

THE SWORD

OF



TRUTH,

WORK DEVOTED TO THE MORAL, RELIGIOUS,
WILL BE SHEWN THE PROGRESS
ITSELF TO MANKIND

AND POLITICAL STATE OF MANKIND; IN WHICH,
OF SPIRITUAL TRUTH, AS DEVELOPING
IN GENERAL.

FIRE REPRESENTING THE



FIRE OF GOD'S WRATH.

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"I will bring my people against thee with the sword."—W. M.

To the readers of the "Sword of Truth," we would address a few words.—We have in this periodical shown the Fraud practised by the Medium of the Great Organization, by drawing from its members large sums of money, under the pretence of paying the debts owing for the printing of the works, and for the dispensary, and though these amounts have been subscribed for, and money sent in abundance, to pay the just debts of the Organization, yet the cause still remains in debt, and is likely to continue so, as long as the money is forwarded to the Medium, as he is quite capable of consuming all that the people can send, in the attempt to satisfy his cravings; and as two of the principal places have ceased to endeavour to satisfy his thirst any longer, we appeal to them, and to all others who have been connected with the cause, and who are still believers in Divine Revelation, to form a fund to pay the just debts incurred for the cause, by the Medium, up to the 4th May, 1862, as we consider this time ended the Great Organization, as from this date we ceased to be responsible, that is, the Circle, we believe who were chosen by Heaven for the carrying out the cause to its end. The cutting off, suspending, and withdrawals were all brought about by, and through the fraud of the Medium, whose object was to deter us from doing our duties to the cause, and to gag us with his 13th Clauses; when he found this fail, and saw that we were not to be thwarted by this, and I having told him to his face that I should publish the account of his fraud to the world, as I then intended to do, in a pamphlet; he knowing my means were exhausted for doing so, defied me to do it. I said I would do it, if I had to sell furniture out of my house to do so. Thus, he thinking, that if he could blast my character before I had time to issue anything, I should be deterred from doing it; and after we had been abused, we were given to understand that we might return again. Thus by reading the narrative published in this periodical, the members may see for themselves, what part of the

"Universal Magazine" is true, and what part is false. The *fraudulent debt* he there alludes to was a *just debt*, incurred in an honourable and straight forward manner, and has now been paid some time, by one pound per month, after trying to obtain a loan to pay it with, and failing to obtain one, I offered to pay it by instalments, and the person kindly agreed to take it in any way I could pay it. Let those who have those epistles of falsehood about them compare the now fallen Magazine with this statement, and also the purported revelations in it, wherein our efforts were to be feeble and puny; and then it will be seen that it is not Divine, but the Medium's own invention; thus he has disgraced those pages also by falsehoods, and it has fallen with its falsehoods to the ground, while the "Sword" still exists, and is in a flourishing state.—EDITOR.

A NARRATIVE.

Showing the sufferings and losses, both in reference to this world's goods and the sacrifice of friendship made by T. C. S. for the sake of what has now proved itself to be a great and glorious cause.

(Continued from our last.)

It will be seen by the Addresses that there are assertions in them which I should not have felt justified in making, but as much is written by Spiritual guidance, especially in reference to the Medium's fall, I feel no hesitation in preparing them for print as directed, and this Narrative being ordered to be prepared beforehand, to save delay, and it may be that some of the assertions here written may be realized, and as the Addresses were given in the public Market-place, are here only printed to show of what nature they were, so that all misunderstanding may be removed from the minds of the people concerning them. After these Addresses were delivered, I read those portions of the "Universal Magazine" that alluded to me, and explained to the people what portions were truthful, and what were not; but the Addresses were written, and thus they are now commanded to be printed, shewing of what nature they were; and these

Papers were also read at our meetings, so that they were known, and their contents laid before the people of this locality. I will now lay before my readers the way in which I first discovered that I was a writing Medium, and it may be well to describe, as accurately as possible, what is meant by a writing medium, and by shewing the circumstances connected with it: it will be plain to be seen how it is accomplished. About the year 1858, having heard much concerning "Table Tipping" and "Spirit Writing," and I being very sceptical on these subjects, with several of our Circle, sat down to try whether such things could be done, or not, and we first tested "Table Tipping," and received many communications by that means; and we noted down some of the events in our minds, and were told by the Celestial Angel to do so and we should prove part of the assertions false, and part truthful, such we proved to be the case. We afterwards sat down and tried the "Spirit Writing," not knowing that we had any Medium amongst us; we had not sat long when a person, holding a pencil, began to be very violently agitated, the movements of his arm were apparently very powerful, but nothing particular was written. I sat opposite to him, and though I had full faith in the man's integrity, and honesty, I yet doubted, thinking he might have brought on the rigidity of his arm, and the movements through some nervous excitement which I could not account for. On the following day we were seated again, and to my astonishment, I was seized with the same kind of movement in the arm, and I believe with more power, and I could not resist it, and it continued until it began to make me feel uncomfortable, and shook my whole frame, but in a short time it abated, and the pencil was moved about the paper in a very quick and extraordinary manner. After a short period of scrawling and scratching about the paper a drawing was commenced, and this to me was upsidedown, and proved to be a large steamer with two funnels, and a flag at each end standing erect, on one was plainly to be seen an eagle, this surprised not only myself, but I believe all present. I had not the slightest knowledge what it all meant, until the funnels of the vessel were drawn, as it was drawn with the bottom part of the boat towards the other persons, and the banners and funnels of the steamer were towards myself, so that it was much more plain to them than to me. This so excited our curiosity that we asked the great angel Gabriel, of the Celestial Spheres, what was the meaning of the vessel and the banners? The answer was, that an explanation would be given in writing. I at once sat down, and the Angel of the Aerial Spheres, whose name is spelt different to the Celestial Angel, gave his name, and described himself as the Angel of the Lord of Power, Might, &c. And at this point I felt that the Angel wished to make me understand that he was the Angel of the Celestial Spheres, and I said that is not the truth. Immediately the writing ceased, by a violent movement of the hand from the paper, and I could not get any more communication that night. Some of the persons, by whom I was surrounded, remarked that I had done wrong, and I also felt that I had. When I came to consider that the

Angel of the Aerial Spheres was as much the Angel of the Lord as the great Angel Gabriel of the Celestial Spheres, only appointed and created by God for a different work. The next morning, when at home, I sat down, when my mind was sufficiently calm, and held the pen and asked for an answer to be given as promised. I immediately felt a sensation and movement of the hand and pen, usually experienced by writing Mediums before the communication is given, and the following Revelation was given by the Angel of the Aerial Spheres:—

Revelation.—"I Gabrael, the angel of the Lord of power, might, majesty, and dominion, am commanded to declare unto thee that the meaning of the vessel and the ensigns, are as follows: first, the vessel is the power that shall subdue the nation who bears the ensign at the head of the vessel; and the ensign, with the eagle, signifieth the power that shall assist or help to accomplish the destruction of the said nation, and whose fall shall precede that of this nation. Thus saith the Lord."

The same day as I received this interpretation, or explanation, I asked Mr. Brown to ask the great angel Gabriel, of the celestial spheres, whether the interpretation, or explanation, was a truthful one, as I was fully aware at that time that the angels of the aerial spheres did at times give information which was delusive and often false, though no doubt they are permitted to do this for wise purposes, which our finite conception cannot conceive or comprehend the wisdom of, though they are permitted to do this, and thereby bring about the purposes of an all-wise God. The answer given by the celestial angel was as follows:—

Revelation.—"Behold! there are truths specified therein which all the world shall hereafter acknowledge; but there are also errors and fabulous assertions, but which will prove themselves clear, though unimportant."

Several times after this I practised spirit writing but got nothing of any great importance; but I observed, when obtaining answers to questions, that the word I was about to write was impressed on my mind at the same time as the hand moved to write the word, and, as I before stated, being very sceptical on the subject, feared that it might be my own mind or spirit, that dictated it, but the movement of the hand I could not account for, so I laid it aside for several years and never attempted to obtain any communication from the spirit world, except through the Medium of the Great Organization, though I had tried several times to obtain communication through what I supposed to be a celestial crystal, as I had been promised that I should ultimately be gifted with the means of imparting warning, comfort, and consolation, with heavenly advice to those in need, so that when tribulation should come upon me and those for whom I felt the deepest concern, the cause, with the result of such events, would be portrayed unto me. This revelation I had always looked upon as pointing out the time when calamities would fall upon this land, and upon those by whom I was surrounded, but the wording of it always made a deep impression on my mind, that, though we belonged to the Organization, tribulations of some kind would fall upon myself, and those by whom I

was surrounded, but could not comprehend of what nature they would be. Shortly after this information being received, I dreamed a dream that I was looking through a crystal, and I thought I saw angels or spirits clothed in white, and whilst looking, there appeared to be a small space of roughness on the glass which obstructed my vision. I asked the meaning of it through the Medium, and the answer declared that the rough surface of the glass or the small space through which I could not see, signified the smallness or short space of time there was between me and the gift. Some time after this I asked a question whether the gift of seeing or communicating with celestial angels could be obtained by fervent prayer and supplication; the answer was as follows: *Revelation*.—"Behold! we have already declared that thou art ordained to diffuse heavenly knowledge, instruction, with comfort and consolation to those in need, but we have not power to define the period, but from our past assertions thou mayest prepare thyself as the time of need is near at hand."

This time of need, I can now fully understand, as the Medium declared when I told him that I believed that he, like Smith, the Mormon prophet, and others portrayed in his works, had fallen or strayed away from the truth. He, in the presence of my son, declared that he would never get any communication for us any more. I did not feel surprised at this, because I have no doubt he would feel keenly the remarks I made, but what I said, I believed to be the truth, and spoke that truth to his face kindly and calmly, but he would not acknowledge that I had spoken the truth, though he said that "It was not always the same Angel that appeared to him." I will now go back to the time when I was on the point of joining the Circle, and felt that I was an unfit person for the work for several reasons, one was my health, the other was the greatness of the task, which I did not feel capable of performing; and before I would consent to be one of the Spiritual Circle, I requested the Medium to ask the following question, written by myself:—Is it the will of God I should become one of the Spiritual Circle, or a Medium? *Revelation, 1856*—"Behold, 'it is the will of the Most High that all men should believe, and endeavour to impress upon the

minds of their fellow creatures, the sacred truths sent forth, that they may believe also and be saved from the coming calamities, and now, therefore, I am commanded to declare that whosoever shall labour in the cause, with true exertion for the spreading of these truths, for the glory of God, and the welfare of all his creatures, without ambition or selfish disguise, shall be blessed with his bountiful gifts; and appointed as a guide or leader to his all-powerful host during the calamitous devastation, and when the last mighty event is accomplished, they shall fulfil the words which declare that instructors shall be sent forth with the people from the Hills of Zion, to instruct them in the fear and love of the laws diffused amongst them, from the sacred throne of their Saviour King. And, therefore, behold he who shall labour shall see and acknowledge that our commands are solemn declarations from the great giver of all goodness; and now ask thyself the value of endeavouring to attain this happy end, and the question for thyself and others, who may enquire upon this subject, is fully answered, let all be prepared." Thus it will be seen that the things pointed out in these Revelations are now transpiring, and we believe will continue to transpire, so long as we are obedient to the will of heaven. We will now pass on to show how and when the time of need portrayed in the revelations came, and how the promise made to me is being realized, but in a far different manner to anything I had ever thought of or could in any way have anticipated. I will now take my readers back to the time portrayed in the Narrative when I with a number more was cut off from taking any part in conducting the cause, called the Great Organization, this I was quite prepared for as my mind was fully made up to withdraw from having any connection with any of the money affairs, as I saw plainly that the Medium was determined they should not be done in a straight forward manner, and though it was supposed by many, through the Medium's statement, that I was cut off for what he calls my ambition in business matters, but the steps I took was as necessary to fulfil the information given to me and others as it was necessary that I should be cut off, or sent forth to establish that which had been portrayed unto me, though in a mysterious manner, so that it was not understood until the events burst upon us, unlooked for by many of the members of the Great Organization, the consequence was, that many persons with myself, had all but come to the conclusion, to give up the cause altogether.

(To be continued in our next.)

To the Members

NOW

forming the nucleus

OF THE



Universal Church,

ESTABLISHED BY

DIRECTIONS

FROM ON HIGH.

The New Jerusalem come down from God out of Heaven.

Beloved brethren, we have lived to see the first anniversary of the establishment of the "New Jerusalem," and though a few weeks of the early part of the year was passed in darkness and gloom, yet our prayers were answered, God heard our cries for succour, and when to all the world we appeared cast aside by our enemies, and treated with scorn and contempt by former friends, and to all appearance we were about to be

scattered abroad without the guidance of heaven, then we saw the time of need had come, and God faithful of his promise sent us light and wisdom by his Holy Angel, at a time when it was least expected by some. When in despair and yearning for divine guidance, your leader lifted up his hands in prayer to that God who had promised before time through his Holy Angel that his prayers should be answered, and at the time of need answers were given, yea in many instances God has fulfilled his promise made in ancient days, "before they call will I answer and while they are yet speaking will I hear," and

we have also been blessed with an increase of members during the year, such an increase that we could scarcely have anticipated, during these troublous times. One of our members who had long passed the years allotted to us by the psalmist, has left this world with all its troubles and anxieties, and has entered on his state of progression, through the spirit world, and he having full knowledge of that state before his departure will not be left to grope his way in the dark, fearing every moment something terrible to come upon him, but will rejoice in the knowledge gained in this world of a future state, and even—

Amidst his sorrows he will sing,
Glory to the new born king;
Ever loving, just, and wise,
Crowned with glory from the skies.

Thus we have arrived at that day when we shall cease to sorrow for our departed friends, knowing that they are not dead but still *live* and are preparing for the heavenly Jerusalem, where there is no sorrow, no pain, but all is love, happiness, and praise to him who hath redeemed them with his precious blood, and to the Everlasting Father who hath been pleased to accept Christ as a ransom for them. Our prayers for those under the cloud of darkness has been partially answered, and to many the tyrants yoke has fallen, and they with us are set free, and hence they were called to the jubilee, and we have now entered on the second year of the establishment of the Universal Church, and with its dawn our prospects brighten, for we have enrolled (One of the *Circle* chosen last May) amongst us, six persons who have belonged the former circles are enrolled amongst our members which amounts in all to 88 members including Manchester, and France. We partook of tea, and refreshment after service in the evening by distributing what was left at tea, which was voluntarily subscribed for so that our poorer brethren were not compelled to subscribe any fixed sum after the meeting at night, voluntary contribution was made for the issue of the next sword, to the amount of £1 5s. which with the last few weeks contribution, has placed the Sword of Truth in a better position, than it has ever been since the commencement of its issue, we take fresh courage from the fact of those who once looked upon it entirely as a Sword of Error have thanked us for our efforts on behalf of themselves and the people, thus fulfilling divine revelation which declared that praise should be given to those who had defended the central stronghold.

Notice To the scattered tribes of the Great Organization.

We the Members of the New Jerusalem at our meeting on the 4th May 1863 with a few of the members of the Great Universal Organization who are standing aloof from the cause came to the conclusion that the best means to bring about a reunion of the scattered tribes of the Organization was that recommended to us for our discussion. The means laid down were as follows that for the present we be all enrolled under one head, separate and distinct from the Church, and that we be called in the future when the reunion has taken place "the 12 tribes of Israel," and that we all subscribe to a fund to pay the just debts of the Organization left unpaid by the fraud of the Medium, we understand these debts to be the portion of the Book of Life left unpaid and Mr. Camm for spirits; the printer held the stock of the books of Life for a long time, as security for the unpaid debt. A short time ago it was entrusted to Mr. Brown to sell and make the best he could of it, the printer had promised to settle the bill for a part of the money only, and now it has been sold for waste paper and scraps of it may be seen wrapped around the different articles of commerce in our immediate neighbourhood, but the printer is no better for it, the Book of Life has followed the fixtures of the dispensary, and the £26 shown in our last, with all the sales of pamphlets, and the stock of Warning Messages intrusted to him for sales by Mr. Cook of London, with much more we could name down the throat of the drunkard who

"Lacketh the moral of the swine;
He knoweth no bounds to his cravings,
But gorges or gluttons to his own discomfiture;
Injuring his friends, destroying his happiness,
His health and constitution,
And thereby becoming a spectacle of disgust
In the eyes of his neighbours, and
Pointed at by the finger of scorn
By all who behold him; and lastly,
He finds himself an abomination upon
The earth, and a rebel to the Divine
Wisdom of his Creator."—W. M.

Such is now the state of the once Prophet of the Lord, but *who deeply fallen, sunk to desolation and woe* and calmly looked upon by the member of the circle at Nottingham, who is fully aware of it, and yet tries to hide it, and to screen him from disgrace, we could not blame him for this, if he was not encouraging fraud at the same time, by helping him in it, by his presence, support, and secrecy, and thereby breaking one of the most solemn commands given by God as a guide unto him, see Book of Life page 117 3rd clause. Encourage not or assist in defrauding or deceiving thy fellow man, or fellow creature, in thought word or deed, but remember that the Lord seeth and knoweth the secrets of all hearts, and will punish or reward accordingly. Thus he is setting at naught God's counsel and therefore must bear his *wrath* while the medium is daily and hourly breaking the fourth command.

"Turn aside from drunkenness, licentiousness, and profaneness, and learn that thou wert created to ornament and not to disgrace the earth, or its creation, with thy presence."

Let the Medium ask his friend, who assists him and helps him to break this command, to read to him the sufferings of the drunkard in another world, and let him not think that his helplessness and his suffering here will at all mitigate his punishment hereafter, for if he believes the "Warning Message" he cannot gather any consolation from it, but all must appear dark and gloomy to him in the future. We again call on him to give up this evil and save himself a portion of punishment lest a worse evil come upon him, and thus intensify his suffering by his rashness. Thus, through the things herein named has the cause sunk to its present position; and now the scattered tribes of the Organization are called on to form a re-union, and in this re-union they pledge themselves to nothing only to assist in redeeming the cause from disgrace. The fund, to be called "The Redemption Fund," and either forward these funds to the central locality, or keep the accounts and pay the money to the parties to whom it is owing, and forward the amounts sent to them to T. C. Stretton, Great Alfred Street Central, for insertion in the "Sword of Truth," so that the world may see that God's chosen people (chosen to establish a new era in the morals of mankind) are just, and not allow it to be said that we have allowed our cause to be disgraced through a drunkard. We feel it a painful duty to be strictly just, but these things have been kept from day-light too long, until God, in His displeasure, commanded the exposure, and has declared that He will cleanse His people from all *pride, vain glory, hypocrisy, ambition, poverty, crime, and disobedience*, that our ranks may be unpolluted by wickedness; so that our armies may be united in the holy strength of righteousness; and with the glorious banner of love and liberty, we may be enabled to trample to the dust all that is an abomination unto His eyes. Our brethren are desired not to lose any unnecessary time in communicating their decisions to the central stronghold, as the time is near when the glorious doctrines believed must be spread into the different nations of the earth, and peace must reign amongst us so that we may commence our march to the conquest of the earth, and thus fulfill our part of the divine instruction given unto us. "Unity is strength": let this be our motto and God will bless us with His blessing, which is peace to the troubled mind.

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