

DR. CYRUS TEED AND HIS SCHEMES.

He Claims His Mission to Economy, Pa., Was a Success.

Dr. Cyrus R. Teed, "the anointed head of the church triumphant," has returned to Chicago. "My mission to Economy, Pa.," said Dr. Teed, "was successful, and before long the Chicago Celibates may open an immense mercantile establishment, factory, or institution for the dissemination of the gospel according to Teed. The College of Life at No. 2 College place has untold millions at its back. The church triumphant has taken in the Harmonites with their thousands of valuable acres, railroads, mills, and coal mines."

Dr. Teed addressed his Chicago flock at the College of Life last night and told it of his "victory." It was the fulfillment, he said, of a prophecy he had made eleven years ago.

"My object is to bring the seven celibate societies of the United States," said Dr. Teed last night, "into one mercantile community. The seven societies are the seven churches spoken of in the Bible. Eleven years ago I prophesied that in the year 1891 our doctrine would be promulgated from the Harmony community at Economy, Pa. It has been fulfilled. I went down there early last week and had a talk with the two head trustees. They called together the nine elders and to them I talked. When I had told them all, explained my doctrine and my belief, they voted to become one with me. Theirs and ours are one. Sometime this week I will start for New Hampshire to have a talk with the Shakers. There is a large and wealthy society of them there. I cannot say where I will go from there.

"There are 500 members of the Harmonites community at Economy, Pa., and they own over \$40,000,000 worth of property. They live in unity. No man has a wife and no woman a husband. We are now in an alliance that will enable us to use some of that vast wealth in pushing our work. I don't know just what direction we will take in Chicago. We may open up an immense mercantile establishment or start a great factory. They own a railway in Pennsylvania, large coal mines, and thousands of acres of land. If it is deemed advisable we may erect an immense home here. But for the present I shall devote my energies to bringing the seven societies into one. The Chicago community has branches in Lynn, Mass., Portland, Ore., and in San Francisco. In all the members number over 500.

"The Harmonites elect nine elders and they elect two trustees, who conduct the affairs of the colony. In their little town they build eight houses to the block and surround them with tight board fences. The houses have no front doors and there are no front gates either. The gates are always kept locked, so that they are difficult of approach."