christian and I believe was saved, could not get to the place where he could put aside his medicines and trust God for healing, for he was there where he was surrounded by these

things, which were a continual temptation to him.

The Terrible Power of the Drug Habit.

We have heard in our Divine Healing Homes of hundreds of people who have come out from the hospitals and were helped by being kept away from the drugs and away from the terrible temptation of taking these poisons. It is harder for a person who is a morphine drunkard and a cocaine drunkard to resist than even for one who has been under the influence of alcoholic drinks. They are more deadly than alcoholic drinks, and yet morphine or other narcotic poisons are given by physicians in nearly every medicine, and people take them, not knowing what they are taking.

When one is under the influence of these drugs the brain is never very clear.

Years ago a very near relative of mine was taken sick. He was seeking healing from God. He got a blessing. He was able to take food, which he had not been able to do for a long time.

Both of his lungs were diseased, and for a long time he could not take a long straight breath down through his lungs, but now he was able to breathe with scarcely any difficulty. When we left, he asked us if we had any literature on this subject to give to him.

There was, at that time, not much in books about Divine Healing.

The General Overseer had printed only a very few tracts.

We gave them to him, and the one thing that we impressed upon this young man was that he must give up the use of drugs.

We showed him that they were poisonous.

He knew that, still he felt he needed some help.

Sick people do need help or there would have been no necessity for the "ministry of healing," and this ordinance would not have been given.

I believe this young man's body was being built up and he was able to take food.

A Book on Divine Healing Which Was a Curse.

He was looking very much better, and was looking for more spiritual help and light.

When we returned to Melbourne we came across a book on Divine Healing.

We glanced it over and thought it would be all right and would help him. We did not know as much about these books when we gave it to him as we know now. The first part of this book was all right, but the last chapter undid all the good that the whole of the book

had done, for it said it was the Will of God that we should be healed, but that it was all right to take medicines sometimes.

This chapter was called a "Chapter of Caution."

It seemed to us as if the Devil added that chapter to the end of that book, because after the young man had read that, and he had a craving for the medicine, he felt that it was all right for him to take some narcotic so that he could sleep; so he took a little of it, and when he began to take it he felt that he needed more.

He wasted away until the life went out of him, and he "fell asleep."

His body was not healed, but his spirit went to God who gave it, for he was a true Christian.

If you get a blessing from God, and then, after you have received the blessing, go back from the Lord to drugs and medicines, you cannot expect Him to answer, for you are not then walking in the straight and narrow way, and you cannot claim from God the promises as you would be able to do if you were doing right in everything.

In order to walk in the straight pathway God's straight pathway—

We Must Give Up the Sins of the Flesh.

There are some people who are sick because of their own sins—the majority.

Some are sick because they have inherited sins.

You must ask God to forgive you those things that have caused your sicknesses.

Many of you have committed sins of ignorance.

Many more of you have committed sins, and you know just what it was that made you sick.

Some of you have inherited the results of the sins of your fathers, visited upon the children for three or four generations of those that hated God.

But we have the promise of blessing to three and four generations of those that love God and serve Him.

If you only begin to walk on the straight pathway you have promises for your children, and they shall be rewarded to the third and fourth generations, in their bodies, in their souls, and in their spirits.

We want clean spirits to dwell in clean bodies. That is God's Will.

When He first made man, He made him perfect. He looked on what He had made and saw that it was "good," but sin has come in and marred what He had made fair and beautiful.

God Restores the Spirits, Souls and Bodies of Those Who Trust Him.

God wants this world to be beautiful. He wants to

restore to the earth its beauty.

We can take a piece of land that is full of thorns and briars and noxious weeds, and cultivate it and make a beautiful garden out of it.

The same is true of our bodies, souls and spirits; we can cultivate them into good, clean, beautiful beings—clean, sweet spirits in pure, holy bodies.

And this is what God is doing; He is renewing the bodies of His people, making them over again.

Some people tell us that the body is made over again every seven years.

In that way you can see how God can make a new body if this is true.

God Renews Our Youth Like the Eagle's.

We do not expect God to make a new body for the aged, but the bodies that you have can be clean bodies, and your youth can be renewed.

That is one of the promises: that our youth shall be renewed like the eagle's.

Over and over and over again, that has been the testimony of the aged people who have received Divine Healing.

They have said that they felt as if they had renewed their strength and their youth.

How many happy people we have heard say that same thing!

Even though we have an old house, we can keep it clean. The old house takes a little more cleaning than the new house, and yet the new house shows the dirt more quickly.

So we can keep our houses where our spirits dwell, clean and sweet.

At the time when the dear young man I spoke of passed away, there were four or five people around us in Melbourne who were healed of that same disease.

They were healed because they trusted in God for the blessing.

They believed and they received it, and they did not go back again to their doctors and drugs.

Zion City a City Free from Poisonous Drugs.

One of the beautiful things about Zion City is that there is not a hospital, not a place where it is hard to keep from taking medicines or drugs.

On the contrary, it is hard to get any of these things in Zion City.

If you will take drugs, Zion City is not a place you are recommended to live in, and you are asked to go somewhere where you can live with people who are like-minded with yourself.

We do not want these things brought to Zion City,

because this is a place where it is to be made hard for people to do wrong and easy for people to do right.

May God help us to carry out this desire.

To the most of us here it is no temptation to take drugs. We have gotten beyond that.

We Have No Belief Whatever in the Efficiency of Medicine.

We believe that medicine is not a science: for there is no accurate knowledge in it. We know that the doctors who give medicines do not know what they are going to do in your case, for they will do this one time, and something else another time, and so on.

We do not want to be gazing in the dark when we have a plain rule laid down for us to follow in God's Word.

We are told there that the "prayer of faith shall save him that is sick."

We comply with the laws of the country in Zion City.

We have our Health Officers, and they are able to tell whether a man has died from natural causes or not, and to do all the things that are necessary, for they are certificated men.

But they do not give medicines, because God would not approve of that. He has not told us to use them, and we have no faith in their efficacy.

He says: "In vain dost thou use many medicines."

If some of your children or members of your family are at the point of death, and you see that God is not answering prayer, there is nothing wrong about your calling in one of these physicians to see that sick one.

These men know what disease is; they know the symptoms of disease. They can give you good advice about taking care of your sick ones, and they are here for that purpose, and that is all right.

There Is a Place for the Physician Who Trusts God Alone.

But there is no place for the physician who gives medicines. We do not want our people to be careless with their sick ones.

If a person is sick and it is not best for that person to go on into the open air, then it is not right for that person to be brought into the Tabernacle.

If one is suffering from acute or contagious disease, typhoid fever, scarlet fever, pneumonia or anything of that kind, it would be an injury to him or her to be brought out into the open air.

You can keep your sick ones in your homes, the

Elders can be sent for, and they can come and pray the prayer of faith that saves the sick. I wish to speak

A Few Words Concerning Nursing.

I had a letter a little while ago from a lady who wrote about her daughter, a young married lady.

This daughter's husband was not a believer in Divine Healing and opposed her in every way. So there was no unit of faith in the first place between the man and the woman in praying the prayer of faith for healing.

This old lady was a thorough Christian and a thorough believer in Divine Healing and also in the teachings of Zion.

She sent her daughter the teaching and she also became a member of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion. When the time came for her little babe to be born she wanted it to be born without the aid of a doctor.

She believed that God was equal to helping her at that time.

She knew that she needed a nurse, and one was sent to her from somewhere, who was supposed to be a Zion nurse, but she was an untaught woman.

We do not want any of our women to be with sick women in confinement without some knowledge of what they are doing.

This woman told her it would be all right to get up on the third day after the baby had come.

Any woman, with any knowledge at all of these things, would know that the third day is the time when a mother should be kept very quiet, because it is the day that the milk comes into the breasts.

If that is interfered with in any way and the woman is made nervous, that results in driving the milk back, and it is liable to go to her brain and she may become delirious.

In short, that day is the worst day to have any extra exertion or excitement.

Just to think of a woman getting up and dressing herself and going around at that time!

Now, this woman was feeling strong and well, and she was urged by the nurse to get up, and then go around and do things in her house.

In a day or so the nurse left, and she had to do all her own housework, with the care of her little baby in addition.

The consequence was that she became insane, and her husband has had to put her into the asylum.

People Must be Sensible and Wise.

Because a testimony was given in one of our home meetings, and that testimony printed in LEAVES OF HEALING, that a woman got up and had no ill results, it does not follow that every one must imitate her.

It does not follow that because one person can do these things everybody can do them.

The usual condition of health is such that it is not possible for women to do these things at the present time.

There may be a time when God will give such strength that it can be done, but it is not the regular rule, and not the ordinary condition of things.

You should not listen to those who urge you to do these things, for it does a great deal of harm in many ways.

Another Case of Presumption.

I had another letter telling of another case similar to this one.

This woman had been told to do the same kind of thing. Her little baby was born a fine, healthy child, and she was getting on nicely.

The woman who was sent to her also professed to be a Zion woman, but if so, she was very unwise.

She attended to the mother and then left her on the fifth day. On the third day she was told to get up, and she did so.

She said that she did not feel that it was right, but the nurse told her that it was a lack of faith on her part if she did not, and that she must do it to show her faith.

This looks to me more like Christian Science or Christian Alliance teaching than like Zion teaching.

We do not have to do things to show our faith; we have simply to be faithful and trust God.

The consequence of this was, that in a very short time the little baby died, and the mother has had to part with her little one, and is left with an aching heart.

She says her arms feel empty without her little child.

God gave that little child, and somebody went in there who was untaught, and told her to do these things that were wrong and injurious to her, and the little child lost its life, and the mother, although that is several months since, is not strong yet.

A Plan to Train Zion Nurses.

In a short time we intend to organize a band of women, and give them some systematic training in taking care of the sick.

Just in the same sense as we need physicians in Zion, so we also need nurses.

We always counsel people to take good care of themselves, and of their sick ones and nurse them

properly.

It is not Zion's teaching and it is not the Bible, that people shall do injurious things.

We have to take care of the sick, and do the very best we can for them in all these matters.

So, in a short time, the General Overseer expects to organize a band of workers for this purpose.

Let Us Not be Guilty of the Sins of Presumption.

We must not disobey the laws of health, and the laws of God, and then say that we do these things for the glory of God.

Do not follow the teachings of those who try to lead and do not know how to lead. When Jesus spoke, He spoke as One having authority, and not as the scribes.

We would be very sorry indeed to know that anybody that ever listened to Zion teaching would be responsible for the many foolish things that are being said and done in connection with Divine Healing.

All who want to follow God and obey Him in all things, stand.

(Apparently the whole audience stood.)

Now 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. Help me to do right. Help me to put the wrong things right, and to repent and confess and to restore, and to make all things right with Thee and with my fellow men. Help me, my Father, to do this, for Jesus' sake. I give myself to Thee. Help me to serve Thee in all things, to do Thy Will, and to be led by Thee in all things. I ask it for Jesus' sake. Amen. (*The above prayer of consecration was repeated by all, clause by clause, after Overseer Dowie.*)

Overseer Dowie then continued: If you have truly repented of your sins, and if you now, at this time, confess your sins to God, and are determined to make wrongs right with your fellow man, and you know that you have done this, and have asked God's forgiveness, then He has forgiven your sins, and He is now cleansing you from all unrighteousness, for He has so promised.

The meeting was then closed with the following

BENEDICTION.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God our Heavenly Father, the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter, and Guide; one Eternal God be with you, and in you, now and evermore. Amen.

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