

## **Davenport, Iowa by Miss Martha Wing, Deaconess-in-Charge**

Rev. James R. Adams, Elder of the Branch of the Christian Catholic Church at Waterloo, Iowa, has recently been conducting special missions at Davenport and at Webster City. That God wonderfully blessed these missions is evident from the enthusiastic reports that have been sent in from these points. The following letter from Deaconess Wing shows that quite a spirit of interest has been aroused in the three sister cities, Davenport, Rock Island, and Moline.

Elder James R. Adams, Waterloo, Iowa, has just closed a series of meetings in Davenport and Moline, Illinois, and as I have never sent an account of our work of this Branch of the Church in the three cities, Davenport, Rock Island, and Moline, I take the opportunity to do so in connection with a report of these meetings. Early in the summer we organized more systematic house-to-house "Seventy" work, which we have continued faithfully, but found the majority of people indifferent and unresponsive. It being so hard to give the LEAVES to any one, we thought it impossible to sell, but just before Elder Adams came we organized for Saturday night work, and found that, though we cannot give the LEAVES away in Davenport, we have met with very fair success in selling them. We disposed of about four hundred and fifty copies during this mission, under Elder Adams' instruction and encouragement.

For inexperienced workers in a new field we felt God has blessed us, and trust that it is only the beginning of better work. These meetings have taught us a valuable lesson, which may be of assistance to some. Gatherings that are calling for an Elder to "start

the work." We distributed some thousands of notices, but so far as I was able to measure the audiences, I should say there were hardly a dozen who attended outside of those who had been reached through the LEAVES by the individual work of our Seventies and members. Even street meetings brought little or no result. I think there will never again be a question as to the way to reach people here. The LEAVES OF HEALING magazine is the best worker. We thank God for the wonderful Little White Dove.

We found Elder Adams to be a man who knows how to fight for God, so I do not wonder Satan bates him. The meetings were full of blessing. The interest gradually increased, until, toward the close of the series, many were seeking the truth. At the last meeting in Davenport, held Lord's Day evening, as the people passed out, strangers on all sides were heard expressing regret that they had failed to attend earlier. We believe an opening wedge has entered, and that it is only the beginning of greater work for God through the three cities. But we feel that not the least part of Elder Adams' mission here was the help and instruction we received as to the best way of conducting work, and the advice and encouragement he gave individual members. We have all received abundant blessing and thank God for the privilege of having been, even for so short a time, under the leadership of so earnest a worker, May God bless him abundantly and use him still further in the extension of the Kingdom is the prayer of all our hearts.

The appended testimonies reported by Elder Adams will give some idea of God's blessing upon the work in this place during the past year: "Ye shall be

My Witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and unto the utter-most part of the earth." This is fulfilled in Zion. God's Witnesses send forth "the word of their testimony" from Zion. In doing so, they receive God's reward and bring the priceless blessings of Salvation and Healing to thousands and tens of thousands of the sinful and sick. God is even compelling the enemies of Zion to acknowledge the effectiveness of her witnessing, as the remarks of a Davenport druggist to a Seventy worker will show. Said he, " No, I will not buy the paper. You people and we are in competition, and you are getting much the best of it."

In September I conducted a mission in Davenport, which God greatly blessed. The appended report of a testimony meeting contains true and grateful words from the lips of those whom the ever-loving Father has saved, healed, cleansed, and honored in Zion.

Miss Elizabeth Sansom, 1714 Eighth Avenue, Moline, Illinois, said: "God has done a great deal for me through Zion. I had gone far away from Him and was in deep spiritual darkness. But this teaching reached me. I repented and made things right with God and man, I came into Zion and rejoice to testify to the blessings I have received. Pray that God will continue to bless me."

Miss Florence Wheelock, 836 East Thirteenth Street, Davenport, Iowa, said: "I thank God for Zion. I wish all to know what God is to us in Zion. For nearly three years I have had diseased and weak eyes. God has restored me so that I have been enabled to lay aside my glasses almost entirely. I have been healed of other troubles; among them a severely ulcerated tooth,

which was relieved in answer to prayer. I leave all my afflictions with God "

Miss Clara Schilder, 1213 Hamilton Street, Davenport, Iowa, said: "As a family we have great reason to be thankful to God for Zion and the General Overseer. I will testify for my mother who does not speak English very well. While I was in Chicago last June I got word on the 14th that mother had suffered a stroke of paralysis. I sent in a request for prayer and returned home. The following Sunday Deaconess Wing laid hands upon her and prayed. The next day mother was so far recovered as to be able to sit upon the porch. Her mind and reason, which had been gone, were fully restored. The medicine in our house was all thrown out. The next Sunday she walked fourteen blocks and home again. She has also been healed of rheumatism and heart disease in answer to Zion's prayers. Yesterday I was very sick. Mother came to the meeting and asked the Elder to pray at 3:30. At once I felt better and got up and began to do the housework. When mother came home I had mopped the kitchen. I am so grateful. God is so good."

Hugh N. McCaw, 506 Third Street, Rock Island, Illinois, said: "I thank God for Christ and for Calvary. My sins were many. I was a drunkard, thief, gambler, and blasphemer. I am delivered from them all. I spent hundreds of dollars seeking peace. I found it only through Christ. Salvation is greater than Healing. I am glad my name is in the Book of Life. But I was ignorant. I had had catarrh since my childhood. Dr. Keck treated me thirteen months. After this the catarrh was very bad. I had spent hundreds of dollars seeking healing. Six weeks ago Miss Wing asked me to attend the meetings. I was too sick to come, but God enabled me to come in answer to prayer. I was very

sick after I got here. We knelt in prayer and I arose still sick. Yet, praise God, the disease all vanished before I left the meeting. I threw away all my medicine and have laid aside my spectacles. I lean upon the precious promises of God. He has made me well."

Mrs. Gustava Federow (aged eighty-one), corner Sixth and Brady Streets, Davenport, Iowa, said: "I had lost faith in God and did not believe any-thing. LEAVES OF HEALING was sent me. I could not stop reading it. Then my faith in God came back, and the Bible was a new book to me. Praise God! I am so glad to give testimony to the healing of my foot. I had it operated on repeatedly. But the trouble grew again. So I prayed about it and in two weeks my foot was well." Deaconess Wing-" What had you done with your Bible?" I said " Threw it into the fire and was an infidel for forty years,"

Mrs. Hattie Huntley, 728 West Fifteenth Street, Davenport, Iowa, said: " I am glad say I have been wonderfully blessed through reading LEAVES OF HEALING. I got the paper one year ago last June. For eighteen years I had been a great sufferer with various diseases. Doctors Meyers and Gurney, of Sheldon; Shaffer, of Sanborn, Wessels, Rowland, and Allan, of Davenport, all treated my case. It was no use. It cost a great deal of money. Then I heard of Zion and believed that God was the Healer. I saw that my only help was in Him. I knew that God did not send sickness upon people. I have consecrated myself to God who has taken away my diseases in answer to prayer. Today I was not well. Elder Adams prayed for me. Now I feel that I am perfectly healed."

Mr. Dewitt Huntley (her husband), said: "One year ago last February, a specialist treated my diseased eyes

and prepared glasses for my use. Now I have laid them off and believe God is the only Healer."

Mrs. Nettie Graham, Wyoming, Iowa, said: "I praise God for Zion and all it has done for me. I had been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church since I was fourteen years old. I have learned more of God and know more about the Bible in the two and one-half years I have been in Zion than in all the years I was in the Methodist Church. God has healed me of sore throat and headaches. I have grown physically strong in Zion. I am able to do all my work and am much blessed spiritually."

Mrs. Alice Monroe, 110 West Sixth Street, Davenport, Iowa, said: "I am glad of this opportunity to testify, Twenty-four years ago three doctors gave me up to die of typhoid pneumonia. So near death was I that they took me from my hotel to a hospital and there put me in the dead room. The doctors had shaken their heads hopelessly. Oh, how I poured out my heart in prayer to God to spare my life so that I might bring up my little boy. That night at midnight they came and took me from the dead room to the convalescent ward. The medical doctors said it was a perfect miracle. I gave God all the glory. Five years ago LEAVES OF HEALING was sent to me. I read and took great delight in it. It was a key to the Bible. I had a healing this week of irritation and eczema with pimples. Elder Adams prayed with me and it all went away."

Mrs. Kate Leinbaugh, as Twentieth Street, Rock Island, Illinois, said: " I praise God for healing during these meetings. A rusty wire nail was accidentally run through my wrist, causing great distress and swelling with inflammation I was tempted to believe that blood poisoning would set in, I suffered much in the meeting.

But Elder Adams laid hands on me and prayed. I was instantly and perfectly healed for which I praise God." Mrs. Anna Krause, South Muscatine, Iowa, said: "I am thankful for our General Overseer. By his teaching I see the Full Gospel. Four years ago I was given up to die by four doctors. There was no help. I prayed to the best of my knowledge, but could move neither hand nor foot. I had diseases of the anklebone and of the blood. My son in Blue Island, Illinois, went to Zion Home in Chicago and was healed of heart trouble. Although another son of mine at home tried to discourage me, I believed that the General Overseer was a true man of God. I wrote to him a request for prayer. The very next day God healed me. I jumped up and clapped my hands. I am well and healthy now. I have been in Zion three years. It is everything to me."

Mrs. Dora Heck, 2842 Upland Place, Moline, Illinois, said: "Since finding full Salvation in Jesus, my joy has been multiplied. Since thirteen years of age I have been *a professing*, but not *a possessing*, Christian. I suffered from hip-joint disease for eighteen years. At last I heard of Jesus the Healer, and was taken to Zion. I was surprised to learn through the teaching that Healing was included in the Atonement. I had a great battle to fight before fully accepting the Great Physician. I promised God I would take Jesus for my Healer. Then I went to bed and thought. Soon a warm glow passed over my hip-bone; the pain ceased, and I knew I was healed."

Mrs. Lizzie Palmer, tog Iowa Street, Davenport, said: "I cannot praise God enough for His goodness to me. Once I wore spectacles and ate pork. God healed my eyes. I wear the spectacles no more."

D. M. Lindsay said: "I praise God for the cleansing blood of Christ. I was a little sickly boy. The foolish doctors gave me tobacco. I had palsy and delirium tremens."

Miss Martha Wing, Deaconess-in-Charge, said: "God brought me from almost infidelity into Zion. I was a Methodist Episcopalian for twelve years. Doctor Middleton gave me up to die. Constitutionally, I was weak. God does wonderfully bless those who give their bodies to Him. He keeps me day by day and hour by hour."

These testimonies bring to mind an old hymn  
My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' Name.

Yet many who deny Jesus the Healer and seek unto the "physicians of no value" sing that sweet song. Would it not be more truthful for them to sing:

My hope is built on nothing more  
Than doctors, drugs, and pills galore;  
I will not trust in Jesus' Name,  
But wholly lean on surgeons' fame.

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