

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
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 beg to say a few words, notwithstanding the predictions of its enemies it is still kept before the public, and as it is not written for the sake of gain the smallness of its sales will not materially injure it. It has been entirely supported by the voluntary contributions of the members of the New Jerusalem, now establishing—it is not dependent upon its sales,—hence it is that many are sent away by post of every number issued, which is supported by the funds of the nucleus of that church which must become universal, and hence we close the year with hopes of a brighter future, and trust that long ere the end of 1863 brighter days await us. As it is now four years since the sign of strife manifested itself to the eyes of the people of this land, and as four years must pass before its end, which is *now*, we may with confidence conclude that the coming Spring and Summer will see the end of strife amongst us, when preparation will then be made for the conquest of the earth and for the thorough establishment of the reign of Christ amongst us; as this must be accomplished within the periods named, that is six years from the manifestation of the first sign, so that this event must transpire ere the close of 1864, (see "Warning Message," prophecy nine). Thus, we have arrived at that period when the severity of the winter must complete the destruction which the *word* and *fire* have not had power to reach, for the *devastation* and *destitution* has already begun, and *swords*, like venomous arrows have *flown* throughout the land; and the time is close, yea very close, when the people shall discover that the nation's foes are upon its soil: (see "Warning Message," prophecy five and six) "Then shall the bells peal in mourning for the dreaded news, while the distant sound of cannon is roaring across the Atlantic; then will other events of a great and important nature manifest themselves to the eyes of the people; and then will they know and acknowledge who they are who shall receive praise for their noble defence of the central stronghold. Thus, while winds and waters

are destroying the structures on the deep, and fire and cannon is accomplishing the same object on the land where our brethren dwell, the pestilence of God's wrath ("fire and sword combined") shall assist in the overthrow of all that power which has raised itself in defiance of God's eternal will; such are the events now passing and near at hand. Therefore, let the people diligently watch the progress of events, for such only shall see and understand the events portrayed; such, divine revelation declares.

A NARRATIVE,

Shewing 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.)

Address delivered in the Sneinton Market Place, Nottingham, June 15th, 1862.—Fellow townsmen, and brethren of the great human family, I have come before you to-day to fulfill a pledge made to you as well as to my friends, that if I found out any thing that deserved to be exposed in the Great Organization, I would as fearlessly do it as I have done in reference to other sects and parties; and I announced to you a few weeks ago that I should expose the way in which the money affairs of the Great Organization were conducted, and that the prophet had proved himself to be a false prophet, but do not suppose for a moment that I believe all that Mr. B. has set forth to be falsehood, nothing of the kind, but I believe he has fallen from what he originally was, and at what point time will prove; and I firmly believe that that God, who is the Supreme Ruler of the universe, will not suffer men to be led astray for any very long period without opening their eyes to the deception practised by false prophets, in any shape or form; and hence I have often warned you "To prove all things, holding fast that which is good"; such were the words used by a man of high learning and great intelligence, Paul, the Apostle of the Gentiles, who was said to be mad, through

much learning, but these words, used by him, are sufficient to remove that stain from his character. Such, also, is the instruction laid down for the guide of the members of the Great Organization in the 7th commandment, laid down for their strict observance; it reads thus, "Condemn not things which thou dost not understand, but rather prove all things, holding fast that which seemeth good in thy sight, and pleasing to our Father which is in heaven." Thus, you may see that we are justified by scripture, and by what is believed to be divine revelation of modern date, and hence I feel myself justified before God and man in bringing before you the things which I believe to be contrary to justice, not seeming good in my sight, neither in the sight of a vast number of the late members of the Great Organization, and I am fully persuaded, in my own mind, that the things I have to lay before you, as facts, may be repudiated, but cannot be confuted; and, before going into the matter fully, I will lay before you another command, given as general instruction to the human race, irrespective of class, grade, or station, therefore applicable to the members of the Great Organization as well as any other person, it is the third clause in that instruction, and reads thus.—"Encourage not, or assist in, defrauding or deceiving thy fellow creatures, in thought, word, or deed; but, remember that the Lord seeth and knoweth the secrets of all hearts, and will punish or reward accordingly." I have brought this before you because there are members in the present circle who, knowingly, are assisting the medium, or prophet, to do this, and will read you extracts from their letters sent to me, to shew that what I have stated is a fact which cannot be overturned; but before doing this, I will give a truthful outline of the agitation which has been going on for some time amongst the members of the Great Organization, and this will plainly shew to you why it is that a large number of its members have been cut off, suspended, and others withdrawn. It will no doubt be remembered that some time since there were letters published in the "Nottingham Telegraph," concerning a £10 appealed for, for the Dispensary to provide medicines to be given away to the afflicted poor who could not afford to pay for it, the appeal was promptly replied to by the sum of £15, at least, being sent to the Dispensary, and there was a strong suspicion in some of the members' minds that the amount appealed for was the Medium's own appeal, and that he had done this for his own private use, there were some things that looked rather suspicious about it I will allow, but I believed in the Medium's honesty at that time, and there being a good stock in the Dispensary, which he declared to be worth £30, and we were not able to dispute it without measuring all the tinctures, weighing all the powders, &c., therefore myself and Mr. C. endeavoured at that time to clear him from blame. The suspicious circumstance I allude to was this—that when the unpleasantness arose concerning the money, he acknowledged to having received upwards of £15 instead of £10 as appealed for, and this he did not inform us of until after the unpleasantness arose, and I fear now never would have done, only he feared that an

investigation would take place, this unpleasantness caused some of the members to lose faith in Mr. B.'s integrity, and ever since that time he has been looked upon with suspicion and mistrust by some, but I did not for a long time after this feel any suspicion of his honesty, though I did not approve of much that he said and did, but believed that he was the chosen instrument of God to bring about a great change, and therefore was willing to overlook all his failings as a man so long as I believed it to be truth that emanated through him as revelation, believing that God would punish him or reward him according to his doings, and in spite of what Mr. B. says I continued a believer in all the prophetic part of his revelation, but the business part I felt some doubt about, but still could not for a long time find sufficient proofs to cause me to reject it as not being direct from the throne of God, as he has endeavoured to make us believe, knowing that we were willing to obey any command given to us if we were satisfied that it was the Supreme Ruler of the Universe who gave that command. After this unpleasantness, we went on pleasantly for some time, and suspicion appeared to die away in the members' minds in this locality—but at Manchester it still continued to exist—and circumstances occurred which caused me to go to reside at Basford, as will be hereafter explained, so that there were no accounts kept, only by the Medium, or under his directions, and he published them as convenient. Time passed on, until at length Mr. H. was appointed Secretary, and he being determined as far as he could to keep the accounts correctly, he thereby incurred the displeasure of Mr. B., and he complained to a distant member of the Spiritual Circle lately, said to be permitted to remain a member for his faithfulness, and is now appointed as Ruler over the first tribe, to take my place, as it was stated in a Revelation published—that all the members of the circle in this locality where incapable of carrying out the instruction received or about to be revealed, and he is now appointed as Ruler of the central locality of the Great Organization, and this man it will be seen, who is said to be faithful to the cause of God, I shall show that he is only faithful to Mr. B., and not to the cause of God, from things which have now transpired. It is now about six months since, it may be a little more or a little less, I cannot say to a month, that he had been to the Medium's house, and I walked down to the Nottingham Railway Station with him, and on the way he told me that Mr. B. was dissatisfied with Mr. H.'s book-keeping, but he had examined the accounts and could see but little fault in them, though there were some trifling matters might be done better, or words to that effect, and I desire you to tell Mr. H. from me to go on with keeping the accounts. I did not tell Mr. H. what was said as I was satisfied that he would do so whilst he held the appointment. Shortly after this, the Medium objected to Mr. H. keeping the accounts in my presence, and said he would not keep them long. I did not know what he meant by this at that time. Shortly after this I fell ill of Rheumatic Fever, which I am very subject to, and during that period a dispute again

arose, owing to the Manchester friends being dissatisfied about the Balance Sheet, and Mr. C. and they communicated with each other on the subject, and the consequence was that they proposed that a person be appointed to pay and receive all monies for the cause, and a wish was expressed by some that I should do it, but they were informed that I had not time, this was done unknown to me, so they requested Mr. C. to do it. This was a fine opening for the Medium to creep out at, as the expenses would be so great if Mr. C. was appointed owing to the distance at which he lived from the Medium's. So this step was strongly objected to by the Medium. During my illness Mr. B. sent a letter to me asking my opinion and advice. In reply I stated that it was my opinion that peace would not exist amongst us unless proper accounts were kept and published. This, I believe caused ill-feeling to exist towards me; at last the Manchester friends found they could not alter the Medium's mind on this subject so withdrew their proposals, and to all appearance things were about to go on more smoothly; but after I got better Mr. C. shewed me an account of monies sent from Manchester, which satisfied me that there was something wrong going on, I was not in a position to know what as I seldom looked at the books, having full confidence in the secretary's integrity, therefore seldom noticed them, though I had been told that there had been a large amount of storming on the part of the Medium when the last balance was drawn up in the books, and the time arrived for a balance sheet to be issued, as Mr. B. said he had been written to on the subject, so he prepared a balance sheet at once, ordering his name to be signed to it, and this was done before the books were balanced up or the secretary knew anything about it; this was the balance sheet which caused so much dissatisfaction to the Manchester friends, as there had been money sent to Nottingham which was not accounted for, such I was given to understand, but this I intend to fully investigate and shew up at a future time, God permitting me to do it. The next important matter which turned up was a letter sent from Mr. C. to the Medium, stating that he would go no further in the cause unless proper accounts were kept, as the Medium had refused to give the accounts to Mr. H., and now he had offered to keep them. The Medium would not give them to him. So far I believe Mr. C. did the thing that was right, and pleasing in the sight of God; but now I believe he has done the thing which his conscience inwardly condemns, and therefore must suffer the disgrace and shame which will ultimately fall upon the Medium. The consequence was that some insulting letters were sent to Mr. C. by the Medium; and at a Circle meeting Mr. C. gave a lengthy account in writing, shewing his reasons for taking the step he had took, but in this I am afraid there was some equivocation, as he said he had not any doubt about the Medium's honesty, but that there was a £2 he himself gave which had been omitted from the accounts, and the nature of his wish shewed that he had not full confidence in the Medium's integrity. When Mr. C. had shewn his reasons for wishing strict accounts to be

kept the Medium had but little to say, and at the same time I stated what one of the former members of the Circle had said to one of the members of the Community, that it was his opinion that hundreds of pounds had been placed in the Medium's hands to be given away in works and otherwise, which had not been used for that purpose; and I further stated that if the Circle were called on by the authorities to produce the accounts we should stand in a peculiar position if the books were not properly kept; in the course of this contention, reference was made to a private book kept under the Medium's direction—Mr. C. objected to this, —I stated that it was necessary that we should keep the accounts so that they could be published to the world, and thus we could defy them to prove any thing wrong against us whatever they might say, and therefore I proposed that I would keep the accounts, as I lived nearer than Mr. H., and that I could come up to the Medium's house several times during the week and see all letters that come, and let them be kept together until the time for printing the accounts; I also proposed the conditions on which I would do it, so as to free me from all suspicion, and which were, that two auditors be appointed from the Community to examine all letters sent and see that all monies were properly accounted for, and that the accounts should be published every three months signed by the auditors, and thus free the Medium and myself from all suspicion; these things were agreed to by the Circle present, and the Medium sanctioned them by dictating these rules as being agreed to by the Medium and members of the Circle, and it was proposed to ask if these rules were in accordance with divine will; I had to leave the Circle before this was done as I had left my work for a few hours and was compelled to return to it; when I returned to the Medium's at night, after my work was done, I found, to my astonishment, that a question had not been asked and that the Medium had been very unwell, so it was talked over by several of us at night, and agreed that the question should be left until another time. Accordingly, I went several times, I believe four times, purposely to square up the books ready for publishing the balance sheet; at one time the Medium was dictating the last pamphlet on the domiciles, this I considered a sufficient excuse for not going on with the accounts; after going several times, and he objecting to attend to them for some trifling cause, I said if we are to go on in this way, when are the accounts to be finished? this did not please the Medium, and the next time I went I found a balance sheet prepared, when this was placed before me I sat some time looking at it, and the Medium enquired what I was doing, I said I was examining it in the same way that a sceptical person would do, so as to see if it would bear examination. I had then observed that it stated that the Medium had had little to do with preparing this balance sheet, this, I thought, sounded like using duplicity to hide some fault, and therefore I began to compare the amounts, for it was written in such a manner that it would have deceived many persons who were not familiar with figures; but this I objected to sign, as I had not kept the accounts for that quarter.

(To be continued in our next.)

To the Members

NOW

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.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST, AS PRACTISED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH CALLED THE "NEW JERUSALEM," WITH THE DOCTRINES THEY TEACH.

The members of the above church, founded on the doctrines as taught by God's holy angels, handed down to man through their instrumentality, thus, it has come down from God out of heaven, as foretold by the ancient prophet in the Apocalypse, and is now being established on the earth in the latter days of this dispensation; and thus, whilst it is closing upon us, a brighter and more glorious dispensation is now dawning, and a glorious light is descending to the earth that shall ultimately enlighten all the nations of the earth, until God's will be done on earth as in heaven. The doctrines taught are—

First—That God is the Supreme Ruler of the universe, and that no power can exist but what is in accordance with His divine will.

Second—That Christ is the Redeemer of all mankind, and that his death delivered every man from the curse pronounced upon mankind by God for their wickedness in the early ages.

Third—That by the death of Christ, a way was opened whereby we shall all ultimately reach eternal rest and happiness.

Fourth—That none are good, or entirely free from evil, therefore we must all be purified and fitted by progressive purification for the happiness and enjoyment which await all mankind in the heavenly Jerusalem.

Fifth—That the only resurrection is the resurrection of the spirit in the world of immortality.

Sixth—That judgment is passed upon all men at death, and in the spheres of immortality they suffer in accordance with the deeds done in the body.

Seventh—That every man and woman must pass through the same ordeal to fit them for the company of holy angels; but those who live soberly and righteously, as far as it is in their power to do, will enjoy much happiness before reaching the eternal realms of bliss.

Eighth—That the most wicked portion of mankind will pass through intense suffering, brought down upon

them by those whom they have injured.

Ninth—That the only fire that exists for man's punishment is the fire of a remorseless conscience, that will burn within him until he is purified from every evil.

Tenth—That there is no individual devil with unlimited power; but that there is many evil spirits who were created by God to watch over man whilst passing through his punishment in the world of immortality.

Eleventh—That a great change is now begun in the minds of men, and that God's holy angels and spirits will be permitted free and continual intercourse with men until the great change is brought about, and mankind brought into subjection to God's will and a universal church established.

Twelfth—That the ministers of this church will be endowed with gifts from on high, such as was bestowed upon the apostles of old.

This church we believe to be the one now establishing amongst us, and which celebrated the birth of Christ on the day appointed for that purpose by partaking of tea together, about twenty in number, there being others who, from various causes, could not meet with us; after tea, we joined in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving, as revealed for the purpose, with a suitable address; and after the thanksgiving was offered refreshment was again partaken of, and Five Shillings and Six-pence given to assist in publishing the "Sword of Truth"; the refreshment was subscribed for by voluntary contributions. The afternoon and evening was thus spent to commemorate the birth of him whom we now believe reigns over the New Jerusalem, on the earth as King and High Priest. Thus was spent the first day of the kind since the enrollment of the members of the New Jerusalem, and long will it be remembered by all as the happiest day we ever spent on a like occasion, as not a word of discontent was heard, but all was peace and unity, and every one appeared to strive to make the other happy.

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