"As Galena Knew Parham" 1906

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DOWIE GOOD-BY BITTER;
REVIVES WIFE AND SON

Scores Exacted in Zion, Gives Financial Precepts to Followers and Promises to Return to Build Home for Jesus.

With parting shots at his enemies, fatherly advice to his followers and bitter denunciation of his wife and son, John Alexander Egwene yesterday made farewell to his people at Zion City. Tuesday of next week he proposes to start for Mexico. He promised to return early next summer and, as usual, to build a house on Mount Carmel for Jesus, whose early return to earth to rule for a thousand years, at a Zion City and there, at another time, he predicted: His listeners thronged every room and filled the stairways in Union House.

Unable to stand unsupported, his features the hue of death and his small, white hands trembling, Dowie died in his gorgeous apostolic robes, but he was the arm of two stairway negroes from his room to the platform in the big windows. During his talk of half an hour, however, his voice was at times to something of a whisper, sonance and penetrated even to the greatest apartments, which, like the rooms below, were thronged with eager auditors.

SCORES WIFE AND SON.

"It may be possible," said Dowie, "that the first apostle is being dragged into the face of his people for the last time, but I do not think so. When I have been dead and learned of the treachery hatched in Zion City, that the wife or the son, whom I had taken my heart, had maligned me, that my son had cut down my flag and turned the Zion guards against me, and that the face whom I had true, I am honored had been bestowed on me, do not God otherwise. Now I leave Zion City with a sneer, sorrow and the heart intact."

I am not such man. My disease is a broken heart. For many years, you lived with my wife a broken-hearted man. My private life was such a thing, she's not me every day. She told me I had less than to do my days, I forgave her thousand and times. I do not know that I shall see her again. The rest of my life I shall live only for the kingdom of God."

"I have been asked whether I could forgive my wife, I forgive, but I do not restore her. No. The bankier, the friends, the people, they all return him, but he no not again give him the key to the strong."
The prominent places in the news and editorial columns of the leading metropolitan papers, which Rev. Chas. F. Parham has secured for himself the last few days in his crusade of Zion City, is causing Galena people to live over again the stirring scenes which progressed in the city on his first arrival here several years ago.

It is claimed that he came to Galena upon an invitation of a member of the Methodist church of this city to give a series of sermons. At the time of his entrance into the city Rev. Frank Otto, pastor of the Methodist church, was out of town. For a week after his arrival he held full sway in the Methodist pulpit, and for awhile everything went smooth.

However, on the return of Rev. Otto matters assumed such a shape that Parham was soon denied admission to the church. By this action several of the people, whom he had won over to his cause, thought that he had been done an injustice, and in his defense rented large quarters and established a church of their own.

As soon as the new church was opened things began to pick up right away, and people from all over the entire mining district began to revere him as a second Messiah. His fame spread quickly and in short time his church numbered several hundred souls.