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**"Evangelist Parham Makes Volivan Throne Tremble" Daily Sun  
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Charles F. Parham

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# VOLIVA TO LAY BARE DUAL LIFE OF DOWIE

All the charges against John Alexander Dowie, concerning his alleged dual life, which were kept secret during the long war-torn period finally resulted in the overthrow of the white-haired prophet and founder of Zion and the elevation of William C. Parham in his stead, are to be given detailed publicity in next Saturday's issue of Leaves of Healing.

This was Overseer Voliva's announcement to-day. This unexpected action of the church authorities will be tantamount to an ecclesiastical trial of the fallen leader. Dr. Dowie has been notified and has been offered space in the paper in which to submit his defense. The published charges, it is predicted, will cause the greatest sensation in the history of Zion.

## Defense Is Invited.

"I have sent notice to Dowie of this plan and have offered him space in which to make answer. Each charge to be mentioned has been made known to him. He can answer each one, but I do not believe that he will attempt to defend himself in the face of our evidence," said Overseer Voliva.

"The charges to be published," he continued, "are the same that led the church to rise in indignation against Dowie and depose him."

"Marriage of women with whom he is

charged with having been too familiar will be given. Names of men who can substantiate the charges in full will be presented."

"Dowie will go to his grave before he admits any of the charges made against him," said Overseer Speicher.

## New Leader in the Field.

Charles F. Parham, who by his preaching a new creed, has been decimating Voliva's forces, having secured 500 out of 2,300 Voliva's followers, left Zion City to-day to visit, he said, fourteen branches of his church in the West.

"While Voliva and Dowie were busy wrangling I was busy, too," said Parham. "I will return in about a month and bring with me 1,000 of my fourteen thousand followers, and hold the greatest revival Zion City ever dreamed of."

"I will be the head of Zion yet. I intend also to hold revival meetings in Chicago."

Parham three days ago ordered his feet to fast seven days, and they are obeying. One old woman fainted to-day as a result.

"Parham has gone never to return again," said Voliva. "He is not worrying me. If he should return, which I hardly believe he will, and his followers back in my fold again."

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## EVANGELIST PARHAM MAKES VOLIVAN THRONE TREMBLE

Morning, afternoon and evening, three times a day, Evangelist Parham thunders his gospel from his pulpits in Zion City and thousands are attending his meetings, which seem to have the power of unifying all of the complex elements of the city, malcontent and Volivan.

Voliva is in reality trembling lest he shall lose the scepter, as many of the leading deacons and overseers have gone with Parham, whose doctrine is the same as that of the Dow-

leite church except that he "cuts out" the Elijah belief.

Last night he held a meeting at 3006 Ezekiel avenue and this evening it is at the residence opposite, as Voliva has rented of Receiver Hatley every school house and hall in the city in an attempt to prevent the Parham meetings.

A rather incoherent and hysterical circular has been spread broadcast through Zion. It is signed by "Charles E. Parham, Projector, Elijah Hospice."

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## NEW PROPHET IN ZION DEFIES VOLIVA

While Overseer Voliva, of Zion City, was in Chicago for two days following the election on the 18th, Evangelist Farnum, a religious free lance, is said to have invaded the city and opened tremendous public meetings.

Ever since that time he has been holding three services a day in the parlors of Elijah Hospice. When Voliva returned from Chicago, however, the matter was reported to him and he made an appointment with Farnum to meet at 5 and talk it over.

Farnum did not appear and Voliva ran him up at the hospice and demanded to know how long he was going to stay in Zion.

"The Kingdom Come" responded the evangelist.

The new prophet teaches the "full" gospel, including divine healing, and performs healing himself, through prayer.

## Will Pay Taxes Soon.

Zion has promised to pay her taxes by next Tuesday. At that time all the taxes that have run on for so long will be paid over to County Treasurer Price, so it has been promised by Receiver Hatley.

If the taxes are not paid by that time, Mr. Price intends to close his books, make out his report and send it to the state treasurer with the Zion taxes entered as back taxes. In that case they will have to be paid next year with 10 per cent added, but Receiver Hatley has promised they will be paid.

## A NEW LEADER IN ZION

C. F. PARHAM, KNOWN IN KANSAS CITY, WORRIES VOLIVA.

The "Gift of Tongues" Was Claimed by the "Prophet" When He Was Here Five Years Ago.

Chicago, Sept. 20.—A new leader has arisen in Zion City. He is Charles F. Parham, an evangelist of the apostolic faith, a sect that has 5,000 followers, chiefly in Kansas and California.

Last week he has attracted several hundred followers and last night General Overseer Voliva held a special meeting of officers of the church to see if some prompt and effective measure could not be taken against the proselyter. His converts include some of the prominent elders.

"You must choose either me or this intruder who has stolen into our church," said Voliva at the meeting at Zion college. "You cannot serve two leaders. This man is winning some of our most faithful people from their allegiance at a critical time. The only thing that will enable us to weather the present storm is unity. I fear that this unity is threatened."

Meanwhile Parham was holding an enthusiastic meeting at the residence of John Clark, not more than a block away from the college. The house was crowded and the congregation covered the lawn.

"I have come to save the people of Zion from the selfishness and bigotry of their leaders," said the evangelist boldly. "Some months ago I saw Zion City in a vision and the troubles of its people were made clear to me. 'Arise and go to Zion and take up the burden of an oppressed people,' a voice said to me. 'I am here and will bring you out of all your difficulties if you will trust in me.'"

Parham had a brief but interesting career in Kansas City where he exploited the alleged "gift of tongues," which had come to him and his followers. He came to Kansas City about five years ago and established headquarters at 1675 Madison avenue, where meetings were held. Parham declared that under the complete influence of the spirit of prayer he and his followers were able to talk in languages which they could not understand. They asserted that they could make themselves understood to people of any nationality. No public demonstrations of this alleged power were given; however, Parham also claimed the power to heal by prayer, but while he was in Kansas City Mrs. Porter Huntington of Rome, N. Y., died while on her way to this city in spite of the prayers offered here and by her daughter on the train.