

THE SWORD

OF

TRUTH,

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

To the scattered tribes of the Great Organization, scattered by the wrath of God through the disobedience and fraud of the Medium placed at their head, and to our brethren across the Atlantic.—We, the members of the New Jerusalem, are instructed by heaven to call on you for help, and we send this call across the mighty deep to our brethren, who are suffering the scourge of heaven to fit and purify them for the great and mighty work that lies before them, and the people of this nation, who are decreed by heaven to be united in the bonds of love and friendship, and under the directions of heaven, to establish universal love and liberty in all the nations of the earth. We now call across the Atlantic for help, to send one of our Messengers, and one of our Ministers to instruct you in the doctrines, principles, and precepts, as taught to us by God's holy and celestial Angels, and thus with your help and God's, we trust we shall be enabled to establish the truths revealed unto us from the throne of God by, and through, the instrumentality of his holy angels; and when these truths are established amongst yourselves, and union has taken place, then a greater task awaits us, that is the establishing of the same truths in the minds of men in other distant nations, for by us must be made known to the fallen churches of Asia, the truths they once possessed, but now are lost and sunk into oblivion. Hence the necessity of making known unto them the truths once delivered to the Apostles of old, but now through the mutilations of the hand of time and the craft of designing men, to suit their minds, have altered the truths sent forth from heaven; thus has been erased the truths originally given, and been replaced by erroneous doctrines. The next task that lies before us is to teach the woolly-headed African, whom God hath made of the same flesh and blood as ourselves, though covered with a darker skin; this long oppressed race must also be taught to worship God, and to sing the

same praises as ourselves; then let it be our aim and objects to establish universal love and liberty in all the nations of the earth, so that all men may ultimately form the universal church of Christ, acknowledging but one king, who is Christ the Redeemer, who now reigns over his church and kingdom, now establishing in the midst of the earth, thus we acknowledge him as our king and high priest, as our king he reigns over us by directing our celestial guardian angels to watch over us and guide us in our worldly affairs, and as our high priest he ever liveth to make intercession for us, and not like the Jewish high priests, offering sacrifices of animals or beasts; but a nobler sacrifice, he offered, even himself as a ransom from the curse pronounced upon us, the curse of eternal death without an hereafter existence. So that by passing through the spheres of immortality and suffering, according to the deeds done in the body, we all, without exception, reach eternal rest and glory. Such we believe will be the ultimate end of all mankind, whether black or white, bond men or free men. It is to establish this great truth in the minds of men, with others too numerous to name in this appeal, which we send forth to you, who are our brethren, in every sense of the word, with confidence, that our cry to you for help will be heard and responded too. The universal church teach men to make their houses their churches as the Apostles of old, and they also teach that there is no eternal torture beyond the grave; that there is no individual devil with the power ascribed to him; but there are many evil spirits, but they are permitted by God to exist and to communicate with men for wise purposes. It also teaches that the only resurrection is the resurrection of the spirit from the body, and by progression in the world of immortality. It also teaches that the reign of Christ in the Millennium so called, will be not for a thousand years only, but will be an everlasting kingdom, world without end. These truths revealed from heaven, we your brethren in England, call on you to assist us in making known first to your adopted country, and afterwards to all the earth. All

communication on this subject to be addressed to T. C. STRETTON, Great Alfred Street Central, Nottingham, England, and will be published in this periodical as it progresses.

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.)

After this instruction was given I carried it out, and we are continuing to this time to hold our meetings, and have witnessed the realization of God's promises made to us, by seeing the cause established on the foundation of that which had beforetime been revealed by the Angel of the Lord, wherein it points out that the Universal church should be established on the foundation laid by the Nottingham Spiritual Circle, and that we in answer to our prayers, so often offered, have been sent forth to establish the "New Jerusalem," though in a marvellous and mysterious manner thus—

"God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform."

Thus it has caused me to realize a Revelation which was given to me at the onset of my labours in the cause. Before giving the Revelation I will give the circumstances, and sufferings, enquired upon, though it may appear to some persons unnecessary, but to me it appears to be one of the most important things in my history, and has often caused me much anxiety previous to becoming connected with the Nottingham Spiritual Circle, and I now can plainly see that it was a link in the chain of God's providence which has brought me to my present position. Several years before knowing anything of Spiritualism, it had often been a portion of my prayer, that God would permit me to see the establishment of Christ's kingdom upon the earth, and that I might live to see the dawn of that happy time, when Christ should have the heathen for His inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession, and this was frequently the burden of my prayer and the desire of my heart, and especially when I began to endeavour to proclaim what I believed to be the Gospel of Christ, and after doing this for some time, I, when seated one night, after my daily labour was done began to search for a suitable text for the following Sunday afternoon. I experienced great difficulty in finding a text, and every one that I looked at appeared to be rejected by my mind for some time, and the more I tried to find a suitable text the further I appeared to be off. How to account for it I could not tell, as I had never experienced that difficulty before, at last, in despair, I put a text down on the paper and endeavoured to write some leading thoughts upon it, as I had been accustomed to do, but it appeared as though every thought was taken from me, and the more I tried to think the more my mind became agitated, until my brain appeared to burn with excitement. I laid down my pen and walked up and down the private road, near

to the place I then lived at, uncovering my head as I thought to cool it, and prayed to God to show me why it was that I was hindered from accomplishing this task, for I felt, and believed, that some power from the invisible world, had, as it were, taken every thought from my mind; and this question arose in my mind frequently whilst walking in the cool night air: "if this is the work of God that I am engaged in, why am I hindered?" I again went and took the seat, but with the same result. I gave up for that night, and that text and that sermon never was carried out, for every time I attempted to think on that subject the result was severe pain in the head and a burning sensation in the brain. I went the next Sunday afternoon and preached a sermon which I had used before, though not at the same place, and I never shall forget my feelings during the sermon. How the congregation felt I cannot tell, but to me it was the most miserable afternoon I ever recollect to have passed, and I believe, to a certain extent, that uncomfortable feel must have been felt by the congregation, or at least I thought so. For some time after this I suffered severely, especially after that day. I could do my business without that feel, but whenever I attempted to think or study religious matters that same fearful feel and excitement appeared to come upon me. I was under one of the most eminent physicians then living in Nottingham, as well as under the surgeon who is described as a drunkard in the "Warning Message," and whose experience in immortality was read by me, and first caused me to search into Spiritualism. I continued on the Preachers' Plan sometime after this, but never preached a sermon afterwards, though often pressed to do so. Shortly after this, business caused me to remove to Nottingham, and shortly becoming connected with the Medium before named. I wished him to ask why I had suffered so severely with my head, as I was more than ever satisfied that there was some cause for it, which I was not acquainted with, especially when I found that I could sit and write for many hours during the day, for the works of the Great Organization, and could write articles for the paper without feeling that distressing sensation, yet I had felt it more or less up to the time of leaving Stoney Street Baptist Church. The answer I received to my interrogations was as follows: *Revelation*—Behold, as an answer to this question, I am commanded to declare that the cause concerning which you now enquire is now developing itself, and at a period which is not far distant, when all men shall look with horror upon the passing calamities, and when the great and mighty author and governor of all things shall gather together his chosen from the wicked and vile, and when under the shelter of His Almighty arm his people shall be enabled to look with calmness, fortitude, and resignation, upon the devastating calamities, which hover around them in front, and on the right hand and on the left. Then shalt thou cry aloud unto him by whom thou hast been gifted with this knowledge "Just and righteous is thy wisdom, O Lord God, though marvellous and mysterious are its workings, I have seen thy goodness and experienced thy blessings, and praised be thy holy name." Thy question is answered. I have

thus far stepped aside to show how it was that I ceased to preach amongst the baptists, and have truthfully described what passed during the few years previous to my leaving Stoney Street church, and this will account to a certain extent for the rumour set on foot in Nottingham, when I left the Stoney Street church, that I was to a certain extent a lunatic. In fact sorrow was expressed to my friends by members of the Stoney Street church concerning my derangement, this put me about for I could have borne their scorn and contempt far better than their expressed sympathy for me. But I trusted that these opinions formed of me would soon disappear and what ever might be my derangement in my religious opinions I was enabled to carry out the contracts and large buildings in the heart of the town in the very height of my derangement, and often noticed a sorrowful look cast upon me, and partially heard remarks made upon me by my former friends as I passed by them which has often caused me to smile, as I could see plainly what they meant and partially hear what they said. At length, through going about amongst the people connected with the lace trade, I could hear from several quarters that they began to think it was all false about me being deranged, "for he goes about," said they, "and conducts his business as usual and we cannot see any difference in him." So the only conclusion they could come to was that it was a false rumour. Thus it will be seen, because I dared to differ with my former friends in reference to doctrines taught and believed, I was by one party of people set down as a madman, by many others as an infidel, and by a vast number as a Mormon; though those who knew me best and associated with me the most, did not believe anything of the kind; and though for a time my belief did not appear to injure me in my business, yet the time came when I was put to the test. I was strongly urged by a gentleman with whom I did a great amount of business, to renounce and denounce my belief in the things set forth in what I believed to be divine revelation; and though it was much injury for me to oppose him, yet I firmly declared that I did believe it, and would fearlessly advocate it whatever might be the consequence; and through being determined to continue a believer in the things set forth, I found that I had made myself a great enemy of one who had hitherto been a great friend, and seeing this, I was compelled to enter into another branch of business, which, by doing so, I believed would enable me to bear up against what appeared to me to be the certain result, that was, the loss of the greatest part of my income; and though I was blamed by many of my friends for embarking in that business, yet I am now satisfied that much which had been foretold to me could not have been realised without that step had been taken. Thus we often find in our career certain things come upon us which we cannot evade, and the very step or steps which we may take to thwart those things actually brings them upon us, and though we cannot for a time see the necessity and justice of the things we may have to pass through to fit us for future duties, yet in the end we may generally see that an overruling provi-

dence has been at work to lead and guide us through the intricate passages of life. Thus through being determined to advocate what I believed to be the truth, and what I believed to be the will of God, I had to sacrifice the friendship of many of the friends I highly esteemed amongst the religious community. I had also to sacrifice the greatest portion of my living, and many of my friends in business matters; even in my banking business it was declared I was not fit to carry on business through what I believed and taught. My family became alarmed through seeing the combination raised up against me in business through my belief, and they, being as much opposed to it as others, appeared to lose all confidence in our success, for I had then become connected with my brothers. The result was that every friend appeared to have turned their backs upon me both in the family and in business matters. Our bills were refused to be received at the bank for the reason before stated. I went and contradicted much falsehood which had been set forth by my enemies, such as declaring that the world would come to an end in six months, and preaching this under a black flag in Nottingham Market place, which were amongst the chief things laid to my charge. This of course I could conscientiously deny. The fact was, I had given a lecture on the Great Organization under one of its banners, so that the charge laid to me was false; but seeing plainly that it was useless to attempt to hold out against the opposition with which I had to contend, and especially when a note was shewn to me of another reduction in the price of the work we were doing of ten per cent, by the combination against us. It had before time been reduced ten per cent for the purpose of crushing us, and the time was even calculated how long we should be able to hold out against it. The consequence was, I called together the creditors, shewed them the position in which we stood, offered them ten shillings in the pound, and became manager of the practical part of the business for the gentleman, who proved himself to be such, by never interfering with my religious principles or belief. We, that is, myself, brothers, and father, sacrificed upwards of a thousand pounds, that was the value of the land and monies lent to carry on the business with, on purpose to make the dividend as large as possible. Thus my father sacrificed part of his income, and we a part of our future prospects, so that under the circumstances I feel no hesitation in laying the truth before the world as we have no-doubt been much slandered, and I especially, through being connected with the Great Organization; and thus a full explanation is now given to the affair published in the Universal Magazine, where I am called a slave and lacquey, cringing under my Saviour and employer. But by the time this is published I have every reason to believe I shall be reinstalled in my former position in a great measure, for he that can cast down can also raise up. Thus I have passed through troubles and afflictions portrayed to me at the onset of the cause, and believe I have reached the time portrayed when brighter prospects are and will be before me.

(To be continued in our next.)

To the Members

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forming the nucleus

OF THE



NEW JERUSALEM
WITH CHARITY
AND LOVE TO THE
UNIVERSE

Universal Church,

ESTABLISHED BY

DIRECTIONS

FROM ON HIGH.

The New Jerusalem come down from God out of Heaven

Beloved brethren, we have arrived at the time pointed out in divine revelation when we were to call on our brethren across the Atlantic, thus pointing out that the time is near at hand when peace will reign amongst us to allow time to prepare for the onward march to the conquest of the earth. We have nearly completed the task allotted to us at the onset of this work, that was to begin at Jerusalem first by exposing all that was oppressive in the Great Organization, and step by step this has been accomplished: and now the time is near, yea, very near, when peace will be established amongst us, and the scattered tribes of the Organization gathered into the fold of Christ and enrolled under the head of the twelve tribes of Israel, gathered out of all nations, peoples, and tongues, as portrayed in the vision shown unto the Apostle John on the Isle of Patmos, so that a great number such that no man could number, as seen in the vision portrayed, the great numbers that must be gathered from the four quarters of the globe, The New Jerusalem he also saw is now coming down from God out of heaven, and also the words given through the once prophet of the Lord are also being realized.

"A new Jerusalem too he'll build,"
That great Jehovah gracious Lord.

and it is by and through the instrumentality of his holy angels that this great event is being accomplished, for through them it has come down to us already, yet to many it is coming, and will continue to come, until the vast number seen in the vision is realized. It is for this we are called on to labour, it is to prepare us for this great work of gathering the elect or chosen people from the four winds of Heaven, that four Angels or Messengers are appointed, and 12 ministers to gather the scattered people of God from amongst the wicked and the vile, then let us be united in the great work that lieth before us as will be seen by the revelations and instructions given to our ministers and messengers, and the chief ruler of the Church. Here followeth the different instruction given as a guide unto us, the names of the different angels are the persons' guardians except where given by the Angel Gabriel.

Revelation given through one of the Messengers of the church, May 12th, 1863.—"Behold: I Zariel am commanded to declare unto thee for thy guide and instruction that thou shalt be prepared to receive instruction in the way thou desirest, and thou shalt be enabled to administer comfort to thy fellowman,

and shall be a blessing to all who listen to the truths revealed from heaven unto thee, and which thou wilt spread abroad to the inhabitants of that part of the earth thou art destined to labour in, and which thou wilt be greatly rejoiced in spreading, and which will be great and marvellous and will astound all who hear it, and will spread with the rapidity of lightning, to the heart of those who attentively listen to them and will make those who scoff and jeer at the words thou wilt be commanded to spread to the people, tremble and fear least their attempted ridicule bring down the wrath of Heaven upon them, therefore fear them not but trust in the living God, and thou shalt be guided aright, and brought back again to thy wife and child, and shall mingle thy praises with thy family, to that God who hath ordained thee for this end, and that God whom thou servest can make use of the humblest instruments to accomplish his will and work; therefore it does not matter whether thou art learned or not, God can make thee able to do all he willeth thee to do, and can guide and protect thee on thy journey over the great and mighty ocean, and keep thee from all harm, therefore thou hast nothing to fear but trust in him and all will be well with thee both here and abroad, and thou wilt yet be gifted with those great and marvellous gifts portrayed unto thee by the once prophet of the Lord. But who as we before told thee has fallen to degradation and woe, but who nevertheless has sent forth the decrees of heaven, as he was ordained by his maker to do but whose end is very near, yea nearer than thou hast anticipated. Then when that event occurs thou mayest expect to very speedily leave this land of thy birth, and sojourn as before portrayed unto thee, as great and marvellous events will then very speedily transpire, and all nations will be prepared for the coming change, and will receive the news from thee, as sent through thee from Heaven to them, and will therefore the more readily embrace the truths thou art endeavouring to spread, and which will ultimately reach the uttermost parts of the earth, until every creature bows the knee of submission to the will of that God, who wills that all obey his word, and that all his creatures be happy in his love and there will be no more threats of eternal damnation, but all will know of the happy change when leaving this mortal life to join the world of spirits where all is harmony and love, after purification in the spirit, and where all will praise the Lamb that was slain for the sins of the whole world, and where they will for

ever praise him who sent the Redeemer to die for them, such are my commands from on high.

Revelation, May 14, 1863.—"I Zariel, am again commanded to declare unto thee for thy guide and instruction, that thou art decreed by heaven to spread abroad the Divine truths which will be revealed unto thee by me the angel of the Lord of heaven and earth, who will watch over and will protect thee, and will guide thee aright, therefore, persevere, and all will be well with thee, and thou shalt realize that promise made unto thee, which declares that thou shalt be gifted with marvellous gifts, such gifts will consist of healing the sick, by putting thy hand upon their head, and of obtaining information in the way thou now doest, and of seeing in the crystal with others as great and good; therefore, persevere. And I, Zariel, shall be with thee to guide and protect thee, and thou shalt experience a full realization of all that has been foretold unto thee, and shall bless the Lord for all his mercies unto thee, therefore, thou need not fear, for thou wilt never be forsaken by thy heavenly Father, who loves all who put their trust in him, but will guide and guard, and protect them, and will bless them in this world and that beyond the grave; so be of good cheer as thou hast all these promises made unto thee by that God, who holdeth the destinies of all nations in his Almighty hands, and can bring about his purposes though apparently impossible to mortal man, and though thou may think thou art a poor feeble instrument, yet thy God can use thee in a way which will surpass all thy imaginations, and which will cause both thou and others who know thee to stand and look with awe on Him, who hath ordained thee for this end, and though it may appear almost impossible to thee, yet rest assured it will all be accomplished in God's own time, according to his most holy and righteous will. This I am commanded to make known unto thee for thy guide and instruction, therefore be ready, for the time is near at hand, yea, very near; and will find thee unprepared if thou art not very diligent in thy endeavours to obtain the knowledge thou requirest for thy work, which is great and marvellous, and which will be a work which thou wilt rejoice in, therefore persevere, and all will be well with thee."

Revelation, May 24th, 1863.—"Behold! I, Zariel, the angel of the Lord God Almighty, am commanded to declare unto thee, for thy instruction, that thou with others shall be in readiness for the work so often pointed out by me, the angel of the Lord, unto thee, the servant of the living God, as you will have very speedily to commence your journey to the different nations of the earth, as marvelous events are near at hand, and will very soon be brought about by that God who holds the power of all things in his Almighty hands, and can bring about his will and works, though to human minds impossible to conceive, such things are now being brought to pass that astounds many who hear them; but greater things than these will have to be sounded abroad to the scattered tribes of the Great Organization, but now diminished, until there is not one faithful member left. But all are shaken in their faith by what they hear of the different gifts bestowed upon the mem-

bers of the New Jerusalem, whose messengers and ministers will be sent to every nation of the earth, to proclaim the glad tidings of great joy; yea, very joyful to those nations who are bound by the fetters of superstition and ignorance; and worship gods of metal, wood, and stone. These people thou, with others, will have to enlighten and instruct in the path of true and sincere service of God, who created them, and loves all his creatures, and his will is for all to be happy, and then there will be no more tyranny or oppression, but all look upon each other as brethren of the great human family of God. Such are my commands from on High unto thee, therefore let this be read at the meeting to-night, so that all may see the work they have to perform, and may prepare themselves for this great, good, and glorious work; and all who labour shall be under the protection of that God who will watch over them in every place they may have to travel to, he will send his holy angels with them, to guard and preserve them from all evil. Therefore be of good cheer, and all will be well with you all. Such are my commands from on high."

The above instructions was given, with much more, on similar subjects, to Mr. John Kershaw, who is appointed as one of the Messengers of the 'New Jerusalem Church.'"

The following instructions was given to Mr. Mitchell, who is one of the ministers of the church, May 4th, 1863.—"Behold! thou art chosen by God to make known His decrees to thy fellow man, and to spread to the utmost of thy capabilities, his Divine and holy will to the distant inhabitants of the Universe, so that they may all become partakers of His Divine will towards them, and be blest with His Divine influence and protection, for they are all equally His creatures, and members of his great universal family; and must be blest with, and made aware of, the doctrines of the "New Jerusalem," and the glorious reign of Christ their Redeemer and King; as the earth is being purified from all evils, and made fit for Christ to reign in his spiritual kingdom, and shortly these evils will be erased from the earth, and all people will then be happy and bless the name of the Lord, for thus permitting them to live to see the great reign of peace on earth, and good will towards men; and when all shall know the Lord, from the highest to the lowest of his creatures, and thou shalt also be blest with great and heavenly gifts. By the laying on of thy hands thou shalt be enabled to cure mental depression, and to sooth and calm the troubled in mind or body, and shall receive instructions at the time. Words shall be given unto thee in prayer for this purpose, and thou shalt first lay thy hands upon the head of the leader of the armies of Zion, and he shall put his hands on thy head, and words will be given unto him, whereby he will ordain thee for this high and holy office. And as time progresses, and the great events already foretold, shall have come to pass, ye shall many of you, be blest with these Divine & heavenly gifts, and be blest with instructions at all times on your spiritual and worldly affairs, and become a great church and people, in whom there will be no guile as all must become fit to reign with Christ their Saviour and King,

in His spiritual church on earth; and when thy mission here is ended thou shalt speedily pass through the spheres of immortality into eternal rest and glory, into happiness indescribable, and shout on the hills of Zion along with all those that have suffered for the deeds done in the flesh. Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive glory, honour, power, and dominion now and for ever, for having redeemed us with His own precious blood. These are my instructions for the present unto thee."

Zagastriel from Gabriel.

Revelations May 14th, 1863.—"Behold! thou must pray fervently to God and he will bless and protect thee, and must go on as at present with regard to thy work, as circumstances will occur which will prove it for the best, and thou wilt shortly be relieved from the difficulties that cloud thy mind, and be led by a path which thou knowest not, as a child is led by its loving father and watched over by its tender mother; and as I have before told thee the Lord shall bring thee out unscathed and triumphant before all thy spiritual and worldly enemies, that would haste thee to destruction; and in a short time hence thou wilt have to devote all thy time in spreading the glorious truths of the "New Jerusalem" and true Church of Christ upon earth; and thou wilt have to visit foreign lands, and spread these glorious tidings of the "New Jerusalem," and the armies of the everliving and true God. For the fallen churches of Asia will by you, by God's blessing, have to be raised again to the true church of Christ. For these churches as they now exist are but hypocritical abominations before the Lord of Hosts, and with all others must fall into oblivion; and peace, love, and righteousness and true christianity reign in their stead, and then all nations shall be called unto the *Great Jubilee*; and the time is short, yea, very short, when thou with others chosen, and others that will shortly be united unto you, will have to go on your great and glorious missions, and the Lord will bless and protect you and your wives and families, and those you have the greatest care for; and you shall in a short time cause to be published a pamphlet showing the state of man after death, and how he progresses from sphere to sphere until he reaches eternal rest and happiness; as it will be more convenient to the masses of the people than in its present form, as the people of all nations will have to read them, and all tongues, and be led to bless the name of the Lord for thus defusing his truths amongst them, as all will then see the great end for which they have lived, and were created for. These are my instructions for the present unto thee, & such I am commanded to declare in God's eternal name.

Zagastriel from Gabriel.

I, T. C. Stretton, was requested, as chief ruler of the church to ask a question whether the instruction given to the minister of the church was to be relied upon as a genuine celestial spiritual communication. May 4th, 1863.—"I Gabriel declare unto thee that the instruction given to the minister of the church is given from on high, as will shortly be seen by the people of the earth, by the works done in the name of the Redeemer, for the truths taught by the "New Jerusalem" shall win their way to the most distant parts

of the earth, and when the tyrants yoke has fallen, which is nigh at hand, as thou hast heard and seen by the instruction given, then will the armies of England become united with those of America, and one of the messengers at least shall visit this people, and they with the fatigued armies of England who have struggled through the strife, shall mingle with those already purified for the struggle, and the two armies shall become united, *the armies of the Lord of Hosts*. They shall assist in spreading the truths of the "New Jerusalem," church to the most distant parts of the earth therefore let it be made public that your messengers and ministers will have to visit the four quarters of the globe, there to make known the truths taught, and they who are sent forth shall be gifted with power, over unclean spirits or spirits of low orders, who delight in prostrating the intellects of men to their guidance and submission, and thereby they shall show to the world that they are the true ministers and messengers of God, sent forth to make his decrees known to the inhabitants of the earth, and ere 1866 has passed, these truths will reach the utmost parts of the earth, and the reign of peace and happiness established. Thus I Gabriel the angel and messenger of the most high, am commanded to declare for the guide and instruction of the Universal church now establishing in this land, and about to be established in the distant nations of the earth.

This instruction was followed out by ordaining according to directions, two messengers and two ministers, for the work allotted for them to do and an address given as follows:—

An address delivered on the 10th, day of May 1863, at the ordination services, of the church called the "New Jerusalem," or the "Universal Church" of Christ.—Beloved bretheren, this is one of the most solemn meetings we have met at, and it is one of the greatest events that has ever occurred to us, we whom God hath seen fit to choose as his instruments, to establish Christ's church and kingdom on the earth, even as in the days when the Redeemer sojourned in the flesh on the earth, which flesh has become immortal, even as the spirit and that spirit remained in that body, thus it was that man killed the body of the redeemer, but the spirit still lived within it, and revived that body, and through the Almighty power of God it was raised a glorious and immortal body, fitted to dwell in heaven, a body not like ours, but a body that does not require food for its sustenance. Thus he reigns in the heavens in that body and that spirit which are united, and he also reigns over his church and kingdom on earth in the same body, and the same spirit, and his majesty and glory is crowning the earth with loving kindness, by directing the celestial angels to communicate with his chosen flock, directing us in all our affairs in the "New Jerusalem," and also in our worldly affairs, thus his personal reign has begun and we see in the various communications given by celestial angels, that he is of a truth reigning over us thus.

Christ is come on earth again,
O'er his chosen flock to reign.

by this means is your leader appointed by Christ, and

by the same means are your ministers, and messengers appointed, to rule and govern his church on earth it is through this gift bestowed on one of our ministers that we have discovered that he is a chosen vessel to convey God's will and words to the human race, hence he was told to prepare himself for the duties that await him and the instruction given him from time to time has led him step by step to this end, and though he is young in years we trust he will be enabled to set before the world an example worthy of imitation, and be blest with the bountifull gifts of heaven, and be enabled to assist in gathering together the people in multitudes, and in many places, and when the more aged of us have passed away to the world of immortality, may he become a pillar in the church of Christ, and be enabled to assist in holding up that church, which must become universal. It is also through this gift one of our brethren whom I may safely say bears the respect of all, and though for a time he appeared to keep aloof from us yet he now finds like many others that a great work lies before him, and by the same power he is appointed as one of our ministers, and it is through him that we are called on to-night to ordain himself as a minister of the "New Jerusalem" church, and when seeking instruction on this subject I was informed that the ministers and messengers was to receive the same ordination, and to be sent forth to the world as lights shining in darkness, and as binacles on the cliffs of despair to guide the weary and wayworn travellers to that rest which is in store for the chosen people of God. It will be your duties henceforth to the end of your days, to go from house to house, or from land to land, to make known the truths revealed for our guide, it will be your special duties to attend on the sick and afflicted, to soothe the troubled mind, to remove from mens minds the fear of death, hell, and the devil, to teach men the way to everlasting rest and happiness in the world to come. It will be your duties to visit those who may stray from the truth, and to endeavour to bring them back to the fold of Christ, it will also be your duties to make known as far as possible the doctrines taught by Gods holy angels, fearlessly and faithfully, not as men fearing the frowns of the rich and great, but discharging your duties as in the sight of God, when thou goest forth on thy duties lift up thy heart to God in prayer silently or otherwise for the protection of his holy angels, and by asking in the name of your Redeemer, king, and high priest, thou wilt be protected and words given unto thee that shall enable thee to surmount every difficulty which may be placed in thy path, and thine own gratitude will manifest itself in thanks to that God who hath been pleased to give thee his holy spirit to guide thee and protect thee. To the messengers of the church it is your duties to carry the glad tidings of salvation to the most distant parts of the earth, as well as to establish the cause where ever it is not known, your duties are great and mighty, as you will be considered to represent the four quarters of the globe, and your names must be known to those persons who may hereafter become united to this church even in lands which thou art totally unacquainted with and the time is not far distant when

you will have to go on your mission and leave family and friends to sojourn for a time in distant nations, there to make known the decrees of heaven, thus will your prayers be answered, "send us forth to make thy decrees known to all the inhabitants of the earth." The ministers duties are your duties, and your duties are the ministers duties, when ever opportunity offers itself all must labour for the glory of God, and the establishing of his kingdom on the earth, and though your duties are manifold yet he that is with you is able to protect you and keep you from falling so long as you put your trust in him, and in the guidance of the angels appointed to watch over you, such then are the duties of the ministers and messengers of the church, and such are the duties of all who may hereafter be appointed to that high and holy office.

Shortly after this instruction was followed out, we received through another of our Ministers, instruction to assemble together for the purpose of discussing how the Ministers and Messengers were to be sent out, and on the 24th of May, before we assembled together, I asked what we was to understand by the instruction given to one of our Ministers? And I received the following *Revelation* as an answer to the question:—"I Gabriel, declare unto thee that ye shall discuss this subject and its practicability, and how the members shall be supported and their families provided for during their sojourn in distant lands of the earth, and the times they shall sojourn in each place to make known the truths given from on High. And the first visit shall be to America by one or more of the chosen instruments of heaven, and they shall there endeavour to establish unity with their long lost brethren. And the next "Sword" to be written must contain an article calling on the Americans to assist in sending forth the servants of the most High to the distant nations of the earth, and asking for funds from them, and from any other person or persons, to assist in sending a Minister and Messenger if possible, to explain fully to them the doctrines, principles, precepts, and ultimate objects of the "New Jerusalem" Church, and to enlighten their minds on the future state of the earth, under the reign of Christ, the Redeemer of mankind, and now King and High Priest of his chosen flock. And when this place has been visited, and the cause founded in that land, then shall the different lands of the earth be visited, and its truths established in the other two quarters of the globe, Asia and Africa. And thus thou may now see the great and mighty work that lieth before thee, therefore call on all those who are standing aloof to assist in this mighty object by their influence, and by their exertions, as this cause must now speedily become great and united in its energies and exertions, as God will remove every obstacle from the path that obstructs its progress in any shape or form, for it is decreed by heaven that such should be the case. And now, therefore, be prepared, and as soon as the next "Sword" is gone to press, prepare the next issue, and let it be double its present size, to be charged 1d. each; and let it contain the various instruction given on this subject to the different Messengers and Ministers of the church, and

also any that may have been given through thee for this purpose, as will be pointed out to thee when thou art prepared for the task; and let this number be sent by any or every means in thy power to that distant land which is now suffering the wrath of God, to fit and purify it for the glorious mission it is destined to fulfil with their brethren in England; and when this union has taken place then shall the two armies march to the conquest of the earth, under the *Star-Spangled Banner*, with the *Red Cross of England* and the *Banner of Universal Liberty and Love*. These shall be the motto for the "*Fount of Truth*," shewing the union as it takes place; and when this point has been reached, then shall four figures surmount another portion of the periodical. That is an European, African, American, and Asiatic joining hands. The African and American joining hands, and with the European and Asiatic clasping the European by the hand, and the earth being in the centre; so that they shall hold their hands across the earth, showing their unity and love; and behind them shall be seen the broken chains of the African trampled under his feet, and over them the different banners of the nations of the earth, drooping so as to display universal peace, with broken cannon and weapons of warfare. And in another portion shall be shewn mechanics' beating "swords into ploughshares, and other things necessary for the cultivation of the earth." This will now pourtray unto thee, the great end for which thou art living and labouring, and for which thou hast suffered so much in mind and body, by being determined to hold fast that which was given unto thee at the onset of thy labours. Let this be published in the enlarged "*Sword*," with the instruction before named. Thus, I, Gabriel, the Angel and Messenger of peace to the chosen instruments of heaven, am commanded to declare in God's eternal name.

Here insert a Revelation given on the 17th day of April 1863, as my instructions declare it should be printed, and this Revelation, with others given on the use of the crystal, were ordered to be inserted. I should have preferred not publishing this Revelation, but as it is commanded to be done, I must obey my instruction as far as possible.—

Revelation, April 17th, 1863.—"I, Gabriel declare unto thee that thou shalt prepare an ordinance for the distant parts of the earth, and which will be applicable to this portion of the earth also; therefore, prepare thyself at once, as the tyrant's yoke may be considered as fallen, never again to rise. The few who still retain their respect for him, will speedily give up the idea of acknowledging him as their leader; therefore, persevere, for the task will be great, but the result glorious; heed not the seeming obstacles that may appear to beset thy path, they shall vanish away like smoke, and thy path shall shortly be more smooth. Put thy trust in God, who is all powerful; at his word all worlds shall tremble, and nature be ushered into quietness. "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's pleasure, to give you the kingdom." And know, O man, that Christ the Redeemer reigneth over that kingdom, and he hath willed that thou shouldst be the Chief Ruler of that

church and kingdom; and no power can thwart the will of Him who ruleth all things by his Almighty power. Therefore, heed not what is said, or may hereafter be said on this subject, as it is not thy will, nor yet thy desire, that brought thee to this end; but search the Revelations given from the onset of the cause and throughout the period of thy labours, thou wilt find it pointed out that leaders should be sent forth from the hills of Zion; and thou wilt also find thou art recognised as "Chief Ruler" through the former prophet of the Lord; and thou were promised to be blest with the bountiful gifts of heaven, even as other faithful members. Thou were also warned that thy prayers would be answered when thine heart yearned for the promised gifts, whilst under bondage to the tyrant. Thus thou may now see the great end for which thou hast lived, laboured, fought, and struggled for, until poverty and disgrace appear'd to bow down thy spirit to the dust, but he that can bring down can also raise up. He may appear to hide His face from His faithful servants for a time; but man's extremity is God's opportunity; and lo! he hath caused thine oppressors to fall before thee, they quail before His Almighty power, and many of them are humbled before thee, and now look up to thee with awe. Therefore, thou were warned not to heed the obstacles placed in thy path; thou art again warned to still put thy trust in God, who is all wise, and all powerful: who doeth as seemeth to him good, amongst the children of men; therefore, it was necessary that thou shouldst have passed through this severe ordeal, to fit thee for the task that awaits thee, and that thou shouldst be recognized as a "man of sorrows," who is to "gather the people together in multitudes, and many places." Therefore, go ye forth in God's name, and declare to the people, that he hath watched over thee to this end, and that a great and mighty work awaits thee, such that thou canst not conceive or comprehend; for lo the time is near, when marvellous events will transpire, and thou wilt be regarded as the chosen of the Lord, even by those who have treated thee with contempt. Such, I, Gabriel, the Angel and Messenger of the most High, am commanded to declare for thy guide, and the guide of all who desire to know God's will concerning thee."

For the information of our readers, who may feel anxious to know something about our instructions on the crystal, we publish the following:—

Revelation, given June 27th, 1863.—"I, Gabriel, declare unto thee that this gift will be bestowed on all the faithful and chosen people of God, who are decreed to gather together the chosen people from the four winds of heaven, as it will be necessary for them to seek instruction, as their guide, when they have not the means of writing at hand; therefore, obtain suitable crystals for the purpose, and let a fervent prayer be offered over them by thyself, and God will answer that prayer in due time, by gifting the people with this high and holy gift. Such, I am commanded to declare in the name of the ever-living and true God."

June 29th, 1862.—*QUESTION:* Shall we use those we have, or shall we obtain fresh crystals?

Revelation.—"I, Gabriel, declare unto thee that

thou shalt obtain new crystals of smaller dimensions, so that the influence of other persons may have no control over them, and let them be used as circumstances may direct, and He who ruleth all things by His almighty power, will send, at the time of need, answers to their petitions when offered in a reverential manner to Him who ruleth all things, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and thus Christ will direct the holy celestial guardians to them, so that he will rule and reign in righteousness amongst his chosen people, and he will come on earth again o'er his chosen flock to reign. Therefore do not delay to obtain the mediums of communication as the time is at hand when they will be required, but let them be purchased at a reasonable price and given to the people without fee, so that they will only have the cost of the glass and carriage to pay for, so that merchandise may not be made of the word of the Lord, as if such be the case no reliance can be placed upon them, such I am commanded to declare for thy guide and instruction, and also for the chosen instruments of God, who are destined to assist in gathering the chosen people from amongst the vile.

Notice to the scattered tribes of the Great Organization.

We are glad to find that there are so many who have sanctioned the paying of the debts of the Great Organization, and already a portion has been paid to Mr. Camm, we recommend that our friends first pay Mr. Camm, and then the printer for the Book of Life.

Mr. Camm's amount, for spirits supplied, is 13 7 0
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We shall be glad to receive any donations from individual members from any locality, the same shall be acknowledged in this periodical.

For the information of our readers we will show the fulfilment of the revelations as given through the once prophet of the Lord though to many it may appear mysterious, the following will also show how the assertions given by God's holy angel is being realized, as we have already commenced to fulfill it and greater fulfilments is close at hand.

One of our members had a remarkable dream, he saw a number of Vultures and birds of smaller kinds, apparently struggling for the mastery; it was on the night of the 3rd of November, 1862. On the 4th of the same month a question was asked concerning its meaning, the answer was as follows:—"I, Gabriel, declare unto thee that this dream signifieth, that the vultures or eagles, are already awaiting their prey. The birds are the people, who are endeavouring to shield the victims of God's wrath, but they, the vultures, will assuredly realize their feast of blood, by devouring the residue of the people who now form the ranks of the great Universal Organization."

Another remarkable fulfilment has taken place in reference to the new Bible, and the appeal issued to the Bishops, Clergy, &c. This appeal was to bring its own overthrow. See Revelation at the end of No. 7, "Sword of Truth."—The first thing that manifests itself to the reader, is its enormous price, being charged 6d. each for a number which would be well paid for at 2d. each; and this has been subscribed for by a gentleman who ought to have known better, as we have forwarded him the "Swords" from time to time. He sent £8 for its issue; the Medium paid four pounds to the printer for the issue, and there is no doubt but the rest of the money has followed the other things we have pointed out; so that the next issue, if ever it comes, will have to be done by contribution again, but this was to be subscribed for by our great men, or the Medium made a great blunder in his appeal, for there was several persons appointed to receive the large sums, and yet the Medium has the impudence to tell us in his preface, that he never expected to receive any assistance or support from such a class of men. We here see the appeal has brought its own overthrow, according to the Medium's own statements. Again, though the last portion or pages of the Bible had to be reprinted through the errors contained in; yet it still contains that which has doomed it for ever to oblivion. The Revelation on the first five verses carries with it its own overthrow, for it makes the angel Gabriel the creator and governor of all things; and further states "that the first five verses inquired upon are fables of mystery, never written by Moses, but by others of later days, who wrote partially by their own experience, and partially by erroneous opinions." The peoples' guide contains a Revelation given on the same subject, which states that "it was written from the imagination of Moses, he not having discernment or intellect sufficient at that period to know that there was no beginning, for time was from everlasting to everlasting, world without end, which is divine. That which says it was written from the imagination of Moses, or that which says it never was written by him, but by others of later days, the last revelation bears the stamp he has put upon it in his own comment. That is that the revelation is little better than a useless repetition of manmade assertions, we quite agree with the Medium on this point.

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