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TRUTH,

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

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FIRE OF GOD'S WRATH.

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

The readers of the "Sword of Truth" will see that our efforts have increased, and that we are issuing this periodical quicker than heretofore; this is in accordance with the instruction given; thus, our last was subscribed for and issued as an extra number, so that our usual funds remain on hand for this issue; the reason assigned for the issue of the "Sword" quicker, is because of a vast accumulation of matter that must shortly be made known to the world. The progress of Truth is making its way not only amongst us, but amongst the people generally, but more especially amongst our Ministers and Messengers; one is already in a distant nation; one of the messengers is receiving instruction continually, and in it he is being prepared for a visit to a distant nation of the earth, wherein the truths are to be taught as made known through God's Holy Angels, and he is told that Kings will tremble before the things he will have to make known; one of our Ministers has received instruction that he, with others, will have to re-establish the truth amongst the now fallen churches of Asia, and bring them back to a knowledge of the truth; thus, he is also warned that he will have to cause to be published a pamphlet, showing the progress of the Spirit through the spheres of immortality, and that this pamphlet will have to be made known amongst the different nations and languages of the earth; thus, while the great organization is struggling against crime, and thus fulfilling those words which declare that the people of towns and cities should be struggling against crime in the midst of poverty. The chosen flock of Christ are making known to the people that which will guide them to peace and happiness in this world, with speedy rest and glory in the world to come; and when the things portrayed in these pages have come to pass in reference to the medium of the organization, then will the armies of the Lord of Hosts become united with their long lost brethren across

the Atlantic, and they with us will spread the glad tidings of the reign of Christ over His people, and assist in gathering together the people in multitudes, and in many places, from the different corners of the kingdoms of the earth; and the men sent to the different nations of the earth will be gifted with marvellous power over the lowest classes of spirits, so that they will be enabled to cause them to give up the power they have obtained over the intellects of men, and thereby restore them to peace and happiness; and thus the people will see and know that they are the true Ministers and Messengers, sent forth to make God's decrees known to the inhabitants of the earth. "Thus will I cleanse thee, O my people, from every evil which hath raised itself up in defiance of my will: thus the Lord hath said, praised be His holy name."

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.)

I was pressed to start a cause independent of the Great Organization and of the works; others were desirous to cling to the pause, but declared they could not nor would not assist the Medium in carrying on fraud and deception, and at one of the meetings we were discussing what was right and what was wrong in the Great Organization; I told the people that I had made up my mind not to go any further with the cause, but the people begged to be allowed to meet at my house for the present, and wished me to read to them anything that would interest and instruct them. I felt that there was much truth in the doctrines that were advocated in the works of the Great Organization, yet there was much that I doubted in reference to the business and the domiciles, which I could

not shake from my mind as being false and erroneous, and the only way which I could see that these things had occurred was, that the Medium had fallen through some disobedience, or that the aerial spirits was leading him astray; this I told the Medium faithfully and calmly, but he denied that it was the case, and my mind was in a depressed state, not knowing what course to take. To go back to the Organization and assist by my presence and support in carrying out that which was required at our hands, I felt that I could not do it, neither could I ask anyone else to do it, and hence my mind was in a troubled state to know what was my duty in the matter, when one of the former members of the Organization requested me to try if I could get any information for our guide from the celestial angels, and I declared I had no desire to do so; others suggested that if it was necessary that we should have a Medium, God would raise one up; I said we have had Medium enough, but on re-considering the matter I came to the conclusion that there was sufficient revealed for our guide and resolved to follow out that which bore the stamp of divine truth, and rejecting that which did not appear to contain that evidence; but just at this juncture, being pressed or advised to have nothing to do with the cause, I searched the American translation of the New Testament, and though there was much which appeared to sanction the doctrines, I believed, and which I believed was revealed from Heaven as our guide, whatever the Medium might be I still found the New Translation contained much which I could not advocate, and therefore laid it aside. Several days after this, being pressed to try Spirit Writing, I resolved to ask a question concerning a matter connected with my family which had been revealed through the Medium; the answer, though from the Aerial Spheres, startled me, as it declared that the Medium was an impostor of the blackest dye; this was so unexpected, that it startled me, and during our discussion in reference to a Medium, several persons requested me to re-consecrate their crystals according to the method laid down in the light to the world; and this I felt rather reluctant to do, and at last resolved to do them with my own, and at this juncture, seating myself to try to get communication from the Spirit World, I received a drawing of a boat or vessel, with a drooping flag rent into three parts; I did not discover the meaning of this for several days, until I was perplexed in my mind what course to take. On the same day, or the day after, I cannot be certain which, I received another Revelation, which I did not fully comprehend, and after offering a prayer to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and the God of the Ancient Prophets, I received the following Revelation:—

Revelation.—"I Gabriel, the angel of the Lord of might, majesty, and dominion, am commanded to declare unto you that J. G. H. Brown will fall before the power thou art intending to communicate with, and will be hurled headlong to desolation, so that thou wilt have cause to rejoice, if thou act with strict justice, honour, and integrity; and thou shalt be protected, and all the evil machinations of thine enemies overthrown, and praise and glory will be given to Him who ruleth all things by His almighty power. Thus the Lord hath

said; and thou shalt praise His Holy name for His goodness and mercy to the children of men. Here endeth my instruction on this all-important subject."

This Revelation startled me, especially when I observed that the name of the Celestial Angel was given; and the words used in it puzzled me, as I was intending to communicate with the authorities, and lay before them the system of fraud and deception carried out by the Medium, in obtaining large sums of money for the benefit of the afflicted poor, and yet they only obtained a very small portion of it, as the account I have published shows. Another power I was intending to communicate with was, an Aerial Power, and as I have shown before, I was intending to consecrate the crystals for the purpose of trying to communicate with my own Guardian; as my hopes did not aspire above this, as I thought it was impossible for me to communicate with the Angel Gabriel of the celestial spheres, and being in this state of mind, I made an attempt to see the Mayor several times, but appeared to be frustrated in every attempt I made, which I could not account for, and having made these attempts and failed, I could not but think that it alluded to some other power, so asked a question concerning it; the question was, shall I write to the Mayor of Nottingham, as it is not convenient to see him personally? The answer was: "this is immaterial, as the Power that will hurl him to desolation is a *Spiritual Power*, as no *earthly power* can break or disperse the Organization, but a *Spiritual Power* can accomplish this end, and will ultimately be appointed to do it. I then asked a question in reference to the drooping flag, rent into three parts, and the vessel drawn by spiritual power, June 11th, 1862.

Revelation.—"I Gabriel, the Angel of the Lord, declare unto thee, that the meaning of the vessel with the drooping flag is, that the Organization is falling to pieces, even as the flag is rent into three parts, which signifieth that three sections will arise out of it; one bent on its overthrow, the other establishing truth and justice, which *shall prevail*, and in the end become *triumphant*. The other portion will endeavour to struggle on, but will ultimately fall, as before portrayed unto thee; now therefore persevere with the instruction given unto thee, and thou shalt triumph over all thine enemies, independent of all obstacles placed in thy path; but let it be done with a desire for strict justice, and then our assertions will be realized."

At the same time I asked a question in reference to a vessel drawn by spiritual power, in 1858, as given in the former pages of this narrative. Question:—Had the former vessel, drawn by me through spiritual guidance, any reference to the Organization? Answer:—It was given as a warning to you, but enwrapped in mystery purposely to deceive him with whom thou was connected, and as a guide to you in the future; and the flag now shown as drooping, is the same as represented at the head of the vessel, and the vessel, or Organization is now rising against its *head* to overthrow it, and thus fulfil the assertions given; and the eagle was typical of the speed with which it shall be accomplished; and the banner which bore the eagle is the third power, just

pourtrayed, and was shown unto thee a short time since in a vision of the night, where the power came up out of the sea to slay the great beast which thou sawest; and the people that fled to you for protection were the people of the Organization, who are now looking up to thee for guidance and instruction. It will be necessary for the information of our readers to give a description of the vision alluded to, which made great impression on my mind; I related it to my wife, and also to the Medium of the great Organization, thinking he would offer to get me an explanation to it; but he did not, and I did not feel at liberty to ask him to do it, as he had expressed displeasure at asking for prescriptions for myself and family, just before when we were all afflicted more or less; I did not feel that I could press him to ask anything more on my behalf, though I should have been glad to obtain information respecting it, as I believed it alluded to some national event. The vision was as follows:—

Vision.—I saw the sea coast and two vessels, a larger and a smaller lay at anchor, and whilst gazing at them I observed a great horse rise up out of the sea and walk on to the land, and there it met a greater horse than itself; and while I stood wondering at the size of the two beasts, they changed into two men, who looked equally as great in proportion as the two beasts, and they began to fight; I then went into a house and stood in the distance watching the struggle, and a number of people who stood looking at them fled into this room, to me apparently in great alarm; and shortly after the great man came into the room to us, and drawing his hand across his bowels he said, he has cut me across the bowels, and I looked but could see no wound, and wondered what it all could mean. I awoke in the morning with the vision apparently before my eyes, plain as though it was just passing.

Thus it will be seen that the interpretation was given on the 11th of June, 1862. The dream was about April, 1862, and had worn off my mind; and when the interpretation was given, without in any way thinking of it or asking about it, it startled me, though I felt pleasure in thinking that not only our thoughts were known on high, but even our dreams and visions were known also; and hence, the only conclusion I can come to is, that these visions were spiritual, and not the result of a disordered body or mind, as I had formerly believed. On the same date, having seen the wish of the people to remain together and not be scattered about, as some of them declared that they could no longer attend at the house of the Medium, neither could they join any of the sects of religion now in existence, I sought instructions how to carry on the meetings, and the following was given as a guide from the same Holy Angel:—

Revelation.—"Ye shall be directed from on High how to proceed when the appointed time cometh; but until that period, lay aside portions of the present ordinance, and give lectures on the duties of the people, to assist in the overthrow of all tyranny and oppression that may arise in the Organization through the ambition of the man placed at its head; and commence your meetings with singing and prayer, and conclude with the same." I

then asked a question what prayers should be used; the answer was as follows;—Use the Lord's Prayer, as given, after singing the first Hymn, then give the Lecture, and conclude with the last Prayer and Hymn in the Ordinance.

To be continued in our next.

CORRESPONDENCE.

It will be remembered that our last issue pointed out that the Member of the Circle, now resident in Nottingham, was assisting the medium of the now little Universal Organization, to defraud the people by his presence, support, and secrecy. This has proved a sword to him also; and the fire of God's wrath is falling upon him, as he was warned in our last that such would be the consequence, of setting at nought God's counsels. On the 17th of May, 1863, a letter was received by the Editor, calling on him to particularize, and say what this Member of the Circle held as a secret, and in what manner he rendered the Medium assistance to break God's command, and in what way he encouraged him in fraud by his presence. What are the thoughts, words, or deeds by which he rendered him assistance, and support him to break God's commands, or defraud his fellow creatures? These things, with a few others that more immediately concern the Medium I was called on to answer, either personally, or by Revelation, but more particularly by Revelation, as this would be preferred. This request I complied with by asking if I should answer the letter, and received in answer the following, May 17th, 1863:—

I Gabriel, declare unto thee that thou shalt reply to this letter, and point out the means whereby he assisted by his *presence*, *support*, and *secrecy*.

For by his *presence* he enables the Medium to carry on the cause by his labours, and the labours of his family, and thereby leads the people to believe that he is a firm believer in what is now given, when he has continually doubts on his mind to the contrary. By his *support* he enables the Medium to indulge in vice and intemperance, and is thereby injuring his body and hastening his end, which is near at hand. And by his *secrecy*. Has he made known to the distant members of the Organization who have been kept in the dark, as to the fraud practiced by the Medium, where the "Sword" has been withheld from the members by the corresponding agents? Has he not, by his *secrecy*, caused men to send their hard earnings to feed the thirst of the drunkard, who often swallows it to his own discomfiture, and has to take other remedies, and apply other means to subdue the inflammation and other effects caused by mingling so much spirit with the blood? Has he not himself and family assisted in fraud, in reference to the different works named in the "Sword"? let him answer these questions *faithfully* before God, and then he will see and understand what is meant by the words *presence*, *support*, and *secrecy*. These assertions and interrogations were forwarded to him at once, informing him according to request, that it was given from on High. Very shortly after a letter was received from him. In the first part he acknowledges to giving his help by his *presence* and *support* out of charity to the Medium and his family, and in duty to the cause; thus his charity extends to one family, to the detriment of many, instead of to all mankind; and if in duty to the cause, he has to assist to defraud others; that cause has ceased to be of God. 2nd—I more firmly believe in the cause than ever I did; and out of charity to him I shall ever remain a friend, unless he rejects friendship from me; and if ever I was without doubt, I am at this time. Thus he evasively answers this question, and implies that he has not been free from doubts, by saying (If I ever was free from doubts.)

The next clause states that he cannot see how the Medium is injuring his body, as he is as well now as he has been for months, and further states that the Medium has had confirmation that he shall, in about 12 months from now, be so far restored as to be able to soon often go on a mission in many directions with a friend, or friend; and soon after that be fully restored to the use of all his faculties, and in the several localities give confirmation of what has been set forth in his works, and by the members that have gone before in the cause. As a test of truth, we shall insert a Revelation given to us on the above subject, and time will prove which is divine, and which is not.

The next clause states—And how I could make known by my secrecy anything to the distant members, is beyond my imagination to comprehend. This clause shows that he has learnt a lesson from his Councillor and High Priest of duplicity; and he displays that he has not yet reached perfection in that art, as the Revelation does not state that he has made known anything by his *secrecy*, but plainly shows that he has not made known things he ought to have done, and that by his secrecy he is assisting the Medium in committing fraud. Let him read the revelation again, and he will see that no such construction can be put upon it only by the wilfully blind and ignorant; the remainder of the clauses are foreign to the subject. The next clause shows that there is not any person so blind as those who will not see; he says I never have been able to catch Mr. Brown in a fraudulent act. It is evident that he is not only wilfully blind, but is determined to hide the Medium's faults, and encourage him in every species of fraud. Is he not aware that the Medium has swallowed the money for which the dispensary fixtures were sold? Is he not aware that the Sutton member assisted in it by seeking a broker to sell them? To whom do these things belong? Are they the Medium's, or the people's? Is he not aware that his own daughter took the Book of Life to sell for waste paper, to feed the drunkard's thirst? Is he not aware that he has purchased a number of sets of Warning Messages at waste paper price? Is he not aware that these books are the property of a gentleman in London? and is he not equally as culpable as the Medium? and yet he says he has never been able to catch Brown in a fraudulent act; he need not go far to catch both Brown and himself in one.

We here give the Revelation alluded to under the head of Correspondence, to show the world where truth emanates from, and as a test for the future believers in Divine Revelation.

May 3rd, 1863—This question was asked: Is the Revelation

concerning the Medium of the Great Universal Organization's restoration to health divine or not, as sent forth to the people of this land.

Revelation.—I Gabriel, declare unto thee that thou hast heard all the information given through me, the Angel of the Lord, and thou knowest what is gone forth to the world in the "Sword of Truth;" and thou also knowest the information given in another quarter concerning him; then ask thyself if it be true or false? Have not all things come to pass as far as time has allowed as given by me, the Angel of the Lord? and is not all he sets forth falling to the ground? and doth thou think that man can thwart the decrees of Him who ruleth all things by His almighty power? Therefore take no heed to what he issues, as he is now struggling for existence, and is already sunk to degradation and woe. And thinkest thou that all his efforts can thwart the decrees of Heaven? therefore, watch the progress of events, as the time of his departure is near at hand, far nearer than he himself is aware of, though he is partially prepared for the end which awaits him; therefore cast his assertions to the winds as the assertions of a feeble and dying man; yea, dying daily and hourly, but must exist until the appointed time; and now thou may see and know that the time is not far distant, when the veil shall be torn from his eyes, and he shall see his fellow man face to face, with all his faculties restored, even as he has set it forth to the world. Then will the people see to what their bigotry and man-worship has led them; then will they fully understand the prophecies; then will they see and hear of marvellous events, such as will startle them out of their apparent stupor, and they will begin to see the divine light descending upon his chosen flock. Such, I Gabriel, the Angel and Messenger of the Most High am commanded to declare.

To the Members

NOW

forming the nucleus

OF THE



Universal Church,

ESTABLISHED BY

DIRECTIONS

FROM ON HIGH.

Beloved Brethren—We have evidently reached that period when the truths of heaven, given to man through Gods holy angels, is fast coming to pass, for event after event is now speedily manifesting itself until they who were a short time ago under the cloud of darkness and gloom, and also under the tyrants oppressive yoke they are now shaking off the chains which have bound them down as it were to the earth, crippled their energies, destroyed their hopes, until it became to grievous to be borne. We little thought when revelation declared from on high when in Walker Street, Sneinton, that the organization would become oppressive; we little thought at that time that it would ever reach the climax it did; better for us that we did not know until the time arrived, appointed by God, for us to know when the trees were in bud and blossom; the people were to begin to investage, this was realized previous to the 4th of May 1862, for at that time we began to investigate in a manner not very pleasing to the Medium of the Organization, and every step we took towards investigation proved the necessity of it, as time rolled on we became fully aware that something was going wrong; there had often been dissatisfaction shown by those in Nottingham, and hence we were always rebuked by the Medium for unfaithfulness; and when your present leader wished the circle to discuss the subject at one of their meetings to know how it was that the gifts of the spirit did not manifest themselves amongst us, the medium took advantage of the manner in which the question was mooted. If the cause is of God why does

not it prosper? It was because that which was laid down as a guide to the circle was set aside; for they with their medium were warned that no ambition, aggrandisement, or control over each other was to exist amongst them, and can the Medium say that there was no ambition in setting himself up in the place of Christ as *High Priest* and *Councillor*, as well as Medium and Prophet; these titles were acknowledged in Divine Revelation, but the two first named were not, for this was the work appointed for the Antichrist to do, and he fulfilled it, by giving himself these names and titles which only belong to Christ; thus setting himself up to be worshiped we ceased at once to believe him any further, so ceased to worship him, and this was fulfilling portion of ancient prophecy and also modern; and now he sees and feels that he erred in this trying to cause us to worship him instead of God, or to look upon him as our High priest and Councillor; and we have now the True Messiah reigning over us, not only as High Priest and Councillor, but as King, as such we acknowledge Christ, and him alone; and we now see that we have been guided to this end, and marvellous events are transpiring amongst us, and the gifts of the spirit are fast coming upon us.

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