

He sendeth His word  and healeth them.

LEAVES OF HEALING

I am the Lord that healeth thee. And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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ZION HOME OF HOPE FOR ERRING WOMEN

AN ACCOUNT OF ITS FIRST YEAR'S WORK.

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One of the many striking proofs of the apostasy and inefficiency of the so-called Christian denominations of today is the fact that there are almost no conversions among fallen women, and the fact that there is almost no systematic effort put forth in order to reach this class of sinners.

Unbecoming Pride and Pharisaism

Instead of its being a thing desired and prayed for, that the harlot shall be reclaimed and given a place among the membership, the converted outcast is not welcomed in many of the fashionable churches. While there is a shocking condition of immorality among church members, they raise their hands in holy horror when admission is sought by one of these unfortunates.



Futility and Failure of Church Work.

But even among those who are seeking the salvation of all classes there is a spirit of hopelessness manifested whenever the question of reaching the fallen woman is referred to. And why not, if but six-tenths of a member is gained by the average Methodist Episcopal Church in one year, and the next year there is an actual loss of three thousand seven hundred members in the Methodist Episcopal Church North and two thousand one hundred members in the Methodists Episcopal Church South? Surely there can be no inducement to reach out for this less hopeful class.

Purity and Power in Zion.

Thank God, things are different in the Christian Catholic Church in

Zion. One thing that attracted me to the teaching of John Alexander Dowie, when I first heard him preach six years ago, was the intensity with which he insisted on repentance and purity; repentance and restoration for the past and purity for the present and future; personal purity; purity in the home, in society, in the State and in the Nation; purity everywhere, which becomes a part of one's very being. The power and efficiency of such preaching and living is manifested in real salvation for the lowest class of men and bringing to pure Christian lives the most abandoned of women.

The Need of a Home for Erring Women.

Long before the organization of the Christian Catholic Church, the General Overseer saw the great need for a place of refuge for those who desired to get away from the environments of their past lives. There were many of those who had been saved and had given themselves fully to God, but who were powerless to stand alone against the influence brought to bear upon them in the midst of the conflicts and competition in gaining a livelihood in the great city. Others who were all but ready to begin a life of virtue, were day by day dragged down deeper in sin because there was no place to receive them where they might be protected from the vultures, serpents and wolves in the form of wicked humanity who sought their destruction.

The Founding of a Home.

After the Christian Catholic Church had been duly organized, when the many institutions had so rapidly grown up around the vigorous young Church, the time came when the General Overseer saw that there must be a forward movement also in the direction of establishing a Home for erring women.

No sooner did he speak to the people that they "Go Forward" than there came in contributions from various sources. One lady who had been saved in Zion sent in \$200, asking that this money be used for the establishment of a place of refuge for fallen women. Another lady from a distant part of the land in a valuable ring which she had gained as the price of sin. She had also been saved through reading LEAVES OF HEALING. Others in the city sent in furniture, bedding, dishes, and other things suitable for furnishing up the Home.

During the latter part of the year 1898 Dr. Dowie leased a commodious house at No. 18 East Sixteenth Street, which was tastily and comfortably fitted up and furnished. On the first day of January, 1899, this place was formally opened as Zion Home of Hope for Erring Women.

No money was solicited from outside sources. Whatever Zion undertakes to do, Zion does. The General Overseer has paid the rent on Zion Home of Hope, as well as on the various Zion Tabernacles in the city, out of the funds sent him by friends of Zion. Never at any time have subscriptions been taken for any purpose. God has always in due time supplied the means.

The Matron and Her Assistants.

When the Home was opened, Dr. Dowie appointed Deaconesses Jennie Paddock as Matron-in-Charge.

All who are acquainted with the work in Zion are at least somewhat familiar with this dear woman, who was so miraculously healed nine years ago in answer to Dr. Dowie's prayer, when she was lying at the point of death.

She has ever since devoted her time and strength in a remarkable way in telling to those who are sick and suffering of the wonderful love of Jesus who did so much for her. Her pleasure has been to visit the hospitals of the city, and many days' service has been given to the unfortunate sick in those "Homes without Hope," as we might well call the hospitals.

Many are those who have been led to Zion Tabernacle through her blessed story and have been saved and healed. Her heart is ever yearning for the poor unfortunates of the city, and being in charge of this Home has given her an opportunity to exercise her various talents; and, almost without exception, the members of the Home love the Deaconess as dearly as girls could love their own mother, for, excepting life, they owe more to her and to Zion Home of Hope than they owe to their own mothers. It is with no idle thought that the girls address her as "Ma" and "Mother" when they speak of her.

Statics for the First Year.

During the first year about sixty girls have been cared for in the Home. These have come from all parts of the city, and some from different States.

One young girl came from Michigan, where she was converted during the preaching of the general Overseer. One came from Missouri, several from Iowa, one from the northern peninsula of Michigan, and others from other states.

Thirty of these have been baptized by triune immersion in Zion Tabernacle. Fourteen have been received into fellowship. Thirteen have been returned to their friends and eighteen are at work in good families in this city. These are often visited by the matron and communication is kept up with them, so

that a good influence is exerted over them as far as possible.

Two have been married, and there have been two deaths. One was the death of an elderly woman, who was found on the streets in a dying condition and was taken to the Home, where she sought forgiveness and pardon for her sins, and in a few the direction of establishing a Home for Erring Women.

The other was a puny, prematurely born baby, who was never able to take food and who has gone on before.

Three babies were born in the Home during the year, one girl and two boys. Four other children have been brought in and cared for and are fine, healthy babies today.

As far as is known, out of the whole number received into Zion Home of Hope only six or seven have gone back to sin, which is a remarkable record, considering the class of cases with which the Home has dealt.

Thorns With the Roses.

But there are exceptions. There were a few reckless, uncontrollable, vicious spirits who would not be governed, who were not grateful for anything that could be done for them, and loved sin because it was sin. When their wishes were crossed they sought revenge on some one, and wreaked this revenge upon the dear Matron.

Twice since the Home was opened has Deaconess Paddock been arrested on complaint of the very girls whom she was seeking to bless and save.

Once she sat for hours in a filthy, detestable cell in a Police Station. Of course, as soon as possible she was bailed out, and in both cases, when her cases came to trial, the judge immediately threw them out as not worthy of notice, there being no evidence whatever against her.

These are but thorns which make the roses appear all the sweeter, and persecutions can never frighten or keep a member of Zion from doing his duty toward God and man.

Assistant Helpers in the Home.

As the days went by and the duties in the Home increased, the burdens became too heavy for Deaconess Paddock to carry alone.

In due time Mrs. Mary Larsh came into the Home, and was given the superintendency of the kitchen. Not only does she do the cooking for the Home, but she also teaches the girls how to cook food properly, a part of their training in which they very much lack.

Some time in the early summer, when Zion Home of Hope was crowded, it was found necessary to give the Deaconess an assistant, it being impossible for one alone to keep the Home in order and look after the girls properly.



At this time the General Overseer appointed Miss Ruth Van Deren to the office of assistant. Miss Van Deren was a returned missionary from South America, where she labored a of number of years. She came to Zion seeking spiritual and physical blessing, and although she never had any special training for this kind of work, God wonderfully used her during the summer and she was a real blessing to the Deaconess as well as to the girls in the Home.

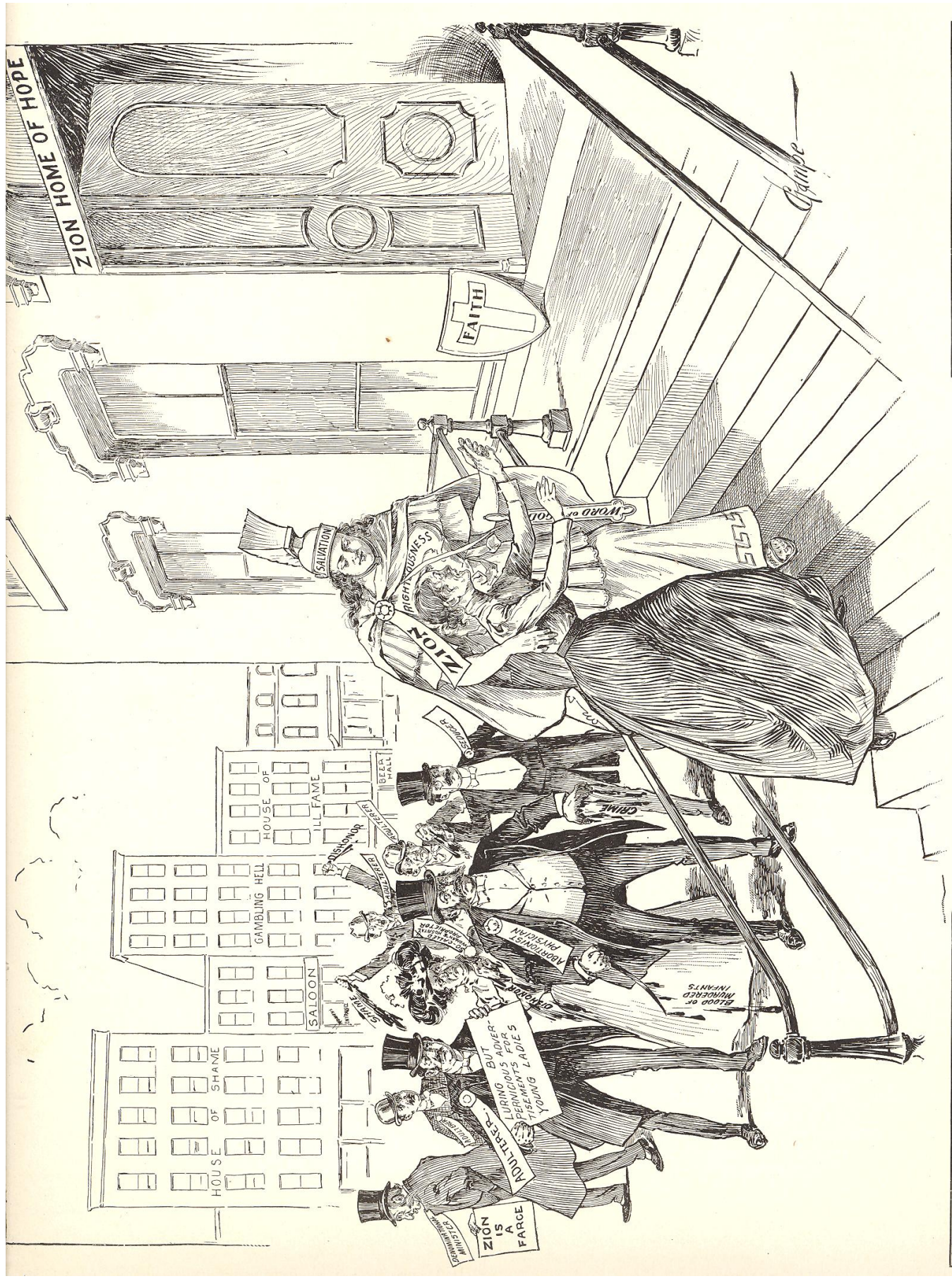
She threw her whole life into the work, and sometimes it seemed as though it would take her life because of the sorrows and burdens; but she never gave up, and finally became stronger physically and better qualified spiritually, until she was able to

do the work with grand success.

She only gave up the work in order to take up her classes in Zion College, where she had taught before going to Zion Home of Hope.

Since that time Mrs. Maggie D. Cosgrove, a sister of Elder W. O. Dinius, of North Harvey, Illinois, has assisted Deaconess Paddock with the work in the Home, and has done very efficient service. She has been able to save the Deaconess many a weary and trying moment, and she has always taken pleasure in going out and visiting those who have been found who are in need of refuge in the Home.

Another helper who has not been directly associated with the work, but has been a great help, is Mrs. M. C. Moody, a cultured Christian lady, and a



Jesus said, "Seest thou this woman? . . . I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little." And He said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven."—Luke 7:44, 47, 48.

ZION'S MISSION TO THE FALLEN.

"Deliver them that are carried away unto death. And those that are ready to be slain see that thou hold back. If thou sayest, Behold, we knew not this: Doth not He that weigheth the hearts consider it? And He that keepeth thy soul, doth not He know it? Render to every man according to his work?"—Proverbs 24:11, 12.

faithful member of Zion's Seventies.

She has a rooming and boarding house just next door to Zion Home of Hope and she has been in constant communication with the helpers in the Home, giving her time and assistance in case of sickness, in case of childbirth, and in any other time of need.

She has been called upon in many trying moments and has given much efficient and faithful service. We thank God for the courage and sacrifice and efficiency of this excellent sister, whom God is preparing for some special field of usefulness in Zion.

How the Girls Are Found.

We have spoken of one girl who came from Michigan, who was saved by the preaching of the General Overseer when there. There are others who were received from different States who read of Zion Home of Hope in LEAVES OF HEALING, but a large majority of the cases are found by the Seventies who visit from house to house in the city, and who earnestly labor with these poor fallen, hopeless sisters in the houses of ill-fame and in the saloons.

There are nearly one thousand of the members of the Christian Catholic Church in Chicago who go about from house to house each week visiting the homes of nearly one hundred thousand carrying with them the Message of Zion, telling them of the Hope in God for Salvation, Healing and Holy Living.

In this way many are found, brought to Zion Home of Hope, and reclaimed. Some are found by the "Saloon Seventies," who go out every Saturday night visiting the saloons in the city, calling men and women to repentance.

In these terrible places

where women mingle freely with men, drinking and carousing, our young women go, telling them of the love of Jesus. Long after the midnight hour of Saturday night, reaching into Sunday morning, these consecrated messengers carry their Message. God is blessing this work. There is nothing too hard for Zion to undertake in Jesus' Name.

Healings and Other Interesting Incidents.

Many of those who came to the Home were ill the

most terribly diseased condition; some beyond imagination. The stories which follow, of God's love and healing of these unfortunate ones, rank with any story that has ever been told of any work since Jesus' time. It is impossible to tell of all that God has done in this direction, but we herewith append a few some given in the language of the girls themselves.

Testimonies From Zion Home of Hope.

MARY LARSH, SUPERINTENDENT OF KITCHEN
AND INSTRUCTOR IN COOKING

When I entered the Home, I had suffered from stomach trouble for one year and from epilepsy for two years. "Dr. Miller (deceased), on Twenty-second Street, pumped my stomach seven times, and Dr. Hart prescribed for me and pronounced my stomach trouble incurable.

"Deaconess Paddock prayed, and I received an immediate blessing.

I have been blessedly healed of epilepsy. I used to have as many as three fits in one day, each lasting two hours. Now I thank God I am perfectly healed of these terrible fits."

ANNIE C—

Annie entered the Home June 1, 1899, a poor, paralyzed girl with a babe in her arms, turned out of Hahnemann Hospital, where she had been confined.

The following is her testimony:

"I have been paralyzed since I was two years of age, caused by sickness.

I was in the hospital two and one-half months.

"When confined, I was laid on an operating table, chloroformed, and exposed to the view of the students, young men and young women, who were brought in to witness the birth of the child.

"I was under chloroform seven hours."

"When the babe was two weeks old I was dismissed from the hospital and went to the Home for the Friendless. Hearing of Zion Home of Hope, I came here.

"Mrs. Paddock received me, and her heart ached for me. She took my babe and washed, clothed and prayed with it. She told me she would be a mother to me, and I have always found her such.

"My babe is now nine months old, a fine, beautiful

boy, and weighing about twenty-live pounds.

“I am perfectly healed of paralysis.

“I now walk without limping, and am able to help wash and iron and do other housework.

“I thank God with all my heart for this Home that Dr. Dowie has provided.

“I have been baptized and am now a member of the Christian Catholic Church.”

FREDIA V—

This girl entered Zion Home of Hope April 10th, with a babe about two months old. This is her testimony:

“After my baby was born I searched for a home for him.

“The Sisters in St. Vincent Home, a Roman Catholic institution, offered me twenty-five dollars for my babe, but I would not sell him. (Surely the slave trade is not yet abolished in America, although so much blood was shed in war!)

“I then returned to the friends I was with when confined. They had heard of Zion. So I came and found a Home, a mother, and my Saviour in Zion Home of Hope. I have always found a mother in Deaconess Paddock, who is ever ready to listen to my troubles and to help me with baby when sick and troublesome. I have also found a truer friend in Jesus, and I thank God for this Home and the teachings of Dr. Dowie, through Deaconess Paddock.

“I have been baptized and am a member of the Christian Catholic Church, and am to have a good home with a Zion family, where baby and I will be well taken care of and where he will be trained for God’s work.

“May God bless Dr. Dowie and Zion, and bring many other girls here for the teachings.”

EMMA M—

Miss M— entered the Home January 9, 1899, shortly after the Home was opened.

She had been afflicted with epilepsy from the time she was a young girl.

Up to the time of her coming into the Home, she had as many as seventeen fits a day.

She was the innocent victim of a depraved and brutal brother-in-law, and had never lived an immoral

life.

On February 11th she was delivered of a lovely baby girl without the aid of a doctor or medicine. No trouble ensued, and baby and mother did well.

The only return of fits she had after Dr. Dowie prayed with her, was a very slight one, more like a fainting fit.

She remained in the Home until baby was seven months old, and mother and babe were sent to her friends in Michigan.

She had been baptized and received into fellowship in the Christian Catholic Church, and is now at work for Zion in her native town, often leading the little Zion Gathering and telling others of the good work of Zion.

HANNAH J—

Hannah entered the Home March 12, 1899, having been confined in the Christian Alliance Hospital, Halsted Street.

One of Zion’s Seventies brought her to the Home, with a babe two weeks old. The baby was diseased from the waist down. The authorities had told her to take it home to die.

It was perfectly raw from the waist, and one limb was drawn back by a large abscess on the knee. The doctor forbade the nurses dressing it any more. It was only a tiny, weak frame.

Mrs. Paddock received the mother and took the child, which had been cruelly neglected and was in a filthy, dirty condition. The babe was bathed, provided clean clothes, and prayed with.

The following morning a thin skin had formed over the parts which had been altogether raw; the abscess broke, and the healing began. Within a week the babe was growing finely and is now a strong, healthy boy.

The limb straightened, and not even a scar is left to show where the abscess had been.

She remained in the Home until the babe was about eight months old; was baptized and received into the Church, and has since found work and a home for herself and child.

AGNES K—

She was brought to the Home by one of Zion’s Seventies, Miss C. Erickson, on June 27, 1899. She had tried to enter several hospitals, which she found herself unable to do, because she had not the money.

On July 1st she was delivered of a fine boy. She remained in the Home until January 22, 1900, when she left of her own accord to look for work.

MATTIE H—

This girl was a deaf mute, and came to the Home March 22, 1899. A bad mother taught her naught but sin, and then turned her on to the street to practice what she had taught her.

A deaf mute, a member of Zion, Mr. Cokefair, brought her to Zion Home of Hope. She was cared for, clothed and fed without charge, and received great blessings spiritually and physically.

She was confined September 12th and had a lovely boy.

At first she was unable to hear the babe cry, but she was partially healed and could finally hear him.

She could speak quite plainly when she left the Home.

She truly repented of her sins and gave her heart to God; was baptized and received into the Christian Catholic Church.

God in His great mercy sent a good man, a deaf mute, to her, who asked "Ma" Paddock to give him Mattie for his wife, promising her a good home for herself and baby.

She was married on November 29th in Zion Home of Hope, and has now a good husband, good home, and good, kind father for the boy.

ALICE D—

She came into the Home January 21, 1899, and shortly after was very ill with measles. Through direct answer to prayer she received healing.

We claimed God's promise as given in the Ninety-first Psalm, "Neither shall any plague come nigh thy tent," and the pestilence did not spread; and although there were several babies in the Home at the time, none took the disease.

She has since married.

EMMA P—

Emma came here April 28, 1899, an erring woman, deep down in sin and badly diseased, having been turned out of a hospital. She was kept and received great blessings.

Deaconess Paddock wrote to her friends. As she had left home some time previous, her friends had lost trace of her. Zion bought a ticket and sent her home. She was gladly received and her parents wrote to Mrs. Paddock, thanking her for what she had done for their daughter, rescuing her from such a sinful life and sending her home to them.

MAY S—

May was sent from Grand Rapids, Michigan, by the General Overseer, who was holding meetings at that time in that State.

This girl came to a meeting, listened to our beloved Overseer, was convicted of sin, and asked the way to lead a better life.

She had been educated in a Roman Catholic convent with view to taking the veil, but fell, and went lower and lower in sin.

In the meantime her parents had moved and she could not find them.

Letters were written, the parents were found to be living in Georgia. After keeping the girl until she had received the teachings of Zion, she was sent to her parents.

Letters received since acknowledged thankfully the good done their daughter, and May is praising God for having been rescued and sent to her parents at a time when her help was so much needed in their old age.

HATTIE H—

She entered the Home June 8th; a colored girl, who had wandered from home, fallen into sin, and was about to become a mother.

She was rescued by one of Zion's Seventies and brought to Zion Home of Hope.

Zion returned her to her friends, who gladly received her. She has returned to the city and is living a good life, earning her living, and praying her Master to provide for the child. She does not forget Deaconess Paddock's kindness, but calls and visits her.

CARRIE Z—

Carrie entered the Home May 23d, having been induced to leave a house of ill-fame by Evangelist Mary A. Reed.

She had been living in sin for seventeen years, during which time she had scarcely spent a sober day.

She came into Zion Home of Hope determined, with God's help, to live a better life, and God, through the prayers of Deaconess Paddock, took the appetite for drink away from her.

She was healed of inflammatory rheumatism.

She has been baptized and received into the Church, and loves to go with Zion's Seventies among her former companions, pleading with them in Jesus' Name to leave the old life.

MRS. AMELIA L—

Mrs. L—, brought in May 18th, by Zion's

Seventies, had forsaken husband and children and fallen deep in sin.

She was kept, clothed, and cared for three months, received teachings and sent back home to her husband and children, where she now is living a clean life.

ANNIE B—

While on Zion's Seventy work Miss Bell and Miss Ella Herschberger found this poor sister and brought her to the Home of Hope on December 23, 1899.

This is her testimony:

"I lived a sinful, wicked life for several years. Zion's Seventies found me and brought me to Zion Home of Hope.

I thank God for Zion's Seventies, also for this Home.

I have been taken care of, clothed, fed, and taught that God is no only my Saviour, but my Healer and Keeper.

"I have found true friends in Deaconess Paddock and Mrs. Cosgrove, and thank them for what they have done for me."

Another Good Work Closely Allied to the Work in the Home of Hope.

While Zion believes in reaching the fallen, she fully believes that prevention is better than cure.

One great object in building Zion City is that a generation may be trained and brought up where there shall not be a constant association with printed, pictured and practiced vice; where bill-boards of the city shall not be covered with obscene advertisements; where the doors of such institutions as the saloons, drug stores, and the house of the harlot and the dances shall never be opened; where many other temptations to the young will never be known.

Yet in Chicago, now and after the building of Zion City, the work of Zion must be to prevent the young, as far as possible, from falling.

In order to accomplish this, there must be homes where working girls unemployed can rest and be cared for until they shall again find an employer.

This, in a measure, has been done by Mrs. M. C. Moody, in her Home next to Zion Home of Hope. A large number of young girls have found a home with her. Many of them have been given work merely for their board, and others have paid a very low price for their board until suitable work could be found for them.

This, we believe, next to Zion Home of Hope, will become one of the most important institutions in Zion. It has been our privilege and opportunity in Zion

Home, in our office as Manager of Zion, to direct many, girls to this Home. We have also been enabled, because of our contact with a large number of the members of the Church, and other people, to secure employment for a great many girls in good Christian homes.

We are glad to have those who need employment come to us, that we may help them. Those who have work of any kind for young women, if they will inform us of the fact, will with pleasure be supplied with suitable help.

As to the Future of This Work.

One year is a comparatively short time in which to test any work, but God has shown us grand possibilities which lie before us with the ever-increasing efficiency of the labor of Zion's Seventies who go out into the great harvest field.

With the ever-brightening prospect of a beautiful, clean City, the possibilities of the Home of Hope are almost without limit. With one hundred Zion Tabernacles scattered over the City of Chicago, with Zion's Seventies visiting every street and lane, every house and every inhabited place, carrying the Message of the Everlasting Gospel for those who forsake their sins and repent, it is with no rashness that we predict that within the next five years thousands of poor, unfortunate, motherless, homeless, helpless women shall have been gathered in and gloriously saved in Zion Home of Hope.

May God ever bless the General Overseer, whose heart of love was prompted by the Holy Spirit to take compassion upon the despised harlot. Surely, even now is fulfilled in Zion the blessed words of our Saviour which He uttered to the Pharisees in olden times:

Verily I say unto you, that the publicans and the harlots go into the Kingdom of God before you. For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: But the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye saw it, did not even repent yourselves afterward, that ye might believe him.—Matthew 21:31.

We take pleasure in giving again the glorious testimony of Deaconess Paddock, written very recently and telling of God's continued goodness to her after nearly ten years of joyous service since her miraculous healing. May God bless it to many suffering and dying ones.

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF DEACONESS
JENNIE PADDOCK.**

ZION HOME OF HOPE, 18 EAST SIXTEENTH STREET,
CHICAGO, January 30, 1900.

DEAR DR. DOWIE: I am so glad to have an opportunity of again telling to the world of Jesus, the mighty to save, to heal and to keep.

On the seventh of August, 1890, I was dying with a large fibroid tumor. I had been treated by five of the best physicians, and taken to the hospitals for operations.

Finding that the blood vessels had grown through the tumor, and that the tumor had grown to the spine, they could not remove it.

After suffering untold agonies for months, under the hands of cruel physicians, I was sent home, to 611 Thirteenth Street, to die.

Mortification having set in, all preparations were made for my funeral, as two hours was the limit of my life, according to the doctors. The nurses came to bid me the last farewell, and my family and friends were watching for my departure.

At this time God put it into the heart of dear Sister Barnes, who had read some of Dr. Dowie's works before he came to this city, to come and tell me about him. Our dear General Overseer was at that time opening a mission at Western Springs, Illinois, and Sister Barnes took to him a request for prayer for a dying lady. That beautiful, simple, but always effectual prayer of his was sent to the throne and heard, for I was instantly healed.

The next morning I was able to walk and ate heartily, although I had not been able to eat for weeks, being reduced to almost a skeleton. The tumor had almost disappeared.

A week from that day we moved and I helped pack my goods. I have been in perfect health ever since.

Now God has enabled me to take in charge, by appointment of the General Overseer, Zion Home of Hope for Erring Women, which has brought blessings to so many wandering souls so deep down in sin.

We have also undergone persecutions, which were enabled to bear for Jesus' sake.

I was arrested on September 23, 1899, by a weak-minded creature who had disobeyed left the Home. I, with two of the women in the house, was taken to a patrol box and kept standing in a pouring rain for three-quarters of an hour waiting for a patrol wagon. When it arrived, there were two rough policemen who ordered me to "climb in."

We were driven to the station, and although our bondsmen were waiting, no judge could be found at once, and we were put into a filthy cell.

I was put under bonds for \$300.

The next morning I appeared at the station for trial. We were kept waiting in the tobacco-filled room for two hours, and when my case was called I was discharged, as no charge could be found against me.

I was ill from the filth for three days after.

I was again arrested on January 23, 1900, by one of the girls, charged with putting a mother and child out on the street at night.

The girl had entered the Home before the baby was born, and had been clothed and cared for without charge for six months. She left of her own accord, although we begged her to remain.

The girls, finding her determined to go, gave her money to procure a night's lodging. She took the money, got a warrant for

me, and published: the lies the newspapers have recently printed.

The reporters told her they "were very glad to get the reports and they would publish any others she would bring, even if she had no money."

I praise God I am able to stand persecution for Christ's sake. I am a happy, well woman today, owing my life to Dr. Dowie under God.

Pray for me that God will give me more strength and wisdom to carry on this blessed work.

(MRS.) JENNIE PADDOCK.