

Zion City as It Is Today

ZION CITY WAS FOUNDED,
AND IS BEING BUILT, FOR
THE PURPOSE OF THE
EXTENSION OF THE
KINGDOM OF GOD UPON
THE EARTH.

It is to this end that it is made a City where God shall rule in every department of family, industrial, commercial, educational, ecclesiastical, and political life.

It is to this end that it is a City where none of the cursing and defiling influences of the world's great cities will be allowed to enter.

It is to this end that it is a City where the very highest opportunity is given to every inhabitant to live a clean life, to receive the full reward for his labor, to invest his earnings where they yield a handsome return, and to build up and maintain a happy, beautiful and prosperous home.

It is to this end that children are given the very best educational advantages, founded upon the Word of God.

It is to this end that great industrial and commercial institutions are established in this City, the profits of which will be in part divided with the toilers, and in part used for the training and sending forth of Zion's Messengers with the Everlasting Gospel to the world.

Zion City, near Chicago, Illinois, is but the first of a number of Zion Cities to be established near the great cities of the earth in the latter days of this

dispensation, under the direction and leadership of John Alexander, First Apostle of the Lord Jesus, the Christ, in the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion, and Elijah, the prophet of the Restoration of All Things.

These Zion Cities will at last find their crown, capital, and consummation in Zion City, near Jerusalem, the City of the Great King, which shall be the seat of the Empire of Jesus, the Christ, the Son of God, when He comes to reign as the All-conquering Sovereign of the entire world.

HISTORICAL.

What has been done, what is being done, and what shall be done toward the accomplishment of this glorious purpose? On February 22, 1899, the General Overseer, after many years of prayer and planning, formed Zion Land and Investment Association.

At that time he promised that if Christians would co-operate with him he would, through that association, select and secure, near Chicago, a site for Zion City.

God, in the most marvelous way, enabled him to fulfil that promise.

On the morning of January 1, 1900, in Central Zion Tabernacle, Chicago, the General Overseer announced to his people and to the world that 6,500 acres, more than ten square miles, of some of the richest and most beautiful land in the State of Illinois, had been secured in Benton township,

Lake county.

This site is located within forty-two miles of Chicago, on the shores of Lake Michigan, two and one-half miles of its eastern border being washed by the waters of that great unsalted sea.

On July 14, 1900, the site for the great Zion Temple was consecrated, by the General Overseer, in the presence of ten thousand people, in Shiloh Park.

One year later, July 15, 1901, the gates of Zion City were opened, and within one week all the lots offered were taken up by intending residents. About one square mile of land was disposed of at that time.

On the 15th of August, 1901, the first residence was begun in Zion City, and before winter came, hundreds of houses had sprung up on the site, and the City had attained a population of between two and three thousand people.

All winter long the building continued and went forward with most marvelous strides into the spring of 1902, and all during the two years that followed, until now many thousands of people have their homes in Zion City, although it is only three years and nine months old.

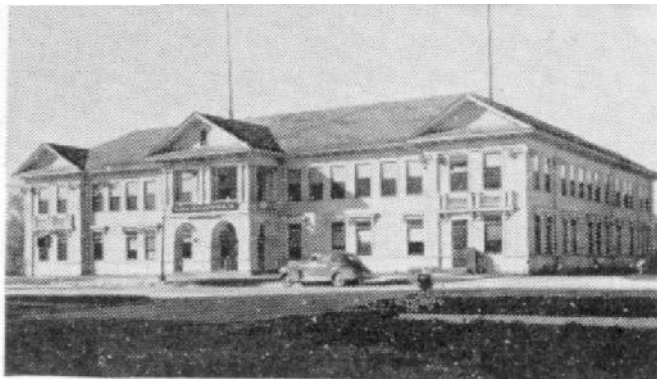
On March 31, 1902, Zion City was organized and incorporated, under the laws of the State of Illinois.

On April 7, 1902, the Theocratic Party was organized, and placed in the field a ticket for municipal officers.

On Wednesday, April 23, 1902, this ticket was unanimously

elected, Richard H. Harper being the first mayor.

Since that time the City has gone steadily forward



Zion Administration Building

ecclesiastically, educationally, commercially, industrially and politically, until it has reached the condition described in the remainder of this article.

After years of persecution, false accusation, and terrific Opposition from the World, the Flesh, and the Devil, Zion City raises her victorious head, triumphant, with a marvelous history—although so far a brief one—a splendid present., and a glorious future.

LOCATION AND PHYSICAL FEATURES.

As already stated, Zion City is located forty-two miles north of Chicago. It is also the same distance south of Milwaukee. The land upon which it is built is admirably adapted for the purposes of a manufacturing, commercial, educational, and residential city of many thousands of inhabitants. .

For about one mile from the lake westward the land is low and flat, but can be easily drained, and hence is unexcelled for the location of factories and

freight. yards. It also affords a most excellent opportunity for the excavation and equipment of a splendid harbor.

Such land also lends itself readily to the art of the landscape architect, and can be transformed into beautiful parks, with lagoons, artistic bridges, and other beautiful improvements.

Jackson Park, one of the most beautiful in Chicago, is laid out upon exactly such land.

About one mile west of the lake the land rises abruptly for several feet, making a graceful tree-crowned terrace, and from there rises gradually and with natural undulations to a height of 176 feet above the surface of the lake.

The height of the Zion Temple site in Shiloh Park is about eighty feet above the lake.

On both the north and south sides of the City are very beautiful natural parks, which can be improved at very little expense, so as to rival some of the most attractive parks of their size in our larger cities.

It will thus be seen that all the residential portion of Zion City is high, well-drained land; all of it in close proximity to one or more of the great parks of the City, and all of it within comparatively short distance from Zion Temple site, which is in its center.

TRANSPORTATION.

Zion City is situated upon the great main double-track line of the Chicago and North-Western

Railway, between Chicago and Milwaukee, one of the best-ballasted roads in the country. Scores of trains daily pass in both directions.

The run to Chicago can be made in about one hour under present conditions. and the progress of science and invention in rapid transit bids fair to reduce that time by half with the next few years.

Zion City is also within about five miles of one of the main lines of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway.

Zion City is also upon the line of the Chicago and Milwaukee Electric Railway, which already extends as far north as Waukegan from Chicago, and as far south as Kenosha from Milwaukee, and is now being built through Zion City, the track running on a splendid road-bed, with steel and concrete viaducts over main avenues and boulevards, about a mile and a quarter west of the Chicago and North-Western Railway Company's tracks.

A very handsome central station is to be built, and sub-stations will be conveniently placed.

The road will handle both passenger and freight traffic.

As stated above, the natural features of Zion City lake front make the excavation of a splendid harbor possible, so that Zion City will have the advantage of a great waterway which extends to the Atlantic Ocean in one direction, and by the Chicago Drainage Canal to the Gulf of Mexico in the other.

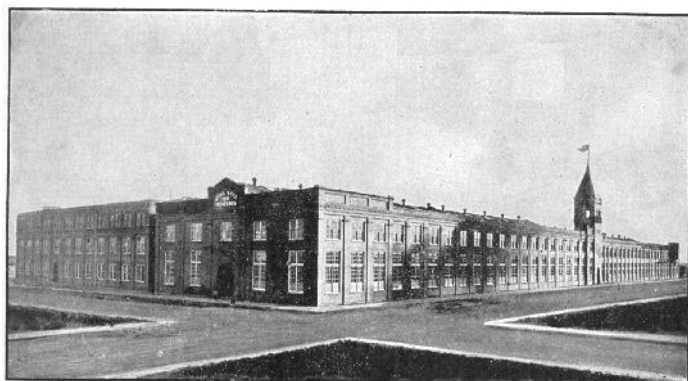
ECCLESIASTICAL WORK.

The first and most important work of Zion in Zion City is the

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Ecclesiastical, or Spiritual.

It would take too long, in this brief resumé, to describe all its details. A few general statements will give a faint idea of how this is carried on.



ZION LACE INDUSTRIES BUILDING.

The center of the spiritual work is Shiloh Tabernacle, situated near the geographical center of the City, in a beautiful park of 200 acres. This building, which is temporary, seats 7,300 people, and is often too small for the crowds that gather. In consequence of this, plans are now being made for Shiloh Tabernacle, to be built of brick, stone, concrete, steel, and glass, and to seat in its vast auditorium 16,000 people.

When that becomes too small, as it is expected to, the great Zion Temple, to seat 40,000 people, will be built.

In the temporary Tabernacle, described above, are held all the great religious services of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion, in Zion City.

The first of these during the Week is the Lord's Day Early Morning Meeting, held at half past six o'clock, and attended by from three thousand to six thousand worshipers, with an average of over four thousand, summer and winter. This

meeting is conducted by the First Apostle when he is in the City, and by principal Overseers and Elders in his absence.

Zion Junior Restoration Host, including all the children of Zion City, Zion Intermediate Bible Institute, including all the youths and maidens between the ages of sixteen and

twenty-one years, and an adult Bible Class, meet in this and other Tabernacles in the City during the Lord's Day forenoon, for the study of the Word of God.

On Lord's Day afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, is held the great general assembly of the day, in Shiloh Tabernacle.

At this service, which is conducted by the First Apostle, there is a procession of Zion White-robed Choir of seven or eight hundred singers, and several hundred ordained officers of the

Church. An orchestra of stringed instruments, and a large band of wind instruments, also assist in the music at this service.

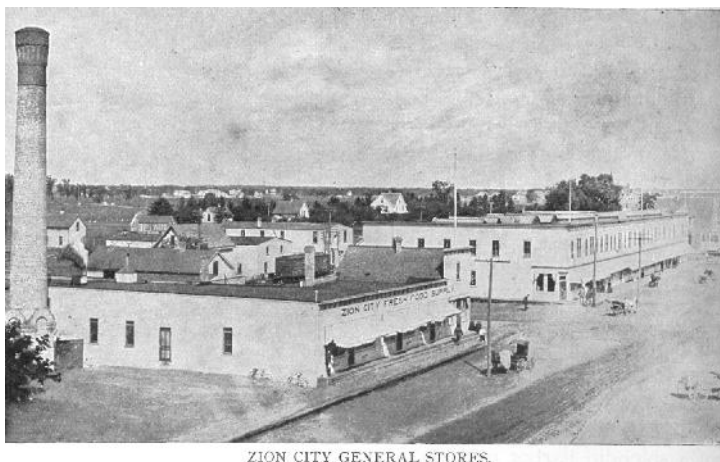
Hundreds of people come

from great distances, and during the summer a special train is run from Chicago for this service, which has an attendance, every Lord's Day afternoon, of from five to seven thousand people.

On Wednesday evening, at eight o'clock, is held the great Citizens' Rally of Zion City, also conducted by the First Apostle. The attendance at this meeting is usually from three to four thousand people.

In addition to these great general assemblies, there are hundreds of smaller and more local meetings held on Lord's Day and during the week in the other Tabernacles, and in private homes.

The City is divided into thirteen parishes, and over each district an elder, evangelist, or deacon of the Church presides. Each parish is divided into districts, with a subordinate officer in charge of each district, under



ZION CITY GENERAL STORES.

the direction of the head of the parish. The head of each district

men or women are gathered together for any work, the day is

thought, word, and deed, the work of Zion's Educational Institutions is to educate men and women who shall be endowed with that wisdom "which is from above," which is "first pure."

Many evils which are tolerated in public schools, because of the bondage to position and popularity of those in authority, are dealt with promptly in Zion Schools, and effectually eradicated.

The Word of God as the standard "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report," is maintained with loyalty to Him.

Nothing disloyal to the Word of God is taught in Zion Schools.

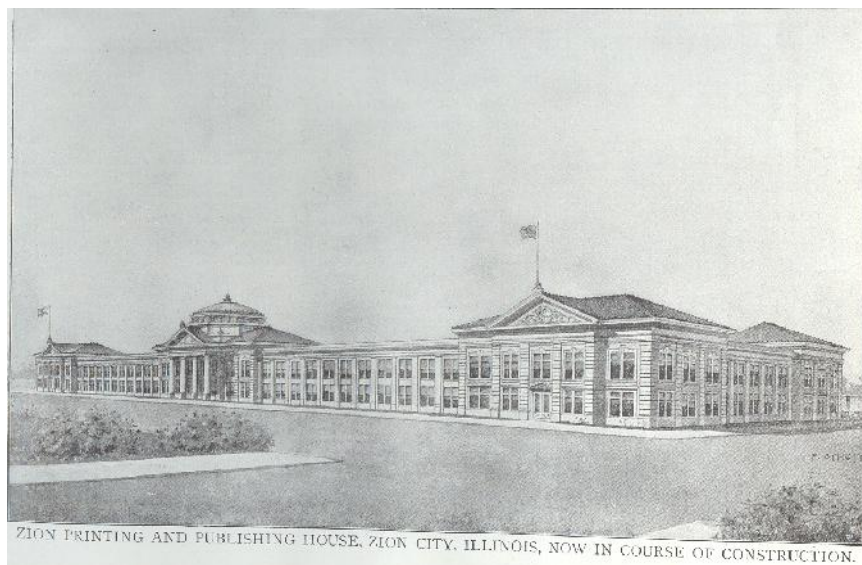
Nature is studied from life, not life from nature.

God is life.

Nature is corrupt and base.

God is pure and supreme.

The course of Zion Educational Institutions begins with the kindergarten covers the work of the primary, inter-



ZION PRINTING AND PUBLISHING HOUSE, ZION CITY, ILLINOIS, NOW IN COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION.

has his helpers, and, in this way, the entire City is systematically visited very frequently.

This visitation is for the purpose of keeping in spiritual touch with the people, and also to locate any case of sickness, poverty, or distress of any kind, that none in Zion City may suffer.

There is strict but loving discipline of those who sin, and none will be permitted to retain his residence in the City who persistently breaks the Law of God.

At nine o'clock, every morning and evening, whistles blow and bells ring.

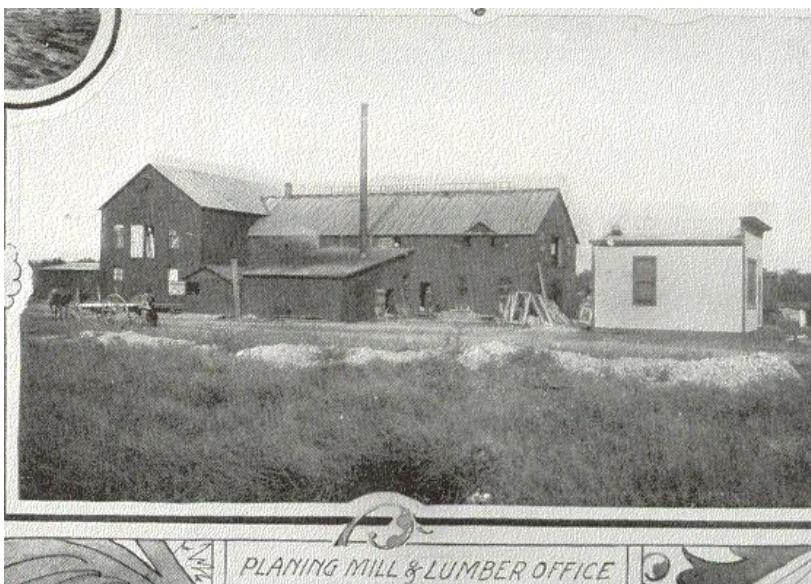
At the sound, every one stops, wherever he may be—in the home, in the office or shop, in the field, or in the street, and, with bowed head, prays to God for Zion everywhere, for her leader, and for the sick who cry unto God, in all the earth. Then the whistles and bells sound again, and work is resumed.

In every home in Zion City there is a family altar, and in every place where two or more

always begun with a few minutes of praise, the reading of the Word of God, and prayer.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

Zion City lays special stress upon the purity and efficiency of her Educational Institutions. Knowing that the power of a people lies in their keeping close to God, and therefore pure in



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mediate and grammar grades of the common school course, together with the work of the best high schools and preparatory schools; offers several collegiate courses, leading to a Bachelor's Degree, a thorough Ministerial Training course; and the highest class of work in Music, Art, Normal, Manual Training Business, and Night schools.

Zion's Educational Institutions are planned to include mechanical and electrical engineering schools, schools of domestic science, colleges of law, science and literature, and other departments of learning, all combining to make a great Zion University.

The general education of the people is also cared for through the medium of Zion's publications, notably, LEAVES OF HEALING, and THE ZION BANNER, now a weekly semi-secular newspaper, but soon to become a daily. To these will be added libraries, museums, art galleries, and other popular educational features of city life.

In and through the whole system, however, the predominant idea will be to bring and to keep boys and girls, men and women, close to God, and to aid them in conforming their lives to His will, so that they may pray in such a way as to get answers to their prayers.

INDUSTRIES.

The Industries of Zion City are for the purpose of giving clean, profitable employment to her citizens, producing the commodities that are consumed in the city, realizing a fair profit on those sold the markets of the world, and with that profit increasing the prosperity of the

people of God and extending the Kingdom of God throughout the earth. The first great industry of Zion City is Zion Lace Industries. This great institution is now actually engaged in the manufacture of beautiful machine-made lace in varying widths and patterns, also Zion Lace Curtains of a high class.

Handsome brick buildings covering five acres of land have been built for it, and are being equipped with a complete lace-making plant.

This is the only factory in the United States producing fine machine-made laces and lace curtains, and hence is the my bidder, on American soil, for a trade which now amounts to scores of millions of dollars annually.

As this great industry develops, it will offer employment, at the very highest wages, to thousands of men and women.

During the two years that this product has been on the market, it has gained a wonderful reputation, being acknowledged superior to imported machine-made lace of the same character.

On this account, it has been impossible to make lace rapidly enough to supply the demand.

Extensive additions are now being made to the machinery and equipment, and the factory is kept running day and light.

Another great industry in Zion City is the Zion Sugar and Confection Association, now engaged in the manufacture of all kinds of high-grade candies.

It is no idle boast to say that Zion candy is the best in the world.

This beautiful and delicious product is fast winning a position of superiority in the judgment of

the many who are enjoying its rare qualities of "Purity, Originality, and Workmanship," and also of dealers, who are finding it most attractive to their trade.

The preeminence of Zion Confections is based upon the soundest reasons. Conscience enters into the very processes of manufacture, for it is a leading factor in all Zion's work.

The factory, which is now about two years old, having begun operations in a little canvas tent, 16x24 feet, occupies a floor-space of 19,000 square feet, and is in great need of more room.

Although running day and night, a great part of the time, the factory is unable to keep up with its orders, which pour in from every part of the United States.

One of the Zion City industries that has a great future before it is the Zion Building and Manufacturing Association, now only about two years old, which has already in operation the following departments:

- Brick Yards,
- Box and Novelty Department,
- Bakery,
- Fuel Yards,
- Power, Light, and Heat Department,
- Telephone Exchange,
- Lumber Yard,
- Planing Mill,
- Tin Shop.
- Supply Department, handling Hardware Stock,
- Paint Stock,
- Plumbing, Heating, and Electrical Stock.
- Building Department, doing the following lines of work
- Estimating,
- Excavating and Concreting,
- Brick Laying and Masonry.

Carpentering,
Plumbing,
Heating,
Electrical,
Lathing and Plastering,
Painting and Paper Hanging
Well Drilling,
House Moving,
Sewer Department, and
Street Department.

Besides these, Zion City also has a Soap factory, Broom factory, Steam Laundry, Photograph Gallery, Livery, Creamery, Furniture factory. Overalls factory, Baking Powder and Flavoring Extract Laboratory, Novelty Works, and last, but by no means least, Zion Printing and Publishing House.

Besides printing and publishing two weekly papers, two monthlies, and millions of Messages, cards, and tracts, this Institution does all the printing, engraving, electrotyping, bookbinding, designing, and lithographing for all the City, and for a constantly increasing clientele outside. Although of great capacity, the plant runs day and night in keeping up with its orders.

Zion City also has a Horticultural Department, which has planted and set out thousands of trees and shrubs in the parks and along the streets, avenues, and boulevards of the City, as well as upon the property of the people.

This department also conducts a great greenhouse and flower garden.

POLITICAL.

Zion City is not without a most interesting, active, and powerful political life. It is the headquarters of the National Committee of the Theocratic Party, and center of all the

operations for that party.

This party, whose motto is, "Where God rules, man prospers," has already been organized, and its nominees have been elected as the officers of the newly incorporated City.

The Theocratic Party, when possible, will place its own candidates in office, but when such a thing is an impossibility will lend its undivided support to the best candidate, or candidates placed in nomination by other parties.

The following is the

PLATFORM OF THE THEOCRATIC PARTY

The citizens of the City of Zion, lake County, Sate of Illinois, being assembled in their first Convention, held in Zion City, on the night of Monday, April 7, 1902, for the purpose of nominating the first officers of their City, do so on a Theocratic Platform, and desire to set forth their position and their reasons for the formation of this new party in political affairs of the United States of America, in the manner following

First—We declare our loyalty to the Constitution and Laws of the United States of America.

Second—We affirm that both the Constitution and the Laws are capable of amendment and improvement in a Theocratic direction; and we simply propose to advocate the making of such alterations in the manner provided by the Laws of the United States.

Third—We declare the motto of our party to be the unalterable and unassailable truth that

WHERE GOD RULES,
MAN PROSPERS.

Fourth—Our object is, therefore, the establishment of the Rule of God in every department of Government, by the free will of the people.

Fifth—We declare our conviction that the Holy Scriptures, which contain the Ten Commandments, and the inspired Gospel of Jesus, the Christ, the Son of God, constitute the principles of all righteous government for the Individual, for the Nation, and for the whole World.

WHAT IS SHUT OUT OF ZION CITY.

In Zion City there are tolerated no breweries, no saloons, no drug or tobacco shops, no physicians' or surgeons' offices, no houses of ill-fame, no gambling hells, no theaters, no dance halls, no secret lodge rooms.

The keeping or selling of the filthy swine, or their diseased flesh, which God has strictly forbidden as food, is absolutely prohibited. It is the direct cause of cancer, tuberculosis, rheumatism, scrofula, cholera, and many other unclean diseases.

Great care is also taken to prevent obscene or indecent literature or pictures from getting into the hands of children. In fact, by the help of God and the earnest co-operation of Christian people who love God and His righteousness above everything else, this City is made an object lesson to the world and a place of refuge for God's true people.

IMPROVEMENTS.

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Within the period of three years several million dollars have been expended in Zion City for improvements. Miles of streets have been thrown up and sidewalks laid throughout the City.

All temporary improvements, such as street grading, temporary sidewalks, and the planting of shade trees, are being done at the expense, of Zion Land and Investment Association, but the

lots are very commodious, the majority of them being more than twice the size of ordinary city lots; hence every home can be supplied with an abundance of sunlight and fresh air, two of God's greatest gifts for the preservation of health and happiness.

New land will be subdivided and placed in the market as rapidly as the demand requires it.

covenants of the lease the land is forfeited, under conditions, by the lessee, and goes again into the possession of the lessor or his successors.

WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply of Zion City is temporarily provided by private wells and artesian wells. A permanent waterworks system will be established as soon as possible, and water mains laid throughout the City.

An abundant supply can then be obtained from the great fresh-water lake on the eastern border of Zion City, whose waters are exceptionally clear and wholesome at this point.

STREETS AND ALLEYS.

The streets of Zion City are very much broader and more commodious than those of the average city in America.

They vary from 66 to 150 feet in width, while the great boulevards are 300 feet wide, having broad roadways on each side, and 100-foot parkways in the middle.

All overhead and underground wires, gas and water mains, and other such service, will be confined to the broad alleys, thus avoiding the necessity of tearing up the streets after they are once improved.



ELIJAH HOSPICE.

cost of permanent improvements, such as sewer and water mains, street paving and cement sidewalks, must be met by the lot holders, but at less expense than such improvements costs in other cities. Since all work is done honestly and the money is expended without the interference of corrupt politicians.

On this account, and because there is no crime or pauperism in the City, the taxes are exceedingly low.

LOTS.

None of the lots for residences of Zion City are less than forty feet in width, and they vary from 140 to 200 feet in depth. These

Only shareholders in Zion Land and Investment Association will have the first choice of selection and the lowest rental.

LEASES.

The lots are transferred only by lease from John Alexander Dowie. These leases expire July 15, A. D. 3000.

According to the covenants of these leases, the lessee agrees not to use the land for any purpose contrary to the commandments of God, and particularly not for the sale of drugs, tobacco, or alcohol in any form, houses of ill-fame, theaters, gambling-houses, hog-raising or selling.

Upon the violation of the

BUILDINGS.

Either brick, stone, cement, or frame buildings can be erected, but other than frame structures are encouraged as far as possible.

The minimum cost of each building is to be observed, and will be noted on the plats.

One can readily see that this also adds very much to the attractiveness of the City.

The leases provide that buildings to be used for mercantile purposes cannot be erected on residence lots, and only one permanent residence building can be built on each lot.

Building lines will be observed in residence districts, varying from twenty to thirty feet on ordinary streets, and sixty feet on the broad boulevards. This also helps to make the City pleasing to the eye.

PARKS.

A very important and attractive feature of Zion City is its parks and boulevards. Six commodious parks have been provided for.

Shiloh Park, in the center of the City, has an area of nearly 200 acres, and will contain the great Zion Temple.

Around Shiloh Park will be located the benevolent and educational institutions of Zion; the headquarters offices of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion, and the City Administration buildings.

The boating and bathing facilities at the great Lake Front Park prove a great source of attraction to both young and old.

The other parks are Beulah, on the north; Sharon, on the south; Kedron, on the northwest, and Edina, along the west side of the Chicago and North-Western



SHILOH HOUSE, Zion City, Illinois.

railway.

INVESTMENTS

A splendid line of Investments is offered by the Financial, Commercial, and Industrial Institutions of Zion City.

The capital is used for the extension of the bank, general stores, and the several factories, all of which return such handsome profits that rates of interest and dividends vary from seven to twelve per cent. These stocks are not on the stock market, and hence do not fluctuate, and not one share has ever been sold below par.

All these investments are secured by the entire estate of Zion, which business experts, not citizens of Zion City or members of Zion, have found to be worth from fourteen million to twenty-five million dollars in excess of all obligations now due, or to fall due within the next twenty-years.

Interest, which is stated, is paid regularly every six months, so that there is neither trouble nor risk to the investor, while the rate

of interest makes the investment one of the very highest value.

Zion City is a clean city for a clean, God-fearing people.

Zion City is the center of a mighty world-wide movement for the extension of the Kingdom of God, and the preparation of God's people for the coming of the Christ, their King.

The call is being made for all Christian people to belong to the Zion of God; to withdraw their investments from enterprises that are controlled by men who are considering only their own worldly and selfish interests, and to place them where they can be used, not only for the increase of the prosperity, health, godliness, and happiness of themselves and their families, but for the building up of this City of God, to be a blessing to the whole world.

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