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FAITH THE MIGHTIEST POWER.

FAITH, the Faith of God, the power by which the worlds were created—this is the power that has built up Zion.

It is the Power that is sustaining Zion.

It is the only Power by which Zion can go forward to the accomplishment of that for which God brought her into existence.

This Faith was the subject of the Message of Elijah the Restorer Lord's Day afternoon, November 22, 1903.

These few Lord's Days between the New York Visitation and the departure of the General Overseer on his Around-the-world Visitation have the promise of being blessed seasons of the most delightful communion between God's Messenger and his people.

The services are not being advertised in Chicago or any of the near-by cities, and no special Sunday trains are being run; so that the audiences at these services are composed almost entirely of the citizens of Zion City—a great family gathering.

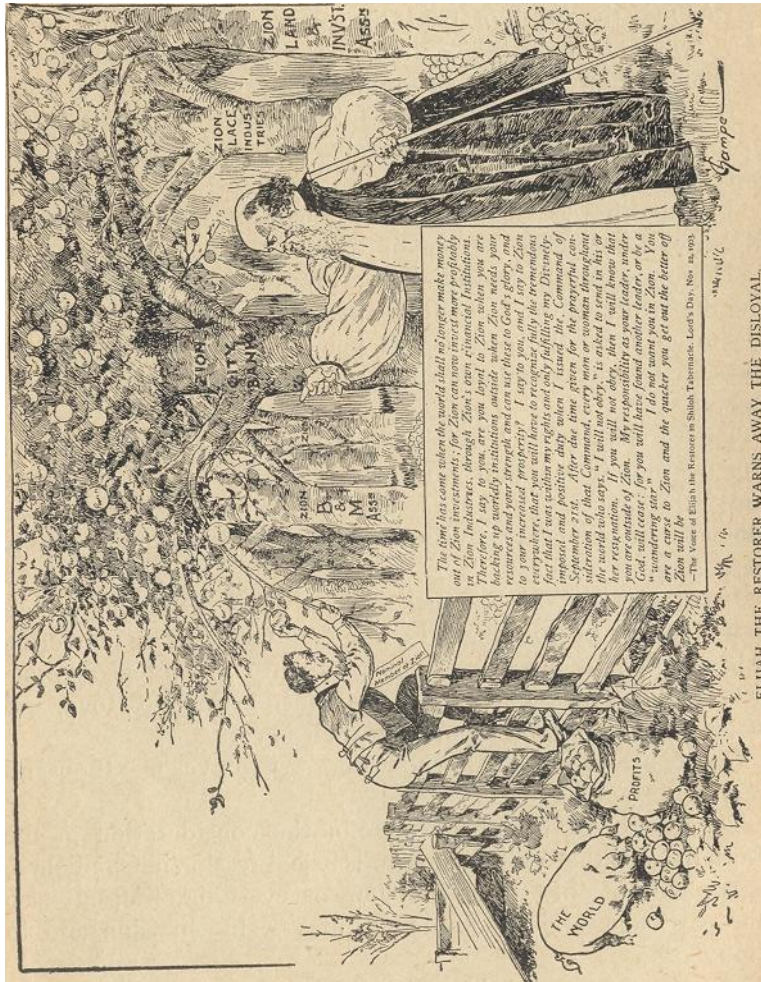
It is therefore with a knowledge that he is addressing principally his own people that the General Overseer is delivering this series of discourses of deep spirituality and intensely practical application, such as the people have learned to love, and which have been such a power in their lives.

On this Lord's Day afternoon there were over five thousand people present.

The man of God led his people in the consideration of the Faith of God, that Faith which finds its expression in Obedience, as applied not only to the problems of every-day life, but also the particular and specific conditions of life in Zion and in Zion City.

The earnestness and sincerity with which the people

listened, the spontaneous enthusiasm of the frequent applause, the deep-toned fervor of their responses, and the unwavering



determination expressed in their faces, as they reconsecrated themselves to God, all showed the great confidence which they had in their leader, the great oneness of spirit that prevailed among them, and, above all, their unwavering faith in God, and belief in the Divine origin and character of Zion.

Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, Illinois, Lord's Day Afternoon, November 22, 1903.

The service was opened by Zion White-robed Choir and Zion Robed Officers entering the Tabernacle, singing the words of the

PROCESSIONAL.

Rejoice, Ye pure in heart,
Rejoice, give thanks and sing:
Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King.

REFRAIN—Rejoice, rejoice,
Rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Bright youth and snow-crowned age,
Strong men and maidens meek,
Raise high your free, exulting song,
God's wondrous praises speak.

With voice as full and strong
As ocean's surging praise,
Send forth the hymns our fathers lov'd,
The psalms of ancient days.

Yes, on, through life's long path,
Still chanting as ye go;
From youth to age, by night and day,
In gladness and in woe.

Still lift your standard high,
Still march in firm array,
As warriors through the darkness toil

Till dawns the golden day.

At last the march shall end,
The wearied ones shall rest,
The pilgrims find their Father's house,
Jerusalem the blest.

At the close of the Processional the General Overseer came upon the platform, the people rising and standing with bowed heads while he pronounced the

INVOCATION.

God be merciful unto us and bless us,
And cause Thy face to shine upon us;
That Thy Way may be known upon earth,
Thy Saving Health among all the Nations;
For the sake of Jesus. Amen.

PRAISE.

The Congregation then joined in singing hymn No. 213:

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run,
His Kingdom spread from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

The General Overseer then led the Choir and Congregation in the recitation of the Apostles' Creed:

RECITATION OF CREED.

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus, the Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost:
Born of the Virgin Mary;
Suffered under Pontius Pilate;
Was crucified, dead and buried:
He descended into hell,

The third day He rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven.
And sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty;
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The Holy Catholic Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of Sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.

READING OF GOD'S COMMANDMENTS.

The General Overseer then led the Congregation in repeating the Commandments, after which the words, "Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these Thy Laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee," were chanted.

- I. Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.
- II. Thou shalt not make unto thee a graven image, nor the likeness of any form that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them nor serve them: for I, Jehovah, thy God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, upon the third and upon the fourth generation of them that hate Me, and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep My commandments.
- III. Thou shalt not take the Name of Jehovah thy God in vain; for Jehovah will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain.
- IV. Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work; but the seventh day is a Sabbath unto Jehovah thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is with in thy gates; for in six days Jehovah made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day, wherefore Jehovah blessed the Sabbath Day and hallowed it.
- V. Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee.
- VI. Thou shalt do no murder.
- VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- VIII. Thou shalt not steal.
- IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
- X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor

his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

Hear also what our Lord Jesus, the Christ, the Son of God, hath said, which may be called the Eleventh Commandment:

XI. A New Commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another: even as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

The great Choir then chanted the

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS.

We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father Everlasting.

To Thee all Angels cry aloud, the Heavens and all the powers therein.

To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth,

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy Glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise Thee.

The noble army of martyrs praise Thee.

The Holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee

The Father of an Infinite Majesty;

Thine Adorable, True and Only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ;

Thou art the Everlasting Son of the Father.

When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man,

Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a Virgin:

When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,

Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the Glory of the Father.

We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants,

Whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with Thy saints in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine heritage:

Govern them and lift them up forever.

Day by day we magnify Thee;

And we worship Thy Name ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us as our trust is in Thee.

O Lord, in Thee have I trusted, let me never be confounded.

The General Overseer read from the inspired Word of God in the 61st chapter of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah; also in the Gospel according to St. John, a part of the 20th chapter, beginning at the 19th verse and reading to the 29th verse inclusive, closing with the prayer:

May God bless His Word.

Overseer Excell led in prayer, followed by prayer by the General Overseer, at the close of which the Choir and Congregation joined in chanting the Disciples' Prayer.

After the announcements were made and the Tithes and Offerings received, the General Overseer delivered his Message.

FAITH THE MIGHTIEST POWER.

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, my Strength and my Redeemer. Amen.

TEXT.

Jesus saith unto him, Because thou hast seen Me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

We walk by Faith, not by Sight.

EVERYTHING THAT IS DIVINE IS BUILT BY
FAITH.

God Himself built the world by Faith.

By Faith we know that He built the world.

He made the world, knowing as He did that it must come

to pass.

When he said, "Let there be light," upon the chaos and the darkness the light came.

That light was not the sunlight. The coming of the sunlight was later.

I believe that light was a belt of electric light like that which now surrounds the planet Saturn in those wonderful rings, which are luminous and electrical, and which must cause everything on the planet itself to grow with tremendous rapidity.

In that way God brought the light out of darkness, and surrounded this earth with light.

Then, by the Word of His Power the world was made. All the forces He commands are directed by intelligence.

ALL OF GOD'S CREATIONS BEAUTIFUL.

All His creation is not only a work of intelligence, but filled with wondrous beauty.

The little shell of the microscopically minute creature, which lives in ocean depths where it was supposed nothing lived, appears to the naked eye to be nothing more than a little black grain of sand.

But when it is put under the microscope, they are found to be beautifully carved shells that are wonderful places of invisibly minute animals.

God works in the infinitely little.

The creative power is accompanied by, and is to itself, the creator of wondrous forms of the life beauty.

God made all things beautiful, not merely useful.

All creation is, however, the offspring of Faith.

When God issues an order He is obeyed throughout the heavens.

ONLY FAITH CAN ISSUE AN ORDER

When the ruler of an orderly and great country issues a

command, it is in faith that all the officers of state in every department, from the highest to the lowest, will obey the lawful and proper order of the executive.

It is an act of Faith when men, from the highest officer down to the humblest private, obey an order issued by the commander of a great army. That command may cause that army to move from its encampment and go away into distant places by various routes, by sea and by land.

The order is issued in Faith, and a loyal army will obey in Faith down to the humblest man in it.

The Faith that makes men move in great companies to effect mighty deeds has been lost in the Church of God to a large extent.

POWER OF OBEDIENCE LOST IN APOSTATE CHURCHES.

The idea of obedience has been lost.

The arrogance, pride, ignorance, self-sufficiency, wicked obstinacy, and determined ungodliness of multitudes who say that they are Christians, have made it perfectly ridiculous to think of an order coming from any ecclesiastical authority that will move the whole force and power of a church.

They never expect such an order, and if it were issued they would smile at it and sit still.

That which ought to be the mightiest power for good on this earth has not learned that the greatest power is the Obedience of Faith.

PERFECT ORGANIZATION FOUNDED UPON FAITH.

I am glad as I look at the record of the few short years in which God has permitted me to bring into existence the Christian Catholic Church in Zion; to plant its standard on every continent; to plant its banner well nigh in every great city of this country, and in many of the great cities of other

lands, for the spirit of willing and hearty coöperation and obedience that runs through the entire work.

We are living in days when the power of obedience becomes known to all men.

Quietly, and indeed openly, the severest—I will not call them critics, for that is too honorable a distinction to give them—most malignant and bitter of our adversaries were compelled to stand in admiration of the perfection of the organization of the First Legion that had ever moved out of this City to carry out a considerable operation.

WHAT ZION RESTORATION HOST
ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH PERFECT
ORGANIZATION.

There were many of them who said that our little Host would be swallowed up in New York; but our little Host swallowed New York.

They said it was perfectly impossible for a man who had only a little City of ten thousand and a Church organization of a few tens of thousands, as they thought, to be able, at a distance of a thousand miles from the city which he was determining to reach, to so organize that he could cover by visitation every house in that city.

They never imagined that we were considering from week to week the minutest details of the map of that city; and that we knew it better than tens and hundreds of thousands of people who lived in it.

They never imagined that we were all prepared the moment we landed in it, to move upon it in an orderly manner, and to cover the whole ground.

But when they saw the admirable organization of the entire Host in the great public services, in a most disorderly city, where public gatherings are continually broken up by disorderly elements when the doors are thrown open in a place like Madison Square Garden, they saw that through the obedience of Faith there was a people that could do

something.

We are living in days when

WE ARE ONLY BEGINNING TO SEE HOW THE
HIDINGS OF GOD'S POWER ARE BEING
UNVEILED.

For instance, I hold in my hand two telegrams.

One came to me on the morning of yesterday from the City of New York, and it reads thus:

Leaving the wharf at seven o'clock, a. m., board Steamship Umhria.
All well. Mizpah! DANIEL BRYANT.

Overseer Bryant sailed out of the port of New York at seven o'clock, and the vessel was outside the outer harbor by eight o'clock.

By ten o'clock she was far away out on the ocean, and out of sight of the land, and some might have said, "That is the last we shall hear of Overseer Bryant until he gets to England." You are mistaken.

Last night I received this telegram from Daniel Bryant, when he was far out in the ocean.

It was sent by Marconigraph, a process by means of which from the rigging of the vessel a telegram is sent without wire through the atmosphere, and reaches the Steamship Minneapolis, lying off Sagaponack, Long Island.

From there it was sent to me in Zion City, and this is the Marconigram:

Mid-ocean. Peace to Zion. Quiet waters. Joyful spirit. Marconi.
DANIEL BRYANT.

That telegram reached me from a vessel that had probably gone something like a hundred and fifty miles at the very least, and possibly two hundred miles, out in the Ocean, however not in mid-ocean.

He made a mistake about that.

He will find that he will not reach mid-ocean for a day or two.

Nevertheless, he was far out at sea, and yet, from that ship there went: an electric impulse, and the exact words in it were taken on the Steamship Minneapolis, whence they were repeated to the shore, from there across the land, and within perhaps two hours from the time the message left Overseer Bryant it came to us.

THE GREATEST POWERS ARE THE INVISIBLE ONES.

The thought came to me when I received this message last night just before I retired to rest, that the greatest powers are the ones we do not see.

The things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Through the unseen paths of the air moves the unseen and mysterious power that we call electricity.

By some it is called a fluid, but we do not know what to call it; we only know that it is there.

Now we have learned that we do not need even the wire to take it, but that the message can flash through the air.

It is a continuous stream itself, flowing around this world, invisible.

That which, in all the ages, has made men of God a mighty power, has been that one man, who knew the strength of God, and believed the Word of God, had God on his side, and was an absolute majority upon any question, in any hour, at any time, and on any spot of God's earth or sea.

The man who could trust God and obey Him when he did not see, and when it was impossible for him or any human being to see, was acceptable to God, and would be blessed by Him.

A COWARD AND MURDERER MADE A MIGHTY

WEAPON IN GOD'S HANDS THROUGH FAITH.

I thought of the mighty men who had gone out in Faith, some of them very weak in their religious knowledge. They did not know where they were going, but they were determined to go where God led them.

Thus Abraham went.

He did not know where he was going, but he was going where God led him.

Thus Moses went alone, and walked up the steps of the throne, making demands of the tyrant who could have struck his head from his shoulders by merely a sign.

With confidence in God Moses went, knowing that He who was invisible was with him.

He knew that the God who spoke out of the Burning Bush was with him.

He knew that the God of all the hosts of heaven was with him, and that God's Word would give him strength, and God's Spirit the power to endure "as seeing Him who is invisible."

Not having any regard to the tyrant's power, and standing alone for God and for an enslaved people, he demanded that justice should be done at once.

When it was refused he did not give up the demand, but kept on until plague after plague swept over that land because God withdrew His protecting hand.

At last the first-born in every house lay dead because God withdrew His protecting hand and permitted the Angel of Death, a power of hell, to slay every first-born in every Egyptian home.

FAITH'S REWARD IS VICTORY.

I thought of Daniel, who refused the king's meat because he saw God.

Even though he might have died for it, he would not defile himself with the king's meat.

I saw the three Hebrew children, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, refuse to obey the tyrant or bow before the image that he had set up.

They obeyed God and Daniel refused to give up praying.

I saw them walking amidst the furnace of fire unscathed with one like unto the Son of God with them.

I saw Daniel in the lion's den, and the Son of God was there.

I saw that through all the ages the Faith of God is the mightiest power in the Universe; and I say with the words of our Lord, "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."

Strong Son of God, Immortal Love,
Whom we, who have not seen Thy face,
By Faith and Faith alone embrace,

we believe Thee, and obey Thee and Thou wilt give us Victory. (Amen.)

I am confident that Zion has but to stand firmly and strongly, and to act unitedly and boldly, keeping back nothing, but with an entire consecration put all in God's hands, and then God will give us all things.

He will make us the power that will bring about the Destruction of the kingdom of Satan, the Evangelization of the world, and the Preparation for the Coming of the King.

I am abundantly satisfied with what I know of the life of faith.

I am abundantly satisfied that the churches, as a whole, know nothing about it.

CHURCHES THAT RULE THEIR PASTORS.

Elder Lee has put a memorandum into my hand which reads thus:

One man said that all the ministers of New York combined could not take three thousand to Chicago to do work for God—no, not three

hundred; and then he added, that if they did, the police would have the biggest job on their hands they had ever had.

(Applause.)

I know nothing about the man who said it, but such remarks have been frequently made.

A distinguished Doctor of Divinity in New York said, when I asked "How many people could you get together to do what we have done," "I do not know that we could get any. I will speak for my own church and say, I do not believe that I could get any."

"Then your church has never learned to obey," I said.

"That is true," he replied, "my church is one that wants me to obey it."

"That is just the difference between you and me," I made answer. "I rule my people. I do not let them rule me."

Which is better, to have a minister whom you rule, or a minister who is able to rule you—the former or the latter?

Audience—"The latter."

COMMISSION OF DIVINE COMPULSION GIVEN BY THE CHRIST.

General Overseer—Any who want the former, go back to the Methodists, or the Baptists, or any of the other denominations, and you will feel at home there.

"It takes away liberty," some complain. "It is nothing but tyranny; it is an hypnotic compulsion."

My answer to that is this: I admit that it is a Divine Compulsion, and takes away a certain kind of liberty, but it is the liberty to be disorderly.

Do you want to retain that liberty?

Audience—"No."

General Overseer—Is it a good liberty?

Audience—"No."

General Overseer— I admit the Divine Compulsion which our Lord Jesus, the Christ, Himself, gave as a command to the servants when He sent them forth with the last Message

at the Supper when He said, “compel them to come in that My house may be filled.”

He sent them out with a Message when He gave the Great Commission in these words: “Go ye, therefore, and make disciples.”

Make them!

A minister who acts in accordance with that commission will be a minister of Divine Compulsion.

When we get people to hear us we will manufacture saints out of brutes. (Amen.)

Do you hear that?

We did that with many of you, did we not?

Audience— “Yes.”

General Overseer—We will set to work to make saints of rebellious fools of women. We have already done that.

We have taken many little rebels and made them obey, and now every one that sees them says, “What sweet children! What pretty girls! What manly men! What fine mothers! What splendid fathers! What a magnificent set of people!”

But we made you that, did we not?

Audience— “Yes.”

You never would have been such but for having been made. How were you made?

THERE IS A DIVINE MOLD INTO WHICH ZION IS CAST.

Perhaps you have not seen it.

A Zion lady said to me this morning, “My ungodly cousin, a bright young fellow, looked at me and said, ‘Anna, there is something changed in you.’”

“‘What is it?’”

“‘Why,’ he said, ‘you have a look of Peace in your eye.’”

“‘I looked at the faces of the sweet little children coming in,’ he said, ‘and I saw the look in their faces— it was Peace.’”

“‘I saw the youths and maidens come in. They were singing, and there was a light in their eyes, and a look on their

faces; it was Peace.

“‘I saw the Officers marching calmly along, and the look on their faces was that of Peace.’”

“‘I looked into the General Overseer’s face, and I saw the calmness and strength and courage of a man who was facing fifteen thousand people, and it was Peace.’”

“‘I looked into the face of one, and I looked into the face of all, and I saw Peace— the Peace of God that passeth all understanding.’”

Without any distinguishing garb, Zion people were known wherever they went in New York.

People would often say to me, “I do not know how it is, Doctor, but I can tell your people anywhere.” I said, “Why?”

They would say, “Because there is a look upon their faces.” “And what is it?”

“It seems to me such a strong, quiet, calm look when they say, ‘Peace be to this house.’” “And what,” I said, “does the look mean?”

“It seems to me to be Peace. They have the Peace.”

Was it not a good thing to take all you rebels and cast you into one great mold of Divine Peace?

People—Yes.”

DISORGANIZED AND DISUNITED IN EVERYTHING.

General Overseer—You were a sorry lot when you first came to Zion.

You had no Peace. You were fighting on every side.

You were Democrats and Republicans, and Popocrats, and all kinds of rats and crats. (Laughter.)

You were fighting over politics; you were fighting over trades unionism; you were fighting over your little churches; you were fighting over the organization of them; you were squabbling over the doctrines; you were squabbling everywhere.

Every man had his own little flag.

You were electing pastors and throwing them out; and you were very busy marching up and down, and doing a little less than nothing at all. Is that true?

People — “Yes.”

General Overseer—At that time, did you know anything of that Peace?

People— “No.”

General Overseer—Was it not worth while making you do right?

People— “Yes.”

General Overseer— When I got the pig out of you, there was Peace; there was less grunting than before. (Laughter.)

When I got the tobacco out of you, there was Peace

ZION BRINGS PEACE IN THE FAMILY.

Your wife no longer complained that you were choking the baby, and stinking her out of the house.

When I got you through this mold, there was Peace, because your wife had your company at home instead of your belonging to every lodge in town except the Home Lodge.

There was Peace because the money you spent in Secret Societies and a little gambling now and then, and a little fooling, came into the family and she knew that you cared for her and for the baby and for the home, and that you were determined to do your duty as a good Christian man, and to have her know where you went and take her with you every chance you got.

There was Peace. Before that there was no Peace.

Before that your wife and her little girl went to the Roman Catholic mass and you went nowhere. Now, there is Peace in that home, for they have found the Peace of God.

I do not deny the imputation that we deprive the people, as far as we can, of their liberty and power to do wrong and give them the power to do right. (Amen.)

That is a blessed deprivation and a glorious gift.

It comes by believing: by believing in Him whom God

hath sent; by believing the Message that He gave; by believing in the prophetic Word.

PEOPLE: WHO WRITE ABOUT WHAT THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND

A great many people do not understand it.

They tell you frankly that they do not understand; and yet the less they know the more they write!

Here are people writing about a great spiritual movement, who have no more spirituality in them than a mule. (Laughter.) I think less. They have no spirituality at all.

It is an insult to dogs to call them dogs; for dogs would never get drunk as they do. Dogs would never chew tobacco as they do, and never live in constant worrying and devilry as they do.

Yet these people will sit down and imagine that they are competent critics of a great religious movement that is molding into a Divine and glorious frame multitudes of people; and enabling them to effect some good in the world!

THE NATURAL MAN CANNOT UNDERSTAND THE THINGS OF GOD.

Those things are spiritually discerned.

He knoweth them not; he cannot understand them.

It is simply impossible for him to do other than blunder when he touches them.

I ask that you and I, who have learned of God something of the power that comes through believing, shall never trouble ourselves, for one single moment, as to the estimate in which an ungodly and unbelieving world holds us .

I told the people of New York what I told the people of Chicago, that it was more important what I thought of them than what they thought of me: that at the great Day of Judgment, it would be more important what I would have to say about them than what they would have to say about me; that

the importance of the opinions of a person is measurable by the importance of the position which he holds in God's esteem and the commission which he bears.

“THE FRIENDSHIP OF THE WORLD IS ENMITY
WITH GOD”

My brethren and my sisters, you are never to be troubled; for one single moment, by the estimate in which the children of the Devil hold you, or hold me, or hold Zion.

They are not competent to make an estimate that is worth anything.

If we had their good opinion, it would most clearly indicate that we were not doing God's work.

Those that are enemies of God can never, at the same time, be the friends of God, or of God's people.

Those that are fighting God can never, at the same time, be the friends of those that are fighting the Devil.

It is impossible for a man to serve two masters.

If their master is in the world; if their master is in the flesh; if their master is the Devil, in that trinity of devilry they have their master, while we have our Master in Heaven, in the Spirit, and in God, knowing that the Triune Powers of God Himself are with us as we Go Forward.

We have to Go Forward in Faith.

There are some of you who have come to Zion City, and who have never exercised an atom of Faith to build up Zion.

You came only after we had succeeded, to a certain extent, and you are the first to get frightened.

THE LAST TO COME THE FIRST TO GO.

It is those who saw Zion when she came up out of the snows of 1893 that are to this very day and hour the truest and boldest and most aggressive and uncompromising and selfsacrificing in Zion.

I do not doubt that we have been joined by thousands and

tens of thousands who are equally consecrated; but I notice that when there is any attempt to scare, it always starts with the people that last came in.

I notice, in great audiences, that the people who come last go first.

The people who come first and get all these front seats an hour before you start from home, never budge, and they stay to the end.

I notice that the people who leisurely come in after they have guzzled and sucked everything that they can stick into their bellies, and come rolling along here, like gluttonous pigs, cannot stand it. They have to go out because they are so full of their dinner that they have no room for God.

The god they have is their bellies, and their bellies have to be attended to. I watch these people.

There are a few yet left in Zion.

The Apostle Paul, who uses the expression I have just quoted, says that these people are “the enemies of the Cross of the Christ; whose end is perdition, whose god is the belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.”

The people that come in last, and only come in because they think that they can find a soft snap in Zion, are the people who go first.

I shall be glad when they are gone, because we are stronger without them.

THE TESTING TIME A BLESSING.

I believe that these are, after all, few in number.

I think that the testing time which God has permitted us always, and which He permits us to pass through now, is a good time.

I could very easily end every financial difficulty that Zion has today by borrowing money. The vast estate of Zion is a powerful one, an exceedingly rich estate; but God gave it to us on condition that we obey Him.

You cannot do better tonight than read, in your homes, the

whole of the 28th chapter of Deuteronomy.

God said that the blessing He would give to Israel would be conditional upon their not borrowing; and

I SIMPLY WILL NOT BORROW.

I have told every one with whom I have dealt, that if we are unable to pay them in hard cash, at any time, it is simply because we are unable to realize quickly enough the securities that are in our hands. I have told them they will get interest upon their accounts, and that they must wait.

God's Way, not the world's way, must be carried out in Zion.

If they enter suits, I will put them upon the blacklist, and they shall never get another dollar of trade with Zion. (Applause.)

A NOTE OF WARNING TO RAILWAYS.

If the railway oppresses us I can bring two railways into Zion before next summer, and then the North-Western will merely get the crumbs that fall from Zion's table. (Applause.)

I will use the power of Zion, along the lines that God has given me.

I will not borrow a dollar, God helping me. (Applause.)

I will never mortgage any of Zion's and our great buildings. I believe God, and that He directed Moses to say to Israel "Thou shalt not borrow." He said that if I did this, He would make me the head and not the tail; and I want to be the head. There are some of you who want me to be the opposite. The tail does not wag this dog (applause), but this dog wags the tail. The tail must do what the head says. If the tail does not like it, then we may dock it. (Laughter and applause.)

I use language that you can all understand.

I believe that every good man and woman in Zion says Amen.

People— "Amen."

General Overseer—I expect you to do your duty.

THE FLAG "THOU SHALT NOT BORROW" NAILED TO THE MAST.

We have millions of dollars' worth of outside property placed in our hands for sale, and for the investment of the proceeds in Zion industries, upon which we are endeavoring to realize, and we shall realize just as quickly as we can without sacrificing the interests of our clients.

Behind these millions immediately in our hands there are fifty millions more in valuable properties all over the world, which our people have declared their intention of selling and investing in Zion.

Painful though it is for me, painful though it is for you, easy as it might be to borrow several million dollars at four and one-half per cent. or five per cent., I will not borrow because I will not enter into association with the World, the Flesh and the Devil.

They never built up Zion and they shall never live upon the profits that are made by Zion toilers. (Applause.)

Last year I nailed my flag, "Thou shalt not borrow," to the masthead, and I went on with my ship. I paid every dollar, and was able for some time to buy considerably on a cash basis.

This year I will do the same thing, and God will see me through. (Amen.) Zion will see me through.

I do not propose that any one shall lose any money. They shall get their own, as the parable says, with interest; but I do not propose to put Zion into the hands of the world.

ZION WILL NEVER BE UNDER OBLIGATION TO MASONIC POWER.

I do not know of any organization from which I might borrow that is not more or less controlled by Masonic power.

I never, by the grace of God, shall put the neck of Zion beneath the feet of the Masonic power. (Applause.)

I am glad to see your hands clapping, but I would be still better pleased to see them put into your pockets, if you are making them a safety deposit vault.

Bring out all your old stockings and borrow upon your outside properties, which is fair enough; for it is a partial sale. Then get rid of them as quickly as you can, and get out of association with the World.

You can sell your property only to the world. There is no one else to sell it to.

Zion does not want to buy property in Chicago or any other city of the world. I am trying to sell all we have in Chicago.

Zion does not want to build expensive halls in cities.

ZION'S AIM.

Zion aims to build up this city until it has half a million inhabitants and splendidly-paying industries.

Zion aims to establish similar cities all over the world.

Zion will do her best in the streets and lanes and the great halls of the cities, but Zion will not invest money under Mayor Harrison in Chicago, or under the Tammany Tiger in New York

Zion's policy is to build her own cities, to erect her own Tabernacles and Temples, to establish her own colleges and schools, to create her own manufacturies and institutions.

We will do all the good we can in the world for men everywhere, but Zion proposes to bring her own people out from among those who are determined to run their cities in the interest of the bad old firm of the World, the Flesh, and the Devil.

By-and-by, when the Tribulation comes, we can say, "O, Lord, we did our best for all the cities of the world," and we can shut the doors about us until the storm has passed. Zion will be found to be the House on the Rock in the morning.

It seems to me that Zion has a right to do this.

The time has come when the world shall no longer make money out of Zion Investments: for Zion can now invest more profitably in Zion Industries, through Zion's own Financial Institutions. Therefore, I say to you, are you loyal to Zion who have one foot in Ohio and another foot in Zion City?

Are you loyal to Zion when you are backing up worldly institutions outside when Zion needs your resources and your strength and can use these to God's glory, and to your increased prosperity?

THE COMMAND OF SEPTEMBER 21, 1903.

I say to you, and I say to Zion everywhere, that you will have to recognize fully the tremendous fact that I was within my rights and only fulfilling my Divinely-imposed and positive duty when I issued the Command of September 21st.

After due time given for the prayerful consideration of that Command, every man or woman throughout the world who says, "I will not obey," is asked to send in his or her resignation.

If you will not obey, then I will know that you are outside of Zion.

My responsibility as your leader, under God, will cease: for you will have found another leader, or be "a wandering star."

The strength of this movement will be the strength of its weakest link.

Suppose that there are one thousand links in a chain and nine hundred ninety-nine of these links are sound; but one link is cracked or broken. When the tempest comes, that chain is attached to an anchor that is run out at the bow of the ship and goes down into the deep sand and fastens there to hold the vessel on the ocean's bosom strong and firmly until the gale blows over.

Then you will see what I once saw.

You will see the chain part, and hundreds of men and women, youths and maidens, crowd the decks of the ship, with cries of despair, as it is dashed upon the rocks. Out of more than five hundred souls, on board the ship I refer to, only one man was saved. He was washed up into a cleft of a rock.

The next morning the beach was strewn with the dead, because there was one link that was broken, and the chain parted.

LET US TAKE THE WEAK LINKS OUT OF THE CHAIN.

I do not propose to have Zion's anchor fastened to the ship with one disobedient broken link.

Let us take it out now. (Amen.)

I either have the right to command or I have not.

If I have the right to command, then I must command; it is my duty.

If I am the Prophet of whom Moses spoke, then the man in Zion who will not obey shall perish. He will go ashore. He may go and have a ship of his own, but he will never steer it into the Zion port. The ship will go to pieces long before it reaches the port.

You say, "Has it come to this that we must give to God not only our spirits, our souls and our bodies, but that we must bring our money into Zion?"

Yes, it has come to that.

If you value your money more than you do your spirit, your soul and your body, you ought never to have come into Zion. (Amen.)

If I can commit my spirit, my soul, and my body to God, can I not commit my money to Him?

"Oh," you say, "I am not sure it would be safe."

SAFETY OF MONEY INVESTED IN ZION.

I say that is a shameful and a gratuitous insult.

I ask you, when did a single dollar that was entrusted to Zion or to me go astray?

Who has lost a dollar in Zion?

We never bought an article that we did not pay for.

We who have come together in Zion came together with the distinct understanding that we not only brought our spirits and our souls and our bodies, but that we brought everything that we possessed into Zion.

Was not that the condition?

People—"Yes."

General Overseer—I made it plain. If you came into Zion with any other understanding, you never read LEAVES OF HEALING.

I made it plain years ago; and I did, because I knew that God wanted His people to come together and coöperate, and be successful and rich and prosperous by united effort.

I said, a few days ago, "If by some strange and impossible calamity everything that Zion possesses were swept away tomorrow, Zion could buckle down and recreate everything in five years." (Applause.)

We have the power.

We are not men and women who cannot earn.

We are not men who are without brains; we are not people who have untrained fingers.

Sober, godly, saving, healthy, happy, contented people can live anywhere on God's earth and get bread.

We can dig the soil again, if need be. Indeed we are digging all the time—foundations for about twenty new houses have been dug since we returned from New York a few days ago, even though the earth is frozen not less than eight inches deep.

I would rather dig the soil again and live on bread and water in Zion, than go and be a citizen of any of those ungodly cities! (Amen.)

A SUPPOSABLE CASE IN NOAH'S TIME.

The time has come for exceedingly plain language.

I say to you what God said to Noah, "Come now and all thy house into the ark."

Now, what if Noah had thought that it might not be a very good thing for him to put all his money into the ark?

Suppose that Ham, Sheen, or Japheth had said, "I do not think that we will take the money in.

"We will just stow it in the safety deposit vaults in the city of Nod. Then when the flood is over, we will come back and get it."

Could they have come back and got it?

You know what happened after the flood.

All the world nearly, that was above water before the flood came, was under water when the flood was over.

Great mountains rose up out of the sea upon which you can find shells today—sea shells, ten, twelve, fourteen thousand feet high.

Ham, Shem and Japheth, if you have put your money into the safety deposit vaults of Nod, you have lost it forever. (Laughter.)

It is down there in the deposit vaults, and all the fishes have been laughing at it for thousands of years.

Do you not think it better for us to prepare before the calamity comes?

THE GREAT AND TERRIBLE DAY OF THE LORD IS AT HAND.

Do you believe it?

People— "Yes."

General Overseer—Am I not God's Messenger who tells you of it and demands that you shall get ready?

People— "Yes."

General Overseer—We are safer if we bring it into our own ark. When the flood is over, we can have it. We can take it out and go into business again.

I will not lead Zion if Zion goes back on its promises to God and to oneself.

I refuse to be the leader of any man who says, "I will trust God with my spirit, my soul and my body in Zion; but when it comes to trusting Him with my money—well, I will put it into the safety deposit vaults in Chicago."

Then I say you had better get out of Zion and stay with your money in Chicago.

I do not want you in Zion.

You are a curse to Zion and the quicker you get out the better I will be pleased and the better off Zion will be.

You are a weak link in our chain, and, if you remained in your present condition, some day, when we had to cast our anchor overboard, the anchor would part from our vessel.

You would be the one weak link that caused the parting.

I will not have such a link in the chain.

LET EVERY LINK BE TESTED.

Dr. Speicher, Overseer for the City of Zion; Overseer Brasefield, Presiding Elder Dietrich, Overseer Excell, Elder Lee, Presiding Elder Dinius, I say to you and to every Officer of this Church, go around as they do when they are testing the wheels of a car.

Take a hammer and give them all a rap, and if they do not sound true and give the proper ring, say, "We will take no chances on this wheel. It will have to come out. You can send it to the scrap pile."

Will you help me?

Every one take a hammer and give your neighbor a rap and see how he sounds.

If he does not sound true tell him he must come out, go through the furnace, and be molded all over again.

See that each one is out and out in Zion with all he has.

If he will not do that, then he will have to go to Babel or Beer; he cannot stay here.

I wanted to have my own people together; for I wanted to

take my hammer and give you a knock and see how you sounded.

THE WORLD'S PROPERTY DECREASING IN PRICE.

It may be that when we give you a knock we will find that many of your family are not converted.

I do not take much stock in you until they are converted.

You should take no rest, and give God no rest until every member of your family is converted to God and in Zion.

I do not know what the trouble may be.

It may not be money at all, and may not be farms away out among the ungodly.

I told Zion, two years ago, that if they did not sell then, they would have to take less later.

Those who obeyed and sold, got the highest price ever in the market for that property; but they could not get as much money today.

The depreciation is going on and probably will go on.

The labor troubles of this country, if they are aggravated by one single bad harvest, will make the price of real estate run away down. The quicker you get your money for real estate realized the better.

I would rather go down with my flag flying, "Thou Shalt Not Borrow," than to sail the seas and to be disobedient to my God.

I have never embarrassed the estate of Zion by a single penny of mortgage, and, God helping me, I never will.

I ask you to pray that the God who has seen us through will see us through still.

GOD WILL SEE HIS PEOPLE AND HIS PROPHET THROUGH.

I am thankful for your confidence. I am thankful for the confidence of vast numbers of God's people throughout all

the world. But I am thankful most of all for the confidence which God has shown in me.

I believe God says, and I believe it from my heart: "I have a man at the head of Zion Restoration Host and the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, who will not go back; who will not turn to the right hand or to the left hand. I have promised to bless him, and if it takes every angel in heaven and every power on earth, I will see my Prophet through."

I believe that God will see His people through who follow my leadership; but I cannot be sure of the man who is not out and out and through and through consecrated to God and true to Zion. Do you believe that God has established Zion?

People—"Yes."

General Overseer—Do you believe that God will give us the victory?

People—"Yes."

General Overseer—Have we not a right to believe it?

Not only have we His Word, but His Love in time past has given us the Victory in every contest. Only be strong and be very courageous; and turn not to the right hand nor to the left that you and I may be what God commands; and then we must triumph.

Help me to get rid of every unholy and broken link.

WE ARE AT THE END OF THE AGES.

I know not how soon the Lord will come, but I do know this, that He has said. "I will come again!"

Repeat those words, "I will come again."

People—"I will come again."

General Overseer—His Word is true.

He said He would come, in the Fulness of Time, to redeem the world by the Sacrifice of His own blood.

The Christ came; and now He says He will come again.

He will descend with His saints, and will proceed to rule the world.

He will put all enemies under His feet.

That contest will go on throughout the Millennium, until at last, after the last battle is fought, and there shall be none to dispute. He shall reign, and there shall be none beside.

Then He will deliver up the Kingdom to God, even the Father, that God may be All and in All.

Remember that we have His good Word of Promise.

It has never failed.

If that Word could fail, then I would not care to live an hour.

I would not care to fight another minute in the Army of God.

But the Word of God cannot fail.

God's Word for all men's craft and power,
One moment will not linger;
But 'spite of hell shall have its power.
Tis written by God's finger.

God's finger has written that Word.
Jesus said, "I Will come again."
And He will.

ZION FULLFILLING PROPHECY.

We are waiting "Till He come," and are working "Till He come," and are fulfilling the prophecies that were to be fulfilled by God's Israel in the establishment of God's Zion in the Latter Days.

Zion is challenging the attention of the world.

If we, through unbelief, permit among us those who will go as they like and do as they please, we shall certainly fail; and we deserve to fail.

But if we do God's Will, and do it in the letter and in the spirit, then God must fail before Zion can.

I cannot believe that God can ever fail; for if I believed that, then the Great White Throne might fall; I would believe then that everything might go and God Himself be blotted out. I would not care to live without God in the Universe, and

the Devil in command.

I would rather never have been born than serve the Devil.

I believe that God sees in you, and God sees in me, a people and a man whom He can trust.

He has trusted us and has enriched and blessed us.

Shall we be faithful, so that He shall trust us more; or shall we fall by failing to trust Him in everything?

People—"We will be faithful."

General Overseer—Shall we bring all, our Tithes into the Storehouse?

People—"Yes."

General Overseer—Shall we bring all the Offerings into Storehouse?

People—"Yes."

General Overseer—Shall we put everything that belongs to God into His Storehouse?

People—"Yes."

PROPHECIES OF GOD'S MESSENGER FULFILLED.

General Overseer—Then we shall come through, and we shall not only come through but come through gloriously.

I have never failed to see what was coming in Zion. God has always shown it to me, and I have told you what was coming.

Has it not come?

People—"Yes."

General Overseer—I have never been wrong in the predictions I have made concerning business or ecclesiastical propositions.

I believe that, if we are faithful to God as we should be, in a very few years, perhaps in less than one, the trouble in Zion will be that we shall scarcely know what to do with the immense resources that will pour into Zion City Bank.

We shall have to use diligence to do many things that we cannot do now.

We shall have to put many Industries in operation and with our Zion connections on other continents, supply all our needs of every kind, apart from the “world that lieth in the Wicked One.”

We shall have to establish many Zion cities.

OTHER CITIES IN SIGHT.

I am even preparing for the possible establishment of these cities, knowing, as I do, that at least fifty million dollars are coming from the resources of our own people, who are coming into Zion, and that it must come, humanly speaking, within the next five years.

Hundreds of thousands and millions of dollars a year will come until at last it will come with a rush, as the Book said it would come.

It will take a good deal more grace to bear prosperity than it does to bear adversity.

It takes a good deal more grace to bear having a large income than having a small income.

It takes a good deal more grace to bear power than it does to bear weakness.

It has taken a good deal more grace in Zion’s prosperity than it ever did in Zion’s adversity; but I thank God. His grace has been sufficient for me, and it is sufficient for you.

I pray that, standing where I can see, talking not about possibilities but about actualities, that if this people are faithful to God and to one another, the riches that will pour into Zion will enable us to establish ten cities within ten year.

May God grant that it shall be so.

I also predict that if we are unfaithful and allow our people to do just as they like and to tamper with their Vows to God, that God will set us aside and do His work by means of others.

Shall we do that?

People— “No.”

General Overseer—Then God will not set us aside.

I pray you who are afraid to go with us any further, go back, and go back quickly; for it is a Gideon’s army and nothing else that will win this victory.

“Blessed are those who, not seeing, believe.”

I THANK GOD THAT WE BELIEVED BEFORE WE SAW.

I thank God that this people believed I would secure a Site.

There are men here who sold their farms and put all of their money into my hands before I had a Site for Zion City.

There were some who did so before we had a house in Zion City.

God has their names in His Book, and I have their names on my heart.

These men are our strong men.

They are willing to bear and to do more because they have tested God and God has been true.

THIS IS THE WORK OF A PEOPLE, NOT OF ONE MAN.

O, beloved, I and looking for the Salvation of multitudes in the world; but it can only be done by a people that are prepared.

No one man can ever do this work.

You might just as well have sent Grant down without an army to whip the rebels, or with only a few officers.

It takes a whole army to march.

It takes a whole people to march; and I will make it particularly uncomfortable for every coward, every one that is afraid to get out and work. When we call for our next Visitation and you do not go who can, I will make you go somewhere else.

If you will not go out to work for God, if you call work,

you had better get outside of Zion City.

I do not forget that there are old people; but the old people did the best service, or at least as good as any in New York.

A TRIUMPHANT ENDING,

Dear Father Jones, who is now in heaven, was so brave that at eighty-three years of age he went down to New York and did his work valiantly.

When I saw him suffering from a slight cold a few days ago, it did not seem to me that he was any weaker than I had often seen him.

Before I got through with him he said, "I feel well," and sat up in his bed.

He told me many things that he had been enjoying.

"Oh, I enjoyed," he said, "every minute of that Visitation to New York. My spirit was stirred."

He said many kind words to me. "Oh," he said, "you are God's prophet and the true leader of His people. I hope you will give me a minute to hear something that I wrote."

Then the good old man sat up in bed and fired off at me a poem of about ten stanzas, telling me what a great man I was.

It was worth listening to.

His spirit was happy.

He has fallen asleep just as a child falls asleep, and his beautiful face was calm as I looked at it.

His body is in the cemetery and his spirit is rejoicing.

He sang "Coronation" and "Crown Him" before he went away; and he is singing "Crown Him" in heaven.

Beloved, from the Battlements of Glory, holy ones are looking down and you can almost hear them say, "Oh, let no one take thy Crown!"

Shall we let any one take our Crown?

Shall we not do our work? It will soon be over, and shall we lose the Crown because we were afraid to risk anything for God?

THE LEADER IN THE WORK TAKES THE GREATEST RISK.

You talk about risks. I wonder who risks most in this work, you or I?

People—"You."

General Overseer—Is there any man here who risks as much as I do?

I risk my life in this work every day. I risk everything. There is not a dollar that I possess that is not in Zion—and I would not have it anywhere else.

There is a little estate across the lake that some of you may think of, which I gave to Mrs. Dowie five years ago. Does anybody begrudge that?

If you do, the Lord have mercy upon you.

That lovely property is being used continually for God.

There is a great tent upon it, where we preach; and by-and-by we will build a great auditorium, where we shall preach and where we shall be glad, as we always are, to see our people as often as we can talk to them.

It is held for God, and there is not a thing that we have that I do not want to use for God.

Let us do our work. "The night cometh when no man can work."

Consecrate yourselves to God and then sing with me, "I stand on Zion's Mount."

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION.

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name, I consecrate myself to thee—my spirit, my soul, my body, my money, my time, my talents. I vow that I will bring them all and lay them at Thy feet, and do it quickly. God bless Zion everywhere, and make Zion strong through obedience. Bless the multitudes that are unsaved in all the lands. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

All joined in singing, "I Stand on Zion's Mount," the General Overseer directing the stanzas to be sung, first by the whole Congregation, then by the women only, then by the

Junior Choir only, then by the boys of the Junior Choir only, then by the men only, and then again, all together.

I stand on Zion's mount,
And view my starry crown:
No power on earth my hope can shake
Nor hell can thrust me down.

The lofty hills and towers,
That lift their heads on high,
Shall all be leveled low in dust
Their very navies shall die.

The vaulted heavens shall fall,
Built by Jehovah's hands;
But firmer than the heavens, the Rock
Of my salvation stands.

There was a mighty inspiration in the grand old hymn,
rang out sung by those thousands of consecrated and faithful ones.

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, until 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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BANK

Corner Shiloh Boulevard and Elijah Avenue

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Received from \$1 upward. Interest compounded semi-annually at the following rates:

FOUR PER CENT, - - - On Accounts from \$1 to \$500
THREE PER CENT, - - - On Accounts over \$500

COLLECTIONS

Promptly made on all points In this and other, countries, on equitable terms

CORRESPONDENCE

Or a personal interview with a view to business relations respectfully solicited

A CLEAN CITY

for

A CLEAN PEOPLE

ZION CITY, Illinois, U. S. A., is truly a **Restoration City**. An Zinevitable product of the Restoration work of Elijah the Restorer in these days which are the beginning of the "Times of the Restoration of All Things," foretold in Acts 3:21-24.

In it are prohibited: Intoxicating Liquor, Tobacco, Poisonous Dings, Swine's Flesh, Theatres, Gambling Dens, Places of Ill Fame, and all other uncleanliness.

In it are fostered: Industrial and Commercial Development, through Christian Co-operation; Christian Education, in all the fulness of highest efficiency; Purity in thought, word and conduct, in the home, in business, and in every relation of life; and in all things, at all times, the supreme thought of **God First**.

Two Years' Results

A busy population of about 10,000. Actual improvements which have cost about \$5,000,000. An unequalled school system inaugurated, employing sixty teachers, and equipped with first section of a cut-stone College building, already costing \$150,000, and four large Junior School buildings. A Tabernacle, seating over 7,000, which at times will not contain the congregations. Shiloah Tabernacle, to cost one half million dollars and seat 16,000 persons, ground for which is being broken. The largest Lace Factory in the United States, and the finest in the world. A Candy Factory, whose high-class products are so renowned for Purity, Originality and Workmanship, that the demand is many times its output. One of the largest and best equipped Printing and Publishing Houses in the world. A Building and Manufacturing Association, employing more than one thousand persons. A Pure Food Factory; large Hospices (or hotels); large General Stores, and many other important institutions.

Zion City Site

Comprises 6,600 acres, fronting two and one-half miles on Lake Michigan, from the shores of which the land rises in gradual and graceful undulations to an elevation of 176 feet. It is within one hour's ride of Chicago by the great double-track Chicago & NorthWestern Railway. It has been most beautifully designed and laid out in one great scheme into parks, boulevards, streets and avenues, and presents one of the most