

# STRANGE HOSTS MARCHING UNDER CHRISTIAN BANNER

Recently Heralded Dowie Invasion of New York  
Recalls Christian Scientists, Mormons, Theosophists, Holy Ghosters and Other Proselytes With Remarkable Histories--How They Won a Following Among the People.

**Y**EAT a few days, and the Zion army, under the leadership of John Alexander Dowie, will be invading the island of Manhattan, familiarly known as New York. According to the announcement, the invasion will occur in October, and all arrangements have been made for quartering the mighty hosts during the aforesaid eastern campaign.

This announcement again brings vividly before the public a personality which in many ways challenges a comparison with such undeniably forces as Mary Baker Eddy--the founder of Christian Science--and Brigham Young--the father of Mormonism.

Brigham Young and his church are parts of the history of the nation, familiar to all, and few of the mod-

Claiming to be a reincarnation of the spirit, which was known once as Elijah the prophet, and later as John the Baptist, he commands perfect obedience from his followers and collects from them in most cases a full tenth of their yearly income.

Everything is founded on his personality. All property is in his name, everything is done by his direct orders and everyone depends upon him for employment.

His followers are increasing rapidly and are found in every land. Hostile critics admit that they number over 150,000 and it is possible that this is an underestimate. He secured for a time the co-operation of leaders in the American branch of the Salvation Army, and though they have now withdrawn from this movement, it is probable that many of the rank and file of the army will remain with him.

The theology of the two organizations has much in common, and their

breaking a severe drought in the Central States.

Many cases of chronic disease have disappeared after being brought to him, and, as have many other preachers of new theologies, he has, apparently, been able to relieve many sufferers. His doctrine that it is not the will of God that any one should be afflicted has the effect of making his followers anxious to show their faith by appearing to be restored to good health, and this of itself must often be beneficial to the patient.

Those who have been helped by his suggestion, or otherwise, to regain their health, are earnest missionary workers, and his cause grows rapidly.

Within five years Dowie expects that every inch of available space in the factory district will have been taken, that a great harbor will have been built, that vessels of commerce will lie thick along the shore, that thousands of men will find daily employment.

Her third husband, Philo B. Tingley, was employed as a stenographer in a steamship office. F. M. Pierce, an electrical contractor, boarded with them. He is now secretary-general of the Universal Brotherhood.

From professional hypnotism and later spiritualistic mediumship, Mrs.



BRIGHAM YOUNG  
FOUNDER OF MORMONISM

ere Christian may talk with the Third Person in the Trinity face to face, as one man talks with another.

The headquarters of the society are near the town of Durham, in Maine, where there is a great temple. The buildings cover and inclose several acres of land, and are on the top of the highest hill in the town.

On the Androscoggin registry of deeds all this property, which is valued conservatively at \$150,000, is dedicated to God Almighty by Frank W. Sandford, trustee. The average number living at this Shiloh is 150, and all these give their labor to the cause. Most of them are artisans and farmers. Several hundred persons have sold their entire property and have turned the proceeds into the common fund.

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