

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."—Our last issue fulfilled a portion of its mission, in arousing the leaders of the Great Universal Organization, out of their slumbers, and the head or chief in whom is concentrated craft and ingenuity enough to face the world in arms, has duped his followers to their hearts content. He having been called on in this periodical publicly with the members of the circle to convene a meeting for the purpose of proving whether the assertions I had publicly made be true or false, and in the conditions laid down for the investigation we required it to be done by men chosen from the ranks of the community, our reason for so doing was because the circle were called on the 4th of May, to pledge themselves to believe the 13 clauses to be divine, and also that they would assist in carrying them out, by impressing the same on the minds of the members of the Community, and thus because they had willingly submitted to be gagged, by the Medium they must endeavour in their turn, to serve the Community the same, as will be seen in the Narrative, and thus the very thing which the works of the Organization so strongly condemn in other sects and parties, they carry out to the letter, yea far worse, for some of the different sects of religion do deny their followers the privilege of knowing how the money is spent, but in no case to my knowledge, are they deprived of *thinking* their lenders are wronging them, but of all the species of Aristocratic oppression practiced in this land, that followed out in the Great Universal Organization is the basest, not only the act itself being base, but this vile oppression is carried out by the Rulers and Governors of the tribes, now dwindling away to numbers so small, that it is carefully concealed from the public, lest they should ridicule the people for calling themselves the Great Universal Organization. This Circle which has been called on with their Medium, several months since in this periodical, to prepare to meet us to investigate the accounts, and the charges brought against their

Medium, has at last been attended to by the Medium who called on us to come to his house, to prove who was right and who was wrong, we the members who had withdrawn from their ranks through the tyranny and despotism practised by its Medium, were prepared to go if reasonable terms could have been made. When we declared our readiness to go, and that we was glad the investigation was so near, (the Medium it appears must have thought we dare not come) when he found us ready and willing to come, he declared we should not see a book or receipt, until I had proved that I was the true Prophet, he must think I am as ambitious as himself to be thought a prophet, I have no desire to be thought such, if what is given in this Sword prove itself Truth, it will establish one fact, that I have received Truth from on High. The assertions given in it by spiritual power, are given as they come, and I do not hold myself up as having any power of my own, but this I do know, that it has pleased God to gift me with a great and holy gift, and not only me but several others who are enrolled amongst us, thus we are realizing the promises made to us, whilst we cannot hear of one in the Circle now formed, who possesses any of the promised gifts, hence we have proofs amongst us, that God is with us, and that the New Jerusalem is the church alluded to in the "Warning Message," that is to receive the gifts as of old. This gift which is now manifesting itself amongst us is denied and ridiculed by the Rulers of the Organization, and they profess that they wanted to test this gift, first it was to be tested by their Medium, he was to get a revelation to sanction or condemn, one obtained by me, and yet tells us in his communication, that Spirit writing would not be allowed, neither inspiration. If this was not allowed, I ask what was required of me, I do not profess to see through the crystal, as this is unnecessary in my case at present, as the gift I have is greater as a revelation through the crystal requires two persons to make it known, in my case one is sufficient. It appears these men wish to assume to themselves all power, and propose all the conditions, and they and

their Medium who are the guilty parties, charged before the world with fraud, and assisting in it, these very parties wish to become Judges instead of criminals, one of them says I must stand on my feet, and give forth the revelation, and they would copy it, now does this very wise man, think that I should expect the bigots amongst their number, to believe what I uttered to be divine, he would be the first to condemn it, then what would such a course do towards satisfying the people on this question, just as much would be gained by it as if you had sat down and gone to sleep. Therefore as soon as they are willing for a full and fair investigation, and are willing to allow others an opinion on the matter, we will meet them, on Neutral ground, where we shall not run the risk of being turned out of the house for speaking on the subject they so much dread the investigation of. We will willingly assist in the expense of a room for that purpose, where the public will have an opportunity of seeing and judging for themselves, who is right, and who is wrong, but the conditions must first be arranged, and they themselves agreed on the subject as the Medium says no inspiration will be allowed, one of the Circle says that I must give forth an audible message. I suppose they must want me to do as the Medium is charged with doing in the last Sword in reference to the Bible, if this is what they require me to do, I candidly tell them I am not capable of giving forth a revelation without inspiration.—EDITOR.

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 22nd, 1862.—Our efforts will be feeble and puny, time will shortly prove this, I will now read the 13 clauses and leave you to judge whether they are divine or not. For the information of our readers I will here insert the 13 clauses said to be revealed April 25th 1862 and headed as follows: Revelations given to the Circle and the Community as a guide for the observance and conducting the anniversary meeting of the 4th day of May 1862, in accordance with the revelations given for that day.—

CLAUSE 1st—Behold let each member of the Circle who will be present on that day be prepared to answer the following interrogations, and as the faithful will alone be chosen let them be fully prepared to rely and believe in the Revelations as revealed through the Medium on that day.

CLAUSE 2nd—That every member of the present Circle who may be permitted to continue in his place, and every new member who may be chosen, pledge themselves to rely on and believe in the following revealed and divine commands.

CLAUSE 3rd—As that day will be a holy and important period in the history and progress of the Circle and the Great Organization, let the following be strictly obeyed and observed by them.

CLAUSE 4th—That no argument, controversy, contention, or repetition of past grievances be referred to, or must manifest themselves on that 4th day of May 1862.

CLAUSE 5th—As the Great Organization is a cause different and set apart from all other causes sects or denominations of religion, whose tenets or principles are selfish and worldly, therefore the organization its members and believers in divine revelation with the propogators thereof, must lay aside all worldly mindedness and shrink from the errors of Sectarian professions and delusions.

CLAUSE 6th—That no interested motives of ambition for gain or self interest must exist amongst the faithful or God's chosen people and that there must be no scrutiny or accounts kept or observed and that no mistrust doubts fears or thoughts must exist amongst the members of the Great Organization, who are and will be faithful to their pledges which are that they shall labour for the glory of God the comfort and happiness of each others and the welfare of all mankind in general.

CLAUSE 7th—And that the Chosen Circle who are ordained to go forth shall impress these things upon the minds of the present and all future members of the cause, and show unto them that as this cause is a cause of God and not of worldly ambition, there must not be suffered to exist amongst them, anything appertaining to present worldly vices, formalities, or laws or rules of Societies, so that no mistrust argument or controversy, shall exist amongst the chosen people or faithful Community of God.

CLAUSE 8th—And that the Circle or a member of the Community or Circle residing in each locality, shall be in possession of the receipts for all monies sent to the head of the cause, in the principal locality or station, and that such members shall see the bills and receipts for all monies paid, in connection with the carrying out of the cause at intervals to suit convenience.

CLAUSE 9th—And by strict observance of the above by all the members of the Circle and Community, residing in every locality no cause for suspicion dishonesty or selfishness can exist, but unity, peace harmony, love and concord will reign supreme, and the cause will progress and prosper with more speed and firmness, in the perseverance of its members.

CLAUSE 10th—Let all present members of the Circle who are now on the books pledge themselves as to whether they can conscientiously believe in, and observe the above revelations void of hypocrisy or motives of self interest.

CLAUSE 11th—The present members of the Circle who are decreed to be removed from the Circle will have their names and capabilities defined on that day by divine revelation, but they will be permitted to remain as members of the Community, and appointed to be rulers over Legions or classes, that is those who are not competent to fulfill the duties of the Circle.

CLAUSE 12th—While those of the Circle who will be erased for negligence disobedience ambition, and for harbouring worldly considerations, will not be permitted to remain only as members of the Great Organization who must even then be faithful and obedient to their

pledges to ensure their escape from suffering in the coming calamities, and to inherit the glorious reward promised only to the obedient in divine revelation.

CLAUSE 13th—And on the above particular and special day, namely the 4th of May, 1862 there shall be no meetings for divine worship, except in the evening at 7 o'clock, as the day will be spent in receiving instructions with refreshments by tea or otherwise in the afternoon at 4. 30; and on this day, other instructions on this great and important cause will be revealed to the faithful only, who will attend where affliction of no kind or distance prevents, and so shall the faithful by their fruits and works be known; for God will direct means so that they may prove their faith by attending. Such I. Gabriel, the angel and messenger of the everliving and true God, have been commanded to reveal, through his chosen instrument, or medium, and prophet of the Great Organization and the Nottingham Spiritual Circle.

After reading the clauses, it will be seen that the Circle are required to impress upon the minds of the people that no accounts are to be kept. We shall compare this with what was issued at the outset of the cause as printed on the rules of the Community, and we shall see that they did not pledge themselves to assist Mr. B. in defrauding the people. Nothing of the kind. Neither is it any use to declare such to the world. I will here give the pledge signed by the community and what was stated at the commencement of the Great Organization, where it will be seen that one is as opposite to the other as possible, and circumstances have proved so long as accounts were kept and issued, the cause stood firm, and increased.

Rules for the guidance of the members forming the Community of the Great Organization founded for the purpose of preparing the minds of the people for the great change, and whose emblematic symbols are true Charity, Love, and Affection, fear of God, and good will towards all men.

The principle upon which the Organization is founded in persuance with instruction received from on High, addressed to the Circle. Behold I Gabriel the angel of the Lord of Hosts am commanded to declare to the members of the Circle individually and collectively, that it is your duty to use each of your exertions, in exertions, in endeavouring to seek and solicit true friends to the cause, both males and females, as adults and impress upon their minds the nature of the great and important truths, sent forth from heaven, and to endeavour to shew them their past errors and present delusions, connected with the existing forms of the religious pretensions in the various denominations, that they may willingly and joyfully rally round the standard of truth, whose emblem must be the fear of God, with charity and love to all men, that they may by their harmonious feelings, be inspired by divine grace to render their assistance by small contributions to be made weekly without inconvenience to themselves, and thereby spread the joyful yet sorrowful intelligence throughout the length and breadth of the isle by spreading the divine truths which I, Gabriel have been commanded to reveal in the different towns, cities and hamlets, and to assist persons who will declare themselves ready to embrace and undertake this great and glorious task, in preparing and warning the people, and that every person whether male or female, who is desirous of becoming a member of this Great Organization that he or she may be thoroughly aware of the duties they will have to

perform, and the ultimate object for which the Organization is founded shall be in possession of a printed copy of the under-going rules.

Rules for observance.—That all persons whether male or female before attesting their signature, shall pledge themselves before God in the presence of this circle, that they will henceforth denounce the worldly delusions they have been taught to imbibe and to use all their exertions to promote God's glory, in diffusing his truths void of feelings of ambition, gain or worldly interest, solely for the welfare happiness and interest of all mankind, and that they will henceforth look upon all the children of humanity with feelings of true charity, compassion and brotherly love, despising or condemning none whose capability intellect, position, or conduct is inferior to their own, but learn to love their neighbour as themselves, to fear God and to be charitable with all, and believe in the atonement which the Lord hath made for all in the sacrifice of the great Redeemer and to carry out these principles. each member shall contribute only to the extent that shall not inconvenience themselves or mar their domestic comforts, and the Lord of all will judge of their capabilities, and that each member shall be in possession of a printed copy of these rules, at the head of which its motto is affixed, before any member can affix his or her signature, all the instructions revealed upon the formation of the community must be carefully read to each of the applicants for membership, when the solemn declaration a form of which is hereunder given must then be administered

Form of Declaration.—I do hereby pledge myself in solemn declaration before God and the member or members of the Circle establishing true charity love and affection fear of God and good will towards all men that I will carry out to the best of my abilities and adhere strictly to the above rules void of ambition self interest or worldly gain labouring solely for the glory of God, and the welfare of my fellow creatures, with true feelings of charity towards all men and fear of God and loving kindness towards my neighbours. (There is other instruction in reference to enrolling &c, which we omit and give the following.)

A balance sheet will be published every few weeks for the satisfaction of the members shewing the income and expenditure and thus destroy all doubt as to the truth honour and justice of the glorious cause, on which the organization is founded.

Now what guarantee have we that we should not be further defrauded since those who wished the cause to be carried out in its integrity are cut off from taking any part in the conducting of its business, and what guarantee have we while such men as before portrayed are determined to shut their eyes and be led by the blind, until they both, or all fall into the ditch. I alluded to their mental blindness, God forbid that I should rejoice at any man's downfall, let him be an enemy or not but the truth must out. I am grieved to hear of the state of the Mediums health, and I fear that my being cut off from the Circle is partially owing to being faithful with him and telling him he was doing wrong by drinking spirituous liquors and powerful stimulants, and time has proved that I was right and the advice I gave him was for his own good, but I fear he has brought down upon himself by his vice and immorality that which will ere long prove his end and then truly will the veil be torn from his eyes, and he will see his fellow man face to face in the spirit. I had hoped to see it otherwise but I now believe it will be fulfilled in a manner few of the present members believe in Spiritually as must shortly be proved if all other things are rightly given unto him at the onset of his labours. But these things we must leave in the hands of him who ruleth all things by his Almighty power, and even evil spirits are made to accomplish his will, and bring about His divine purposes, and now are helping him on to his own downfall and thus we shall not heed any threats he may issue against us or any invitation to join the cause in its present shape and therefore it is useless to tell us that we should be effectually and for ever severed from the Great Cause and then invite us back again, such could not be the divine decree of heaven though God may have permitted it to be the case to bring about His divine will. And now let the Medium be aware of that power which is leading him on to his own destruction headlong, and while it is in his power let him return to the path of duty again, and so he is now warned to be aware so that he cannot say that God is unjust,

or unmerciful, as he is fully aware that he has set aside all the divine instruction given to him as a guide, and whereby he might by strict obedience have escaped his present sufferings to a great extent. We will now pass on to our task in showing up this man's deception, he finding himself involved in the meshes of fraud determined on the overthrow of all the parties concerned, and by taking this headlong step he has brought upon himself discomfiture and disgrace, as we feel bound to show up the cause why it is that we can no longer continue a part of it, though we were told that we might be enrolled amongst the community, and by being unfaithful, we should have met with no better reward, as all are treated alike who dared to interfere with him in the course he was taking. Thus I will read a portion of the revelation, given forth on the 4th of May, 1862, where, it will be seen, that I am classed amongst others who had not laboured in the cause for a long time, and to whom all remonstrance was useless, as they had lost all faith in the cause, no doubt through the false statements of the Medium, in affixing times or periods, and which times and periods have proved themselves of no avail in pointing out that which he intended them to do. I will now read portions of that purported revelation, and we shall see that, to all human judgment, it is not Divine, and, therefore, need not be heeded as such by the faithful; as such, here I give it:—

Extract of Revelation.—And now, behold, as the Medium is chosen and installed in the ordinances of God, the circle surrounding him must all be faithful and obedient to the Divine commands revealed through him; and thus, behold, as the members of the circle forming the first twelve have all been unfaithful, disobedient, negligent, and, therefore, cut off, and others called to fulfil their duties, and even now amongst these who were called to fulfil such duties, there are amongst them they who are not faithful or obedient; and those who are

faithful and obedient, yet not competent to perform all duties which will now shortly fall upon them, even though they are anxious, willing, and desirous of performing, to the utmost of their power; therefore such members, if faithful, will be permitted, and will readily accept the Divine promises made, and will joyfully become rulers of legions and classes in the several tribes of the great organisation, and be appointed by Divine revelation; and, thus, let the following be observed by the men as hereunder named—William Brown, and William Proctor—these are all residing near this locality, who come under the above clauses of the revelation:—but the wilfully negligent and disobedient, and those who have clung to worldly considerations, have thus caused negligence and disobedience, by their works, in the minds, and amongst the members of the community in the different localities, shall not be permitted to remain in the great cause only as members of the great organisation, and even then they must be faithful to their pledges, to meet and merit the glorious reward promised to the faithful and obedient in divine revelation. Therefore this revelation applies to the undermentioned names:—C. Gregory, Isle of Wight; G. Edmonds, Bedworth; Mr. T. C. Stretton, and J. Hill, Sutton. Now, all the above members may, at their will or request, be entered in the books of the chosen people of God, and, by faith, obedience, and perseverance in the cause, according to their pledges, they shall hold high and important offices, at a future period, in connection with the members of the circle, who will, in unity and peace, conduct the chosen community of God.—To be continued in our next.

April 8th, 1862—Extract from Revelation.—By perseverance, God will direct that the faithful are made capable to obey the commands given for their guide and instruction. (Which is Divine, that which says the faithful shall be made capable, or that which cut them off for being faithful, but not competent?)—EDITOR.

To the Members
NOW
forming the nucleus
OF THE



Universal Church,
ESTABLISHED BY
DIRECTIONS
FROM ON HIGH.

The New Jerusalem come down from God out of Heaven.

Beloved Brethren,—You were warned in this periodical that a spiritual warfare was at hand, and, though our foes declared we should have that warfare to ourselves, yet their assertions made have fallen to the ground, and numerous foes have been sent against the central stronghold, only to be captured and used as instruments in its defence; therefore, notwithstanding the assertions of man, the words, as given through God's holy angel, must come to pass. But they, in their ignorance, have fulfilled them, even as the Jews cried out for the death of the true Messiah, so it has been in the organisation, contrary to their own declarations, they have done it, and have arrayed themselves in battle order on Zion's Hills, where they greedily anticipated their feast of blood, whilst, on the other hand, we, the members of the New Jerusalem, are gathered together in England's most ancient forest, in anticipation of devouring the residue of the great organisation, even as vultures devour their prey; this must be realised during the coming of spring and summer, for, as the sword slays them, so are the people ready to gather them up as they fall, and welcome them into the New Jerusalem; and in the spring and summer must be the great slaughter of our foes; then peace will reign for a time, to gather strength and prepare for the onward march to the conquest of the world,

and thus spread the truth into distant nations of the earth. Already one of the messengers of the church is in France, whose duty it is to establish the New Jerusalem in that part of the world; and thus is past revelations being fulfilled, for our brother was gifted with that gift promised to God's chosen and faithful people, before he left this land, and under the direction of that power that watches over the children of men, he has been directed there. Let us pray for him, that he may be protected and guided aright by God's holy angel; and as this gift is now manifesting itself amongst us in several other cases, let all seek for and desire the gifts of the Holy Spirit, so that the world may see and acknowledge that we are truly a chosen people, plucked out from the midst of vice and immorality, for the purpose before laid down in these pages.

Errata in Narrative No. 7, page 25.—“For Mrs. B— stood pale and agitated, and replied that it did not show that there was that sum in hand,” read “Mrs. B— stood pale and agitated, and replied that it did show that there was that sum in hand.”

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