

THE CITY OF ZION

Real Estate Exchange

In the fall of '95 a certain John Alexander Dowie had, for some time, been making more or less of a sensation all 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 congregation grown that he had for some time been holding services in the Auditorium.

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

Today 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 reach the population that Zion City has reached in two.

The most interesting object in Zion City, from an historical point of view, is the lake factory. It was announced early in the history of the place that the manufacture of lace would be a leading occupation. Dowie himself went to England to collect information and purchase machinery for the enterprise. When returning he was accompanied by a number of English lace-makers. A large brick building was built, and a great trial is being made with the looms, which have been already set up, many different patterns of lace curtains are being manufactured, as well as trimmings, veils of various kinds.

Zion City is truly proud of her lace factory, but it is not the only successful enterprise of which she can boast.

of the inhabitants, from cooking utensils to literature for the faithful." Elizabeth Hospice, an immense frame hotel, is advertised as "modern in every respect, and capable of accommodating a thousand guests at a time," and the administration building, contains commodious offices, with comfortable and convenient furnishings.

A substantial brick and stone building is observed and a neatly uniform "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

like structure, capable of seating three 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 Hot, 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 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 is 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."

It is only too confidently anticipated that 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."

The community is not comparable, in any way, to that of America. It is a community, so far as America is concerned, or to any other of the Communicative 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 in the United States that 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, firearms, etc., forfeits the lease.

Each man builds his own house and works for himself, but each is required to take a certain amount of his income to the store, for the use of the community, for the maintenance and extension of Zion.

Individualism in the administration is strongly encouraged. It is not, however, as aggressively with the "world" as it is in Zion. For instance, the system of banking, with its various branches, is not to be introduced into Zion.

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without the freeraker, and Christ mass trees are denounced as foolish. The rule against alcohol and tobacco is strictly 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 conscientiousness is a guide for himself, it is not an authoritative guide for his fellow."

But there is a class of people who do not see earnestly and an authoritative guide outside of their own consciences, and to this class Dowie appeals.

Zion City is a theory 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, guidance may be thought of the marvelous cures which it so plentifully provides, one can read a copy of the "Leaves of Healing" without being impressed by its high standard of morality.

Dowie has become an established fact in both the religious and the secular world. Call him a quack if you will, but he still remains more than one occasion his enemies have gleefully announced his imminent downfall, only to find that he shows how to wrest victory from defeat. His shrewdness and executive ability, his ability to lead a natural leader of men. He has raised himself by his own unaided efforts, from the position of a poor and obscure, to that of a prominent and growing community, with an almost unlimited income at his command. A certain dignity and distinguished him, where he has been, for a few years, to encourage the importance of proper stage settings.

His recent demands upon the public have given him a high position in the world's production of a new social ideal, have made him the subject of criticism and ridicule without hindrance. Yet after all it must be admitted that his followers are devoted and enthusiastic, and that his influence over them appears to be for

Of Whitehead & Mitchell at the Exchange Bank, Birmingham, Mich.

The following is a partial list of farms, city and village lots and real estate generally which we have for sale. As our list is constantly changing, we request that parties will write us if they do not see what they want in this list:

1. Farm of 30 acres, well fenced, well watered, fine fruiting trees, 10 acres timber, 10 miles from Birmingham, Mich. Price \$10,000.00.

2. Twenty-two and two-thirds acres of land near Birmingham, Mich. Price \$10,000.00.

3. No better farm in the State of Michigan is to be had than the one in the town of Whitehead, Mich. Price \$10,000.00.

4. Farm of 100 acres, well fenced, well watered, fine fruiting trees, 10 acres timber, 10 miles from Birmingham, Mich. Price \$10,000.00.

5. Farm of 50 acres, well fenced, well watered, fine fruiting trees, 10 acres timber, 10 miles from Birmingham, Mich. Price \$10,000.00.

6. Farm of 20 acres, well fenced, well watered, fine fruiting trees, 10 acres timber, 10 miles from Birmingham, Mich. Price \$10,000.00.

7. Farm of 10 acres, well fenced, well watered, fine fruiting trees, 10 acres timber, 10 miles from Birmingham, Mich. Price \$10,000.00.

8. Farm of 5 acres, well fenced, well watered, fine fruiting trees, 10 acres timber, 10 miles from Birmingham, Mich. Price \$10,000.00.

9. Farm of 2 acres, well fenced, well watered, fine fruiting trees, 10 acres timber, 10 miles from Birmingham, Mich. Price \$10,000.00.

10. Farm of 1 acre, well fenced, well watered, fine fruiting trees, 10 acres timber, 10 miles from Birmingham, Mich. Price \$10,000.00.

11. Farm of 1/2 acre, well fenced, well watered, fine fruiting trees, 10 acres timber, 10 miles from Birmingham, Mich. Price \$10,000.00.

12. Farm of 1/4 acre, well fenced, well watered, fine fruiting trees, 10 acres timber, 10 miles from Birmingham, Mich. Price \$10,000.00.

13. Farm of 1/8 acre, well fenced, well watered, fine fruiting trees, 10 acres timber, 10 miles from Birmingham, Mich. Price \$10,000.00.

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level line of compensation is death to abolition."

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

One of Dowie's characteristics is that he stands for very positive and definite ideas. Alliterative allusions to "pigs, pigs and physicians," and "doctor, doctor, and walking around in a funny way," are very common in Zion's literature. The humor in Zion is absolutely forbidden. Oysters also come under the ban. The "Fench" must be cultivated

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