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SIXTH DIVINE HEALING MEETING.

It was a fortunate concourse of people who gathered at Madison Square Garden, Monday, October 26, 1903, to hear the Gospel of Divine Healing taught.

They numbered perhaps three thousand, and it could be seen they were all in earnest—amenable to the Truth.

Overseer Bryant opened the service with Hymn No. 13 of the Special Song Sheet, after which Overseer Mason led in prayer.

Overseer Bryant went right to the point without preliminary skirmishing, and in his incisive manner clearly proved that the ministers of today are simply ignoring God's Words when they teach that Divine Healing was withdrawn after early apostolic days.

He related how he came to recognize the falseness of the present day teaching while a popular Baptist minister, over a large and fashionable congregation, where the sick, maimed and afflicted never mingled.

His eyes were opened to the Light, and he forthwith entered into the work for Zion where the harvest is plenty and the laborers few.

The General Overseer took for his subject, "Divine Healing a Present Day Reality," and backed by thorough worldly knowledge, sound foundations for his convictions and perfect faith in the promises of the Redeemer, he struck right and left Trojan blows against false teaching and heedlessness of that which is as plain as the English language can make it—Divine aid for our ills and sufferings.

Madison Square Garden, New York City, Monday Forenoon, October 26, 1903.

The Choir and the Congregation joined in singing Hymn No. 13, in the Special Song Sheet:

My soul, be on thy guard,
Ten thousand foes arise;
The hosts of sin are pressing hard
To draw thee from the skies.

Overseer George L. Mason led the Congregation in prayer, after which Overseer Daniel Bryant conducted the service until the arrival of the General Overseer, who delivered the following Message:

DIVINE HEALING A PRESENT DAY REALITY.

INVOCATION.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, and profitable unto this people, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer.

I desire to speak to you in the few minutes at my disposal upon the subject which has been announced, "Divine Healing a Present Day Reality."

No other text is needed for such a discourse than the familiar words in the Epistle to the Hebrews, and which I shall take for my text the 13th chapter, the 7th and 8th verses:

TEXT.

Remember them that had the rule over you, which spake unto you the word of God; and considering the issue of their life, imitate their faith. Jesus, the Christ, is the same yesterday and today, yea and for ever.

Divine Healing as a present day reality, rests upon the unchangeableness of God Himself, and the unchangeableness of the Christ, the Son of God.

God's People Witness to His Healing Power,

*The following report has not been revised by the General Overseer.

If Jesus, the Christ, is “the same yesterday and today, yea and forever,” then He is the same Savior, the same Healer, the same Cleanser, and the same Keeper.

If Divine Healing is not a present day reality, it is merely because people have not had faith in the Christ for healing. Were it not that Zion Restoration Host is out about its work on this beautiful day, every member of that Host would rise if I were to say, “Have you really experienced healing through faith in Jesus, the Christ?”

I have no doubt that there are many others in this meeting who have experienced that Divine Healing is a present day reality. Will you please stand to your feet? (Hundreds rose.) I will ask the question, Have you been healed through the Prayer of Faith in Jesus, the Christ, our Lord?

People—“Yes.”

General Overseer—Did you use any medicine?

People—“No.”

General Overseer—Did you use any means?

People—“No.”

General Overseer—Did you pay any money?

People—“No.”

General Overseer—Was this a free gift?

People—“Yes.”

General Overseer—Either you are tremendous liars, or you are true witnesses. I know many of you.

I recognize among those standing several Elders and Deacons of this Church, also scores of gentlemen who are well known all over the State of Illinois.

I recognize many godly people.

One fact is worth a pound of theories.

Where Medicine and Doctors Do Not Exist, Death Rate is Lowest.

A very concrete fact in this matter is in Zion City where ten thousand people live.

Their children are born without the aid of doctors, and they live without the aid of doctors.

Perhaps you will tell me that they also die.

The Health Commissioner of Zion City who is now on this platform, is a graduate of medicine, and gave it up when he became an Elder in this Church. Doctor (addressing Overseer John G. Speicher), I think I am correct in saying that of a thousand children attending

the public schools Last year in Zion City, we only lost one by death.

Overseer J. G. Speicher—“That is true.”

General Overseer—Out of the College and Preparatory Schools, with something like four hundred young men and women, we lost two.

So that out of fourteen hundred young people from the kindergarten age up to perhaps thirty years of age, we lost three persons.

If you can show me a lower death rate than that anywhere, I shall marvel. I do not think it exists.

You know something of the death rate of your city.

During the same year, the death rate among the children in Chicago, only forty-two miles from us, was so great that the public schools had to be closed.

In the various towns around us, the public schools had to be closed because of an epidemic of diphtheria that ran up and down between Milwaukee and Chicago, a distance of eighty-four miles.

It came to our City, and we lost only one.

Overseer Speicher—“We have only had three cases up to the present time.”

General Overseer—We lost only one case of the three. I have not the figures for this year.

Within two years and two months we have established four large schoolhouses, three stories high, and one permanent college building, which has cost us \$150,000 so far, and it is less than one-third of the projected plan.

Kept in Health Through Obedience.

“How are the people kept in health” do you ask?

They are kept in health by obeying God.

They never eat or drink the things that we know defile.

For instance, swine’s flesh is a disgusting and shameful thing for a Christian to eat, inasmuch as the pig is an unutterably filthy brute, that both under the old and the new dispensation was held in abhorrence by God as an article of human food.

Under the old dispensation, God said,

Their flesh ye shall not eat, and their carcasses ye shall not touch; they are unclean unto you.

Every one that knows anything about how the pig is born and how the pig is reared, knows that every dirty thing on the farm or in the City is given to the pig.

The pig is an embodiment of cholera, tuberculosis, trichinosis, scrofula and every unclean and filthy thing, and when you eat it, you eat those things.

In Zion City we eat no pig.

The Lord Jesus, the Christ, showed what He thought of the pig.

When a man had a legion of devils in him, and He was about to cast them out, these devils prayed to Him.

As far as I know it is the only answer to the prayer of devils that Jesus gave exactly as they wanted it.

They said, when He was about to cast them out, "If Thou cast us out send us away into the swine," and He said, "Go!" and they went.

The swine went down a steep place and were drowned.

That is what Jesus thought of swine's flesh.

He thought that the proper place for a Devil was in a pig, and if you think the proper place for a pig is your stomach, perhaps you are of the opinion that the proper place for a Devil is your stomach.

If so, then you have a poor idea of what is good.

Men or women who continue to eat pork will be sure to get disease.

Scrofula, trichinosis, tuberculosis, cholera, and cancer are the direct consequences of swine's flesh eating.

Let me tell you a remarkable thing.

Our Lord Jesus, the Christ, so far as the record goes, never healed a case of cancer, because the word *Carcinoma*, which is the Greek word for cancer, does not once occur in the New Testament.

Cancer Was Unknown to the Jews.

Why?

They never ate pig.

Owens College, Manchester, sent forth a statement some years ago that there was not a known case of cancer among orthodox Jews.

I may say that during my ministry, with my large experience with disease, extending over something like

thirty years, I have never known an orthodox Jew to suffer from cancer.

When I was in this city a few years ago, a friend told me that one of the Jewish merchants down-town, in the same trade as himself, a dealer in precious stones, desired to see me.

His mother was sick with cancer, and she very much wanted to see me.

I said, "A Jewish lady afflicted with cancer!"

He smiled and said, "That does not fit with your theology, Doctor!"

"My theology is all right," I replied; "when I see that lady, the first question that I will ask her is, 'Have you transgressed the law of your God and eaten swine's flesh?'"

"I have not seen her, but she will say 'Yes.'"

I saw the lady the next morning, with her son, and the first question I asked her was, "Have you transgressed the law of your God and of your fathers and eaten swine's flesh?" She started!

"Oh!" she exclaimed; "I never thought a Christian would ask me that question!"

"A Christian who eats swine's flesh is an unclean Christian. He is eating a dirty and an unclean thing!" I replied. "He is physically unclean if he is eating an unclean thing!"

"Doctor," she said, "my father and I have both transgressed the law of God, which said that we should not touch or eat swine's flesh. I never expected to be asked that question by you."

"Madam," I said, "you would never have had cancer if you had obeyed the Law of your God and of your fathers."

I am informed by my friends, that in various countries where swine's flesh is forbidden, for instance under Mohammedan laws, while there are many other diseases, cancer is not known.

I desire to remind you who know anything about the subject, that cancer is becoming so common that there are many parts of the country where there is more cancer than consumption.

As for its being in the pig, you have only to look at them, and get the candid statements of those who breed them, to see the cancer actually upon their unclean

bodies.

**Where the Supreme Court Has Gone Beyond
It's Jurisdiction.**

Divine Healing is a present day reality, and the people may live better without doctors and drugs than with them.

I believe that every candid doctor would tell you the same.

I am not dealing this morning with the absolute inconsistencies of the so-called medical profession's principles, or with the inconsistencies of the law in this state, that says that you must employ a physician for your child.

That decision is most amusing.

It is most ridiculous!

Will the learned Judge please to define a physician?

Is he a homeopath, or an allopath, or a psychopath, or a hydropath, or which of the many paths that lead to the grave does the Supreme Court of the State of New York direct us to employ?

It is absurd.

How can the court enter into such a matter?

Suppose I choose to employ for my child a man who has no diploma at all?

What has the court to do with it?

Suppose I say that I will not have a doctor at all, but that I with my own knowledge will nurse and care for my child as I think best?

When did it become the duty of the law to find me a doctor?

The law might just as well find me a minister, and tell me that I must send my child to some Sunday-school or to some church.

Then I should have to ask the learned Judge to tell me which Sunday-school and church, and to give me a definition as to what would be acceptable to the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court has traveled beyond its jurisdiction in undertaking that matter.

Zion will never submit to such a ruling; that is to say, we will submit to legal processes, and take penalties, but we will tumble it over and over until we tumble it out of doors; for it is not a decision worth a snap of my

finger.

It is a very inconclusive and weak decision.

We have a community in Zion City that is

**A Test of the Question, Is Divine dealing a
Reality?**

We have our babies born without doctors, and they live. There is no grumbling, because no one is forced to live there. We are half way between Beer, Milwaukee, forty-two miles north, and Babel, Chicago, forty-two miles south.

It is very easy to reach either place.

No one needs to stay in Zion City unless he likes; but they like to stay there.

It is a clean City.

We have no harlots, and no thieves.

We have no gambling hells, and no blasphemers. We have no smokers.

It would cost you twenty-five dollars to smoke in Zion City! And if you did not behave, we would have to give you a night's lodging in addition.

But we certainly would not let you smoke. You could not stink up our atmosphere.

No lady would have to lift her skirts because of your infernal tobacco spit upon the pavements!

**A Filthy Habit Which No True Christian Can
Have.**

You who smoke may call yourselves Christians, but my opinion is that you smell like the Devil. (Laughter.)

You may call yourselves Christians, but I call you stinkpots!

You may say that you are clean, but no man is clean that takes the filthy nicotine poison into his mouth; either chewing or smoking it.

Seven hundred million dollars spent for tobacco in a year in this country, creating paralysis, amaurosis, dyspepsia, ulcerations of the bowels and cancer!

Is a man clean who eats and smokes a thing that does that—yes or no?

(Thousands of voices in the audience)—“No!”

General Overseer—Of course, he is not clean. He is a dirty dog!

His wife may not dare to say it to him; his daughter, with the whole household, may be compelled to submit to his stinking habit; but when he goes out of doors they throw up the windows and say, "Thank God, he is gone! We will get some fresh air now!" (Applause.)

If it is a good thing to smoke, why do you not bring home your cigars and present your wife with a box?

Why do you not ask your children to chew as soon as they can eat?

Why do you not ask them to imitate your dirty habit, you dirty dogs?

That is my opinion of you, and I will tell it because it is true.

No man has a right to lessen his life by eight years—for that is the average—when he has the responsibilities of a husband and father.

He has no right to lessen his life by the use of nicotine, let alone alcohol, swine's flesh, or any other dirty thing.

Divine Healing is a present day reality among us.

You may say anything you like about it, but our people have been healed of almost every disease that you could name.

The Man Who Uses Tobacco Cannot Glorify God in His Body.

Many of them have been healed of the tobacco habit.

No man who smoked would ever dare to present himself to me, and ask to become a member of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

We would simply say to him, "You stink! Can you glorify God by stinking like that?"

You must glorify God in your body, your soul and your spirit.

Are you glorifying God when you spend money in becoming a stinking nuisance; defiling your body which ought to be the temple of God?

When you can show me that you can do that and obey God, you can get into this Church, but until you do you cannot.

Your body should be the temple of the Holy Spirit!

The Temple of God should be clean, and the man that defiles the Temple of God, him will God destroy!

You are up against a tremendous proposition when you say you can do what you like.

You cannot do what you like and be a Christian.

You can do what you like and belong to the Devil.

It is impossible for Divine Healing to exist among the disobedient.

Therefore my contention is that the first and essential thing is to obey the Covenant.

The Covenant of Divine Healing Is a Very Old One.

It is thirty-three centuries old.

It was made at the waters of Marah.

You find the story in the 15th chapter of Exodus.

God healed those bitter springs and made this Covenant. I will give you the words of it:

If thou wilt diligently harken to the voice of Jehovah thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His eyes, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will permit none of the diseases to be put upon thee which I have permitted to be put upon the Egyptians: for I am Jehovah that healeth thee.

God gave that covenant thirty-three hundred years ago; but the condition of blessing under it was obedience to God.

One of the essentials of obedience to God is that you shall be clean,

You must have your hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and your bodies washed with pure water.

An unclean man is no Christian in my judgment. A Christian must be clean.

Cleanliness is Godliness.

When some one tells me that cleanliness is next to godliness, I say cleanliness is godliness.

When there is plenty of soap and water no man or woman that is dirty has any right to expect me to believe that he or she is a Christian.

A Christian woman that has risen this morning, and declined to wash her face and neck, is a dirty woman and I have no confidence in her.

I remember a holiness woman who came up to me and

said: "The trouble with you, Doctor, is, you do not teach holiness."

"Are you holy?" I asked.

"Holy! Every bit of me!"

"You are?" I asked.

"Yes!"

"You are?" I asked again, and again she answered, "Yes."

Then I seized her by her cloak, and I rapidly rubbed my handkerchief, which I had moistened, around her neck, and said, "Look at that, you dirty creature! You have not washed your neck for a week! (Laughter.)

"You are a dirty woman! You go, and go quickly!"

She got away, but before that convention was over, she had left her husband and gone off with another man.

That was what I would expect of these people that are shouting about being holy.

"Let Another Man Praise Thee, and Not Thine Own Mouth."

If you are holy let God witness to it, and let others witness to it, but hold your tongue about it.

If you are holy your life will show it, but you have no right to proclaim your holiness, nor have I.

It is enough for you to be saved.

I have little confidence in the person that is going about saying, "I am holy!"

I have found them usually to be very unclean. Be sure you are clean.

First of all get clean in heart. See that you repent and believe.

See that you fulfil the conditions of Divine Healing, and put away doctors and drugs forever.

"Oh, I cannot do that, Doctor," some may say.

Then you cannot have the Lord for your Healer, for the Lord will not enter into partnership with the Homeopath, the Allopath, the Psychopath," Mother Siegel's Soothing Syrup," "Carter's Little Liver Pills," and all that muck.

What God Thinks of the Physicians.

God Almighty will not enter into any such partnership!

Do you hear?

He will never have anything to do with that business.

When did God say He would heal you through all that medical muck?

"But, Doctor, did not God give us medical science?" some ask, I have a Bible, and so have you, and where do you find that statement?

Will you tell me one passage, from Genesis to Revelation, where God said He would heal people through medical science? I have read the Bible, and I cannot find it. It is not there.

The only things God says about doctors are such words as these:

In vain dost thou use many medicines.—*Jeremiah 46:11.*

Ye are all physicians of no value. *Job 13:4.*

Of the woman who touched the hem of the Christ's garment, it is recorded by Mark that she "had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse."

So it is with humanity generally.

Honest Physicians Will Admit Their Own Imposture.

The candid physician, who is rich enough to be candid, will tell you that it is a very good thing not to have anything to do with doctors or drugs.

A little while ago there was a cartoon in the London Punch, by an artist lately deceased, who used to take all his cartoons from life.

It represented a very distinguished physician, who was a baronet, coming in from his rounds.

He was very sick, and his wife met him at the door.

He sank into a chair and said, "My lady, I am very sick." She looked at him and said, "I am sorry, Sir Henry, that you are sick! Shall I send for Dr. Lancet?"

"Oh no!"

"Shall I send for Dr. Squills?"

"O no! No!"

Well, for whom shall I send?"

"Send for no one. I am sick, but do not send for any of them! We are all humbugs and we know it!"

If there is anything today that is a farce and a humbug

it is so-called medical science.

Where has it accomplished anything?

“Oh,” you say, “do you not know of the triumphs of medical science?”

No, I do not!

“Then you are ignorant,” you may say.

I cannot plead ignorance.

I read the medical journals.

Surgery a Haphazard Butchery.

I walked the hospitals of Edinburgh myself, with such distinguished physicians as Sir James Simpson, Professor Lyster and others.

I saw all there was to be seen.

I was attached to that hospital myself at my own request as an honorary chaplain. My heart ached to see how people were treated.

I saw an average of three deaths out of every four operations; sometimes nine out of every ten.

I knew that the distinguished surgeons were sometimes experimenting upon the patients, so that they might deal with some one outside.

If you have lived in a hospital, gone from bedside to bedside, ministering to the sick and dying for years, and attending the clinics, you are under no delusions as to what so-called medical science is.

You will say with my distinguished friend, that great man, known to the whole world, Professor Douglas Macclagan, Professor of Medical jurisprudence in the University of Edinburgh: “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 have not found the first stone to lay as the foundation of medicine as a science.”

Medical science does not exist.

The Creator of Our Bodies the One Who Understands Them.

Are we to give up God for a mass of confusion?

Does not God know our bodies?

Does not the man that made that watch know how to

repair it?

Does not the God that made my body know how to heal it?

If He is my Father and loves me, will not He who forgives all my iniquities, heal all my diseases?

He has done so.

When I was a dying boy seventeen years old I received healing for my body.

Now I am fifty-six.

During those thirty-nine years I have not taken a drop of medicine, and I work hard all day and very often far into the night.

I have spoken on an average four times a day since I came to New York, and conducted a large correspondence as well. I am healthy, vigorous and strong.

I eat very little comparatively and less and less meat.

I love to eat the fruits that God has given us, and the cereals. It seems to me that as far as I can tell, I am a stronger man by far today than when I entered New York.

I Know That I am Doing God's Work.

I came to do it, and I shall do it.

I have no other desire in life than to do His will.

From the moment that I knew the meaning of my name, as a little boy, when I found that “John Alexander” meant, “by the grace of God” and “a helper of men,” I said, “I will help men!”

The way I help men is by doing His work.

I have no notion of letting the Devil run this world, not even through the vile press.

You seem afraid of it.

Ministers are afraid to talk, for fear it will attack them. Statesmen are afraid to talk, for their political position is at stake.

Business men are afraid to talk, because it will attack them and ruin their business.

But by the grace of God there is one man who is not afraid to talk, and He will smash them too, as sure as you live! (Applause.)

Do you think there is any need to be afraid of them? There is no need whatever.

There Is Only One Way to Deal With a Death Adder.

I have dealt with them in Australia.

I have seen my horse rear up on its haunches, perspiring in every pore, and nearly swing me off, because a death adder was in the road. I have tied my horse to the nearest tree, taken a stick and gone after the death adder, and there was never any more heard of that one.

I feel that when I see a snake that is going to bite my fellow men as well as me, the thing for me to do is to kill it.

The Lord Jesus, the Christ, called the scribes of His day a generation of vipers, and that is exactly what they are today.

May God help us to sweep them out of the way.

If they will not repent, may He send them where they belong.

Zion's Good Name Shall Not Be Stolen with Impunity.

If a man steals your money, he is sent to the penitentiary. If he steals your good name should he not be sent there, too?

Audience—"Yes."

General Overseer—Is he to Steal that with impunity? You are cowards if you say "Yes."

These curs blackguard women, and they are defenseless.

If they can find no dirty stories to put in their vile sheets, they create them.

They have created stories about me by the dozen since I came to this city, and I will have it out with them.

I have had to fight like this before, and I won! I will win again!

Every decent man and woman in New York should stand by me and say, "More power to you."

If you do not, it is because you are cowards. May God help you.

May He help you to believe in the simple fact that God is a present day Healer; that the Christ is just the same Savior, the same Healer.

"But He is not here," some one may say.

If He is not, then you had better burn your Bibles, because He taught us, "Lo, I am with you All the Days, even unto the Consummation of the Age."

The Christ Is Here.

He is in New York, He is in Chicago, and He is everywhere. He is the same Savior, and

The healing of His seamless dress,
Is by all beds of pain:
We touch Him in Life's throng and press,
And we are whole again.

The congregation then rose, and the General Overseer said; Let those who desire make consecration to God.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. Take me as I am, and make me what I ought to be. Cleanse me in spirit, soul and body. For the Christ's sake. *(The prayer was repeated clause by clause, after the General Overseer.)*

The General Overseer then pronounced 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, un to 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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