

The End of Dowies' Zion

Zion City is going the way of other communities whose members seek to set themselves apart from the life of the country in which they live.

The leader who made Zion City and gave it its distinction is dead. He was dethroned before he died and he has no successor. Like the treacherous lieutenant who betrayed his trust, all those who have sought to succeed John Alexander Dowie have proved incapable. As a leader, of men not one of them has shown himself a real power.

Yet, though its end proves that it was only a religious and social experiment which could not become an institution that abides while men pass Zion was an interesting experience of the sort that men will make over and over again as long as their souls aspire to make life more than the getting of daily bread anyhow and of wealth if possible. Zion was an aspiration toward making life cleaner and sweeter.

None could visit the place in the flower of its prosperity, observe its homes and its people, without being convinced that, whatever the religious delusions under which they labored, or the economic fallacies which the strove to turn into truth here were happy homes and a contented people, at peace with themselves and their world as few of us are. With all his errors and faults, it can truly be said of Dowie that he increased for the time the sum of human happiness about him.

The leader who made and held Zion together is no more. The property he gathered into a common stock for the common benefit is to be divided among those who have claim to share in it. As most of the creditors of the corporations through which Zion's business affairs were handled are members of the community, and to them will go its possessions, here is a case of spoiling by the Philistines or the Chaldeans.

But Zion will now become like other towns, free of the drastic rules of social conduct which were its distinction. Its people are torn into factions warring after claimants for a mantle whose weight crushes them. Another effort to establish the kingdom of righteousness visibly upon earth has failed. Though the shell of its outward body be there still, Zion has passed away, for its spirit went out of it when Dowie ceased to dominate it.—Inter Ocean.

Highland Park Item.

A most enjoyable entertainment was given by Captain and Mrs. John T. Raffan last Saturday to forty-five members of the Ladies' Scottish club of Chicago. The affair was also a reunion of the Raffan family, there being present one sister and husband, five daughters, one daughter-in-law. The guests spent a delightful day at Capt. Raffan's home with Scotch songs, dancing, etc. All returned home with the beauty and hospitality of Highland Park.

Baraca News

On Thursday evening the Baraca class met at the home of Arthur Meierhoff. After the business meeting was over the evening was spent in a social way. Rev. E. Fuessle was unable to attend.

Don't Be Odd.

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THINGS NOT TO FEAR.

Don't be afraid to think before you act.

Don't be afraid to make your goods known.

Don't be afraid to tell the truth. It is a part of your honor.

Don't be afraid of experience. He is the best teacher.

Don't be afraid to admit when you are in the wrong.

Don't be afraid of pleasure. It is necessary for good work.

Don't be afraid to risk. The great successes are born of chance.

Don't be afraid of imitators. Originality always bears a trade mark.

Don't be afraid to fight against odds. Most things worth having are hard to get.

Don't be afraid of censure. We all need toning down as well as toning up.

Don't be afraid to use your time to advantage. It is given you for that purpose.

Don't be afraid of rivals. Things may be crowded below, but there is always room on top.

Don't be afraid to be polite at all times and under all circumstances. It is no disgrace to be called a gentleman.

WOMEN YOU SELDOM MEET.

An unmarried woman who never had an offer.

A singer who never complains of a cold when asked to sing.

A woman who, when caught in her second-best dress, will make no apology for her dreadful appearance.

A woman, age immaterial, who does not experience a flush of pride upon being thought what she is not and may never hope to be.

A married woman who never said, "No wonder the girls don't get married nowadays; they are altogether different from what they were when I was a girl."

A woman who remembers last Sunday's text, but is unable to speak understandingly of the trimmings on the bonnet of the lady in the pew next in front.—Chicago Journal.

If it were considered fitting that wives should be older than their husbands' marriage would become obsolete.

SPINSTER'S THOUGHTS.

Love is that thing which makes you believe what you know is not true.

A remembered kiss is like an exclamation point in the mental landscape.

It is fearfully discouraging when we are good to find how monotonous and lonely life is.

When a man is willing to go to church with a girl he is terribly fond of her, for the time being.

There is at least this one good point about being married—that, while you are, you cannot be so foolish again.

One of the queerest things about a man is the way he thinks that the woman who loves him should adore his faults.

Strange that even when a man is married and has freckles on his face or is bald, that he still thinks girls should like him.

It is doubtful if Briareus could have managed as many packages with all his hundred hands as does the modern woman with only two.

MAXIMS FROM MEXICO.

There's no gain without pain.

To the hungry no bread is dry.

He who has little has little to fear.

Flies cannot enter a closed mouth.

It is good fishing in troubled waters.

No evil will endure a hundred years.

A cat in gloves will never catch rats.

A book that is shut makes no scholar.

A frugal rich father and a spendthrift son.

If the pill were not bitter it would not be gilt.

When the river is passed the saint is forgotten.

No word is ill spoken if it is not ill understood.

A tongue may inflict a deeper wound than a sword.

HERE OPINION.

Man learns to talk. Woman talks by instinct.

Man boasts of his experience. Woman is proud of her lack of it.

To a man wealth means power; to a woman the joy of being envied.

A man with a future and a woman with a past can generally be sure that they are being talked about.

The woman who fondles a dog to make a man jealous generally succeeds in filling him with disgust.

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