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FURTHER CAUSES OF INFIDELITY.

In our preceding numbers of this journal (No. 5 excepted) we shewed up some of the causes of infidelity. First—Proving by Scripture that God was a changeable God. Second—That he was unchangeable. Third—That the Scriptures were contradictory, and set forth opposite doctrines. Fourth—That the Scriptures, in their present state, teach vice, immorality, and obscenity; and that, with such teachings, such a book is of no use as a moral guide or instruction to the faithful or aged of either sex; and any one who will read the Bible for themselves may prove these facts. In our present number we shall prove that the Scriptures, in their present form, set forth God as oppressive, unmerciful, heartless, bloodthirsty, and cruel; and further, that, after sanctioning all the atrocities in his name, he also encourages the whole host of heaven to lie for the sake of deceiving a king and his people.

The first passage of Scripture which shews that God is both heartless and treacherous, is the 4th chapter of Exodus and 21st verse. "And the Lord said unto Moses, when thou goest to return into Egypt, see that thou do all these wonders before Pharaoh which I have put in thine hand; but I will harden his heart that he shall not let the people go." Now could this be the action of an all-just and merciful God to send Moses to terrify Pharaoh, so that he might release the people; and yet declare that he, God, would harden Pharaoh's heart, so that he should not let the people go, and then punish all the land of Egypt with plagues for the crime which God compelled Pharaoh to commit.

Again, to shew that God encouraged dishonesty amongst the people by borrowing from each other without any intention to pay—(11th chapter of Ex. 2nd verse states). "Speak now in the ears of the people, and let every man borrow of his neighbour, and every woman of her neighbour, jewels of silver and jewels of gold." Moses was told by God, as the Bible states, to speak the above words in the ears of the people, but how can such things be reconciled with the divine justice of God.

Another species of the injustice of God, as represented in the Bible, is contained in the 5th verse of the 20th chapter of Exodus. "Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them, for I, the Lord thy God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation, of them that hate me." Now if God is a jealous God, and the Bible is true, how can we depend upon him. And again, if the above words be true what must we think of those which declare that, the father shall not suffer for his forefather's wrongs, and that the children shall not suffer for their fathers' wrongs. These words can be found in the Bible; can they, like the others, be all truth.

Again, to prove that the Bible sets forth God as oppressive, and that he encourages mankind to buy and sell each other as bondsmen, we refer you to the 25th chapter of Leviticus, and read from the 39th to the 44th verse. "Both thy bondsmen and thy bondswomen which thou shalt

have shall be of the heathen that are round about you, of them shall ye buy bondsmen and bondswomen." With this passage of scripture, and others equally as glaring, which are said to be the pure words and will of God, can we wonder at American slavery existing, or that England ever possessed territories of slaves. But England could not believe that these passages were the pure words and will of God, or they would never have abolished slavery. Why they did so, and yet leave the passage of scripture quoted, to remain in the Bible, which is set forth as all God's truth, is best known to the ruling authorities.

Again, to shew forth God's cruelty, as the Bible represents him, read from the 45th to the 49th verse of the 16th chapter of Numbers, where God destroys by plague fourteen thousand seven hundred people, because they offended Moses and Aaron. (49th verse). "Now they that died of the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, besides them that died about the matter of Korah." Is this justice, mercy, and loving-kindness, or is it not cruelty and heartless revenge, and yet is computed to our merciful God.

The 6th chapter of Joshua also shews up the cruelty and injustice of God as practised by Joshua in his name, in destroying all the men, women, and children in Jericho. In fact, the whole book of Joshua contains the most revolting cruelties as practised and perpetrated in the name of our great and merciful God.

In the 18th chapter of the second book of Chronicles, the 18th and following verses, it shews that God encouraged and instigated lies, by calling the whole host of heaven around him to get a volunteer liar from amongst them. Thus, (18th verse), "Again he said, therefore, hear the word of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting upon his throne, and all the host of heaven standing on his right hand and on his left. And the Lord said, Who shall entice Ahab to go up and fall at Ramoth Gilead; and one said in this manner, and others said in that manner." And another spirit came and told the Lord that he would be a lying spirit in the mouths of King Ahab's prophets. And the Lord said, Thou shalt entice him and prevail, go out and do so. And the Lord therefore put a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. From the above extracts God is made to encourage lying, even by the whole host of heaven; and with such things in the Bible, set forth as the pure word of God, How can we wonder at infidelity existing?

Correspondence

WATCH THE PROGRESS OF EVENTS.

Such are the words of modern prophecy, and such are the commands given to us in these the last days of his dispensation. But, alas, how little is this injunction regarded by the great masses of the people; yea, even by some who have pledged themselves to adhere to the rules of the Great Organization, and to prepare themselves, their families, and all around them to the best of their ability, for the coming of Christ their Saviour to the earth.

As the size of this journal is small, it will not admit of long comments being made before the articles contained

therein; I will therefore, in accordance with the above commands, shew how Divine Revelation is fulfilling in the world.

The spirit of the Lord is now at work in the minds of the people generally in the world, and has of late in this land enforced upon them the idea and belief that some great event is nigh at hand; yea, the professors of religion, and followers of the different sects, have had their minds wrought upon in a wonderful manner; hence all the prayer meetings held by them throughout the country; yet do they scoff at modern prophecy, and in their much zeal have prayed that God would hasten his kingdom, that his will should be done on earth as it is in heaven, that he should bring an end to all strife, wars, rumours of wars, and other evils which afflict mankind; and this they think would be brought about by proselyting, and what they call conversion. But notwithstanding that the present way of teaching, preaching, and belief, have continued for ages, and notwithstanding all their prayers, yet who amongst them can say that it has brought this great event nearer to all appearance than it was when the oldest amongst them were children. That is to say, that sin and wickedness, such as pride, ambition, search for gain, and filthy lucre, deceit, malice, envy, oppression and hypocrisy, are not as prevalent now, or even more so than when they themselves could first remember. Is not this circumstance alone enough to shew to them that there must be something wrong in their teaching, belief, and prayers? For, notwithstanding all that they do, to all appearance, as far as regards all these evils, we appear to get still further off the end they pray for, rather than nearer. How strange it is that they, having the Bible in their hands, and professing to believe all that it says, should not have discovered therein that God never promised to bring this happy time about by proselyting and converting all the earth in this way. But in the way and manner he has overthrown ancient nations, kingdoms, empires, thrones and dynasties, for their sin and wickedness; so will he overthrow all sin, of whatever description it may be, before the great change is wrought; that is, by war, fire, famine, pestilence, earthquakes, and such like: and when the last great battle shall be fought on the plains of Armageddon, then Christ will descend to the earth, and establish that kingdom which is so often prayed for, and the earth will then be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea, for none will be left thereon but those who have condescended to have been sheltered under the banner of his host through all the calamities, not having their own righteousness, but the righteousness of God in Christ. To corroborate this, the coming of Christ's kingdom in this way, we would refer you to Matthew xxiv., Mark xvi., Luke xxi., and almost innumerable other passages in the ancient prophets' writings.

Let us now see how these things are working in the world, and then review some of the events transpiring, and shew how they are fulfilling modern prophecy.

If we refer many people to the wars, rumours of wars, &c., now taking place in the world, they will say, these things have always been in all ages. Yes, say we, so they have, and this very circumstance shews that God is unchangeable, and confirms all that we have now been saying, viz.—that he will not bring this great change about miraculously by proselyting and converting the people, as it is called, but by destroying all power as before described, that has set itself up in defiance of his will.

Modern prophecy then declares (page 9 "Fulfilled Predictions") that the people of England "are decreed by heaven to assist in the overthrow of all evils and oppression, and that other nations must first suffer, though this land shall not escape, but must be fitted for its great and mighty work." And in page 39 of the same work we read, "And even as I have declared, that British rule, power, and authority are fast verging to a close, behold I thus saith the Lord, that, ere this marvellous event can be accomplished, other nations must become prostrate, and succumb to my will." To those who may have had, or still have doubts on their minds as to the truth of modern prophecy, because they have affixed times in their own minds for events to come to pass, and they have failed to do so, study well the above words; and not to tempt God any longer by saying in their hearts, as the people of old did, "Where is the promise of his coming?" these things do not come to pass, but all things remain

as they were." But let them say as we say, "watch the progress of events," for no man knoweth the day and hour when God's wrath shall fall upon any nation; therefore, although we have experienced many preludes of signs, such as severe tempests, unusually high winds both by sea and land, causing many shipwrecks by sea, and much damage on the land, with thunder and lightning in the winter season, and various phenomena has been seen in the heavens; and have also experienced an almost unprecedented long severe winter and spring, with drought and north-easterly wind still continuing, (May 5, 1860) and other troubles and calamities may come upon us, yet it is declared in prophecy that the calamity of war, &c., shall not visit this land till after we have experienced our first sign, viz.—the general budding or blooming of the trees or shrubs in the winter season.

Let us then look abroad, and see how the avenging hand of God is at work. Look how strife, revolution and war have of late visited, and in very many places are still visiting the following places; Mexico and the Great Salt Lake in North America; Paraguay, Peru, Chili, in South America; some of the West India Islands; many parts of Europe, and islands in the Mediterranean Sea; Russia, with the Circassians and others; India, China, and some of the Japan Islands, with many parts of Africa. In fact, the whole earth appears to be in a ferment and turmoil, "men's hearts failing them for fear of the things coming on the earth." Hence, all men who read much, acknowledge that there never was a time in any age of the history of the world, when all nations were so well prepared with all kinds of armaments for war, and had made so great preparations for war as at present. Thus then other nations have, and are now continuing to suffer as declared in revelation.

We will now mention some of the thrones and empires which have become prostrate, ere British power in this our land has been materially injured. The empire of Hayti, in the West Indies, have dethroned their Emperor and is now a republic. In Europe we have Lombardy, the grand duchy of Tuscany, and the duchies of Parma and Modena, which have all dethroned their dukes and rulers, under whose iron yoke of tyranny, degradation, and slavery they have for ages laboured, and have now for the first time for many years obtained universal suffrage, chosen a constitution of their own,—joining Sardinia. Romagna, a province in the Pope's dominions, has set him at defiance, shook off their bondage and slavery under him, and likewise, by universal suffrage, have declared themselves subjects of the Sardinian king; and Sicily now in open revolt, with Naples and others of the Pope's dominions, are watching for the first opportunity to do the same. The Circassian king is now an exile in Russia, and his dominions, with others, are taken by Russia. India has long been over-run by a devastating foe, under whom they have suffered the greatest sufferings and cruelties, yet it is declared their sufferings under British rule will be but of short duration. But, although they are to be freed from their present yoke, they are never again to be a free and independent nation, or independent divisions of nations. And what of Africa? The "Daily Telegraph" of April 27th, states "that France has subdued the regions of Ancient Numidia, and carried the southern frontiers of Algeria far into the great Sahara; the once thickly peopled realm of Syphax has fallen to the French, and the power of Abd-el-Kader is but a name and a memory, so completely has the ploughshare of the victor passed over the palaces and fortresses of the native princes." And further, "that France is now about to send an army far into the interior, and to descend upon Timbuctoo." As for the doing of France in Europe, she has humbled Austria, seized upon Savoy and Nice, and, although the people of Chablais and Faucigny object, and Switzerland protests, and calls for the assistance of the great powers to interfere, yet they only sympathize with her, demur and grumble, protest and denounce, and offer nothing but sulky acquiescence. And how do these things further fulfil divine revelation? On the 40th page of "Fulfilled Predictions," we read thus.—"Now, therefore, behold! thus saith the Lord, that even though this nation (France) must assist, and be a participator in the despoliation of other nations; yet, behold! its days are numbered, its dynasty shall be overthrown never again to rise, &c." So that it is seen France is now doing the work ordained by heaven for her to perform, before she falls with all others, to make way for the happy millenium kingdom. And further, how is divine revelation fulfilled in the overthrow of these dual powers, and other Austrian and Italian dens of wretchedness, misery and want? On the 49th page of the "Fulfilled Predictions," we read—

The angels who diffuse God's wrath,
Are now descended to the earth;
The south and north, the west and east
Shall hear the roaring of the beast,
Who shall rise up out of the sea,
And have dominion o'er the free.

Thus far of these lines, the great changes that have been wrought with these people are literally fulfilled. They have, as we said before, chosen a constitution and a king, and this choice is the King of Sardinia; and Sardinia, it is well known, is an island in the Mediterranean Sea. Thus has "the beast rose up out of the sea, to have dominion o'er the free."

But the sceptic will say, he is the King of Piedmont, his principal dominions lie upon the continent, he cannot be the power spoken of. But we answer to all such, that Piedmont was only ceded to the King of Sardinia in the year 1815, the same as these provinces may all be at the present time; and therefore his original designation is the King of the island of Sardinia, situate in the Mediterranean Sea. But again, says the sceptic, in the lines he is called "the beast," a man to be the ruler and king

over a people who of late have been making such rejoicings and demonstrations, and for the first time been able to call themselves free and independent, could never be called a beast. But we answer, Is he not an earthly monarch? Is he not one of the kings of the earth, whose power, with all others in turn, will be overthrown and trodden to the dust? Consequently his power and dominion will be no more than any other of the kings of the earth, and he is as justly entitled to this designation as any other earthly prince. And have not these great changes been spoken of and noised abroad through the length and breadth of the known world? Has it not been the wonder and amazement of the world, that a people whose situation is so beautifully described in the former part of the revelation following the above lines, should be thus freed from their degradation and slavery, several of the provinces of which even without bloodshed? And how can these things be accounted for except that the time of their deliverance was come? God had long seen their sufferings, heard their cries, and is now fitting them for a still greater change, which they will experience after the power of

.....the beast,
Who has rose up out of the sea
To have dominion over them,

Is overthrown, under the reign of Christ, who will from thence be their, as well as our everlasting king. Thus, step by step, is God in his providence, bringing about the things portrayed by the ancient prophets by Christ when on earth, and which is now more particularized and explained in modern prophecy, so that all who run may read and understand.

To you who are halting between two opinions, with a doubt upon your minds as to the truths of modern prophecy, we would say, doubt no longer. God requires your faith, and wills that you should join his people with heart and soul; for, saith the angel of the Lord, "upon our faith and works depend our salvation throughout the calamities as foretold."

Watch then the progress of events, and as it is seen the things portrayed are step by step being brought about in God's own way, and in God's own time, so should we have faith to believe that, as these things are come to pass as stated, so will all others also, for he is as able to accomplish the whole of the work, as he has been to begin it.

J. C., Q.

ANCIENT AND MODERN PROPHECY.

P. D., Manchester.

In my last letter I called the attention of my reader to the wonderful concordance of the statements of prophecy, and such instances can be greatly multiplied, which I shall propose to do some other time; but to-day let us fix our attention to the signs and events which must be next expected to transpire in this our own country. It appears to my mind clear and unmistakeable that God has given fixed and certain periods in which certain signs must transpire, in order to convince mankind at large that the prophecies given by his chosen prophet are really truthful and must come to pass. Therefore, let us apply all our perseverance, industry, intelligence, and ingenuity, to recognise the periods as they are given, in order to be able to test the word of God by the test which he himself has vouchsafed to give into our hands for the satisfaction of our stiff-necked scepticism and unbelief.

The angel of the Lord says ("Book of Life," page 89) "When vegetation shall appear in general bud and bloom in the winter months, all other events as above shall transpire in rapid succession, and be accomplished within the periods as named in the passage," &c. And again (page 88), "The first prelude and second period of the sign of the budding and blossoming of the shrubs and trees in the winter season, shall be the first sign to the inhabitants of this land of the calamities which shall follow." The first thing to be remembered here is that the blooming and blossoming of the trees and shrubs shall be general, and not confined to trees and shrubs, but that all vegetation shall appear in general bud and bloom, or that the summer shall come in winter, as Nixon, the Cheshire prophet, expresses it. The next thing given is that the budding and blossoming of trees in the winter season shall be the first sign to the inhabitants of this land. The first prelude is past, and perhaps the second period as well, for trees and shrubs were in bud and blossom in the winter 1857-8, as well as 1858-9. But how many of the inhabitants of this land did pay attention to it? Surely few, very few. The more reason for us to do our best to spread the knowledge of this sign, and of what shall follow amongst the people of the land, that the next and most important period of the general bud and bloom of vegetation in the winter months may not again pass by unnoticed by the bulk of the nation. Let us see, therefore, when we must expect this sign. In the "Message," 9th prophecy, or "Book of Life," page 88 and 89, we find: "From the day when the first sign shall manifest itself to the inhabitants of this land, four years shall pass ere the strife is ended, and two years shall then pass ere the kingdom of universal happiness and love be established. Therefore, from the date thereof to the final end, six years shall only elapse ere the destruction of the present system is completed, and the new millenium era is thoroughly established." And in the explanation, "Book of Life," page 89,—"From the winter in which the general blossoming of the trees shall manifest itself in this land, six years shall only elapse ere the final end and overthrow of the present system, and evil abominations have been accomplished, and the great millenium era established in Europe and other two fourths of the whole world, and the people prepared for Christ's

coming on the last great day which shall transpire or arrive after the rest of the earth have been passed over, and the armies of the world are gathered together near to the holy city." These passages contain a few difficulties of which I shall speak at another opportunity, at present it may be sufficient to understand from the first that six years must elapse between the blossoming of the trees and the thorough establishment of the millenium. The second passage speaks of the same events, but in much more comprehensive terms, which may teach us that the events at the eve of which we stand, must be so immense as to surpass all human comprehension, but that all will transpire before Christ's coming on the last great day; and therefore, within six years from the first sign manifested in this land. When the last day will be, we are repeatedly told, but it may suffice to quote only the passage of the "Scriptural Magazine," page 233, which says:

Behold! O man, the time I here affix
When earthly power and worldly rule shall end;
One thousand eight hundred and sixty six,
The everlasting Christ and King I send."

A full description of the day when Christ shall descend to claim his kingdom as his own, is given in the first revelation of "Charity, Rest, and Freedom" to which I refer the reader. But if this day shall transpire in 1860, and if the first sign shall manifest itself six years before, then this first sign must necessarily appear before the end of 1860. The sign of the general bud and blossom of vegetation must therefore be manifest in this country before the close of the present year. The same season, domestic strife will commence, and in the following autumn (1861) the French will invade this country, and then, "Woe be to those who have not listened to the things which have been sent forth amongst them, for the winter in which the first sign shall appear, is within the span of the most feeble intellect."

Before you leave this article, my kind reader, let me once more beseech you that you may not under-rate the importance of the subject. Do not forget that the remarks and ideas set forth in this letter emanate from a single individual, who may just as well be right as he may be led astray in his conclusions. Therefore, examine and search for yourself, and if there is anything wrong, do your best to correct the mistakes by which not only the writer of these words, but also a great number of his readers, may be beset and misled. But if the conclusions set forth are really truthful, then do not underrate the awful reality that will shortly be before us. "For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines and pestilences, and earthquakes in divers places." "Therefore, be prepared, children shall weep, and wives shall mourn, and many shall sleep ere the absent return; and the streets shall be deserted, the lands uncultivated, business closed, and commerce ended, till the great and glorious task is accomplished. Let all be prepared! Watch and pray, night and day, for strength and fear of the Lord."

P. D., MANCHESTER, TO "AN EXPELLED ONE."

My Dear Friend.—I thank you to have answered to my reply to your letter in the "Nottingham Telegraph," and it is with the greatest pleasure that I grasp your hand, which you offer in a friendly spirit, though rather disguised in controversial remarks. I regret to have given you any cause of offence, but such was not my intention, and I beg your pardon for anything which may have been said in my letter hurtful to your feelings. I had no other purpose but to prove to yourself and others that you were quite wrong in speaking of any discrepancy in the revelations, but I do not know whether, by your letter, I must conclude that you really are, or are not, convinced of the truthfulness of my reasons. I shall thank you, therefore, to let me have some further explanations.

I am obliged to the editor for his kindness in shewing how much you had misunderstood my words, and I agree with him that it was never said by me that this country should be conquered, as you say I most distinctly showed from revelation that there will be a most dangerous invasion threatening, but only threatening, a complete conquest of which there would be a narrow escape. But I cannot here repeat the arguments of my former letter, and I refer you therefore to the paper of April 7th, which will convince you, if you will take the trouble to study it properly, unbiassed by personal feelings.

You ask why I did not call the Circle "Apostates and Enemies." I think he only is my enemy who directs his steps against mine; and he is an apostate who denounces the principles formerly professed by him. But the Circle did nothing of the kind. They only did not subscribe to my unwavering faith in the words of Franklin, which faith, however, the medium himself has adopted, and I have no reason to insist sharply upon the general acceptance of my own personal conviction; for it is doubtful whether my belief is as well grounded as their doubt, since the works do not prove for certain that Franklin's spirit is to be relied upon, as you say they did. It is said ("Message," page 140, answer 17) that all preceding revelations were truthful, and that "by adhering to our instructions, the remaining pages shall be, in like manner, instructive and true." And again, ("Message," page 136, answer 3) "He himself, Franklin, will be commanded to appear in the spirit, and give confirmation of those assertions in his own words." In the following chapter of the "Message," the statements of Franklin are recorded. Now I think the Circle are quite justified to doubt whether the medium did adhere to instructions; and this question can only be answered by an appeal to the angel of the Lord. Then also, it may be asked what the words

"in his own words" mean. We know that aerial communications cannot be relied upon if the spirits are allowed to speak their own words; and therefore, without further explanation from on high, it cannot be decided whether the spirit's words are infallible or not. Let us acquiesce by what is given until the last arctic expedition will have been made.

You ask what need there was for such an elaborate explanation as mine if the words "supercede" and "precede" were so easily understood as I said they were. I can only say their meaning was easy and comprehensible to me, and I hope now they are also to you and others. However, I cannot properly make out whether you do agree with me or not, and I must request you, therefore, to propound such questions as you may think proper.

In answer to the concluding paragraph of your letter, I repeat that I never had the intention of shewing disrespect, and that I hope you will disregard or forgive what may appear so. And as our correspondence has become public, let it continue to be, and rest assured that I shall always consider it a pleasure and a duty to reply to any questions or doubts which you may feel inclined to propound, as far as the spirit of God may be pleased to enlighten my understanding in the love and faith of Christ, and to the benefit of both myself and others. But for your own sake let me beseech you not to tarry or to trifle with your doubts, but try to be enlightened upon them by any means in your power, and let the public have the benefit of such discussions. I also request you that you would no longer call yourself "An Expelled One," for you are expelled only as long as you choose to be. From a charitable Christian community like ours no one can be expelled but he who is his own expeller. The circle has invited you to return, and the hand of peace and love will be always stretched out to him who may return, even as Christ ransoms and receives, in grace and love, to life and bliss, all the children of men.

CORRESPONDENCE

BETWEEN MESSRS. PIKE AND CAMM
CONTINUED.

Mr. Pike's last letter is certainly a laughable one. When I received it, it very forcibly put me in mind of the "fox and the grapes; who, when he found he could by no means attain his object, began to call them all to pieces as not being worthy of his notice. Mr. P., in like manner, finding himself confuted, gets out of his dilemma by not thinking me and the subject at issue worth his notice,—denouncing all, and considering them not deserving more than his silent rebuke and contempt.

He returned my second letter, accompanied by his in your last expression, and lest he should return the following without opening it, I sent it by post, which he returned shortly after receiving it. Thus ended the bluster of the great man, who, notwithstanding the estimation for a while, in which he is held by the sect to which he belongs, is no better able to defend the cause and doctrines he advocates than is seen in this correspondence.

Notwithstanding, however, that he has not been able to prove his teachings to be right, it is seen by his last that he still has the arrogance to call them "pearls," and compare me, a poor member of the Great Universal Organization against the coming of Christ, to mere "swine." He states he does not tremble for the good old Bible, the pure word of truth, it has stood many a storm. Yes, it is well known it has stood many a storm; and it is through the pure word of God contained therein which he in his providence has not permitted to be corrupted, that it has done so. It is the corruptions therein contained which contradicts God's word, and which blasphemes and vilifies his holy name and attributes, and sanctions the institution of laws for men of place and power, which Christ and his apostles never dreamt of, which has caused all the storms it has had to encounter; but God, foreseeing and foreknowing what the carnal state of man's mind would be, and that he would thus corrupt it for the sake of aggrandisement and a worldly name, figuratively declared by St. John the Divine (chapter 10), as divine revelation has explained it, that when the ancient prophecies, and those of St. John, are all fulfilled, and which time is now nigh at hand, this book should be no longer regarded. The following is my reply to his last:—

Queorndon, Dec. 2, 1859.

To Rev. J. C. PIKE,

Sir—I am not at all surprised at the contents of yours of last night, considering the dilemma in which you found yourself to be placed.

It is the only way men resort to to extricate themselves when similarly placed—to sum up all together, heaping up all kinds of epithets and foul names,—as not deserving attention—and so get off altogether with silent rebuke and contempt. I give you credit for saying that the various questions I put are not unanswerable, but you well know, that if you, with the knowledge you no doubt possess, had answered some of them, it would at once have exposed the hypocrisy and priestcraft of the learned.

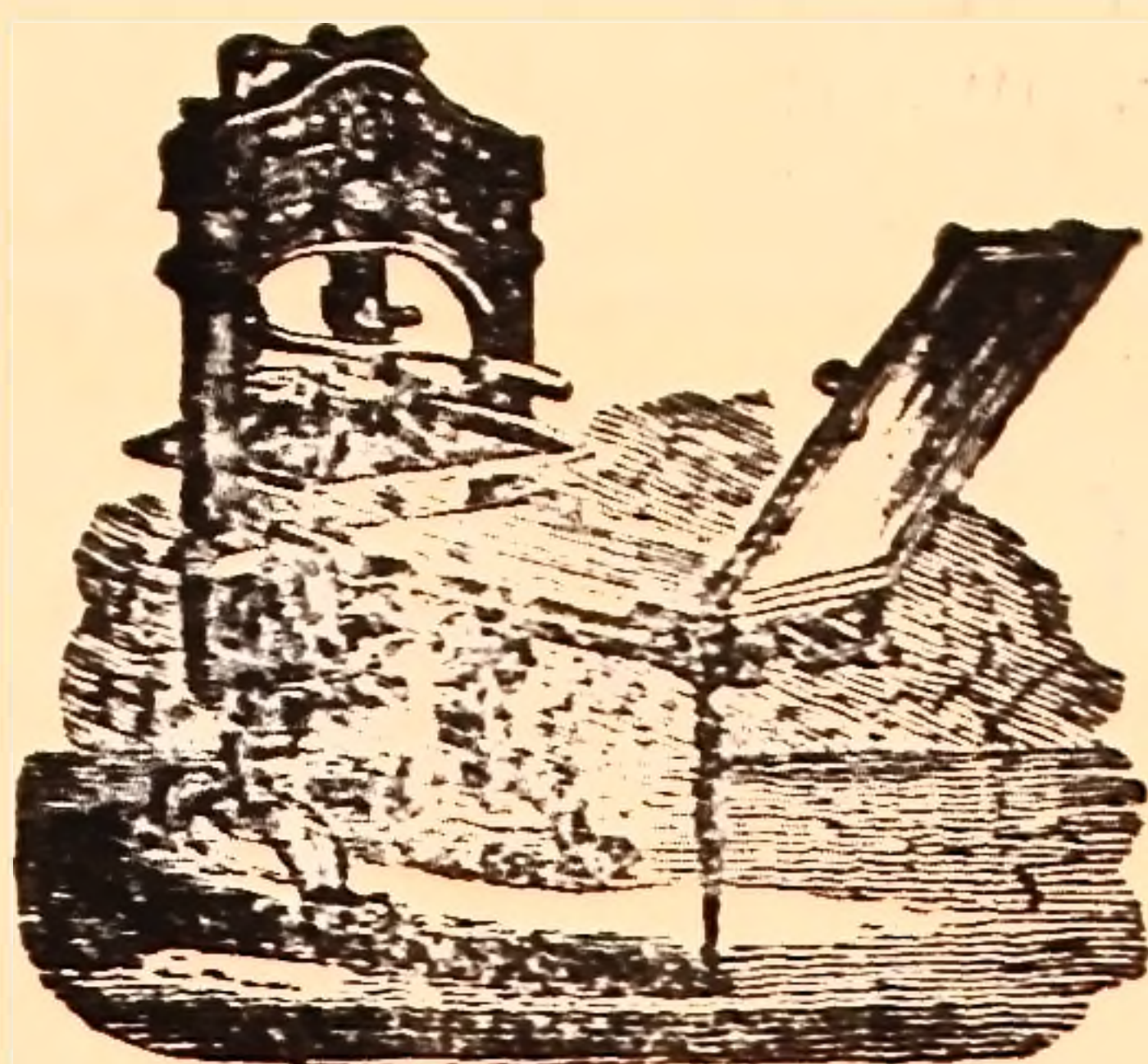
I confess I hardly expected to be likened to a "pig," but hear what the Lord hath said of the "pearls" which are cast by all of your grade. "Woe be to all who shall go forth as hypocrites in my name, teaching doctrines which are oppressive to the people, and make spoil and merchandise of the glory of God, and receive reward of worldly wealth and aggrandisement, for shewing forth in superfluous eloquence the things which in themselves are an abomination to mine eyes. . . . And let all those who have raised themselves by craft and worldly devices to rank, wealth, and affluence, by the propagation of the spurious doctrines invented by the oppression of man, be aware; for the time is at hand when all such abominations

will be overthrown and trodden to the dust; and the true ministers of Christ will willingly subsist upon the joyful contributions of the people, and will be endowed with power of healing and restoring all diseases and maladies by faith in the Great Giver of all Goodness, even as Christ and his apostles." You have now the warning before you, and as you have done—I have done the same. My heart's desire and prayer to God is, that all to whom the above refers, may see their errors ere it be too late—listen to God's counsels, turn from their delusions, and be sheltered under the banner of God's chosen people in the coming calamities.

I remain, Rev. sir,

Yours very faithfully,

J. CAMM.



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THE GREAT ORGANIZATION:—WHAT THEY BELIEVE, AND WHAT THEY IGNORE, AS INSTRUCTED BY DIVINE REVELATION.

At our Circle meeting on Monday evening, May 7th, we, in accordance with past instructions, enquired of the Lord through the Angel Gabriel as to whether any instructions were necessary to be revealed at this meeting; and as this question is usually put at each meeting before the Circle separate, which is likewise in accordance with Divine instruction, we, on asking this question, received the following important revelation, commanding us to make it public through the columns of the "Spiritualistic Free Press."

The Revelation thus given contains eleven specific clauses, five of which explains all the principles and doctrines which the members of the Great Organization, and every true Christian, are taught to embrace, believe, and propagate. The last six clauses shew up all the absurd doctrines, present teachings, and belief, as is now set forth by priestcraft and delusion, and which the members of the Great Organization, and every true Christian, are taught to disbelieve, ignore, and repudiate. While the central clause, containing instructions as specified in the eleven clauses, and explaining what we should and should not believe, as the Divine revelation hereunder given proves:

REVELATION (MAY 7TH, 1860).

"Lo and behold! and mark what the Lord God, in his divine mercy and loving kindness, hath commanded me, his messenger of Divine grace and wisdom, to declare unto you and to the people, that ye may spread it abroad through the means which are now at your disposal. Therefore, ye, the Circle, as chosen by heaven to propagate the truths of Divine revelation, are here commanded to be faithful and obedient to all the duties as revealed for thy guide in Divine revelation, and to shew to the world and to the people of this land, the holy and Divine principles which Divine revelation instructs its followers and the

people generally to believe and propagate; and further, to shew and expose the absurdities of the doctrines and precepts which Divine revelation instructs the people to ignore and repudiate.

1.—Divine revelation teaches that a true Christian must believe in one God only, who hath said, 'I am the Lord, beside me there is no God, and thou shalt have none other Gods but me.'

2.—Divine revelation teaches that the Great Almighty God is Supreme Author, Creator, and Ruler of all things visible and invisible, and that he made the light and created darkness, He made peace and created evil, and without Him, and His Almighty will, no power can exist.

3.—Divine revelation also teaches the people that Jesus Christ, who was crucified for the redemption of the world, was a spirit sent from God, and that He was ordained to this end before time began; and that He was not the only-begotten son of that God who sent Him; but that all mankind who are virtuous and pure, are equally the sons of God, as Christ himself declared.

4.—Divine revelation shews that the holy spirit is not a separate being, a God of itself, or a part of the trinity of Gods, as erroneously represented; but that it is a divine and holy influence emanating from God, who is the Author and Giver of life and all goodness; and therefore the immensity of space is filled with the holy influence of the Divine spirit, which in itself is God of nature and of all creation.

5.—Divine revelation shews that no power can exist in opposition to that God, who is the Author and Creator of all.

CENTRAL CLAUSE.—Divine revelation shews what are abominations to God, and what true Christians must repudiate, as things false and absurd, and without traceable origin or foundation.

1.—Divine revelation teaches the people to ignore all doctrines, principles, and precepts which set forth God as unjust, unmerciful, or unwise.

2.—Divine revelation teaches that the serpent-dragon—Satan, or monster, as introduced into the present form of scripture as the Devil, who is purported to be the author of sin, and the enemy of man,—that such a being is without origin, and without fact or principle for existence; and no history, ancient or modern, Divine or profane, can produce any fact of a being so powerful as to be able to thwart the will and decrees of that God who is Lord and Author of all things. Therefore, people of the earth no longer regard such assertions, on the existence of such an imaginary being.

3.—Eternal torment in hell fire and brimstone, with the above imaginary monster and his angels, is likewise repudiated by Divine revelation as blasphemy against God, and the followers and be-

lievers in Divine revelation are instructed to regard it as such.

4.—Divine revelation also shews that there is no eternal state immediately after death, neither are there any righteous in life, but all are wicked; for Christ said, there is none good, no, not one. Therefore, the eternal state is not reached until, through purification has been experienced by all, and then through the redemption; that state is eternal happiness and glory.

5.—Divine revelation shews to the world that the mortal bodies of man cannot be raised from the dead in flesh, bone, and sinew. Christ only achieved this miraculous end, and rose a glorious mortal body clothed with immortality, while all other men's bodies decompose and return to the dust from whence they came, while their spirits which is the life which God gave, rise, and after purification through the redemption made by the Redeemer return to that God who gave them life and being.

6.—Divine revelation shows to the world, and teaches its members, believers, and followers to propagate—that as God hath declared there is no resurrection of the mortal bodies of the dead; so, also, he has commanded me to declare that there is no general judgement day, for all men are judged in life and receive their rewards in accordance with their deeds, when in the spirit after death, where all shall meet and participate in the sufferings they inflicted on others in life, until they, thro' the Redeemer, are purged and purified from all worldly vices and influences, when they shall enter the eternal realms of bliss, and henceforward and for ever dwell as angels of glory in the vaults of the heaven of the eternal God, which vaults are mansions of glory, with unbounded space and unspeakable happiness.

Let this go forth as a warning and a caution to the people, and declare that the Lord God omnipotent has commanded it to be revealed; that the people may see and know the delusions under which they are labouring, and that thou the Circle are chosen to publish the things so revealed abroad, therefore heed not those who may beset and oppose you, for you have truth for your guide, and a merciful God to protect you. Thus saith the Lord."

This revelation occupied better than one hour in being revealed and copied.

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NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

(Continued from our last.)

rulers and princes, will I strike, but also every king, every kingdom, and every nation, every land, every stronghold, every town, every city, every village, and every hamlet, will I purge with the unquenchable fire of my wrath; and that in every land, war, famine, pestilence, and disease, shall savage and rage, until mankind are purified and

cleansed from pollution and the evil contamination of those who oppress them and usurp my power. But let not the weak or the headstrong, the sceptic, the unbeliever, or the bigot, think, that because of his poverty, wretchedness, or other worldly disadvantages, he, with impure mind, shall escape from these evils. For behold! thus saith the Lord, the oppression of the rulers creates oppression among the ruled, until discontent and angry feelings arouse in their breasts lust and ambition for power over each other, which is exercised with iron cruelty, until even the oppressed become oppressors and scourge each other, and assist in the deprivation and incarceration of their fellow creatures; and these things mankind knoweth; and yet, knowing they are hurtful to their fellow creatures and displeasing to God, still they continue until the cries of the most lowly have reached the ears of Him who is all-wise and just. And behold, thus saith the Lord, that those who oppress, from the king downwards to the lowest stages of the present race of human creation, shall in the last days be cut off in the midst of their calamities, and their bodies shall be devoured by birds and beasts of prey. Therefore, let all take heed, and regard the fate as decreed for India, Britain and the rest of the world, and though nations, kingdoms, empires, kings and emperors may pass away, yet not one word which the Lord hath spoken shall be permitted to fall to the ground unaccomplished. Therefore, let all be prepared, for ye know not the day nor the hour when God's wrath will descend upon the portion of the earth ye inhabit:

For 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.

These are my commands from on high, spread them abroad, take warning yourselves, so that the people may follow your examples, and prove to the world, that by their actions shall the true ministers, messengers, and prophets of the Lord be known. Therefore, behold! the Lord hath spoken, the time is at hand, and the righteous will not be dismayed."

J. B. Manchester.—In reference to advertising the prescriptions, and giving the ingredients with the directions for making the medicine, through our paper, and getting persons who are afflicted to apply for remedies and to receive them through our columns, is not sanctioned by revelation, as many persons who are afflicted would not like their cases nor addresses made public, and we think it would be an unwise step and would cause much delay in dangerous cases.

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T. H. Brandon, Suffolk.—Your letter, shewing up the passages of scripture confirming our doctrines, and condemning the Sectarian practices, is both useful and instructing, and shall appear in our next.

J. B. Manchester.—Your letter and extract will also be instructive, and open the eyes of the people on the incorrect state of the Scriptures, and shall appear in our next.

J. C. Quorndon.—Your first letter had gone to press before your second was received.

THE DOWNFALL OF TYRANNY

WITH THE LAST VIAL OF GOD'S WRATH, AND THE
APPROACHING MILLENNIUM.

E'er since man's history began,
Oppression through each land has ran,
And savage war men fly;
Where tens of thousands have been slain,
Who groan'd beneath the tyrant's chain,
Their blood for vengeance cry.

And yet oppression still remains,
Its weighty and its massive chains,
Still grieve the people sore;
Their constant labor and starvation,
Have raised a cry of lamentation,
But this will soon be o'er.

For God's decrees are now made known,
His will reveal'd, wherein 'tis shown,
The time is near at hand;
When the last vial of His wrath,
Shall be pour'd out upon the earth,
And scourge through ev'ry land.

Nation shall against nation rise,
God has decreed this from the skies,
In these the latter days;
For war and rapine shall be spread,
Till ev'ry evil hence has fled,
Mark what the scripture says!

Britain will shortly know her fate,
And though her power is very great,
Yet she must be subdued;
Her vaunted friend, across the sea,
Will soon become her enemy,
Thus war will be renew'd.

And when his banners are unfurl'd,
And hordes of war-men he has hurl'd,
Into this favor'd land;
The eagle planted on her shores,
The din of battle loudly roars,
Blood flows on every hand.

The people loud for help will cry,
A messenger at once will fly,
Across the ocean wide;
Columbia's sons their force will lend,
Their mother nation to defend,
And conquer side by side.

But lo! it is the nation's fate,
When help does come to subjugate,
Her ruling power is gone;
United strength shall drive the foe,
And peace shall follow as they go,
The victory then is won.

These two great nations will combine,
In mighty force together join,
The armies of the Lord;
Who strong in battle will go forth,
Through every nation of the earth,
And thus fulfil His word.

The flag of peace shall be unfurl'd,
The tyrant's banner shall be hurl'd,
And trod in streams of gore;
Religious freedom then shall raise,
All hearts alike their God to praise,
Then war shall rage no more.

The last great battle shall be fought,
The armies of the world be brought,
Into the holy plain;
All earthly kingdoms then shall fall,
And Christ our king and Lord of all,
For evermore shall reign.

The great Millenium will begin,
Poverty, Crime, and ev'ry Sin,
No more shall stain the earth;
But all the world shall happy be,
And worship God in unity,
And set His praises forth.

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