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WHO ARE THE GREATEST ENEMIES
TO TRUTH, AND THE GREATEST
OPPOSERS OF JUSTICE, AND THE
DESPISERS OF PROPHECY, AND WHO
ARE THE MOST INTERESTED IN
OPPOSING TRUTH AND DESPISING
PROPHECY.

Let any man of a deep-thinking and candid mind, with pure motives and just intentions, inquire amongst the teachers and followers individually of every sect and denomination of professors of religion, and he will find that they, one and all, either through interest or ignorance, will ridicule, repudiate, and deny or contradict the truths of modern divine revelation, and treat with contempt its believers and propagators; but to attempt to expose or overthrow any great evil from which universal injury results to man, we must first apply the axe to the root of the evil, and our next consideration must be, to find out where such root can be found; and we after years of study and experience, unhesitatingly say that we have come to this conclusion, which is, that the corrupt state of the scriptures, preached and set forth as they are by the clergy of the established church, with the said clergy, constitute the root of this great evil, which has long since formed a gigantic tree, while all other denominations form its branches. First then, we revert to the church clergy, and prove by their own conduct and their affluent positions that they are the most interested in opposing truth, propagating delusion and falsehood, and despising prophecy. In the first place, although they are perfectly aware from their own ecclesiastical history that the scriptures are corrupt, yet they tell the people that the said scriptures are all the pure words of God without corruption; and the people, from early tuition and erroneous imbibed notions, have readily believed them, and cannot and will not see that the same bible, in its present form, supports and confirms the clergy in all their avarice and false teachings, by which they keep the people in ignorance, while they themselves live in luxury and idleness on the hard earnings of the industrious classes; and not content with luxurious living, they must also have mansions to live in, carriages to ride in, and servants to wait on them, all of which the bible, in its present form, teaches, and likewise teaches the people that they should be contented in whatever situation or condition they may be placed, and the clergy avail themselves of these words, and tell the people it is God's will it should be so. And as modern divine revelation, in its truth and justice, denounces and exposes these evil practices of the clergy, no wonder that they have the greatest interest in opposing truth and despising divine revelation; while those of their followers who are likewise interested by worldly gain, will equally oppose and despise the truth and justice as set forth in modern prophecy. While others who, from early tuition, are ignorant of the corruption of the scriptures, or the designs of the clergy, having been taught to listen to nothing or to read nothing but what their clergy tells them, and not to pry into the future, or into the mys-

teries of godliness, for what they do not know here, they will know hereafter, as mystery belongs only to God. Thus in the blind superstitious ignorance inculcated to them through the corruptions of scripture and false teaching, they too, in their darkness, will oppose truth and justice, and despise prophecy. This and much more we have experienced in many parts of the kingdom, for the members of our Circle have visited the following towns, which lie in a circular form round the kingdom, and which are the principal stations for the heads of the twelve tribes of the Great Organization, and which are as follows:

No. 1 Nottingham	No. 7 London
2 York	8 Swindon
3 Lincoln	9 Hereford
4 Tattersall	10 Shrewsbury
5 Norwich	11 Chester
6 Cambridge	12 Lancaster

These and all the intervening towns between have been visited, and in each of the places where the warnings were profusely distributed, the clergy of the established church have been loudest in their condemnations of our cause, and the principles its advocates; while the professors and teachers of all other denominations have endeavoured to follow the examples of the church professors and teachers, and as our members paraded the different streets with their glorious banner, the standard of truth, waving above their heads as they proclaimed the truths of divine revelation, and warned the people, the clergy teachers and professors of the different sects, after vainly wishing our members to leave the town and the parishes, and discontinue their labours, shrunk from them with awe and dismay, daring not to converse or hold controversy with our members, fearing that their craft would become greatly endangered thereby; while the ignorant and unlearned masses took pattern by their teachers, and what they called respectable fellow townsmen, and endeavoured by brow-beating abuse to drive our members from the several towns they visited. But our worthy advocates stood firm, and braved the scoffs and jeers of their opposers whom they compelled to hear and see what divine revelation teaches, after which they shrunk from the presence of our members, cool and calmly, as if convicted of their own guilt, and thus all the warnings, as slips, with thousands of pamphlets, have been successfully distributed in all the places named, and the members have joyfully returned in triumph to the dismay of the scoffers and unbelievers. While every place where the prophecies have reached, especially those which allude to the budding and blossoming of the trees in the winter months, especially since the severe frost and snow has set in, the people of such places, on meeting with a member of the Organization or a believer in prophecy, derisively address the believer thus:—"Well, how is the blossoming and blooming going on this weather. There will be no blooming now." Forgetting that God can fulfil his word in defiance of frost, snow, or cold. And this fact is even manifest now by the trees and shrubs, which are even now in bud and blossom while wintry weather was visible; and angels do not recognise the present worldly alterations of

times or seasons. This alteration was made to gratify the ambition and interest of man. Common sense with experience, teaches us, that November, December, and January, are the three winter months; and yet, although we experience that the 21st of December is generally mid-winter, yet those who have altered the time call it the first day of winter. Again, we all know by experience that in the month of February, the sap begins to rise; in March, bud and leaf are visible; and in April, full leaf is generally manifest, thus proving that February, March, and April, are the three spring months. While the almanack makers, by what they call correction of time, affix either the 20th or 21st day of March, as the first day of spring; and thus the height of summer, or mid-summer day, by their own calculation, is past before spring is ended. And thus, also, experience teaches us that in May, June, and July, all vegetation is in bloom, or in its prime; proving that these are the summer months. While the almanack makers, by what they call correction of time, although they call the 21st day of June the first day of summer, yet in the same calendar they pronounce it to be midsummer's day, which appears somewhat mysterious. The months of August, September, and October are the original autumn months, as common sense and experience prove; for in August, all vegetation has arrived at perfection, or is completed in September; while in October, the leaves fall, and all the exposed portion of vegetation decays, thus shewing that the first winter month is November. But if our opposers doubt this, they forget that they are leaving plenty of time for another manifestation of budding and blossoming, even this season, before the winter, according to their calculation, has expired, which is on the 21st of March. Therefore, whether the present budding and blossoming of the trees, be the sign or not, or whether it will transpire again during the ensuing three months, up to the 21st of March, it is immaterial, for in either or both cases it will fulfil the prophecy. Let the sceptics or unbelievers say what they will to the contrary, but if the prophecies are not fulfilled as they desire they are not contented, neither will they believe. And this feeling prevails more amongst the clergy and professors of religion of the different denominations, than it does amongst the non-professors and free-thinkers. We find opposition to our cause, and its truths to exist more amongst the religionists than any we have to contend with; and yet, strange to say, with all their opposition, abuse, slander, and ridicule, they all are professors of charity, christianity, and professed followers of Christ; and yet they ignore divine revelation, treat its propagators with contempt; and notwithstanding their professions of charity, they do not hesitate to say that we, the propagators of divine revelation, ought to be imprisoned or put to death, for no other reasons than that we denounce oppression, expose hypocrisy, priestcraft, and delusion. But we heed them not, knowing that justice and truth must be opposed and persecuted, and its propagators scorned by the evil-minded, self-willed and bigoted people; and thus we rejoice, and are exceeding glad that we are accounted worthy to suffer, scorn, contempt, and ridicule for the sake of

truth: nay, more, every faithful member, if necessary, is ready to sacrifice his life in defence and for the advocacy of our glorious cause, and thus follow out the pure examples set by Christ and his apostles, whom our whole endeavours have been, and shall henceforth be, to imitate and follow to the utmost of our capabilities, according to the divine grace and permission of an all-wise God.

Editorial Correspondence

NOTICE.—All letters intended for insertion in this journal, must be forwarded to the Editor by the Thursday morning's post immediately following the last date of issue, and no later: and unless this notice be observed, no letters can be inserted in the next succeeding issue.

To the Editor of the Spiritualistic Free Press.

Sir,—On looking over your journal of Saturday Dec. the 29th, 1860, I find that there are several accounts from many parts of the country, of the budding and blossoming of trees and shrubs, with new fruit ripe and green, in the winter months, in exact accordance with divine revelation given in prophecy in 1850 and 1858; in the 'Warning Message' and in the 'Book of Life,' works published by you at the above-named periods, and as a further confirmation of divine revelation, I here send you a list of trees now in bud and blossom in this neighbourhood, to which myself and others are eye witnesses, viz. oak, ash, beech, and sycamore trees, poplars, lilacs, and elders, hawthorn, roses, woodbine, gooseberry trees with young gooseberries on them, and many other wild and garden flowers and shrubs, are in full bud and blossom. These are visible in the neighbourhood of Sutton, as I can testify; and did not revelation say that it should be so,—and on the immediate passing of this sign, wintry weather should be visible, and is it not so, in spite of all that scoffers and unbelievers can say. They may say such things has been before, and that the prophets who warned the people of the calamities in ancient days were false prophets; but did not all the words which God declared through them come to pass in that day, and are they not coming to pass in these days of oppression and delusion. Therefore, let the scoffers and unbelievers be aware lest they too perish in their unbelief and disobedience for fighting against God.

Trusting that the above confirmation and fulfilment of prophecy may prove interesting to our members, and instructive to the believers in divine revelation, as I am an eye witness to the above.

I remain
Yours respectfully and faithfully,
HERBERT BARLOW.

Quarry Yard,
Sutton-in-Ashfield, Jan. 1st, 1861.

THE BIBLE AND ITS CORRUPTIONS TESTED BY MODERN DIVINE REVELATION.

(Continued from No. 23.)

To the Editor of the Spiritualistic Free Press.

Sir,—In my comments on the history of the temptation as it appears in the book of Genesis, there is one part of the subject that has been but slightly touched upon, and that is concerning the serpent,—who, or what was he? The general opinions of christians would easily answer the question this way, "satan," or "the devil," but this answer would not suffice; all christians do not believe in this doctrine,—there is much division of opinion on the matter, and it is daily increasing. The Members of the Great Organization deny the existence of an individual devil, or monster, called satan, serpent, dragon, and a host of other names. Many learned divines hold various and conflicting opinions on the subject, and the whole text of scripture contained in the Old Testament fails to bear out the popular belief on this head. I shall reserve my own observations on this part until I have proceeded farther in my task; but it may here be remarked that in all the history of the creation of the earth, and also the heavens and the host of them, no mention is made of a hell, nor the slightest allusion to it when the curse for disobedience was pronounced on Adam and Eve, and what better proof can we have of the truth of the doctrine held by the Great Organization (who believe that the eternal salvation of all mankind without exception is accomplished already by the sacrifice of redeemers,) than the fact of their being no mention made by Moses of a place of eternal torment, and which he no doubt would have done if he had believed in such an institution as hell is described to be, by the great body of christian teachers of the present day.

In rejecting as we do the account of the creation and temptation as matter of fact, it may not be out of place here to offer a few remarks in support of our previously advanced opinion, to the effect of the whole history being constructed on an allegorical foundation. Thus Adam and Eve may represent the early generations of mankind, who, we can easily suppose were in a state of purity; and the garden of Eden may signify a high degree of development in the vegetable kingdom much superior to the productions of after ages. The early generations were most probably aware that disobedience would be visited by punishment of some kind or other, and they were no doubt duly warned of the evil consequences that would result from an infringement of the laws instituted or their guidance and happiness; but they as a people

were not proof against the temptations which fell in their way, and they suffered themselves to be allured from the path of virtue and obedience, and thus they became possessed of the knowledge of the consequence of evil courses, and thus acquired the experience of good and evil represented in allegory by the tree of knowledge. This appears to be the main foundation of the history, and Moses when he wrote it, most probably intended to represent it under the form of an allegory; but which allegory has in subsequent ages been altered and twisted into its present shape so as to form a history, which is put forth as fact, and so true and accurate is this history assumed to be that the very year in which it occurred is reckoned and affords data for numerous calculations of the time of past events, and also a complete genealogy, which like the other portions of this wonderful history has no better foundation than the imagination of Moses, and this it will not be difficult to show from the facts as recorded in this account. Modern divine revelation declares that no account of the first inhabitants of the earth has been transmitted to us, therefore the genealogy and record of ages as found in Gen. v. must be imaginary, as declared in the following revelation extracted from the "People's Guide," page 8, it was given in answer to a question relative to the great ages of Enoch, Methuselah, Noah, and others.

Celestial Revelation.—"Behold at that period man had no knowledge, or means for dividing time, only by dark, and light, or night, and day, until they observed the changes of the moon in performing its revolutions. The moon was therefore made the period of calculation, hence it will be seen that the ages of the oldest men who existed seldom exceeded one thousand and eighty moons, or little more than ninety of the present solar calculated years, and that the human race in all ages were subjected to the same period of existence. It is therefore impossible that the period of man's existence could continue in accordance with the present account, which is said to be Moses's." These are the declarations we have been commanded to make.

This revelation throws a light on the mystery of the recorded fact of the persons named in the genealogical account living so many years before they had children born to them; amongst the whole of them that are mentioned in this account Noah appears to have been the eldest before he became a father of children, it being stated that he was 500 years old when Shem, Ham, and Japheth were born. If when man was first placed on the earth he was commanded to be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth; it seems that either the laws of nature were operating against this commandment in the slow advancement of man to maturity, or else there was something very defective in his social arrangements, if he required to be from sixty-five to above a hundred years before he became a father. It is but reasonable to suppose that facilities for the propagation of their offspring existed amongst the early inhabitants of the earth quite equal to those of the present day; and then why should it require a man to be nearly or quite a hundred years old before he became a father of children. This certainly does not appear to be the best and proper mode of complying with the commands said to be given, and there is nothing in all scripture history besides this account that bears out the view that man lived to such an extent of time as hundreds of our present solar years would amount to, and why should they on living so many years beget comparatively so few children? Therefore it is evident from the facts of the case that the ages of the above named persons and their progenitors were reckoned by moons and not by years.

CHARLES GREGORY,
West Cowes, Isle of Wight.

(To be continued.)

Errata in my last:—

For "imperative," read "inoperative."
For "pureless," read "puerile."
For "sublinary," read "sublunary."
And on the fourth line from bottom after the word "vision," add "let him."

THE SIGNS, AND THE SCOFFERS WHICH WOULD COME IN THE LAST DAYS.

To the Editor of the Spiritualistic Free Press.

Dear Sir,—As a temporary check has been produced on the progress of vegetation by the sudden change of the weather, our enemies and opponents have taken occasion for a momentary triumph over us, go where you will scoffing and jeering at the prophecies is the order of the day, where are the signs now say they? the trees cannot bud and blossom now; thus scoffing at the word of the Lord, as though the Almighty were in a fix now, and could not bring it to pass. Modern prophecy not only foretells the overthrow of iniquity, but also the establishment of the kingdom of God on earth. And now will the hypocrites come out in their true colours, those who have for years been jabbering over the prayer, thy kingdom come, will now prove themselves the very persons who oppose it, and seek its overthrow, in 2 Epistle to Peter iii. 3, they are described to the letter, It is said; that there shall come in the last days "scoffers" walking after their own lusts, and saying, where is the promise of His coming, all things remain as they were from the beginning of the creation; and so they say now; wars, earthquakes, cloudy summers, and winter blossoming of trees, with famines, have always been, we know they have, and Jesus foretold they would continue unto the end, he also parabolically alluded to the budding of the trees, thereby typifying the awful events which must precede his second coming; Behold the fig-tree, and all

the trees when they now shoot forth, and when ye see these things come to pass, know that it is near, even at the doors, Luke xxi. Mat. xxiv.

The enemies of truth are looking for false prophets, as the scriptures say they foretold they should come. But we are denounced as the false prophets by the sectarian bigots, who are ignorant of the meaning of the scriptures, and to whom it is a sealed book, and we ask them to shew us a passage in the New Testament where it is expressly said that false prophets should come in the last days; they are looking for the very characters by whom they are surrounded, but they are too blind to see them, although Jesus when on earth described them. Ye shall know them by their fruits; Mat. vii. 15, and these fruits are described in other portions of scripture, such as ravening wolves, devourers of the flock, teaching for hire, laying up treasures on earth, lending money upon usury, changing the ordinances, exacting tithes, loving the uppermost seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets, respecting rich persons, inviting the rich to their feasts, teaching men to fight, devouring widows houses, and for a pretence making long prayers, sprinkling infants, whom Christ declared were fit for the kingdom, and do not baptise those who are in need of it; the false prophets are those who have set up a form of godliness in their churches, and deny the power thereof, teaching lies in hypocrisy, sanctioning all worldly and ambitious lusts, making broad their phylacteries, enlarging the borders of their garments, striving for high titles, seeking honour from men, living in idleness, and defrauding the labourer of his hire. Now as the Members of the Great Organization are taught to shun all these evil, and are looking for the coming of the Saviour, it is clear that they are not the false prophets, and if not false, they must be the true prophets, the faithful Members are not sign-seekers, they are believers, and those who do not believe in the signs prophesied coming to pass, of course do not believe it to be the word of the Lord; the signs are given then for those that believe, and not to a wicked and adulterous generation.

We call upon all truth-seekers to come out from among the sign-seekers, and be not deluded by them, for they are among the scoffers which should come in the last days, and attend to the voice of the holy angel, whose mission to the earth was foretold by the Apostle John in Rev. xiv. 6, and whose voice is now proclaiming "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment is come." This message no sectarian church ever did, nor ever will proclaim.

I remain sir, your grateful correspondent,

T. F. HOLMES.

Brandon, Suffolk, Dec. 28, 1860.

[Read "Book of Life," page 66, answer to paragraph 1.]

O hail thou happy glorious messenger
Of God; His word to bear
To all the earth's inhabitants
And bid them all prepare

To meet their Saviour and their King
With glorious lustre crown'd,
The tribes of Israel then shall sing
While love and joy abound.

ON THE SIGN OF THE BUDDING AND BLOSSOMING OF THE TREES IN THE WINTER SEASON.

In our article in No. 23 of our journal we stated that if the present budding and blossoming of the trees is not the sign specified in the prophecies in the 'Warning Message' and in the 'Book of Life,' it is sufficient to fulfil these revelations. Let the unbelievers say to the contrary, but it must not be understood that we set forth the present phenomena of blooming as the sign predicted in former prophecies; but on the contrary, we anticipate a further blossoming or budding during the present winter; though, as angels do not recognise the alteration or correction of times and seasons as made by interested men for the sake of worldly aggrandisement, we ourselves may be mistaken as to this not being the sign; for, in looking for a further manifestation of blooming. It may be seen in our first article in this number of our journal, at what time the original seasons began and ended, and which assertions are proved by the very persons who sanction the alterations of the times and seasons; for though they represent the 21st of June as the first day of summer, in the same calendar they also set it forth as midsummer day; and this latter representation accords with experience, common sense, and even the seasons themselves; for the 21st of December is well known to be mid winter, while the 21st of March is, by the same rule, the middle of spring, though they are represented as the first days of winter and spring. But these periods of the beginning of seasons angels will not recognise; neither do they recognise the present Christmas day or Good Friday, as they are set forth in the calendar; neither will they give any revelation on their assertions as to the winter season or the winter months; and, therefore, to prove the truthfulness of the prophecies respecting the sign of the blossoming of the trees while wintry weather is visible, our only alternative is to wait and watch the progress of events, and not fix periods ourselves, or construe the revelations to suit our own ideas and inclinations; for they are so given that it is impossible for human judgment to define the exact period to which they refer, though we have no doubt but that every assertion made in the prophecies will be literally fulfilled, though not as we ourselves may anticipate; for in our experience we have seen hundreds of revelations on private matters for different individuals

literally fulfilled, which the parties which their fulfilment, the mess, and have seen filled if their for thus, we may understand, cannot be revelation which revelation itself a which cannot be red; and if it we forestall the asser the fixed periods wisely prevented.

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literally fulfilled, though in quite a different way to which the parties themselves anticipated; and yet, on their fulfilment, they have acknowledged their truthfulness, and have shown that they could not have been fulfilled if their former anticipations had been realized. Thus, we may understand that the prophecies, as they stand, cannot be thoroughly understood till the events concerning which they refer have been fulfilled; and revelation itself affirms that they are given in a manner which cannot be understood till the events have transpired; and if it were otherwise, the people would eagerly forestall the assertions of God, and endeavour to turn the fixed periods to advantage. But revelation has wisely prevented this by declaring that

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.

Therefore, if angels cannot tell the exact period of events transpiring, it is presumptuous and wicked on the part of man to attempt to affix specific periods. Let him read the revelations as they are given, and watch the progress of events, affixing no periods himself, but allowing others to draw their own inference from the revelation, and then no blame can be attached to any person, except those who form periods from wrong and erroneous imaginations. The budding and blossoming of the trees while wintry weather is visible have already transpired more than once, and revelation stated that there should be the first prelude, and the second period of this sign, thus showing that there are three distinct times for this manifestation. There must be a first period, as well as a first prelude, or there could not be a second period. Therefore, by watching the progress of events as they pass, the signs will manifest themselves in due course and order, so that the worldly-minded and self-interested will not be permitted to take advantage of the signs predicted and make game by their knowledge; and if the revelations could be all perfectly understood, and the periods they refer to defined, experience has proved to us that there are persons who would endeavour to enrich themselves by a knowledge of the things foretold, if they were permitted to know the time of events transpiring.

Therefore, with the above explanations and remarks, we trust that our observations may not be misconstrued or misunderstood; and hoping all earnest truthseekers will read and investigate, watching the progress of events, and calmly await the result by proving all things, and holding fast that which is good.

Ed., S. F. P.

To the Editor of the Spiritualistic Free Press.

Sir—I herewith enclose a paragraph from the 'Gloucester Journal,' proving the truthfulness of the prophecy which states that trees should bud and blossom while wintry weather was visible. The paragraph runs thus:—
"In several gardens near this town gooseberry trees and other shrubs may be seen in bud and blossom, the gooseberry trees having young berries upon them as large as peas."

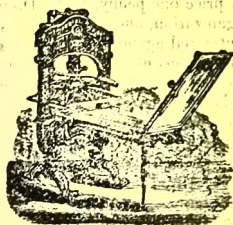
Thus proving the mildness of the season, although snow and frost has been on the ground.

Therefore, trusting that the above facts may prove interesting to your readers and the believers in prophecy, as this neighbourhood is not a solitary instance where young gooseberries are visible, and where other shrubs and trees are in bud and leaf; and hoping you will find space for the above.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,

AN OBSERVER.

Gloucester, Dec. 20th, 1860.



Spiritualistic Free Press,

SATURDAY, JAN. 12, 1861.

THE GREAT ORGANIZATION; THE CHIEF OBSTACLES ITS MEMBERS HAD TO CON- TEND WITH ON VISITING SOME OF THE LOCALITIES WERE TO CONVINCE THE PEOPLE THAT THEY WERE NOT MORMONS.

As the Mormon church, or the church of the Latter Day Saints, as they are called, was established on revelations, purported to come through Joseph Smith the great Mormon prophet, and as the

Great Organization is established on revelation, and its Members, or followers are believers in prophecy, they have great difficulty to convince strangers to our cause, that we are not Mormons, for no sooner is revelation mentioned, than do the people at once affirm that those who are holding forth revelation are Mormons, and that they ought to be put down. In the towns of Hereford and Shrewsbury, the Mormons were more railed against than in any other towns on the whole route, and upon enquiry we found that their depredations under religious pretensions in these districts were most atrocious, chiefly resulting through the plurality of wives, breaking up of families, and otherwise destroying domestic peace through men professing religion, cohabiting with other mens wives and daughters, so that much contention amongst families, and much disgust against the Mormons were prevalent, and hence through the base conduct of men who practised these vices under a cloak of religion, the Mormons in these parts are generally detested, and any one speaking in praise of revelation, or of the millenium era, or of the second coming of Christ, are at once looked upon and treated as Mormons; one of our Members declares that both in Hereford and Shrewsbury, when he was there six months ago, that if he could not have convinced them that he was not advocating Mormonism, they would in their hatred have done him some serious injury; two other Members have visited these same places within these last three weeks, and they had the same obstacles to contend with, and so it is more or less in every part of England, Mormonism is so disliked, that its very name has become a pest to the people, and from whence has this hatred to Mormon principles risen? especially in the minds of professors of religion, who unhesitatingly affirm that the Bible is all the pure word of God, and yet they despise the Mormons because they adhere to its teachings, this very circumstance is enough in itself to prove to the religionists if they would investigate that the Bible is both corrupt and immoral, for the Mormons however immoral their conduct may be in reference to the plurality of wives, and licentious lusts, we can find more passages of scripture to sanction their practice, than any other sect or denomination as founded on the scriptures, for in it you will find that Abraham, Jacob, David, Solomon, and in fact all the chosen men of God, with kings and great men, all supported their several wives and concubines, and David was called a man after God's own heart, and Solomon walked in His ways and feared God to the end of his days; then if the Bible containing such teachings, be all the pure word of God without corruption, as the professors of religion declare it is, why do they repudiate and condemn the Mormons for believing it, and following

out the practice it teaches? they cannot believe that it is the pure word of God, or they dare not condemn its teachings, or those who practice them, but Mormonism is contrary to what they have been accustomed to, and is not considered respectable or decent by the clergy or wealthy of the present day; therefore people repudiate Mormonism, more for the sake of carrying favour with their superiors, than for the sake of morality, or the scriptures.

So likewise, all classes condemn and ignore the Great Organization, and its principles, because they are founded on revelation and because they are opposed to the general interests of the people, and because we denounce all hypocrisy, priest-craft, and sectarian delusions, Mormonism included, they also, without investigation denounce the members of the Great Organization as Mormons, and imply all kinds of scandal and disreputable things to their charge, but cannot prove one accusation which they make against us, but on the contrary we are prepared to prove that the scriptures are corrupt, and that every sect and denomination founded upon them is oppressive, hypocritical, and delusive, and that the Mormons propagate some of the greatest delusions, and practice some of the grossest hypocrisy and deception which can be found to emanate from any other sect or denomination, and yet we believe that the origination of the Mormon Church was sacred and holy, but that through ambition and lust for worldly aggrandizement, it became corrupted, and has gradually sunk into that degradation which we now find it, and which is detested by all persons morally inclined. But to further prove that we are not Mormons and have no connection with them, but have denounced their professions as hypocritical delusions, we, the Nottingham Spiritual Circle, through the Medium, Mr. J. G. H. Brown, have published a pamphlet containing revelations from the spirit of Joseph Smith, in which his own spirit is commanded to denounce the Mormon principles as they are now practised, such as the plurality of wives, the collection of tithes, and holding forth with unknown tongues, as hypocritical delusions and abominations, and the revelations given through his spirit are confirmed by revelation, given from the great angel Gabriel, and the whole of which, and revelations from the spirit of Swedenborg the Swedish prophet are contained in a pamphlet, 64 pages, demy octavo, published at 1s., but can now be had post free for 7 penny stamps, from the published address; and I here give a revelation from the spirit of Smith, extracted from the pamphlet in question, which proves that our members being believers in revelation, that they do not believe in encouraging and sanctioning Mormonism, but look upon it as an abomination to God, as divine revelation

teach, and as the following, which is confirmed by the angel Gabriel, prove.

QUESTION.—"Is the plurality of wives as followed, and believed by your followers the result of your predictions from revelations, or is this good in the sight of Heaven, in accordance with your experience in the spiritual world?"

REVELATION.—August, 1856.—"No revelation was given to me from on high, ordering or sanctioning this lustful desire, but ambition and lust being in the hearts of those whose duty it was to uproot and erase such abominances, through which, on reading the ancient scriptures upon this subject, it was suggested to me the necessity of conforming thereto, and seeing that plurality was permitted in the ancient days, I sanctioned its re-establishment, and set it forth as a divine revelation; thereby gratifying the worldly desires of myself and those whose support I needed, but which I have since proved to be offensive to man and displeasing to God as a gross abomination, and which all of both sexes who follow the dictates of this desire will ultimately prove, when reaching the spheres of immortality; although many will live to see their guilt before the great change shall come upon earth. Therefore I am commanded to declare, that this is an abomination, the founders and supporters of which will justly suffer in the sphere which I inhabit.

From the nature of the above revelation and the work from which it is extracted; it may be seen that we are not Mormons, nor believers in Mormon principles or doctrines, though we have no doubt but that the Mormon professions are as good as the professions of other sects, and quite as much and even more sanctioned by scripture, but we do not believe in Mormonism, nor no other sectarian creed, nor yet in the corrupt portion of the scripture, still we believe that the said scripture contains the pure word of God; but that it is mystified by being mingled with the base assertions of man.

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THE VISITING OF THE LOCAL STATIONS OF THE TWELVE TRIBES OF THE GREAT ORGANIZATION, THE WARNING OF THE PEOPLE, AND THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING ON THE RETURN OF THE MEMBERS.

In accordance with the revelation, which ordered the visiting and the warning of the people in the twelve localities, on the return of the visiting members a general thanksgiving was ordered to be held in each locality, accordingly Tuesday the 8th day of January 1861 was the day appointed on which the thanksgiving should be held, and in Nottingham, which is the first locality; the revelation directed that the members of the Circle and of the Community, should assemble at 10 o'clock in the morning of the above day, at the house of the Medium, Mr. J. G. H. Brown, Great Alfred Street, Nottingham, through whom startling prophetic warnings were to be revealed for publication in a series of pamphlets, explaining all things connected with the present dispensation up to the end, and all things connected with the great mil-

lennium era, as necessary for mankind to know. Accordingly several members arrived from distant parts on the day appointed, some from Leicester, Bedworth, Belper, Manchester, and Sutton-in-Ashfield, and at the time appointed, in the presence of a large number of persons, was commenced the receiving of a number of vast and important revelations, visions, and explanations upon them, in which were shewn in the most striking and remarkable language, the total destruction of cities, towns, villages, and hamlets, which laid in heaps of ruins, after which, the locality wherein the Community of the Great Organization of the principal portion of this kingdom will dwell during the great millennium era, shewing also the form of the immense building which will be erected as the habitation of such Community, with its adjoining grounds, and the separate domiciles in the different wings, and compartments of the building, shewing also how the old feeble men, and helpless women were employed or occupied, and describing the culture, and traffic of the produce of different localities, from one Community to another, describing also that the same order of things will exist in every nation, and amongst every people, who will all worship God with one accord, and serve Christ their Saviour King; the visions also will give a description of how the people of every nation will be employed, and how the earth will be cultivated, and its production disposed of without tax or tribute; describing also the warmth and comfort of the clothing which the several people will wear, with a vast amount of other information as given in revelation, explaining each vision separately and distinctly, and all these revelations, explanations, and warnings, are to be published in a series of pamphlets, which will shortly be published, and of which due notice will be given. The revelations continued to be revealed, from half past ten in the morning, till half past one at noon, at which time, pursuant to revealed instructions, a offering and a general thanksgiving was made to Almighty God; a substantial, but not an extravagant, though a right good meal had been provided according to revealed instructions, and when the table was spread all the persons present rose upon their feet, and with their heads bare joined their hands, and with their united voices offered up the solemn prayer revealed for such occasions, and which with its objects may be seen in the "Warning Message," after prayer the whole company seated themselves around the table and partook of a comfortable and substantial meal, enjoying conversation on the topics of our glorious cause, in the greatest harmony and love; after the dinner was over and the cloth was removed, and a little private business was ended, the revelations were again resumed, and were of a highly important nature, and continued till half past six at night, all of which will in a short time hence appear in print. After the party had partaken of tea, all the revelations obtained during the day were read aloud to the company, some of whom had not been present when they were revealed, but from their striking importance, interesting, and instructing nature, all present appeared highly delighted and satisfied, rejoicing in the prospects which the revelations held forth in the future for the faithful servants of God, and about eight o'clock the greater portion of the company separated in high spirits, and apparently deeply impressed with true religious, and charitable feelings towards all mankind. A thanksgiving of a similar nature was also held on the same day by the enrolled members of the Great Organization in the following localities, namely:—Bedworth, Flecknoe, Isle of Wight, Leicester, Loughborough, Manchester, and Sutton-in-Ashfield, but as we have not heard their results, before going to press we cannot give any account of them here, but shall let it pass on to the next issue.

The visiting members, which are at present at Nottingham, gave some interesting accounts of their experience on their several routes, an outline of which we have given in our leading article of this journal, but not having seen them, but only heard from them by letters when away, I could not give all particulars but their verbal description of what they had to contend with from the various religious sects and parties is truly amusing and interesting. Some of the great advocates of sectarian principles tell our members and the people

that our doctrines encourage the commission of sin, by setting forth final restoration, but when interrogated as to how they could prove their assertions, they, after a few questions by our members, are bewildered and set fast; for when asked which gives the greatest encouragement for sin of the two following principles, namely—sectarianism or our doctrines. According to their teaching repentance and forgiveness of sin and eternal happiness can be obtained at the eleventh hour, and when asked if that is not a greater inducement to sin and vice, because a last certain hope of salvation held out to them they are silent, but when told that our creed which teaches that all shall suffer according to their deeds or offences committed in life, they at once see that if they lead a wicked life even by repentance they cannot escape the punishment due for such sin committed and hence there is not much inducement for sin in the latter belief as in the former, for with such a belief as the former it would be immaterial as to what amount of sin we committed through life, as we could in the last moments repent and wash away such sin by our repentance, and go direct to heaven, while the creed which teaches punishment for the sins committed, shows to escape such punishment is impossible although it is not eternal punishment, and hence it is proved that to suffer for the sins committed in the flesh is a just reward, consisting of progressive purification, that all may be fitted for the company of holy angels and the presence of their Maker, and eternal rest; while the creed which teaches that an eleventh hour repentance for sin is acceptable to God, and insures immediate and eternal happiness is unjust, absurd, ungodlike, and without a spark of christian feeling or the justice and lovingkindness of God. Such arguments as these are often put forth by the professors of religion, but they cannot substantiate them, but are always confuted and discomforted, and so turn from such discussion with fear and alarm depicted on their countenances. This many of our members have frequently proved.—Ed. S. F. P.

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DO THE DOCTRINES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT TRINITY, TAUGHT BY THE CORRESPONDENCE, CAN THEY BE WORD OF GOD?

The Bible and Testaments, and the Scriptures, and the school children and the clergy and teachers, they contain are the only guide to salvation, that any person who are both contradictory and absurd; yet the people believed all their clerical read, think, or invest upon all who read ancient traditions and immemorial persons unfit to, and thus the professional history of the Bible and by whom it was dreamt or believed to be corrupted, while the contradictions and themselves with themselves spiritually explaining told them to do so, go hand in hand with receive the sanction keep them in ignorance, through the high salaries, and retinues of seryants, the credulity of the masses, that the scriptures are through their teachings of belief in the maintain the position sanctioned by the return, are encourage teachings, and thus people are so injured very cradles, that the scriptures is a holy they in this belief life, limb, or proper one who would avow how great the pro assertions; and the out, and the contra the immoral passage yet they will unhes correct and truths stand them, simply sing by the learned era who could explain, there are scarce give one and the particular passage. dreds of instances, denominations of, hence, the founder learned and deep differed, and found