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THE GREAT ORGANIZATION.—ITS FAITHFUL AND UNFAITHFUL MEMBERS: THEIR LABOURS, AND THE RESULTS CONTRASTED.

Every Enrolled Member of the Community of the Great Organization is pledged to a solemn compact to use all his energy and exertion in accordance with his capabilities, to promote the doctrines taught by divine revelation, and to spread the warnings of the calamities amongst the people. But the members are not allowed to sign such pledge until they have fully investigated all the principles and doctrines connected with the cause, having attended the meetings for worship, or have read the works explaining the principles of the cause; after which they must confess to the truth, justice, and righteousness of the doctrines taught by divine revelation, and then—and not till then—are they permitted to join; but if their professions or confessions are false, and they yet join the cause, they take the responsibility of their solemn pledge upon themselves, and already suffer in some way through their hypocrisy and deception. This is declared in divine revelation; the rules and observances, and instructions being read to each member before joining. And thus, as the restrictions of the pledge, though great, yet the principles and precepts it sets forth can easily be kept and observed by any person really desirous of serving God and benefiting their fellow-creatures, and being in charity with all men. And further, they pledge themselves to render their aid to the support of the cause by small weekly contributions, so as not to impede, or mar, or interfere with their domestic comforts, and God will judge of their capabilities on seeing the nature of the principles to which every member has to pledge himself to observe. There are but few indeed who are willing to comply and sign the pledge, and hence it is that our cause makes such slow progress, because the generality of the people, from early tuition, are opposed to the truths of divine revelation and the doctrines it teaches, and which the members of the Great Organization are taught to observe, because they denounce oppression, expose hypocrisy, priestcraft, delusion and deception, and because they shew up the corruption of the scriptures, and declare that the clergy are aware of the corruption. And thus, the people who from their youth have been taught to believe that the scriptures are all the pure word of God, without corruption, and to believe whatever their clergy and teachers may tell them, ignore everything which speaks detrimental of the scriptures or their professed pious clergy; and though the scriptures, even as it now stands, proves that divine revelation has existed in all ages, and though the people believe that God is unchangeable, yet they will not believe that divine revelation exists in this enlightened age, and thus they must think that the people are better and more enlightened, and less need of revelations from God in these days than in the days of old, otherwise they must think that God has changed; but whatever they may think or believe to the con-

trary, they may rest assured that God has not changed, but that He is the same yesterday, today, and for ever, always have and always will be so; and as, through oppression, in all past ages, God Almighty has sent His prophets to declare to the people the wrath, He, in His justice would, pour out upon the oppressors, of the people, and the disobedient to His will, as the scriptures in their present form prove, even so will He in this enlightened age, send calamities upon the tyrants and oppressors of men, and the hypocrites and blasphemers of His holy name. And now in these days of science, skill and enterprise, when all men are grasping for the one great end, which is wealth and affluence, scourging each other by the grossest oppression, hypocrisy, flattery, and mistrust, while those who are void of power, wealth, or authority, are exercising every means to the detriment of their fellow-men, to attain power and influence over them, so that they who possess power may indulge in their oppressive dispositions. And amidst all these vices, these evils, and this scientific and enlightened age, when all are rejoicing in their own self-will, knowledge and safety, a wise and a merciful God is sending His angels to the earth to declare through His prophets that through the oppression, hypocrisy, priestcraft and delusion, and all other vices which exist on the earth, He will pour out upon each nation the direst calamities, such as wars, pestilence, famine, earthquakes, and conflagrations, with heavy floods and howling winds, which shall visit the earth in every direction and in divers places. And now these things are fast coming to pass, and divine revelation declares that the last days of this dispensation are passing, when all evils will end, but not the world, which we believe will abide for ever, under the reign of Christ, the Saviour King, who will have the heathen for His inheritance, and the utmost parts of the earth for His possession, and of His kingdom there shall be no end, but He shall reign on the throne of His father David for ever and ever. These are the precepts and principles which the faithful members and believers in divine revelation endeavour to observe and propagate, fully believing in all things and in all events which divine revelation has foretold, believing that the general budding and blossoming of the trees and shrubs in the winter months is the first sign to the inhabitants of this land of all the other calamities as foretold in divine revelation; and believing as they do, the faithful members, without waiting for God to purchase their faith by shewing them a sign, or by waiting for such sign, they, in full confidence in His divine words and warnings, go boldly forth and fearlessly proclaim the truths of divine revelation, while those of the faithful who cannot go forth use their endeavours to warn their neighbours or any persons with whom they come in contact with, and so shew them the nature of our cause, and fearlessly proclaim to all around them, the solemn and important truths of divine revelation, heedless of the scoffs, jeers, and opposition of the unbelievers, remembering that Christ, our Lord and Master, when on earth suffered persecution and even death for the very truths we are proclaiming. And thus the faithful members are

thankful to Almighty God that they should be accounted worthy to suffer persecution for Christ's and for truth's sake, and joyfully anticipate the promised glorious rewards for their labours, as declared unto them in divine revelation. Such are the observances of the faithful members, through whose exertion the cause has continued to progress and prosper to its present greatness, while the unfaithful members who have signed the pledge, after confessing their conviction of the truths of divine revelation, have not only stood aloof, but have endeavoured to injure the cause and retard its progress for no other reason than that God would not condescend to purchase their faith and their services by granting them a sign prematurely to confirm His word. Again, they cannot believe that the calamities as foretold in revelation will come, although even now they are falling upon the earth in divers places and in a variety of forms, as the newspaper reports prove, yet no particular calamity has reached themselves or their relations, nor has their personal property been destroyed, and so until God convinces them personally by some sign or calamity, they will not rely upon His word or observe the divine revelations He has diffused amongst them; and yet, because He will not purchase their faith or their services by shewing them a sign, or by destroying the people and towns by pestilence, earthquakes, and other disasters, to gratify their cravings and lusts for revenge on their oppressive task-masters, even before they are warned. They will not believe. Now of what use would their faith or works be, to believe in prophecy and to labour in the service of God, if they first wait to see the prophecies fulfilled; faith would not then be wanted, and labour to achieve the end portrayed would be useless after they have seen and reached it; and yet, because God does not gratify their morbid curiosity and lust for revenge, they brand Him with injustice for not destroying people and places before they have been warned, and for not shewing signs before His own due time and wisdom decrees, these things shall be. And thus, many professed members who have signed the pledge, and who have declared themselves ready to fully believe in, and propagate and obey all the commands of God, stand aloof from the glorious cause they have joined, and cling to their former doubts, mistrusts, and delusions; and button up their pockets, and shrug up their shoulders, and say "What if after all the cause should prove a delusion? We will not support or propagate it, until we see some sign or calamity as foretold." And thus they withhold all assistance to the cause to which they have pledged themselves to support and propagate, and though calamities of various kinds and of an appalling nature are falling upon the earth in divers places, as patent to all who will read and understand, so that the divine revelations for telling them are being literally fulfilled, as none who will read them can deny; and yet the unfaithful who pretend to be waiting for a sign, and who withhold their aid in the support of the cause, will not see, understand, nor confess their belief, though their very actions prove that they do believe, but they forget that God will judge of their capabilities, and that the unfaithful or those who falsify their

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pledges, and wait for a sign, will perish in the very sign or calamity to which they are looking forward for the confirmation of God's word and their own faith. Therefore we would advise all who have signed the pledge of the Great Organization, and who yet stand aloof with their pockets closed to the call of mercy, which is to benefit all mankind, void of gain, self-interested motives, or ambition, or a worldly name. Therefore we again advise them to come boldly forward, and lend their aid with heart and hand for the furtherance of the great cause to which they have pledged themselves, and re-unite with their brethren under the glorious standard of truth, and remember that the objects of the faithful members of the Great Organization are, to be the chosen people of God, and to pass uninvolved throughout all tribulation, knowing that the unfaithful and disobedient must suffer for their negligence. Therefore let all be prepared, and watch and pray.

Editorial Correspondence

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THE BIBLE AND ITS CORRUPTIONS TESTED BY MODERN DIVINE REVELATION.

(Continued from No. 22.)

To the Editor of the Spiritualistic Free Press.

Sir,—In reviewing the history of the temptation and fall of the first human beings, as it reads in the present Bible, it seems difficult to imagine that the mind should fail to be struck by the immense disproportion of the offence, and the punishment said to be inflicted, even as regards Adam and Eve, who are represented as being the sole offending parties, and their offence the simple act of eating under tempting circumstances a small quantity of delicious looking fruit. Here we find according to the scriptural account two human beings in a state of innocence, and also inexperienced, without even the power of judging good and evil, placed within reach of inviting fruit, and furthermore advised to eat of it by the wily reasoning of a talking serpent, and the natural consequence of such a combination of circumstances, was, that they did eat of the fruit; and it would have been strange indeed if they had not done so, with the powerful inducements to commit the act on the one hand, and the little there was to restrain them from it on the other; for the command not to eat of it would not have much weight on the minds of two beings, whom though possessing the form and proportions of manhood, yet had no more experience than little children, and at the same time had not the power of discrimination sufficient to know right from wrong. Admitting that they disobeyed by eating the fruit under the circumstances described above, yet the offence cannot be made to assume the gigantic proportions ascribed to it; nor the act merit the awful curse and terrible punishment said to be inflicted on the offenders and their offspring, and not them only, but even on the very earth that contained them, and the works which previously had been pronounced good. Then again this history presents another aspect impossible to be reconciled with the known attributes of our Creator, to whom we ascribe infinite wisdom and foreknowledge, but the history of the temptation make these divine powers imperative or for the time suspended, or inert. A tree is formed, the fruit of which is said to have the power to confer knowledge of good and evil by merely eating it, and another tree is formed named "the tree of life," whose fruit in like manner was said to possess the extraordinary property of conferring immortal life on the person who partook of it, and yet the history shews that man was forbidden to eat of the fruit of either of these wonderful trees, then for what purpose were they placed there? if Adam was only to derive benefit from the virtues contained in these trees by disobedience, for what purpose were they intended? and why were they placed there merely to tempt two inexperienced and simple beings to taste their fruit? and as one of the trees—the "tree of life" was untouched, and Adam and Eve expelled from the garden; of what use was the tree of life? It is said that Adam would not have been subject to death if he had remained obedient; then the tree of life would not have been required. He did disobey and was expelled, still the tree was not used, and was not required; therefore what becomes of the power and wisdom of God as displayed in this account, which represents Him as making fruit fit to be eaten, yet forbidding its use; pronouncing it to be good, and yet it proves good for nothing; utterly useless.

Now such contradictory and absurd accounts introduced in the manner they are into the Bible, are calculated to do immense mischief in giving a false and fictitious character to God, who is so grossly misrepresented in this history, that He is made to appear treacherous, cruel, unjust, unmerciful, unforgiving, and vindictive, and even without a foreknowledge of the result of His labours, He is even brought down to the level of a human being, and is represented as destroying with His

own hand a portion of the animals He had made, and making garments for the first man and woman He had created, and thus assuming the functions of a butcher and a tailor, and which only further illustrates the absurdity of representing our all-wise and merciful Creator as punishing with the most terrible and lasting vengeance two poor weak, ignorant, inexperienced, and simple human beings for so light an offence as that of which they are said to have been guilty, and which act whatever it may be called, does not, under the circumstances as above described, amount to a sin, as it was committed in utter unconsciousness of its being wrong; and so utterly ignorant and helpless were they, that they did not know how to clothe themselves even by the most primitive of all methods—the skins of animals.

There are many other points that might be brought forward and commented on in order to prove that the whole history of the first man and woman, and the temptation and fall is mere fiction, without even the merit of consistency, or harmony of its several parts constituting the whole, but whether viewed in the light of history, allegory, fable or fiction, it is absurd, contradictory, and unnatural, it is purposeless and pointless, it is neither interesting, amusing, or instructive, it outrages all the finer feelings of our nature, and we involuntarily shrink from the thoughts which a perusal of this history is calculated to call forth; it mystifies our judgment with regard to the true character of God, and sends back with chilling fear and uncertainty the hopeful upward aspirations of the soul: the gloomy shadow of its distorted form is obscuring the light of truth from the minds of humble adoring and earnest supplicants for divine grace, and renders a truthful and clear perception of the attributes of God utterly impossible. To require us to adore, reverence, and worship a being such as is represented in the book of Genesis relative to the creation and fall of man, is to demand of us to sink to the level of the unenlightened Indian, who lays aside his reason when he worships an image evidently made by the hands of man though represented as a God, we are compelled to throw aside the powers with which we are invested in order to reconcile to our minds facts which in their nature appear contradictory and inconsistent. But why should this be so? is our reason, our intellects, the powers of our minds to go for nothing? can we offer at the footstool of divine power nothing but blind adoration and obedience? The Almighty Creator has endowed man with reasoning faculties, with the power of using these faculties in various ways, expanding and strengthening them as he proceeds gathering up knowledge and wisely using it for the purposes to which it is applicable in the various stages of his progress in this sublunary sphere of mortal life; and why should he be asked to lay aside his reasoning powers? the higher intelligence of his mind, and the lofty aspiring thoughts which would fain surround the author of his being with an halo of indescribable glory, and endow him with an array of divine attributes as would indeed truly constitute him a fit object of adoration and praise, why should he be required to forego all this and be content to permit the character of God to be represented to him in the manner in which he finds it in the book called the "Word of God?"

There is no reason why he should do so, and to enable him to loosen and throw aside the fetters of delusion and mystery which has hitherto bound him, and obscured his vision, freely and fearlessly use the means placed within his reach by an all-wise and merciful God, and he will thus by the true light of heaven be enabled to guide himself aright.

CHARLES GREGORY,

West Cowes, Isle of Wight.

(To be continued.)

To the Editor of the Spiritualistic Free Press.

Sir,—I am aware that the editor of the *Doncaster Herald*, which I send you, of Dec. 14th, 1860, has made false statements in the report of the proceedings of the two members of your Circle in Doncaster, for I, having since read your works, find that he told a base falsehood by saying that they set forth that the world was to be destroyed in 1860, and in none of your works can I find any such statement made, neither did I hear your members make any such assertions, but editors will always give false statements on any subject, which they themselves do not understand, and are opposed to, and will not investigate; but to prove the truthfulness of your prophecy, I enclose the following paragraph from the *Doncaster Herald*, which shews that the trees and shrubs are blossoming and that new fruit is visible even in the winter season, as your works published in 1856 declared there would be, even while wintry weather is visible.

I am, yours respectfully,
AN OBSERVER.

Doncaster, Dec. 16, 1860.

"MILDNESS OF THE SEASON.—A correspondent writing from Newark to the *Times* says:—

I think it is worth recording in your columns that my thermometer on August 6, 1860, at 5 p.m., stood at 54 deg., and on December 6 at 52 deg.

A correspondent at Bournemouth, Hants, also writes:—In a 'tour round my garden' this afternoon I was surprised at the variety of flowers still in bloom; the following is the list, which may interest some of your readers. I have gathered Black Prince strawberries at intervals during the past month which have ripened in the open air; they are still bearing, the fruit measuring between two and three inches in circumference. Flowers and shrubs in bloom Dec. 3.—*Geraniums*, mignonette, mesembryanthemums, chrysanthemums, verbenas, fuchsias, Michaelmas daises, larkspur, scarlet 10-week stock,

ice plants, single wallflower, hearts-ease, China rose, China primroses, coronilla, antirrhinum, double white primroses, double white primroses, double scarlet daisies, cupheas, single polyanthus, laurustinus, and arbutus."

To the Editor of the Spiritualistic Free Press.

Sir,—I here enclose a paragraph, which proves that this is not the sign spoken of, it nevertheless fulfils the revelation as given in the "Book of Life," published by you, in which it states that the trees and shrubs should be in general bud and blossom during the winter months, and that winter weather would be visible at the time; and this fact is now patent to the people of England, in many parts their trees, shrubs and plants are in bud and blossom, and even new fruit upon them; while snow and frost is also visible at the same time. The paragraph extracted from "Lloyd's Weekly paper" of this week, and is as follows:

"A Devon's correspondent of the 'Wiltshire Mirror' says, he has at present growing in an open border straw-berries in various stages, from the fresh blossom up to the fruit just ripening, and has recently gathered ripe fruit upwards of two inches in circumference from the same bed."

I also, in addition to the above, beg to inform you that there is a neighbour of mine, a Mr. Stretton, farmer, residing near the cross roads, Belper, who has gooseberry trees in full blossom, and fruit set on them in his garden.

There is also another man at Denby, who has young gooseberries formed and set on the trees in his garden.

I myself have peas in full bloom in my garden, the same as if it were the height of summer; but, thinking to thwart the prophecy, they have been mischievously pulled up by an opposer to revelation.

My next door neighbour also has some roses in full bloom.

At Hanley wood, about two miles from Belper, there are foxgloves, brambles, and several other wild spring and summer flowers, either in bud or full blossom. A man eighty years of age, who has lived by the side of the wood all his life, told me in my house that he never saw the like before.

Therefore, trusting that the above will be interesting to our fellow members and the believers in prophecy as divine revelation, and that I am not infringing too much on your valuable space, I remain, dear sir,

Yours sincerely and respectfully,
ISAAC SWAIN.

Shire oak, near Belper, Derbyshire,
Dec. 10th, 1860.

THE BUDDING AND BLOSSOMING OF THE TREES AND SHRUBS IN THE WINTER SEASON, AS FORETOLD BY DIVINE REVELATION IN 1856, IN THE 'WARNING MESSAGE,' AND IN THE 'BOOK OF LIFE' IN 1858.

From the nature in which the prophecy is given and from the general aspects of portions of vegetation in every part of the country, if the present winter be not that specified in the said prophecy, the buds, blossoms, and fruits which are now visible in many parts of the country, as the public press proves, are sufficient in themselves to fulfil the prophecies, let the sceptics and unbelievers say what they will. From all parts of the country we can hear of young gooseberries, ripe and green strawberries, cherry trees, apple-trees, apricots, roses, gillyflowers, primroses, and every other kind of spring flowers being in bloom; while the trees named are in bloom and the fruit is set, and strawberries have been gathered in the last few days quite ripe, and full two inches and a half in diameter. But the sceptics say when they are spoken to on the subject, that these things have all occurred before, and blossom of different kinds have been seen in the winter months frequently. Well, be it so. Divine revelation never said it was not so, but it positively declared that the winter time was coming when Englishmen should see trees and shrubs in winter blossoming, &c. Therefore, as blossom, fruit, and bud is now visible, and snow has been upon the ground at the same time, all that the sceptic can say cannot alter the truth of the prophecy. But they have strange notions on the power and design of God. One man, who is an opposer and unbeliever of revelation, in Sutton-in-Ashfield, on going into his garden found a gooseberry tree covered with blossom, and young gooseberries formed upon it, and was so exasperated at seeing Old Brown's prophecies, as he pleased to call them, fulfilled, was on the point of cutting down the tree, but being a favourite he spared it. Another man near the Forest side Sutton, who is a primitive preacher, on getting up one morning during the late heavy fall of snow on looking out of his window and seeing the ground covered with snow, he could not

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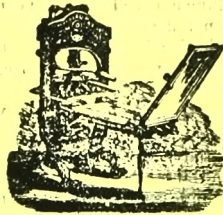
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WINTER BLOSSOMING OF WILD SHRUBS IN THE NORTH, AS FORETOLD BY THE "BOOK OF LIFE," AND IN THE "MESSAGE," AND IN THE "LIFE" IN 1858.

which the prophecy is given predicts of portions of vegetation in the country, if the present winter in the said prophecy, fruits which are now visible in the country, as the public press themselves to fulfil the prophecy and unbelievers say what parts of the country we can see, ripe and green straw- berries, apricots, roses, gill- every other kind of spring while the trees named are in bud and strawberries have been laid quite ripe, and full two inches in diameter. But the sceptics on to the subject, that occurred before, and blossom has been seen in the winter, but it is so. Divine revelation is not so, but it positively de- clared that the sceptic can- not see the power and design of an opposer and unbeliever in Ashfield, on going into every tree covered with berries formed upon it, and being Old Brown's prophe- cy fulfilled, was on the tree, but being a primitive preacher, during the late heavy snow, he could not

control his feelings, but shouted aloud, thanking God that he was thwarting the designs of that old blasphemer, Brown at Nottingham. Such is the antipathy, and the contempt with which revelation is held in by the professors, that they appear to think that God will suffer the blossom to come, merely to fulfill what revelation said, and then send frost to spoil his own handy works, on purpose to thwart the prophecies given concerning them, so that they think that God cannot accomplish His will, even in spite of the severe weather. A man who is an opposer of revelation, was heard to say that in his own garden there were all kinds of spring flowers in bloom, but the most extraordinary thing, were that the gooseberry and currant trees were in full leaf, and in blossom, and then as if recollecting himself, he in the most derisive way said that the frost would soon cut them off, forgetting that they had first been on, or the frost could not have cut them off, and that revelation did not say they should not be cut off, but that they should come and be visible, and thus it is with all the calamities foretold, the sceptics, and opposers assert that there always were such things, and therefore it is nothing new or fresh, but revelation did not say there was not calamities in all ages, but it declared that there should be calamities fall on the earth at this period, and that the long cold and continued damp atmosphere should produce disease amongst the human race during the present autumn and winter. And has not this come to pass notwithstanding other startling prophecies which no one knew when they were revealed, that the things concerning which they alluded to would occur, till they publicly manifested themselves, and so fulfilled the prophecies concerning them. Therefore, the scoffers and unbelievers may treat prophecy and divine revelation with contempt and ridicule, but they cannot make them false, whatever their desires may be, and to prove the truth of modern divine revelation, we would earnestly call on all truth seekers to read the works of the Great Organization, as published by the medium Mr. J. G. H. Brown, Great Alfred street, Nottingham, and which may be had at Mr. R. Sutcliffe's, 57, Thomas street, Manchester, and at Mr. J. Rhodes, 10, Great Bridgewater street, Manchester, where from either of the above addresses any information on the subjects of prophecy and the Great Organization can be obtained by prepaid letters or by personal application. And as the founders of the Great Organization are desirous of enlightening the minds of their fellow creatures, and on prophecy and on all matters connected with the Great Organization, six members of the cause are now out and have visited the following places, and all the intervening towns and have gratuitously distributed thousands of slips or printed warnings and have circulated thousands of pamphlets, the first two members having visited York, Lincoln, Tattersall, Norwich, and all the towns between, and are now at Cambridge, and will visit London on Saturday, the 22nd inst., for the same purpose. The next two members have visited Swindon, Gloucester, and Hereford, and all the towns between, equally diffusing books and papers, and will be in Shrewsbury and its neighbourhood in a day or two. The other two members left Nottingham for the city of Chester on the same important mission, and will warn the people in every town on their way between Chester and Lancaster, and thence to Leeds, and all the intervening towns between there and Nottingham, which is the central position and the station of the first tribe, the other principal towns as they are named above, being the local stations for the heads of the other eleven tribes, as specified in the Book of Life, and we are happy to say that so far each of the deputations of members have been successful in their labours, so that the warnings being so distributed in so wide and so circuitous a route, are now in a fair way of being spread far and wide throughout every corner of the kingdom, as specified in the mission of the medium in 1853, before he had any knowledge of ever publishing anything; but in the mission it stated that when the production which shall emanate from you (meaning the medium) have been circulated far and wide throughout every corner of the kingdom, the veil shall be torn, &c., &c.

Therefore trusting that an enlightened people will read, study, and investigate all things connected with our glorious cause,
I subscribe myself,
J. G. H. BROWN,
Great Alfred street, Nottingham.
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THE "BOOK OF LIFE," CONTAINING INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GREAT ORGANIZATION, AND REVELATIONS, AS WARNINGS, TO SCEPTICS AND UNBELIEVERS.

This work, published by the Nottingham Spiritual Circle, through their medium and author, Mr. J. G. H. Brown, Great Alfred street, Nottingham, contains a full account of the rise, progress, and objects of the Great Organization, with its order and formation, and in which all things connected with the great and glorious cause is defined, shewing the nature of the calamities which must fall upon the earth, as foretold in ancient and modern prophecy, and how the members of the Great Organization will be provided for, and conducted throughout all coming tribulations which must fall upon the earth, and how the nation will be defended and cleared of its foes, and how the faithful members will be protected, and shewing that the unfaithful and the oppressors of God's people, and opposers of his will and decrees, will perish in the coming tribulations; and at the conclusion of the above series of revelations in the same work, as a further warning to the people, the following important, prophetic, and solemn warnings were revealed, and which, as instruction to the people, I hereunder insert:—

REVELATION pp. 226, 'Book of Life.'

"Behold! thus saith the Lord God of heaven and earth, to the people who dwelleth upon the earth, behold! I have sent my angel to declare to the prophets of the things which shall come to pass ere the days of tribulation are ended. Therefore, behold! thus saith the Lord God Almighty, have I not declared that tumult, strife, and contention shall be stirred up in every nation, brought down upon the earth through the tyranny and oppression of they who ruleth? and have I not declared that all earthly pride and power, which has raised itself in defiance of my will, shall be overthrown and trodden to the dust? and have I not

declared that my people who have long suffered the oppression of those who ruleth and hoard from them the comforts and treasures which I created for them, that I would bring them out of their bondage, and they shall destroy both the hoards and the hoarders of their comforts and treasures? And did I not also declare these things in past ages? saith the Lord of Hosts; and did not my word, spoken through my angels to the prophets, and thence to the people, then come to pass? Yea, verily, and behold! have I not in these days shewn to the world, by signs and wonders in the heavens and the earth, and by words spoken through my angels to the prophets, who have declared them to the people, that war, famine, pestilence, strife, earthquakes, and howling storms should again and again ravage the face of the earth and sea? And again, thus saith the Lord God! look around at the ambition, tyranny, hypocrisy, pride and oppression which now exist, and say whether the perpetrators of these evils have heeded or regarded my divine mandates? No, verily no, saith the Lord God! they continue to revel and triumph in the injuries they inflict upon the poor and helpless, and I, the Lord God, hath seen their crimes, and hath heard the cries and witnessed the suffering of the oppressed people, and have sent warnings of trouble amongst them, that they might be prepared and be saved. But a deaf ear is turned upon my call, saith the Lord God! and the people in their extreme wantonness for cruelty, vice, oppression, and gain, wills that the Lord of Hosts should purchase their obedience by granting them signs or wonders at fixed periods, and thus for reward, insure their faith and obedience to my divine words. But lo! let them be aware, for notwithstanding that I, the Lord God of heaven and earth, have commanded my angels to declare to the world that the year 1866 shall not pass away ere all these events as portrayed, shall come to pass, even so saith the Lord shall my words be fulfilled; and though signs and wonders must first transpire, yet no one shall know the day and hour thereof, saith the Lord God! for angels who dwell near and around the eternal throne of God, are not permitted to know the day nor the hour when His divine will shall be made manifest. Therefore, let those whose doubts and fears deter their faith, and who await for a sign or a wonder, be aware, for even as these things shall come to pass, saith the Lord God! even so shall they who mistrust or doubt the divine words spoken through my prophets, after fulfillment thereof has been witnessed, shall assuredly perish by the sign, wonder, or calamity to which their worldly wisdom leads them to look forward. Therefore, let these things be made public, and heed not the scoffs, jeers, or

contempt of any, for be assured that the Lord God hath decreed that a new era shall be established, and that to call the attention of the people, that their minds might be prepared, He hath sent forth His warnings of the calamities which must precede the universal reign of Christ, that the people might be called together, and embrace the doctrines which God has declared. He would diffuse amongst them. Thus the warnings caused the people to study, and examine divine revelation, and thereby be prepared to receive and embrace the doctrines divine revelation sets forth, so that when the calamities which are now near at hand shall burst forth, never again to cease until all things portrayed be accomplished, so that the chosen people will be already prepared, and purified for that universal worship, which will make all creatures happy under the reign of Him who died to attain this end; therefore, let the scoffers, bigots, and unbelievers be aware, for 1866 shall not pass ere all the calamities foretold, with other events shall have come to pass. Such are the commands from on high, and which you must publish abroad.

From the nature of the above important revelation, our readers may see and understand the nature of the opposition, doubts, and fears, from sceptics, as well as members, our glorious cause has had, and will yet have to contend with, but the fate of such scoffers and unbelievers are likewise duly portrayed, while the words of the following hymn exhort the people to repentance from their vices and follies, by calling them thus.

Let all who read each revelation,
Sent from God upon the earth,
Study well their preservation,
From the coming of His wrath.

Let them seek for consolation,
Justice, mercy, truth, and love,
Such will bring all to salvation,
In the blissful realms above.

Let all who oppress their neighbours
Learn that God, being kind and just,
Will bless the righteous for their labours,
As in him they place their trust.

Wicked men must suffer sorrow,
Judgments falleth from the skies,
Lo! the day may be to-morrow,
Though another spring may rise.

Angels cannot tell the period,
Still they know the time's at hand,
When all things which God hath declared,
Shall descend upon the land, &c., &c.

The above lines, revealed in 1857, contains important warnings, and are necessary to be observed by all who read, whether they believe revelation or not.

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An Anonymous Writer, Manchester.—No doubt but that you have boasted of your intention to write to us to some of your acquaintance who reads this journal, and the warnings we have issued, and if so, we can tell both them and yourself that you have shewn your incapability to confute or to deny what we have set forth, and have proved your guilt as an hypocrite and a deceiver, by concealing your name and address from the epistle you sent us, calling us blasphemers and committing us to eternal damnation for what we are setting forth, thereby making yourself a judge who possesses no knowledge of justice, charity, or Christianity.

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A Constant Reader.—We cannot continue to increase the number of Journals already given away each issue, but on the contrary, we shall decrease the number published, and therefore shall send no more to each locality than the quantity ordered, and paid for, in consequence of bad trade, scarcity of work, and shortness of means amongst our general readers; we find that the circulation of our Journal is falling off, so that we shall publish no more than is wanted by the regular subscribers, as the funds which supported the extra copies to be printed for giving away are from the above causes no longer forthcoming, therefore, our circulation will not warrant us to print more than a limited number, as the Journal now depends wholly upon its sale, still we shall continue its publication, and after the issue of the 22nd number, the "General Record" will be published with it, so that the "Spiritualistic Free Press," and the "General Record," shewing the rise, progress, and objects of the Great Organization, will be published together, and thus the size of the paper will be greatly enlarged, but before the first number of the amalgamation will be published, number twelve of the "General Record" will be printed to complete the present volume, and will contain title page, preface, and index; for binding, and will be the first volume of the "General Record," the amalgamated Journal will be called the second volume, and will be sold at 1d., as heretofore, and can be had from the published addresses.

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