

THE CITY OF ZION

In the fall of '89 a certain John Alexander Dowie had, for some time, been making more or less of a sensation, in and around Chicago, as a "Divine healer." He had gathered around him a number of followers, and, in 1896, had organized the Christian Catholic church. He and his wife conducted a "Divine healing home" on Michigan avenue, and so large had his congregations grown that he had for some time been holding services in the Auditorium.

It now transpired that the general overseer of the Christian Catholic church was planning much larger things than he had hitherto attempted. He announced that it was his purpose



Dr. John Alexander Dowie.

to found a city as a home for his followers—a new Zion—and that he had secured a site on the shore of Lake Michigan, about forty miles north of Chicago.

The day for such things had gone by, it was said; people no longer followed their religious leaders blindly, or allowed them to dictate in temporal matters. The newspapers treated the whole affair as a huge joke and it has always been one of Dowie's chief grievances that he is continually and persistently misrepresented by the reporters.

Nevertheless the preparations went steadily forward. Payments were made on the land, a city was mapped out, tents were put up, and building began.

To-day a prosperous city with a population that is nearing the ten thousand mark testifies to the power of Dowie's name. It took Chicago forty years to acquire the population that Zion City has reached in two.

The most interesting object in Zion City, from an industrial point of view, is the lace factory. It was announced early in the history of the place that the manufacture of lace would be a leading occupation. Dowie himself

turns out delicious confections, and its fame is rapidly spreading throughout the West. A large bakery is in successful operation, and it is expected that a new health food will be put on the market in the near future.

A laundry, a lumber yard, a brick yard, a printing and publishing house, and various other departments minister to Zion's wants and give employment to her people.

The Zion general stores occupy a prominent place on the main street, and seem fitted to supply every need of the inhabitants, from cooking utensils to literature for the "faithful."

Elijah Hospice, an immense frame hotel, is advertised as "modern in every respect, and capable of accommodating a thousand guests at a meal," and the administration building, contains commodious offices, with comfortable and convenient furnishings.

A substantial brick and stone building is observed and a neatly uniformed "guard" readily gives the information that it is Zion College and that it will soon be ready for occupation. The present building is only a wing, to which a large central portion and another wing are to be added in the future.

Further inquiry elicits the information that a complete school system, continuous from kindergarten to college, is being worked out by the educational department.

The general appearance of Zion is one of activity and substantial thrift. Everything is aggressively new. The peculiar character of the people is made evident in numerous ways. For instance, the visitor notices, with a little start, perhaps, the motto, "Till He Come," over the ticket window in the station which the Northwestern Railroad has provided; signboards, conspicuous on every hand, warn all against the use of tobacco, alcohol, or profanity within the sacred precincts; the long beards which many of the men wear, in accordance with Dowie's command, give them a somewhat patriarchal look, in contrast with the many smooth-shaven faces among the unregenerate; the salutation, "Peace be to thee," sounds strange to twentieth-century ears; and walking along Emmaus and Elm avenues, one wonders if Chicago is really only forty miles away.

On entering the Tabernacle the visitor realizes even more fully that he is in a community set apart from the world, where the working of miraculous cures is an everyday affair. On the white wall, above the pulpit, are various queer-looking objects arranged in symmetrical groups. Closer examination reveals the fact that the groups are composed of articles discarded by converts to the new faith. Crutches, canes, surgical appliances and medicine bottles abound; here is a collection of pipes that would delight the heart of a sophomore; there are brightly colored insignia of various secret societies (for Dowie is the inveterate enemy of all such);

very conservative estimate of the amount already spent in establishing Zion City. To the inhabitants this remarkable development is but a surety of greater things that are to come. A most aggressive optimism pervades the conversation of the people and the literature of Zion publishing house (optimistic, so far as Zion's future is concerned, but deeply and darkly pessimistic as to the moral and spiritual state of that large majority which they call the "world").

Not only do they confidently anticipate great growth for their own city, but they prophesy that other Zions will be founded which will "Find their crown, capital and consummation in Zion City at Jerusalem."

It is with this large view of the future that the city has been laid out. Ample parks have been provided for, residence and manufacturing districts have been assigned, and thousands of young trees have been set out along the broad streets. An underground and overhead wires, gas and water mains, sewers, etc., are to be confined to the alleys—a provision sufficient, in itself, to convert to "Dowieism" those who have suffered from the tearing up of pavements.

The community is not comparable, in any way, to Brook Farm or Amana or Oneida, or to any other of the Communist colonies. There is scarcely a trace of Communism in the administration of Zion's affairs. The lots are not sold, we are informed, but leased for eleven hundred years, "for the land is the Lord's." (But Dowie holds the title deeds.) Failure on the part of the lessee to conform to certain provisions of the lease, in regard to the use of alcohol, tobacco, etc., forfeits the lease.

Each man builds his own house and works for himself, but each is required to give one-tenth of his income, whatever that may be, to the "storehouse," for the maintenance and extension of Zion.

Individualism in industrial matters is strongly encouraged, if one may judge from Dowie's dictum in regard to trades unions, which says:

"Zion's workmen are members of no labor union, nor do they work for a uniform scale of wages, for in Zion the skill of each man's competency is encouraged by an ever-increasing wage. All men are not equal, and a level line of compensation is death to ambition."

This has no uncertain sound, and seems to settle the question once for all, so far, at least, as Zion is concerned.

It is one of Dowie's characteristics that he stands for very positive and definite ideas. Alliterative allusion: to "pigs, pills and physicians," and "doctors, drugs, and devils" are conspicuous in Zion's literature. The use of pork in any form is absolutely forbidden. Oysters also come under the ban. The "Fourth" must be celebrated without the firecracker, and Christ-

But there is a class of people who seek and earnestly desire an authoritative guide outside of their own sciences, and to this class Dowie appeals.

Zion City is a theocracy and John Alexander Dowie is its prophet. His position is somewhat similar to that of Brigham Young among the Mormons, but the religion of Zion differs radically from that of the Mormons, in that it contains nothing that is at variance with the general conception of good morals. Indeed, whatever may be thought of the marvelous cures which it so plentifully records, no one can read a copy of the "Leaves of Healing" without being impressed by its high standard of morality.

Dowie has become an established



Mrs. Jare Dowie.

fact in both the religious and the industrial worlds. Call him a gigantic fraud, if you will, he still remains. On more than one occasion his enemies have gleefully announced his imminent downfall, only to find that he knows how to wrest victory from defeat. His shrewdness and executive ability proclaim him a natural leader of men. He has raised himself by his own unaided efforts, from the position of a poor and obscure "Faith Healer" to that of absolute autocrat of a prosperous and growing community, with an almost unlimited income at his command. A certain dignity and state surround him wherever he goes, for he is far too clever to undervalue the importance of proper stage settings.

His violent denunciations from the pulpit, his assumption of healing power, his theatrical proclamation that he is a second Elijah, have made him the subject of criticism and ridicule without limit. Yet, after all, it must be admitted that his followers are devoted and enthusiastic, and that his influence over them appears to be far

A Wealthy Motorman.

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Some men's sayings would fill many volumes and their doings wouldn't fill a postal card.

Tolstol's Present Life.

Professor Edward A. Stainer, of Grinnell college, who has recently returned from a visit to Russia, spent some time on the estate of Count Leo Tolstol. He says the count has been exceedingly ill of late, but is recovering and spends a portion of each day working in his fields. He receives many tourists, whose visits he does not crave, yet he treats all with courtesy. He keeps in touch with everything going on in Russia of a political or socialistic nature, but recognizes the fact that his age and infirmities will not permit him to participate in public affairs or discussions of any sort. He is still writing, however, but does not expect to undertake any extended literary labors through fear that he will not live to complete it.

Filipino Basket Ball.

Basket ball is a game that especially appeals to Filipino boys, but they do not play it in the American style.

In the first place, the ball is really a small, hollow basket, made of wicker work, and therefore extremely light. An equal number of boys line up on either side, and they kick the ball to each other, the trick being to keep it over on the other side. Instead of forcing it forward, as boys do when playing football here, the rules of the Filipino game demand a backward kick, so that the boy must look over his shoulder and strike out with his heels, mule fashion. Sometimes Filipino boys have lively skirmishes, in which the ball does not get all the kicks.

SPOILED CHILDREN

Usually Make Sickly Men and Women

The "spoiled child" usually makes a weak, sickly man or woman because such a youngster has its own way about diet and eats and drinks things that are unfitted for any stomach and sickness results.

"I was always a delicate, spoiled child and my parents used to let me drink coffee because I would cry for it," says a Georgia young woman. "When I entered school my nervousness increased and my parents thought it was due to my going to school, so they took me out again. But I did not get any better and my headaches got worse and weakened me so that I was unfit for any duty. Sometimes I would go a whole day without any other nourishment than a cup of coffee."

"Last spring I had a bad attack of the Grippe and when I recovered I found that coffee nauseated me so I could not drink it and even a few swallows would cause a terrible burning in my stomach. It was at this time that a friend who had been much benefited by the use of Postum suggested that I try this food drink. I found it simply delicious and have used it ever since and the results speak for themselves. I have gained 12 pounds and my nerves are as steady as any one's."

"I consider myself well and strong and I make it a point now to take a cup of Postum with a cracker or two as soon as I come home from school in the afternoon. Postum with crackers or a biscuit makes my luncheon. It certainly saved my life for I know coffee would have killed me in time had I continued drinking it."

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Judge Andenried of Philadelphia was hearing a case, the proceeding in which brought to the front a man named Gesler. A German lawyer represented one of the litigants and he persisted in mispronouncing Gesler's name, calling him Jesler. Finally the judge said: "The gentleman's name is Gesler, not Jesler. You surely remember the tyrant at whose order William Tell shot the apple from his own son's head?" "Sure I do," said the German heartily. "is dis de man?"

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Sometimes a man's shady character keeps him in hot water.

President Roosevelt's Gold Plate.

General Sherman used to say that if the nomination for the presidency were offered to him on a gold platter he would decline it. President Roosevelt has recently received an invitation on a gold plate. It was not political, but it asked him to attend the mining congress in Lead, S. D., next September. The plate was not big enough to eat a dinner from, as it measured two and three-fourths by five inches, but it was large enough to show what kind of gold the Black Hills produce.

Piso's Cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure.—J. W. O'BRIEN, 222 Third Ave., N., Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6, 1903.

Sympathy for the Photograph.

George W. Peck, ex-governor of Wisconsin and creator of the most unscrupulous boy in fiction, was induced to drop a penny in the slot and listen to a photograph. "That thing is almost human," said a gentleman from the interior who was the governor's guest.

"I am sincerely glad that it is not entirely human," answered Mr. Peck, as the penny's worth of music still vibrated upon the atmosphere.

This remark caused a prolonged "why" to proceed from the other.

"Just imagine," mused the sympathetic governor, "how the poor machine would have suffered while a woman was transferring that awful shriek into its interior."

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The excavations in the catacombs of St. Cecilia in Rome have revealed what is believed to be a large underground basilica that was used by the early Christians. A trace of the altar and the Episcopal chair were found. There was also found in a state of excellent preservation a number of ancient paintings, including a Greek portrait of Christ. Three tombs were discovered, declared by archaeologists to be those of St. Mark, St. Marcellinus, who was martyred by Diocletian, and the famous Pope Demasius.

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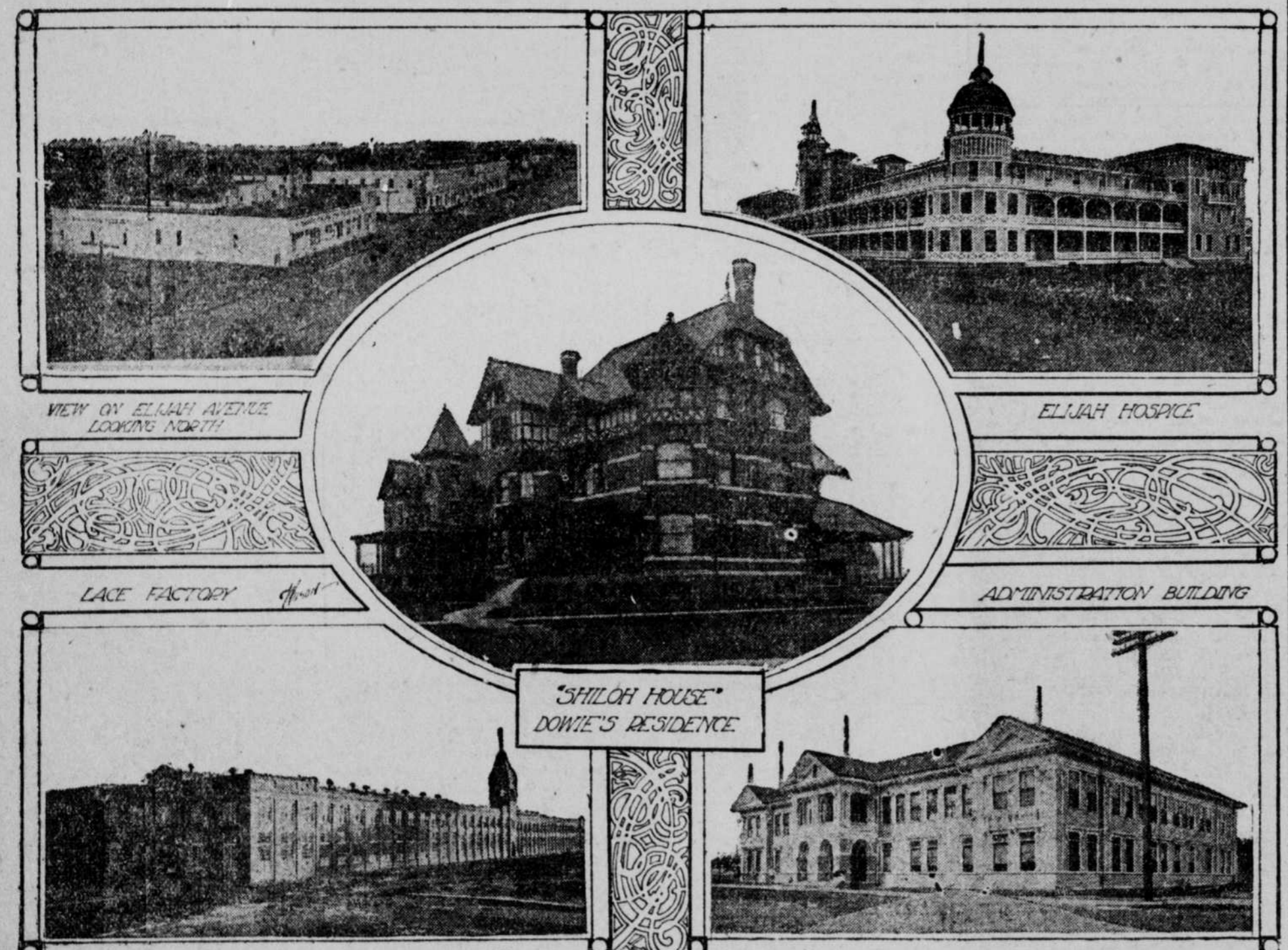
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went to England to collect information and purchase machinery for the enterprise. When he returned he was accompanied by a number of English lacemakers. A large brick building was built, and a great room is being rapidly filled with looms, while, with those already set up, many different patterns of lace curtains are being manufactured, as well as trimming pieces of various kinds.

The Tabernacle is an immense, barn-like structure, capable of seating seven thousand. It is to be replaced by a more substantial building, now in the process of construction. A site has also been selected and consecrated whereon Dowie promises to erect a million-dollar temple as a center around which Zion will revolve.

Now the Restoration lost, three thousand strong, has invaded New York City, and Madison Square Garden is transformed into a "Hospice" for their accommodation.

Three million dollars would be a

mas trees are denounced as foolish. The rule against alcohol and tobacco is rigidly enforced. A strict system of supervision extends from the "sanitation of individual Zion households" to the moral and spiritual state of the people.

It will thus be seen that while individualism may be encouraged in industrial lines there is little room for its growth in ethical matters.

Says Lyman Abbott, "Each man's conscience is an authoritative guide to himself, it is not an authoritative guide for his fellow."

their general good. The community is, at present, prosperous, happy and comfortable, and Zion's ambition to show the "highest birth rate and the lowest death rate of any city in the country," seems in a fair way to be realized.

As to what will happen when Dowie dies, it is hardly worth while to surmise, for he is not yet sixty and looks as though he might easily attain the allotted "three score and ten."

ANNA NICHOLS GOODNOW.

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