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John Alexander Dowie His Life and Ministry

We believe that the story of the ministry of John Alexander Dowie, though it be removed by a half century of time, will be of real interest to our readers. Out of Zion, the city Dowie founded, have come many of the leaders of the Full Gospel movement. Of these we might name F. F. Bosworth and his brother, Bert Bosworth; Dad Richey, Raymond T. Richey and his brothers; Paul Myers (First Mate Bob), Roswell Flower, Fred Vogler, and Dr. John G. Lake, to mention only a few.

In a singlehanded crusade in Chicago, and against great odds, Dr. Dowie established the right to pray for the sick without interference from civil authorities. Tens of thousands testified of healing under this man's ministry and his work was without a parallel in his day.

Dr. Dowie conceived the idea of building the city of Zion, on the shores of Lake Michigan, in which conditions would approximate as nearly as possible those of the Millenium. But he failed to take into consideration that the multitude of details involved in the consummation of this plan, would tax his strength to the point of breaking down his health. It is interesting to note, that of the many who lost in the decline of real estate values after the death of Dowie (the editor's parents were among these) we have yet to find one who did not believe that the rich legacy of faith they inherited from Dowie's ministry more than compensated their temporal losses.

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From Account by Anton Darms

John Alexander Dowie holds an unique and definite place in the development of apostolic ideals for the Church of the Twentieth Century. His life mission and work present a fascinating, romantic object lesson for those interested in progressive Christianity.

Singlehanded, as Elijah of old, he denounced the decadent order of the day, and protested mightily against apostasy, both of the Protestant and Catholic divisions of the Church, and heralded a New Day of a Thousand Years when Jehovah

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Dowie's Followers Relive Glorious Days of Past as Branham and Bosworth Minister in Zion

Brother Lindsay in Divine Healing Meetings in Mexico

Word comes to the office, as the May issue goes to press, that Brother and Sister Lindsay have arranged a series of meetings in Mexico. The first will be held at Ciudad, Victoria in Brother Flores Church. The second will begin May 11 in Monterrey, at the assembly of Brother R. C. Orozo. Other Mexican churches will be cooperating.

Several with the ministry of healing have made plans to hold healing campaigns in Mexico, but because of difficulties attending have felt it necessary to cancel these meetings. The Mexican government, through General Brigadier Narciso Medina Estrada, in a written letter, has given permission to hold these meetings, and to write him in case of difficulties. However, Brother Lindsay is looking to the Lord for His protection and guidance, and earnestly requests the prayers of the readers of THE VOICE OF HEALING. There are, of course, elements in Mexico that violently object to Protestant meet-

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By Thomas H. Nelson, LL. B.,
President of The National Bible Academy

The meetings of William Branham and Fred Bosworth filled the new Grace Missionary Church of Zion, Illinois, to overflowing during the April campaign held here. Each of the 11 nights about 1600 people were seated in the upstairs, the balcony, and the basement auditoriums with hundreds standing in the back and in the aisles. Many were turned away because there was no room.

Four days before Brother Branham arrived, Brother Bosworth taught every afternoon and evening from the Bible in crystal-clear language and in unmistakable terms, showing God's way of salvation and healing, through Christ's death on the cross. These services laid a good foundation of faith for the meetings to follow.

Hundreds of sufferers with all kinds of afflictions streamed in every day from homes in Zion and from other cities and states, even one woman from Athens, Greece. The sight of so many suffering so pitifully, was an awful indictment of the work of sin and the devil. For "by one man's transgression came sin into the world and death by sin." Suffering will cease only when sin ceases to exist.

Sinning Christians who came had their eyes opened to the vicious character of voluntary sin. Scores of sinners were converted and glorified God with clear confessions. This fact gave Scriptural character to the whole series of meetings.

Night after night, Brother Branham prayed for the sick, hour after hour. Though weak in stature he gave himself unstintingly in his Master's service. Each night he preached and prayed with the sick from three to four hours until taken bodily from the platform. Often after Brother Branham had gone Brother Bosworth would remain and pray for the sick until long after midnight.

The series of meetings were evangelistic in character and on a purely Scriptural basis.

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Branham Campaign Schedule

Flint, Mich., May 1-8, I. M. A. Auditorium.

Tacoma, Wash., May 23-25, Ice Arena.

Bellingham, Wash., May 31-June 5.

Following is the Canadian schedule, just received from W. J. Ern Baxter, who has charge of the Branham campaigns in Canada. All inquiries should be addressed to him at 85 East 10th Ave., Vancouver, B. C., Canada.

Vernon, B. C., June 14-19.

Bismarck, N. D., (U. S. A.), June 28-July 3. (This is unconfirmed as yet).

Prince Albert, Sask., July 10-15.

Regina, Sask., July 24-29.

Calgary, Alta., August 9-14.

Windsor, Ont., August 21-25.

All dates subject to change.

National Christian Journal Editor Gives Report of O. L. Jagers Healing Campaigns

By Dr. Max Clark, Editor
National Christian Journal

A young man, Evangelist O. L. Jagers, was sent of God to conduct a series of revival meetings under the auspices of the Oakland Revival Tabernacle, beginning early in January of this year. Having lived in this east-bay community for nearly 20 years and having written the history of the churches of this city, I should be in a position to correctly evaluate this wonderful campaign, now in its eighth week, when I declare that it is the greatest Oakland has ever witnessed.

We have heard the great Billy Sunday, Gypsy Smith, Smith-Wigglesworth, Aimee Semple McPherson, and other nationally-famous evangelists, and they drew crowds and had great results; but it seems as we draw nearer to the ending of this church age that the Holy Spirit is working mightier through chosen vessels of God than ever before.

The revivalist often makes it plain that a religion that fails to convert the individual from the love of the world is a mere sham. That is why he prays for each one individually, and after he has dealt with them at the front of the pulpit, he has them go into the prayer rooms, where they are given the opportunity of praying through and waiting on the Lord for the endowment of power for service. Many have thus received the baptism of the Holy Spirit as in Acts 2.

Hundreds have found Christ precious to their souls—now nearing the 2,000 mark—and still coming! Truly these are Bible times, and the “latter rain”—prophesied for the latter days—is beginning to fall. Many have been healed of various diseases, from headaches to cancers and

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WARNING TO TEXANS

Bill to Outlaw Prayer For Sick Being Introduced in Texas Legislature

One of the most anti-God and vicious of bills ever to be offered to a state legislature has been prepared in the State of Texas. The so-called BASIC SCIENCE BILL which may be used to prevent ministrations and prayer for the sick is to be introduced to the Texas lawmakers. Its contents betray the hand and inspiration of Satan himself. We do not believe that such a bill will be passed or if it were, that it would stand the test of the courts. However the price of freedom is eternal vigilance. Since this bill would prohibit what is commanded by the Word of God, it is in direct violation of Divine Law. The bill reads as follows:

BASIC SCIENCE BILL

To State Legislature—Article 742-C

“Any person who practices the healing art, or any branch thereof without having obtained a valid certificate from the State Board of Examiners in the Basic Sciences . . . shall be fined not less than Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars, nor more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each day of such violation shall constitute a separate offense. (Note exceptions in Section 16 below).

THE “JOKER” IN THIS “BASIC SCIENCE BILL” PRESENTED BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE IS THIS!

Section 16—Exceptions

The BASIC SCIENCE LAW shall not affect or limit in any way the application or use of the principles, tenets or teachings of any church, in the ministrations to the sick or suffering by prayer, without the use of any drug or material remedy PROVIDED sanitary and quarantine laws and regulations are complied with PROVIDING further that ALL these so ministering or offering to minister to the sick or suffering by prayer shall refrain from maintaining offices. Except for the purpose of exercising the principles, tenets or teachings of the church of which they are bona fide members.

The Voice of Healing stands directly back of the campaign being waged by Raymond T. Richey of Houston, Texas, and his associates, against this infamous anti-God and unAmerican bill. Texans by tradition have never been slow to stand for their liberties, and we are certain that they will not be this time.

NOTICE!

Raymond T. Richey and Chaplain Rusthoi will be in Washington, D. C., for two services, afternoon and evening, May 29, speaking in defense of the Divine Healing ministry. Chaplain Rusthoi will be returning from the Pentecostal Conference in Paris to speak in the afternoon meeting, reporting on the unity of the Pentecostal movements. Rev. Richey, pioneer of the healing ministry, will speak in the evening service on the subject: “TERMITES IN WASHINGTON.”

HEALING CAMPAIGN SCHEDULES

<p>ORAL ROBERTS Norfolk, Va., May 6-22. Ft. Worth, Texas, June 10-26. Denver, Colo., July 8-24. Tacoma, Wash., August 12-28.</p> <p>FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OF THE ROBERTS CAMPAIGNS, subscribe to <i>The Healing Waters</i>, an excellent magazine, giving reports of healings and the reports of the Roberts campaigns. Address: Box 2187, Tulsa, Okla.</p>	<p>OGILVIE—LINDSAY Watertown, S. D., May 31-June 12, Municipal Auditorium.</p> <hr/> <p>THOMAS WELCH Redding, Calif., May 8-15. Oakland, Calif., May 22, East Oakland Assembly of God.</p> <hr/> <p>OGILVIE-LINDSAY HEALING CAMPAIGNS Watertown, South Dakota, May 31, June 12 In the Municipal Auditorium Churches all through that area will be cooperating</p>	<p>HARVEY McALLISTER New Haven, Conn., April 14-May 1, Gospel Tabernacle, Orange and Edwards Streets. Rochester, N. Y., May 15-29, Bethel Tabernacle, 20 Ripley Street.</p> <hr/> <p>LOUISE NAN KIVELL Williamsport, Md., April 17.</p> <hr/> <p>O. L. JAGGERS Denver, Colo., May. Toronto, Ontario, June. Dallas, Texas, August.</p>
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LIFE STORY OF WM. BRANHAM

CHAPTER VI

Rushes to Dying Baby

I'll never forget the night when he came to tell me. I thought, "Oh, my! What's this?" when he knocked on the door. As if it wasn't enough that I had lost my wife that day, the friend had come with the news that my baby girl was dying. When we got into his little pickup truck to go to the baby, I thought life was at its very end. How could these things be! When we arrived we found the baby very near death. Dr. Sam Adair had come and examined her. He told me that there was nothing that could be done that he knew of, but we rushed her to the hospital anyway. There a specialist from Louisville decided also that there was little hope. They took me to the hospital laboratory and showed me the germ from the baby's spine. She had spinal meningitis which she had contracted from her mother. There was no chance at all for her to ever be well. She would be dead very soon. I can't express with human lips how that tore me up. Everything else had gone wrong and then that was happening. It just goes to show that you never know what the future holds.

I then went to see my baby where the isolated cases were kept in the basement. I saw the little darling lying there. When I think of it now it just breaks my heart. It was summertime and the hospital personnel, being very busy, were not giving her the right care. As I walked in I looked at her and she tried to look at me. She was just big enough to be plump and sweet. The poor little thing had never come out of the spasm the meningitis had caused. One of her legs was drawn up and one of her arms was drawing. Her little leg moved up and down. Oh! Such a pitiful sight.

I knelt down by the bed and started praying. I cried, "God, please don't take my baby." I knew I had made a bad mistake in not turning loose of everything and going out into evangelistic work. I believe that the gift was ready to be manifested then, but I had neglected going. I threw

myself down and started praying and crying and asking God to spare her life. It seemed as if a dark curtain hung between and she was sinking. I raised up to look at her and said, "Sharon, don't you know daddy?" Truly I believe she knew I was there. It looked like she was trying to wave her little hand and her lips were quivering as though she were going to cry. It was tragic—the agony was so great that her little eyes crossed. Oh! When I see a cross-eyed child I think of that time—my baby's eyes crossing from such hard suffering. You that have children know how I felt.

Mother and Baby Buried Together
I prayed and laid hands upon her. I

One by one we reach the portal, there to dwell with the immortal,
When they ring those golden bells for you and me.

I know that some day the grave shall burst open, because there is an empty tomb in Jerusalem. I know that some day it shall be opened also because they believed in Jesus Christ their resurrected redeemer.

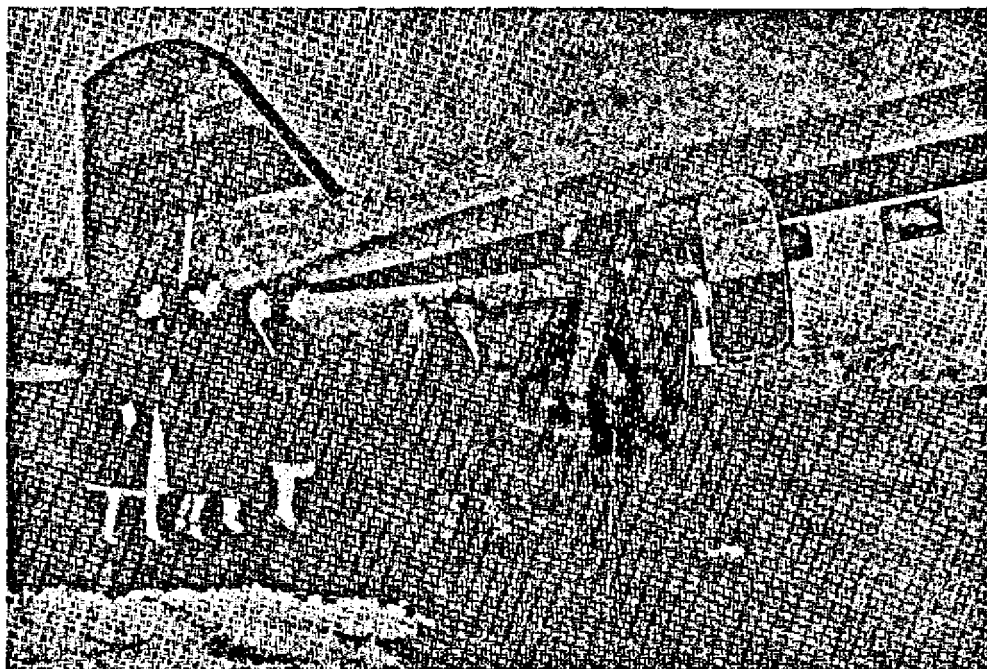
Despondency Drives Him To Suicide Attempt

I returned to work, trying to do all I knew to pay off the big bills and debts I owed. I'll never forget one morning when I was reading a pole meter on highway 150 near New Albany. I was singing to myself, "On a hill far away stood an

old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame." The sun was shining brightly that morning and the pole cast a shadow on a hill in front of me. It was at such an angle that the crossbar and my own body hanging by its safety belt also formed the shadow.

There was the cross all over again! My sorrows overcame me. I decided to take off my gloves (I was working within hands reach of high-voltage wires and the gloves were insulated to protect me) and end it all right there.

(To be continued)



Brother Branham boards an airliner for home after his recent brief visit to Louisiana. Among those present to see him off were Mrs. Jack Moore, Anna Jeanne Moore, Judy Palmer, Ruth Brown and Jack Moore (as pictured). Included on this trip were short visits to Baton Rouge, DeQuincy and Shreveport. These were probably his last services in this territory before going into Canada and overseas.

looked up to the heavens and cried, "Not my will but thine be done, Lord." Apparently my will was not His will, for the angels came a little while later and took the little darling to be with her mother. I returned home, desolate and weary. Two days later we buried her in her mother's arms. I remember standing heartbroken and appalled by the grave. Brother Smith, the Methodist preacher there in the city, performed the ceremony for both. Oh! How excruciated I felt. It was unendurable. Somehow the leaves blowing on the trees reminded me of the old song:

There is a land beyond the river that they call the sweet forever,
And we only reach that shore by faith's decree.

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Like a clap of thunder out of a clear sky, John Alexander Dowie started on his world-wide mission of setting forth from the Word of God, and putting into practice, the ideas, ideals and principles of the coming Messianic Kingdom; and thereby succeeded in making "Zion" a household word throughout the whole world.

It has been said that in him were treasured up the rarest gifts and talents ever given to man. As an iconoclast, he denounced evil in high and low places, tore off the mask of hypocrisy from unfaithful shepherds behind the pulpit, protested against the shams and the fads of a giddy world, and heralded the death-knell of the dying age.

Sudden and unexpected as was his entry upon the public arena, so sudden and unexpected, also, was his exit and demise, compelling thousands of devoted followers to whom God's Inspired Word was a sealed book, to acknowledge that his faithful ministry had resulted in making the Bible a new Book to them.

Early Conversion and Training

John Alexander Dowie was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, May 25, 1847, of godly parents. Being a precocious child, he was able to read the entire Bible through at six years of age, and had a definite experience of conversion at seven. As a lad, John Alexander realized the importance and sacredness of a Divine Call.

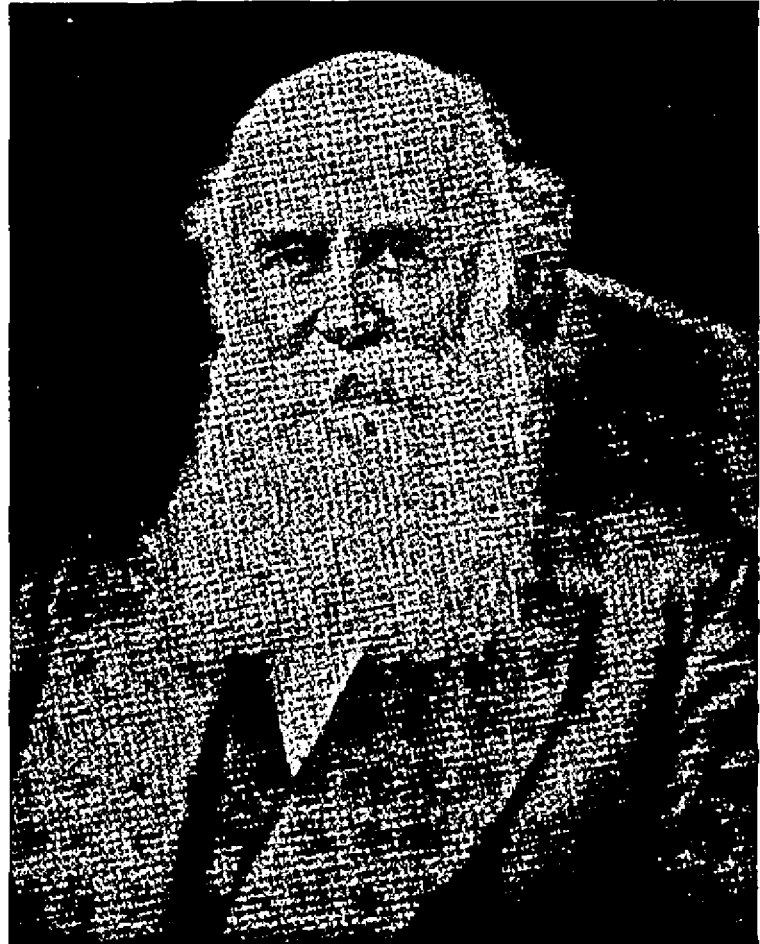
In the year 1860, his parents emigrated to Australia to make their home in that far-away continent. The journey took over six months time, but this gave much opportunity to the young man for reading and meditating on Divine things.

Upon arriving in Australia, he found occupation in his uncle's shoeshop, as a salesman.

His First Understanding of Divine Healing

At this time he was suffering from chronic dyspepsia. He was brought to trust God for healing, and in answer to prayer was completely delivered from his trouble at the age of sixteen; but as yet he had no conception of the real meaning of Divine healing, as set forth in the Word of God. In 1867 he returned to Edinburgh to continue his education in the University and the theological halls of that city.

Returning to Australia at the age of 25, and realizing that the empty form of ordination at the hands of the church conference was lacking the power of God, he



John Alexander Dowie

traveled for days through Australia, seeking some earnest, godly minister to ordain him to this holy office by laying on of consecrated hands. Occupying pastorates for a time in Alma and Sydney, he was married to Miss Jeanie Dowie, May 26, 1876.

A Plague Leads Him to See Christ the Healer

At this particular time, a great plague was sweeping through Australia, carrying away many people. John Alexander Dowie, as a young pastor himself officiated at more than 40 funerals within a few weeks. Sitting with bowed and sorrowful head, because of the afflicted people of his parish, he cried to God with bitter tears for some message wherewith to comfort them. The beautiful words of Acts 10:38 stood out before him, in this trying hour, revealing Satan as the Defiler and CHRIST AS THE HEALER OF HIS PEOPLE! He saw the Way of life and healing, and asked God to enable him to preach that Word to the sick and dying, and to tell them how Satan still defiles

and Jesus still delivers; for "HE IS JUST THE SAME TODAY."

First Prayer for the Healing of the Sick
Just at this time, loud raps were heard at the door of the parsonage, and two panting messengers called him to come at once to their home and pray for their sister, Mary, who was dying of the plague. Hatless, Dr. Dowie ran down the street, and entered the room of the dying maiden.

A good Christian gentleman was present and said to Dr. Dowie: "Sir, are not God's ways mysterious?"

Dr. Dowie replied: "God's ways! How dare you call that God's way of bringing His children from earth to heaven! No, sir! That is the devil's work!"

After offering up a brief prayer, calling upon God, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to manifest His healing power, the maid calmed into a deep sleep, so that the mother thought her to be dead. Dr. Dowie, however, realized that the fever had been killed and that the young maid had been healed. He roused her from sleep and

found her ready to take nourishment; and soon she was fully recovered.

Healing Ministry Begins

Many others were healed as a result of his ministry in Australia. He took up evangelistic work in the year 1878, and moved to Melbourne. He became a bold, defiant champion against the use of the accursed liquor, tobacco and drugs; and organized the International Divine Healing Association, of which he was president from 1882 to 1888. He was arrested and put in jail numbers of times for protesting against wickedness in high and low places.

Leaves Australia for America

Leaving Australia in March, 1888, he went through New Zealand, crossed the Pacific, and passed through the Golden Gate at San Francisco on June 7, 1888. Dowie did not have long to wait after landing at San Francisco to have an opportunity to minister to suffering humanity. Among those who came to interview him during his stay at the Palace Hotel, an aged woman appeared who had come with her crutch all the way from Sacramento to interview Dr. Dowie. Her husband having read of Dowie in the newspapers, urged her to go, saying, "This is the old time religion, or else it is all a lie. Go down and see if the Doctor is what they say he is, and if he is, you will come back cured."

She looked at Dr. Dowie with tears in her eyes, ready to yield her heart to the Saviour after he had made plain the way of salvation to her.

"Now, will you trust Jesus as your healer?" Dr. Dowie asked. The woman responded in the affirmative after he had explained to her the fact that Jesus was invisibly present that very moment in spirit and power.

Without another word Dr. Dowie knelt at her feet and put the diseased foot in his hand and prayed for her healing, saying to her: "In Jesus' Name, rise and walk." She arose and walked several times across the room. Her daughter, who was a backslider, was restored to God.

As they were leaving, Dr. Dowie said, "You have left something behind, your crutch."

"I don't need it any more. I am healed," she replied. Then she walked away without it, more than eight blocks to her daughter's home.

Between the years 1888 and 1890, John Alexander Dowie boldly proclaimed the message of salvation, Divine Healing, Sanctification, in many different places along the Pacific coast, all the way from Los Angeles to Victoria, B. C. Dr. Dowie then left the Pacific coast, traveling through many states and cities, until at last he arrived at Western Springs, Illinois, in July, 1890, making his home in Evanston.

Dr. Dowie's Ministry in Chicago

Chicago newspapers attacked him as an impostor, and informed him that he was not needed nor wanted in the city of Chicago. At this particular time, as he was

about to close a convention on Divine Healing, and was delivering the final address on August 7, 1890, a lady brought a prayer request to him, asking prayer for Mrs. Jennie Paddock, who was lying at home suffering from fibroid tumor—the doctors having abandoned the case because mortification had set in.

Dr. Dowie took this as a test of whether he should open a mission in the city of Chicago. Then and there he knelt down and prayed for the dying woman. She was instantly healed and lived for many years. This wonderful miracle startled many people in Chicago; and even the *Chicago Inter-Ocean* published the details of the case in the issue of August 28, 1891. Some time afterward he decided to make Chicago his headquarters. At that time the World Fair was attracting millions of people to its gates.

Dr. Dowie built a small tabernacle near the World Fair grounds (opposite the camp of Buffalo Bill). While thousands of people were desecrating the Lord's Day by attending various shows, John Alexander Dowie preached the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to a few people who wended their way to what was sarcastically called "The Little Wooden Hut" which had been opened on May 7, 1893.

Many times it seemed utterly futile and useless for him to endeavor to stem the tide of wickedness which was engulfing the great city of Chicago. One by one, however, men and women were brought to a genuine repentance and surrendered their heart to God, giving up the use of liquor, tobacco, the attendance of theaters, and renounced secret fraternities. Many wonderful miracles of healing were wrought in answer to prayers during those early years.

Mighty Healings Give Dowie World-Wide Recognition

We call particular attention, in this connection, to a healing which obtained for Dowie world-wide recognition as a man of God—the healing of Miss Amanda Hicks, president of Clinton College, Clinton, Kentucky. She was suffering from a cancerous tumor, which had burst and discharged into the alimentary regions, with adhesions in many places, and had been given up by the doctors to die. Brought to Chicago on a stretcher, a terrible victim of morphine, Miss Hicks made the promise never again to touch the diabolical drug, and prayer was offered by John Alexander Dowie on her behalf. In a moment, the terrible agony of months departed, and later in the evening she arose and walked about, and during the next few days, large quantities of cancerous material passed from her body. She returned home entirely healed, and the *Clinton Democrat* of March 8, 1894, published her testimony.

As Providence would have it, John Alexander Dowie, having been tormented by the diabolical din of Cody's "Wild West Show," near his tabernacle in 1893, was given the joy of capturing a Cody

from the murderous demons of disease. On November 1, 1893, Sadie Cody, niece of Colonel W. F. Cody, known as "Buffalo Bill," was brought in a dying condition to the servant of God. A police ambulance received her and carried her to the Divine Healing Home. Many of her friends expected her to be brought home a corpse, as she was dying from a spine tumor. After Dr. Dowie prayed for her she was able to stand on her feet—something she had not done for eight months. Within a short time she was completely restored, and after five weeks was able to return home and resume her usual duties there.

Arrested in Chicago a Hundred Times

The year 1895 stands out as a banner year in John Alexander Dowie's ministry in the city of Chicago. He opened several Divine Healing rooms and thus drew the fire of the Chicago Council and Aldermen upon himself. They demanded he take out a license for conducting a hospital or sanitarium, which he refused to do. As a result, he was arrested over a hundred times in that year, frequently being taken from the platform while delivering addresses, put in the worst jails of Chicago, and many so hated him that they were even plotting to murder him.

John Alexander Dowie fought the battle single handed for the right, under the constitution of the State of Illinois, to pray for the sick without medical interference; and this laid the foundation for the founding of the Christian Catholic Church (the term Catholic means universal and has no connection with the Roman Catholic Church), which with 500 charter members took place February 22, 1896.

Work Expands in Chicago

It became necessary for John Alexander Dowie to find larger quarters for his work in Chicago, so he leased a large hotel located at Twelfth Street and Michigan Avenue, May 12, 1896, and called it *Zion Home*—a place of prayer for the sick, and suffering, where teaching on Divine Healing could be given to God's afflicted children. *Zion Home*, in the very heart of the city, became a center of attraction and interest to the whole world. Later Central Zion Tabernacle, at Sixteenth Street and Michigan Avenue, was opened March 17, 1897, as the headquarters of The Christian Catholic Church.

Because of the deplorable conditions existing among the lower classes of people, where sin and vice were rampant, he was led to organize the Zion Seventies, with the purpose of sending out workers two by two, into the streets and lanes of Chicago, carrying the beautiful gospel message into the homes of the people, greeting every home with the salutation: "Peace be unto this house!"

Dowie Dreams of an Ideal City

For many years Dr. Dowie dreamed of an ideal city, which he hoped to bring into existence under the guidance of God,

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From The Book of The Month: "Praying To Change Things" — By Chas. E. Robinson.

"Praying for Rain"

An Account of the Miraculous Effect of Praying to Change Things

(On another page of this issue, *The Voice of Healing* explains the new service we are presenting our readers, in assisting them in the selection of the great faith books. This month we recommend Charles E. Robinson's book "PRAYING TO CHANGE THINGS." Written in a simple country style, its very simplicity will capture the interest of the reader, and it cannot fail to teach him some important lessons.

(In the closing chapter, of which a condensed sketch appears below, is the story as given by a member of the author's church, of the results they obtained when they decided to put into practice the rules of the book, in an effort to bring rain to a community plagued with drouth. Within 32 hours, against all prognostications of the weather prophets, an abundant and refreshing rain fell and saved the crops. THIS BOOK MAY BE OBTAINED FROM *The Voice of Healing*, PRICE 60c.)



Charles E. Robinson

"In the closing days of the meeting (which closed April 26, 1925), the Assembly received a wondrous uplift and blessing as a result of praying for rain! The way we prayed for rain was so unique, so tremendously and immediately effective, and so self-evidently the proper way to pray, that we feel that we should let the facts be known as widely as possible.

"There had been no rain for a long while, and the drought was serious indeed. We are very poor people, making our living, for the most part, on rented land and the lack of rain had assumed the character of a catastrophe. The pastor (Charles E. Robinson) announced that God would send us rain, if we would pray. He said that God's power to send rain or do any other thing we needed was likewise right here, but silent and ineffective. If someone who knew how would take the proper steps to release that power, it would be abundant and effective to bring the rain.

Decision to Pray for Rain

"Our pastor has written a book called 'Praying to Change Things,' and he has talked to us lots about effective praying, so, when he inquired whether we wished to meet on Thursday at 10 o'clock, A. M., to pray for rain, we said we did.

"Our pastor said that in every age when people have greatly desired something from God they have made a sacrifice; that God is pleased with sacrifices.

Self-denial is laid as an essential if one would follow Jesus. So he said we would come fasting.

"Thursday morning 22 of us met at 10. This is more than half of the membership of the church, and the 22 were largely made up of the men of the church.

"He said the first thing was to find out the will of God as to His giving us rain. No one can believe anything until he sees it to be reasonable. Hence before he can believe for rain he must be positive that God wants to give him rain. He said some people try to pray without first ascertaining God's will, saying, 'Do so and so, if it be thy will.' To pray that way is a waste of breath, so far as changing things by praying is concerned, because the sign of doubt 'if,' is put in the prayer.

"So we read all we could find in the Bible on the subject, and decided that the more especially, as we were tithe payers, God wanted to break up the drought which is a part of the curse. We had help in deciding from III John 2, also.

"Having seen positively that God wanted to give us rain, the pastor then read the first part of the eleventh chapter of Luke, wherein Jesus, by the parable of the Importunate Friend, taught His disciples that when they wanted anything they were to pray for it without ceasing or fainting. He read also the first eight verses of the eighteenth chapter of Luke, which contains the parable of the importunate widow, and then asked if we were

willing to follow the examples of importunate prayer. Would we come every morning at 10 and pray for the rain until it rained? We would.

"We prayed from time to time about these steps as we were taking them, *but not for rain*. We were not ready for that yet.

The Next Step—Definite Request

"Introducing the third step, he read the story of blind Bartimaeus, who cried out for mercy persistently, and until Jesus heard him. Every one knew of course that he wanted his sight, although he really didn't say so. Jesus knew it, of course. But Jesus required him to state his wants specifically. 'That I might receive my sight.' Then, and not until then, He healed him. We must not think it will do to pray merely for prosperity, for blessings on our crops or the like. God wants us to ask for rain.

"The fourth step, he said, was the matter of appearances. We were purposing to come into the throne room, into the Presence of the Great God, the King of all Kings. Not one spot must show through the Blood; the righteousness of Christ must cover us altogether. He explained to us that the essential thing we must have, and to what all this was leading up to, was faith. Nothing can oppose faith. Nothing can be too hard for faith. The faith that we now speak of is not our faith in Jesus Christ, but it is the faith of Jesus Christ. It is one hundred per cent miraculous and will be worked in our hearts the moment Jesus sees we have honestly taken the preceding steps named.

Before the pastor got very far we were weeping aloud. We became exceedingly small in our own sight. When he had finished, and God had come and comforted our hearts, and we had gotten quiet, and felt clear before God, he said we were ready to ask for rain. This we did very simply, but were surprised to see how sure it seemed to us that rain would come.

The next day no rain having come, we gathered together again as we had promised. The pastor spoke of news he had received since meeting yesterday, and as to the severity and vast extent of the drought, and of the weather prophets assuring us that there would be no rain for a long time. He called our attention to the fact that the official government forecasters foretold continued drought and that everything in the natural looked like it, and said it was a thing to thank God

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Letters to the Editors

Evangelist Sheridan Davis

Dear Brother Lindsay:

(Editor's Note: Brother Davis relates several remarkable instances of miracles occurring in his life. Space in this current issue permits us to publish only a couple of these.)

On Halloween-eve of 1933, after closing a revival meeting around midnight, my car was struck and demolished by a drunken driver . . . and I was thrown broken and in a dying condition, 50 yards across the street. I knew I was going home to see Jesus. I saw the heavens open, and the glories of God . . . but far in the distance I heard a faint voice (that of my wife and another sister from the church) praying and crying to God for my restoration to life. Then a light above that of the sun shown down on me, and when I came to myself I was on my feet preaching Jesus and Him crucified to a crowd of home-going revelers, who had gathered at the scene of the accident. Someone said, "They all get that way just before they die—reaction!" Praise God, it was reaction all right—Holy Ghost reaction! Though an examination and X-rays at the hospital showed I had received concussion, internal injuries and broken ribs, I refused to stay—I was healed! And the following night I was able to carry on in the service of the Lord, "with whom all things are possible."

After many years of fruitful service of preaching the Gospel, I was persuaded to leave the ministry, during the recent war, and take up my trade, thinking that I would be able to get a better car and equipment for further work. But I soon discovered that this was Satan's trick. I was so busy and worn out that I was unable to attend church—much less preach, and soon became discouraged and cold in my spirit. One evening, though feeling perfectly well, I fell on the kitchen floor, totally paralyzed on my right side. I knew it was God's chastening hand upon me for neglecting His call. After being helped to bed, I began to repent and call upon my Lord for forgiveness and deliverance. After days of terrible pain I was enabled to drive through heavy traffic (with only my left side capable of movement) to a Divine Healing service. Though it seemed I would never live through it, friends prayed and encouraged me to stay, until, with help I dragged myself up to the platform. Before the minister ever had opportunity to pray for me, I felt the Divine Hand of God laid upon my body—and I ran from the platform perfectly healed—Hallelujah! I vowed at that time I would spend my remaining years and strength in faithful service to Jesus.

Yours in His Service,
EVANGELIST SHERIDAN DAVIS,
2154 Marathon Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

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Dr. Charles O. Benham

Dear Brother Lindsay:

After leaving you in Los Angeles, we motored east, via Shreveport, where we had the privilege of meeting Brother Branham. In March we had the occasion to be in Chicago, and visited Brother Branham's meetings in Zion, our first real campaign with him, where I had fine fellowship with Brother Bosworth. It was so good that we stayed until the finish and wound up leading the singing with my cornet, as I used to with Brother Bosworth's large crowds.

Am now catching up with my work in Washington, but expect to leave this week for Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Joliet, Illinois. Expect to drop in on meetings in Fort Worth.

Under separate cover we are mailing you a late copy of my magazine. Am starting a series on THE CHRIST THAT HEALETH THEE.

Am praising God for our time together in Los Angeles. Maybe we can work together again some day. Meantime let us pray for one another.

Your Brother in Christ,
CHARLES O. BENHAM

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Rev. Buger M. Thornes

Dear Brother Lindsay:

I have read your article in THE VOICE OF HEALING entitled "The World in Prophecy"—and I thought it brought out the facts dealt with in such a remarkable way that I considered it worthwhile translating it over into Norwegian. I wondered if you would permit me sending it to a friend of mine who is publishing a paper in Norway. Also I am considering sending it to the Swedish-Finnish Pentecostal paper whose editor is a friend of mine, if you have no objection. I have just recently arrived from Norway myself.

Sincerely,
BUGER M. THORNES,
Clarkfield, Minnesota

(Editor's Note: We are glad to give our brother and any others who are interested in the spread of the Gospel, the right to use material of THE VOICE OF HEALING. Source should be given. We might say that articles have been republished in many parts of the world in a number of languages.)

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Evangelist Dale Hanson

Dear Brother Lindsay:

We are rejoicing over the many victories and spiritual revivals that God is sending us here in Canada. Recently we



closed a five-week revival in the 1,700-seat Evangel Temple, Canada's largest Assembly of God Church in the heart of Toronto. Pastor W. G. McPherson declared it to be the largest and most stirring revival since he pastored in Toronto. Crowds as large as 3,000 came out to the healing revival.

Sick and diseased came from many cities in Canada. One young man, who was born blind in one eye, received sight—a Methodist minister's wife came out from New York City to be healed. She had not spoken for three years—she was healed, and is now singing and praising God. One woman, possessed with demons, had not slept for three years—the demons communed with her every night. The demons came out as she foamed and spit at the mouth. She was completely delivered and a few nights later received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost!

After Toronto, we were in Orilla, Ontario, for a week. We started the revival in the Geneva Theater, and then continued on in the Assembly of God Church. Cancers, deafness, infantile paralysis, etc.,

were healed. Many were saved, and backsliders were reclaimed. Bus loads came from other cities, and Indians from an Indian village nearby came.

We are now in a great meeting in Montreal. Crowds are larger than in any revival since those held by the famous Smith Wigglesworth. The basement is holding the overflow crowd. Crossed eyes, and those crippled from birth are being healed and prayer lines seem to be endless.

We certainly enjoy THE VOICE OF HEALING magazine, and rejoice in the blessings of God. We are acquainting many with this splendid healing magazine here in Canada and in the U. S.

May the Lord richly bless you.

Your friend,
EVANGELIST DALE HANSON,
Box 795,
Tacoma, Washington

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Rev. Anton Darms

Dear Brother Lindsay:

I am so thankful that God made it possible for Rev. Branham and Rev. Bosworth to make a visit to Zion and hold two series of meetings in the Grace Missionary Church this month. Great crowds attended these meetings, and great blessings and healings came to many that attended.

I had an interview with Rev. Bosworth with regard to a tract of John Alexander Dowie, entitled: "He is Just the Same Today," in which he relates how God opened the Scripture to him in Australia on the subject of Divine healing, which was the beginning of his world-wide ministry, during which he prayed for over a million sick people. I thought it would be wonderful to have this tract published in THE VOICE OF HEALING, and Rev. Bosworth said he would forward the same to you.

I am sending you a few copies of "Leaves of Healing" and my tract on "The Life and Work of John Alexander Dowie." Your teachings are sound and good. Praying God's richest blessings upon your ministry, I remain, with Christian greetings,

Sincerely yours,
ANTON DARMS,
2410 Elim Avenue,
Zion, Illinois

(Editor's Note: Thank you Rev. Darms. As you see, we are carrying the story of John Alexander Dowie in this issue. We shall, no doubt carry other articles from time to time.)

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Distributes Free Copies

Dear Friends:

I wish to thank you so much for your package of papers which came today. I take seven papers, then I prayerfully place them in hands that I feel are truly appreciative and trust God for results, so that I fully expect that many, many hungry folks may get spiritual help from this method. The fact that they are bound together keeps the papers in the right sequence. I take stout brown paper and make a covering, holding the seven together by brass office pins. This keeps them from being scattered and lost.

Your Brother in Christ,
CECIL SHEPPERD,
624 S. Avenue 60,
Los Angeles, California

(Editor's Note: You who are so kind to send us offerings to provide a fund for free copies of THE VOICE OF HEALING, make it possible for this good work to go on.)

This is something out of this world; and when I say that, I am not just using a figure of speech. I mean it. I saw the Lord!

I was converted in 1934 in the little town of Deadwood, South Dakota, a historical town that had been known for its wickedness since the gold strike of 1876. It was the home of such Wild West characters as Poker Alice, Calamity Jane, Wild Bill Hickcock, Deadwood Dick, and Potato Creek Johnny (whom I personally knew), and many others. And it was there that Preacher Smith was martyred by the Indians.

I lived with my parents in a cabin near Mount Moriah, where many of these notorious and famous persons are buried. My body might have been there in the graveyard today, and my soul in hell, had it not been for the mercy and goodness of the Lord in sending an evangelist to my town.

My Vision of the Lord

I was in a prayer meeting in the upper apartment of a house on Charles Street and hoping that this night I would receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The pastor did not know what was taking place when I began crying out with a loud voice and in great conviction, "What meaneth this, that I see the Lord Jesus?"

About 100 feet in front of me stood the Lord in His glorified Body! It is an impossibility for me to describe what the Saviour really looked like. Words fail me. Many of the prophets and apostles tried to describe Him, but were at loss for words. No doubt this epiphany is identical to the experience of the apostles Peter, James and John on the Mount of Transfiguration, as recorded in Matthew 17:2, with the exception I saw no man save Jesus.

In the Presence of the Lord

I was as much saved then as I ever will be, but the first thing that came to my mind was that I was in the presence of the Judge. I felt a great fear and wondered if the Lord would turn me away.

Jesus then began walking toward me, His feet moving like lightning. The Lord appeared through the walls of the room as though they were not there. (See Luke 24:36.)

Jesus walked around me several times. His eyes were always on me. He never once looked any other way. I was so awe-struck with his majesty, and so conscious of my weakness as a human being, I would have tried to escape, but there was no way of escape. I turned my back on Him and fell on the floor and covered my face. I seemed to realize at this point that I was not seeing the Lord with my natural eyes, but that the eyes of my soul were opened. (See II Kings 6:17.)

The vision vanished instantly and the ones praying with me were amazed at the demonstrations, and were not sure as yet just what was taking place. I began to tell them as best I could, and was disappointed at their not being able to see



I SAW THE LORD

By Evangelist Wilbur R. Ogilvie

the Lord too. But they declared they had felt the Lord's presence in a mighty way.

After talking this over and searching my heart, I knew that everything was under the blood of Christ. We were led by the Holy Spirit to pray again. And after a few minutes of prayer, the Lord appeared the second time, standing in front of me as before, with His flaming eyes of fire fastened on me.

For a moment he stood erect, and then walked directly towards me. Truly His countenance was like lightning and His raiment whiter than snow.

Peter's experience on the mount always stayed with him. When he was an old man, he was still talking about it (2 Peter 1:17-18). This vision never left me. It is as fresh on my mind as when the Lord appeared to me that night in 1935. His eyes were as flames of fire and were riveted on me. God helping me, I want to say, like the Apostle Paul: "I was not disobedient to the Heavenly Vision" (Acts 26:19).

Jesus is Altogether Lovely

I was attracted most of all by the eyes of the Lord, which I must repeat, were as flames. As Solomon said, "My beloved is altogether lovely." Jesus appeared to be about six feet in height and about 190 pounds in weight. His hair was a most beautiful golden or auburn color, curly and hung down His shoulders to the middle of His back. His beard was of the same color.

Christ's garment was white beyond any

description. The muscles in His back were like those of a wrestler, and His shoulders and arms like those of an athlete.

The second vision, like the first, lasted only a few seconds, not more than two minutes at the most. He disappeared as quickly as He appeared. Again, after explaining to Christian friends the best I could of what had taken place, we went to prayer for the third time. We had no sooner began praying when Jesus made His third appearance to me.

This time He never looked at me, but was standing at my right and a little in front of me, perhaps about eight or ten feet away. He appeared to be shaking His head in great anger as He looked over the town of Deadwood.

Hour of Wrath at Hand

I expected Him to spring like a lion on the town at that very moment, and trample it as a winepress is trodden under foot. But even as I thought judgment was about to come on the town, He vanished out of my sight.

I have not seen Jesus since, but I know some day I will see Him again—when every eye shall see Him, and every tongue confess that He is Lord to the glory of God the Father. Then every knee shall bend, and Christ will be crowned King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Are you prepared, dear reader, for that wonderful time?

My Brother is Converted

On my way home that night, I stopped at a pool hall where my brother, Arthur, was running a gambling game. We stepped out the back door into the alley, and I told him of the vision. My brother was saved and is still saved. And he has won many souls to the Lord.

I went home, and as I opened the door of our little cabin, my aged parents were frightened at my countenance, and cried and ran from me. I did not know what caused them to act in that strange way. But after a while I was able to tell them what I had seen, and they were able to tell me why they were afraid of me. I "wist not that the skin of (my) face shone. . . ." My skin shone much like Moses' face shone when he talked with the Lord on Mt. Sinai. (Exodus 34:29-30.)

Healing Ministry Begins

Wife and I began to hold special Divine Healing services around over the country from one to three nights at a place. In no time, we had more calls than we could take care of. We are now on the field in these special services. God is wonderfully manifesting his power in healing the sick and the afflicted, as in the days of the apostles. The blind receive their sight, the lame walk and deaf ears are unstopped, cancers and tumors melt away and many other miracles are wrought in the Name of the Holy Child Jesus. This mighty demonstration of Christ's power to heal has also brought to each church a great revival, and many are being converted and baptized with the Holy Ghost. To Christ be all the glory!



Former deaf mute returned to meeting still learning to hear and spell.

SIGNS — WONDERS MIRACLES

In the Ogilvie Meetings

Deaf Mute Healed

Dear Brother Ogilvie:

I want to thank God for the wonderful healing that was given my daughter, Freddie Lee Reed, who is now 10 years old, and hasn't heard anything in her life, until you prayed for her in March, 1949. I want everybody to know that she is now able to hear and is learning to talk very fast. (See picture on this page).

MRS. BIVIAN J. REED,
5321 Staunton Avenue,
Los Angeles, California

(Brother Ogilvie's Note: I would like to add, this girl was brought to my West Los Angeles meeting; and I tested her again before several hundred people. She could still hear the tick of a small wrist watch, and could talk very plain.)

Gangrene Healed in Three Days— With Photographic Proof and Attested By Notarized Statement

Dear Brother Ogilvie:

It is with deep gratitude to God that I wish to offer testimony to healing through prayer by Rev. Ogilvie of my foot and ankle, which was broken by a hit and run driver in 1939. In 1946 my foot was again injured, causing a dry gangrene. I suffered continuously with an open running sore. In October, 1948, I went through another series of laboratory tests. Again the finding was dry gangrene. All during this time I was going to a private doctor.

On March 2, 1949, I went in desperation to Calvary Church, and Rev. Ogilvie placed his hand on my foot and prayed for me. On March 5, 1949, after just three days, I started to take the bandage off to change it and found the hole completely healed and closed. I am giving permission to Rev. Ogilvie to use this affidavit and the accompanying photos as he sees fit.

MRS. ETHEL DUNN,
General Delivery,
Los Angeles 52, Calif.

Sworn before me the 18th day
of March, 1949.

MARGARET JACOBS, Notary
Los Angeles County, Calif.



**CALVARY TEMPLE, LOS ANGELES,
PASTOR LE ROY KOPP.** Both Rev. Wilbur Ogilvie and Rev. William Freeman held recent campaigns here. Calvary Temple is using 200 copies of *The Voice of Healing* each month. Pastors of other churches are finding it to their advantage to use this faith-building inter-evangelical magazine.

By Le Roy Kopp, Pastor

Hundreds of lives were blessed under the unique and fruitful ministry of Wilbur R. Ogilvie at Calvary Temple, 123 N. Lake Street, in Los Angeles from February 21 to March 13. Fine crowds were in attendance week nights as well as on Sunday afternoons and evenings. Brother Ogilvie is a gifted man of God, having been called from the prize-fighting ring to preach the Gospel, now engaging in a rigorous, spiritual bout and wrestling with the world, the flesh, and the devil in the tremendous work of pointing the Way to deliverance for soul and body.

It was estimated that approximately 500 answered the call to surrender to the Lord. At each call the penitents were dealt with by a corps of altar workers for quite a length of time as they knelt together in long rows at the altar and front seats. Knowing that one soul is worth so much in God's sight, it gave overwhelming joy to the saints of God to see such great numbers making the most important decision of a lifetime. How we thank God for the numbers of outstanding healings. The signs, wonders, and miracles were instrumental in "opening spiritual eyes" to Bible promises which are meant for us TODAY.

Brother Ogilvie emphasized the need of earnest and believing prayer. In addition to his answering the call for the public ministry, he has dedicated his life also to the ministry of intercession; sometimes in order to win a victory in a 'fight' with his and our opponent, Satan, it means several hours of prayer. During the meeting the prayer life of many was vitally

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← This remarkable testimony is strengthened by these convincing photographs and a notary's signature. In three days this gangrenous foot was made perfectly whole and smooth.

This Month's Prophetic Message

The Mystery of Hitler's Disappearance

(*The Voice of Healing*, because of its inter-evangelical nature is not committed to a particular school of interpretation of prophecy. One group sees the fulfillment of the Book of Revelation as taking place throughout the church age. Another sees it fulfilled at the end of the age. We shall see undoubtedly that both schools are correct, according to the law of the double fulfillment of prophecy.)

(The following article is suggestive rather than dogmatic. It cannot be definitely said that Hitler is still alive, only that the evidence suggests that he is alive. According to a recent poll, one half of all Americans believe that he is still living. Many Europeans believe that they have not seen the last of Hitler. In this article we call to attention the possibilities of Hitler yet fitting into the prophetic picture. If this cruel character should again appear on the scene, it would undoubtedly be in the near future and such an event would no doubt indicate that the final drama of the age was about to unfold.)

Hitler and Napoleon

In many ways the careers of Napoleon and Hitler have had a parallel. Napoleon's chosen country was France, though he was born in Corsica. Hitler was not a native of Germany, but was born in Austria, and later moved to Germany and became a citizen of that country.

Napoleon rose to power after a desperate civil war and internal revolution. Hitler achieved power after a disillusioning war that had reduced Germany to defeat and utter poverty.

Napoleon's first step was to invade Italy and force her into his orbit. Hitler, through Mussolini's assistance, secured Italy as an ally.

Napoleon then invaded Austria, subjugating it and the surrounding area. Hitler followed the pattern and swallowed up Austria and adjacent territory.

Napoleon, at length, through wars and alliances brought all continental Europe under his control. Hitler, likewise, by a series of blitzkriegs and forced alliances achieved domination of the entire mainland of Europe.

Napoleon had early successes in Egypt, but lost these gains. This was also the case with Hitler.

Napoleon considered the invasion and subjugation of Britain, and made preparations for crossing the English Channel, but was frustrated in this. Hitler, too, planned such an invasion, but also was foiled in the attempt.

Failing to subdue England, Napoleon made his great mistake in attempting to conquer Russia. He broke his treaty with



Napoleon Bonaparte

His Career Paralleled Hitler's

Will Hitler Reappear As Napoleon Did?



Adolf Hitler

the Russian Czar, and began the march to Moscow, achieving notable preliminary victories. But this invasion backfired and he was forced to flee ignominiously from the country, leaving the remnants of his tattered army to shift for themselves. The result of this ill-starred campaign was defeat and exile to Elba. Hitler's great mistake also was his invasion of Russia. He, too, broke a non-aggression agreement, and achieved many early victories, but at length was forced back, ultimately to Berlin where he disappeared from view.

Napoleon Comes Back

But Napoleon again made history! Embarking on a small naval craft and secretly leaving Elba, he slipped through the British men-of-war, which guarded the seas in that vicinity. Reaching France, Napoleon was received with great ovations, and in the march of triumph northward to Paris, he gathered about him another vast army, which loyally followed him to the futile battle of Waterloo, defeat and oblivion.

NOW, WILL THE FINAL PART OF THE PARALLEL BE CARRIED THROUGH IN THE CASE OF HITLER, AND WILL HE ONCE MORE APPEAR ON THE WORLD SCENE? WILL HIS HISTORY REPEAT ITSELF?

The Mystery of Adolf Hitler's Disappearance

The question of the fate of Adolf Hitler has been obscured in dark mystery, unparalleled of its kind in the history of the world. The Russians, after issuing many conflicting reports, supposedly identified the corpse of Hitler. But with great care they have concealed all such alleged evidence. For what possible purpose we ask?

Some accepted this Soviet version, though not a few wondered why the government of Russia has been so careful to conceal all the evidence. Many were not sure that Hitler was dead. From time to time reports have come that Hitler was in Argentina. Other rumors averred that he was in Spain. These were only wild guesses but indicated the widespread opinion that Hitler was still alive.

Is Hitler in Russia?

There are many who believe that Hitler is alive and living in Russia as a prisoner of the Communists. The noted writer, Dan Gilbert, gives an excellent summary of the reasons for this belief in his booklet "What Actually Happened to Hitler?" In his writing, he established a motive of why Stalin might desire to have Hitler a live prisoner. He shows reasons why the Russian dictator might believe that Hitler could at some future time prove to be of more value alive than dead. True, Hitler has destroyed

the lives of millions of Russians, but, as for that matter, so has Stalin. This fact, then would not be a deciding factor in his disposition of Hitler.

To understand the actions of Stalin, we must remember that the Russian leaders have one absorbing aim—that is to achieve by fair means or foul (mostly foul) domination of the earth. From this purpose, they have never deviated for a moment. Driven by demon powers which control them, they proceed relentlessly down the road toward world conquest. *If it should appear that Adolf Hitler would be of assistance in their mad scramble to attain universal power, there would not be the slightest hesitation on their part.* As for Hitler, assuming that he did not die, as supposed, he would promise anything, while entertaining the secret hope that in the confusion of another great conflict he might find opportunity to retrieve fortunes that seemed so utterly lost, and always ready to double-cross again if the situation was deemed favorable.

Hitler and His Star of Destiny

Hitler was a man that had a fanatical faith in his star of destiny. Most of his military ventures were not made as a result of considered strategy, but in answer to the compulsion of an "inner voice" that spoke to him. He could never brook the slightest interference to his course of action. Like Stalin, neither conscience, compunction or scruple ever influenced him in the slightest. He attained his position as dictator of Germany on the basis of his crusade against Communism. The moment he decided to ravish Poland, he conveniently forgot his innumerable tirades against Russia, and startled the world with the announcement of a friendship treaty with the Soviets. Ten days later he invaded Poland, and a month later the Soviets and the Nazis divided the spoils. This barbarous act precipitated the second global conflict. Later, when it appeared advantageous to attack Russia, Hitler discarded the pact and turned on Russia for the same reason that one gangster fights another. (Incidentally, just 666 days later.)

When at length it became evident to Hitler that his war against Russia and the Allies was being lost, it would not be difficult to imagine him, desperate and without scruple, with his cunning knowledge of the irreconcilability of the aims of the Allies and Russia, attempting some kind of understanding with Stalin. In this way he might hope to obtain respite and perhaps yet fulfill what he conceived as his destiny. Of course, the advantage of the bargaining was now altogether on Stalin's side, yet even so, he, Hitler, might have the price. Stalin might be interested if he could show him some way in which the Russian dictator could further his own schemes. What then had Hitler to offer?

Dan Gilbert in his book "What Actually Happened to Hitler?" suggests that Hitler could approach Stalin with the following

proposition:

"I have accumulated the greatest store of wealth in all history. I have billions in gold and gems. I have still greater wealth in the form of all the secret formulas and inventions produced by German chemists and scientists. Spare my life—and I will give you all this. You will have the greatest pile of gold and precious stones in all Europe. You will also have the blueprints whereby Soviet Russia may lead the world in science, invention, and military power."

Mr. Gilbert then goes on to suggest that the Russian dictator is not the kind of man to turn down so profitable a deal. While it was true the war would soon be over and Hitler would be at his mercy, yet Hitler, because of his supreme position

World War II witnessed seven men who controlled—or supposed they did—the destinies of the whole earth. All now are either dead or relieved of power, but one, Stalin, and he is ailing. Their names cancelled out, except the first letter, reveals who the real ruler soon will be—CHRIST.

- C HURCHILL.....out of office
- C HIANG KAI-SHEK.....exiled
- H ITLER.....vanished
- R OOSEVELT.....dead
- I L DUCE (Mussolini).....dead
- S TALIN.....in office, but ailing
- T OJO.....executed

of power in Germany at the time could concentrate those things that would be of great value to Russia in the area that she was invading.

One more thing. Stalin and his lieutenants had yet another war planned. Even then he was scheming as to the best means of securing an advantage in the inevitable conflict. If the occasion demanded, Hitler would be just the man to assist in whipping up an anti-Jewish crusade for the coming invasion of Palestine. Hitler would be eager for revenge on the Allies, and he certainly would if he had the chance, be glad to rally Nazidom (which because of Allied and Russian rivalry for German allegiance has never really been destroyed, Nazism is strong today) to the cause of an invasion of the Holy Land and the destruction of the Jews.

Russia and Prophecy

Two facts of prophecy are worthy of consideration at this point. Prophetic scholars for many years have almost unanimously agreed that Russia, as "Rosh," king of the North, would with Germany, according to Ezekiel 38-39, invade Palestine, and bring upon that land a fearful time of persecution and suffering. If Hitler is still alive, who may we ask, would relish with more fiendish delight, the chance to have a part in this diabolical scheme? (Matt. 24:15-22.)

One of the heads of Revelation 13 was "wounded unto death and her deadly wound was healed. And all the world wondered after the beast." A resurgence of communized Nazism would not be difficult to reconcile in the fulfillment of the prophetic Scripture. Such a coalition undoubtedly would swiftly plunge the world into another blood bath, leading this time to Armageddon.

Would the Nazis Follow Hitler Again?

At the first thought it would appear that Germany, suffering from the sorrows caused by Hitler would never follow him again. (And this, no doubt, would be true of all the Christian people in Germany, of whom there are many.) But as has been mentioned, the Allies and Russia vying for popularity with the Germans, have, to a great extent, left the Nazi party intact. And fantastic as it may seem, as we have already noted, such a resurgence has historical precedent. We refer to the France of 1815, who rallied behind the defeated Napoleon after he escaped Elba, and who led them once more on to the battlefield of war.

These are dark days for Germany. Twice defeated, charged with war guilt, undergoing the hardships of the aftermath of war, her cities lying in ruins, poverty stalking the land, frustrated and ready to grasp at a straw, Germany would be ripe for some great emotional upheaval—such as might be caused by the dramatic reappearance of Hitler. The return of Hitler from a background of mystery, with the promise of a united Germany, the eviction of the foreigner from the land, and a new crusade against the Jews, might set the blood of Germany's lost generation to tingling, and create a duplication of Napoleon's amazing return to power.

Again we repeat, we do not say this will happen, but it is possible. Surely developments have reached the place in the world that every Christian can ill afford anything but a completely consecrated life to God. Everything indicates that a great crisis is at hand in Europe, and the show-down cannot be long delayed. The North Atlantic Pact has been created specifically against Russia. All Western Europe is now rearming. The Soviets can not wait long—time for them is running out. Perhaps before another year has run its course, the world will have gravitated into the supreme conflict of the age—with the horrors of atomic warfare, the war that will surely end in Armageddon and the Coming of Christ.

In all events let us live wholeheartedly for Christ. What we do we must do quickly. The night cometh and no man can work. And let us pray for Christians who live in Germany and Russia, who are our brothers and sisters, and who with us are praying, "O Lord how long," before the shadows flee away, and He shall come Whose right it is to rule, and Who shall set up his kingdom of righteousness—a kingdom which shall have no end.

The Significant News of
The Month in Prophecy

THE ATLANTIC PACT

The signing of the North Atlantic Pact overshadows all other news of the month. America, for the first time in history, is entering into a peace-time military alliance with the nations of Europe. The Pact, which was announced during the middle of March, was signed on April 4, and no doubt will be ratified by the Senate.

The United Nations has failed at its very beginning, not holding the world's confidence nearly as long as the ill-fated League of Nations. Now the Atlantic Pact in reality takes its place, though the U. N. will probably continue to function for a while as a form.

America thus becomes committed to war. The official text of the North Atlantic Treaty made public March 18, declares: "An armed attack against one or more of them in Europe or North America shall be considered an attack against them all. . . . If such an armed attack occurs, each of them . . . will assist the party or parties so attacked by taking action forthwith, individually and in concert with the other parties, such action as is deemed necessary, including the use of armed force to restore and maintain the security of the Atlantic area. . . ." *This peace-time military alliance is the first of its kind that America has entered into with Europe in its 173 years of existence.*

Russia has already served notice that her 20 year pacts of non-aggression, as the result of the Atlantic Treaty, are null and void. Of course she had no intention of abiding by them, if she saw that it was to her advantage of doing otherwise. It is our belief that a showdown must come in less than a year, since Western Europe with the funds now made available by the Pact is beginning to rearm and Russia, therefore, cannot wait much longer. Is America prepared for this gigantic conflict that is soon to embroil the world? The real question each American should ask himself is, "Am I prepared for this hour that is soon to come upon the world that is to try them that dwell upon the face of the earth?" For the Great and Terrible Day of the Lord is at hand, and safety is found only in Christ.

Prophetic Significance of the North Atlantic Pact

Now let us notice the prophetic significance of the North Atlantic Pact. In a previous issue of *The Voice of Healing* we mentioned that the Bible identifies the Beast Power with the number 666 (Rev. 13:18), and that world events leading up to the final manifestation of the Beast Power is marked in cycles of 666 days or their multiples.

Let us turn to the chart that is found on this page, and notice the series of cycles which begin with July 28, 1914, which marked the beginning of World War I. Now notice that just *three cycles of 666 days later the League of Nations was formed* on January 16, 1920. The League of Nations was created for the purpose of preventing further war. It failed miserably and eventually Hitler forced the world into another war.

Pearl Harbor 12 x 666 Days After League

Measuring 12 x 666 days after the beginning of the ill-fated League, we come to the date of December 7-8, 1941, when the Japanese as members of Hitler's Axis, struck Pearl Harbor in a surprise blow that forced us into World War II.

The Atomic Bomb and End of World War II

Measuring 2 x 666 days from Pearl Harbor attack we come to the dates of August 1-14, 1945, when the dropping of atomic bombs upon Hiroshima and Nagasaki brought World War II to an end.

And Now the Atlantic Pact!

Counting off another 2 x 666 days we are brought to the dates of March 18-24, 1949, and the announcing of the North Atlantic Pact! Can anyone doubt the significance of this event? Nineteen of these 666 day cycles are now completed. The next four years will witness the fulfillment of 21—and 21 is the number of completeness. We are not predicting, but the evidence seems to show that in these coming four years we will see the great showdown of all history. Friend, are you ready for these solemn events that are now about to shake the world?

The Sinister Cycles of 666 Days

SHOWING SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC PACT

3 x 666 Days	12 x 666 Days	2 x 666 Days	2 x 666 Days	
July 28-Aug. 4 1914 World War I Begins	Jan. 16 1920 League of Nations Born	Dec. 7-8 1941 Pearl Harbor Attack U. S. Enters World War II	Aug. 1-14 1945 Atomic Bomb Falls World War II Ends	March 18-24 1949 North Atlantic Pact Announced Signed April 4

Testimonies From Harvey McAllister Campaigns

Completely Discouraged. In Poor
Health; New Hope Springs Up Within

Dear Brother McAlister:

All my life I have been in poor health, sickly and nervous. At the age of 15 I became so ill I was confined to bed. I lost all of my hair, no eye-lashes, not even a little fuzz left on any part of my body, much overweight, extreme weakness, no ambition, feeling I wanted to sleep night and day. My ability to taste, smell, hear, see and touch were all impaired. Physicians diagnosed my ailment as glandular trouble—no thyroid glands, and that I would never be well. Needless to say, I was completely discouraged. Since you offered prayers in my behalf the hair has commenced to grow upon my body and I am feeling so very much better in every way. Your coming to our city has truly caused a new hope to spring up within my breast.

MRS. CLETUS STINCHCOMB,
Canton, Ohio

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Arthritis For Four Years:
Sufferings Indescribable

Dear Brother McAlister:

Four years ago, due to overwork and worry, I became very ill with arthritis—worst kind, resulting in my becoming much crippled. I went from one doctor to another doctor. They administered all kinds of injections. A rigid diet reduced my weight from 135 pounds to 85 pounds. Ill and weak, I could no longer be on my feet—confined to bed for four months. Sufferings were indescribable. I was unable to feed myself. When every ray of hope had fled, then some kind ladies from the church came and ministered unto me. Many prayers were offered. Then I felt God would undertake, and new hope sprang up within my breast. Faith in God and in His power grew, and I gained some strength. I was no longer confined to bed, but I dragged my feet, could not get on and off the busses alone, nor raise my arms, and still suffering much pain. On January 4, 1949, you prayed for me, and from then on all my pains left my body. I can walk freely, get on and off the busses by myself, raise my arms, and do all my housework. I know God by His Holy Spirit has healed me, and I can only thank and praise Him forever.

MRS. MARIE JOHANSON,
Hartford, Connecticut

EXPLOITS OF FAITH

TESTIMONIES FROM THE BRANHAM HEALING CAMPAIGNS

But the people that do know their God shall be strong
and do exploits.—Daniel 11:32.

Minister's Wife Reports Complete Disappearance of Tumor After Prayer By Brother Branham

January 23, 1949

Dear Brother Branham:

I should like to give my testimony for the glory of God.



While Brother Branham was recuperating in Jeffersonville, Ind., we were able to make a special appointment for prayer on Sept. 26, just about one week before I was scheduled for a second operation. I had already undergone one operation in March,

1947, when I had a large tumor and muscle removed from under my left breast.

My husband, who is a minister, was aware of my condition, though I myself did not know that I had cancer. When Brother Branham prayed for me, the cancer demon started to come out, but he returned and he prayed again, and it left my body. Praise God! The Lord then gave me a definite assurance that it had left and that I was going to be made whole.

We started on our way, and had traveled just three hours, when I took very sick, and we stopped at a cabin. Poison left my body in the natural way, and I had attacks like that for seven days. On November 1, with my husband accompanying me, I went to the doctor. He gave me a thorough examination and said, "It has completely gone." How good God is!

I realize now that I am living on "added time," and trust by His grace to continue to win souls for eternity.

We are really enjoying *The Voice of Healing*; I have been able to get six friends to subscribe also, and they are enjoying it too.

Sincerely,

MRS. E. C. ROBINSON,
Box 638,
Bothwell, Ontario

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71-Year-Old Healed of Arthritis

Dear Brother Branham:

I am sending my testimony of the healing that I received last summer when you

held meetings at the Ice Arena at Tacoma, Washington.

I had suffered with arthritis, and heart trouble since 1936. Since 1943 I have been on crutches and in a wheel chair—as good as helpless. As you prayed, I went through the fast line, and God worked a miracle! I now walk all over, do all my house work—cooking, washing, scrubbing—anything I want to undertake. Besides, I attend church services four nights a week.

I truly have much to thank and praise my blessed Redeemer for—I am 71 years old, and feel like 16 when I do not overdo. God is able to save, keep, and heal all that look to Him and serve Him.

MRS. LEW LEWIS,

7012 S. Junette,

November, 1948 South Tacoma, Wash.

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Missouri Grl. Mother Healed

January 26, 1949

I am writing to tell you of the healing of our nine-year-old daughter, Patricia Ann, that took place last spring; also of my healing.

Patricia had strep throat soon after she was born, and this caused her to have rheumatic fever later. She would suffer with pains in her legs, and we would try to relieve her with hot-water bottles. Sometimes she would have three spells in one night. Of course the rheumatic fever affected her heart.

Then she had colon trouble from the time that she was a tiny baby. She was always patient even though she had to suffer so much. She would have vomiting spells and couldn't eat much for days. She would have these spells every three or four weeks, so finally I took her to the Butler Memorial Hospital, Kansas City, Missouri, to a specialist, then to the Trinity Lutheran Hospital for an X-ray. The X-ray showed that she had a spastic colon.

She continued having vomiting spells, and would have severe cramps as a result of the colon condition. She also had extreme constipation from the time that she was about four months old. During one night that Patricia was so sick, and we couldn't get the vomiting stopped, she looked up at me and asked me if Jesus knew that she was sick, and I told her that He did, and that soon she would be better.

Later we attended the Sedalia, Missouri, meeting, and passed through the prayer

line on Sunday, April 18, 1948, when Brother Branham prayed for Patricia and me. Now Patricia doesn't have the vomiting spells any more, and she is able to eat many more things than she could before. She can now eat the hot lunches served the school children. Patricia has gone through a great deal of suffering in her life, but praise the Lord, she is growing fast now and is so much better.

Patricia gave her heart to Christ about two and a half years ago at home. I knelt and prayed with her. She likes to have me read *The Voice of Healing* to her, and reads it some for herself.

I was also healed of an inward goitre as a result of your prayers. I am so thankful that we attended this wonderful healing meeting. My faith has been so much stronger. My health is so much better and I take things much more calmly.

MRS. GILBERT PARKER,

110 S. Delaware,

Butler, Missouri

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Boils, Hay Fever, Weak Eyes Healed

February 28, 1949

Dear Editor:

When I was 17, one year ago, I had terrible boils. The doctors could do nothing for me, so I wrote to Brother Branham and asked him for an anointed handkerchief. He sent me a piece of cloth, and told me to wear it, and trust God. I had three boils when I received the cloth. The next day the boils had nearly disappeared, and I have never had one since. Praise God.

In the summer of 1948 I went to Spokane, Washington, to the Freeman meeting. He prayed for my eyes, my back and hay fever. My eyes were weak, and when I tried to read the words would blur. After Brother Freeman prayed for me, I felt a cool breeze come over me, and now my eyes are still perfect.

About two weeks ago I lifted something heavy. Then I felt a sharp pain. It was terrible. I could not put any pressure on my left arm, and it hurt me to breathe. I said, "God I believe You can heal me. I now claim your Promises." I then said, "Satan, in the Name of Jesus, get out." God immediately healed me. I took deep breaths to prove it, and put a lot of pressure on my arm. I praise God for what He has done for me.

KEITH PENNOYER,

R. R. No. 1,

Grand Forks, B. C.

Dowie's Ministry

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where the social, industrial, commercial, educational, political and religious ideals and principles of the Kingdom of God should be put into practice. He was greatly hindered in his work in Chicago by a corrupt press and political system. At one time a band of 3,000 students of pharmacy smashed the windows of Zion Tabernacle. While holding a meeting at Oak Park, he barely escaped being killed, and a squad of police from the city of Chicago had to be summoned to his assistance.

Selection of Zion City Site

It was during this time that he was making arrangements for the purchase of 6,600 acres of land, with a frontage of two and a half miles on beautiful Lake Michigan. In order to inspect this land secretly (so the plan would not become known to the world before the proper time), Dr. Dowie attired himself as a tramp, with a knapsack over his shoulder; and thus he crossed the farmlands, which he intended to purchase for the founding of the City of Zion.

Although the press was eagerly seeking to discover who was purchasing the many different farms, in 1899, they were unable to obtain the information until the deal had been fully consummated. On January 1, 1900, John Alexander Dowie unfurled at the all-night meeting held in Central Zion Tabernacle, Chicago, a huge map, showing the beautiful site that had been purchased for the City of Zion.

The first excursion to the new city site was February 22, 1900. Hundreds of people came out to behold it, and on that day it was covered with a newly fallen snow, which presented a beautiful view of spotless purity. On July 14, 1900, a great company of people came from Chicago, and other places, to be present at the dedication of the temple site, and the ground was formally consecrated to God by John Alexander Dowie.

Opening of the City of Zion

The gates of the City of Zion were opened on July 15, 1901—the entire site being laid out, according to a specific plan, with 200 acres reserved in the center of the city as Shiloh Park, 10 acres of which was designated as “the Temple site,” and the one place of worship for all the inhabitants was to be situated there. The streets and the boulevards were given Bible names, to remind the residents of events and characters mentioned in the Word of God; thus making every feature of the City of Zion stand out distinctly in a Biblical atmosphere.

In accordance with this principle, the land was not to be sold, but leased for 1100 years, in order that it might be a place where intoxicating liquor, tobacco, gambling, dancing, deadly drugs, theaters, brothels, secret societies, and other abominations would be kept out. The city of Zion was therefore to be a free city, so

far as it could be made free by imperfect man, from evil and the contaminating influences generally prevalent in the ungodly cities of the world.

Great throngs of people responded to the call, and thousands of men and women purchased lands, built homes for themselves and families, and Zion schools, and Zion institutions and Zion industries were established. The reading of God's Word marked the beginning of each day's activities, with the singing of a hymn and prayer.

Dowie Tours the World

In the fall of 1903, Dr. Dowie held a series of meetings in Madison Square Garden, in New York City, proclaiming the Gospel to the millions of that city. He took a company of 3,000 workers with him in 10 separate trains, and for 10 days held meetings there, many of the meetings being attended by large crowds. Dr. Dowie was received by Mayor Low, of New York City, at the City Hall. Almost every house in the vicinity was reached with Zion literature.

Later, Dr. Dowie went on a tour of the world, visiting Australia, Switzerland, France and England. He was received by Theodore Roosevelt at the White House in 1904, the President leaving his Cabinet meeting to greet Dr. Dowie in the reception room.

Due to the strenuous work incident to his ministry, Dr. Dowie suffered a stroke of paralysis, and passed to his reward on March 9, 1907.

Praying for Rain

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for, because God was going to break the drought, the more difficult the thing, speaking as men speak, the greater the glory for God.

“He called our attention to the fact that we had well-nigh forgotten about our need for rain, in our great longing for the clouds in our hearts to be broken up, and in our rejoicing over the copious shower in our heart clouds yesterday. It was a fact. In our two and a half hours we were together yesterday we had not prayed more than 60 seconds, if that long, for rain. Today we went over the same ground as yesterday, confessing our sins, and when after two and a half hours we were just ready to pray for rain again, instead we broke forth into uncontrollable shouting and rejoicing, *praising God for rain*. We arose finally without asking God for rain at all, just praising and glorifying him for rain. We were so sure it would come. Still no sign was anywhere to be seen that rain was coming.

“Then we went home, and at 5 that afternoon, we saw the Elijah cloud, but bigger than a man's hand. It quickly covered the heavens, and at 5:30 the rain was falling. After a while it slackened, and we went to church. Wonderful meeting. Indescribable! We were so happy we could not behave ourselves. Not because of the rain,

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so much, but because we felt that we knew now, the way to pray through to God. We had blazed the trail that we had come. After service it rained again, a long steady downpour, the only really sufficient rain in about 10 months, and yet the creeks did not get up, it came down so gently. Praise the dear Lord.”

Branham, Bosworth In Zion

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tural foundation. Much prejudice between factions was broken down, but not all. Grace Missionary Church had a real revival stirring, which we trust, will lead on to a glorious and permanent revival.

In these terrible times God is seeking men of prayer and power to bring true revivals, which never come on a foundation of compromise. The non-sectarian character of the meetings which were union in character brought out many Pentecostal and Holiness people. Their faith was rewarded in the atmosphere of spiritual expectancy at each service. Mr. P. B. Johnson, whose unwearied efforts brought the Branham party to Zion, is to be thanked by all who were blessed. With a pastor like the Rev. Leland Skinner, the Grace Missionary Church will, we trust, continue to be a Full Gospel Missionary Church and its members continue to be blest.

Jagers Campaign

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tumors; dislocated vertebrae to restoration of sight to blinded eyes. Many have had their hearing restored, some even have been blessed with a re-created ear drum. One man received sight to an injured eye in which the pupil was gouged out.

Lindsay in Mexico

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ings, and a healing campaign by an American citizen, which will attract great numbers of people, is an almost unheard of thing.

Ogilvie Meeting

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stimulated, and the day prayer services have taken on new impetus. There is not a “letdown,” but rather a “lifting up” as healings continue and as numbers of people are being saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost under the ministry of others here at Calvary Temple.

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Healing Campaigns