

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.

Truth is sharper than a two-edged sword, for that weapon of warfare only reaches the outward man, and can only slay the fleshy body; but truth strikes deeper, and reaches the deepest recesses of the human mind, and pierces the most vital parts; yea, it will cause the troubled mind, and anxious thoughts to agitate the human frame until no rest can be found, until that truth is established in the minds of men. Such has been the experience of many who have left and are now leaving the ranks of the Great Universal Organization, and truly they have experienced the truth of that portion of the prophecies, which declare, "That none shall have rest but those who will listen to the counsels of the leaders I will appoint over them, in the days of the nations' troubles; for the *Sword* and *Fire* has raged within the walls of towns and cities, and has caused that restlessness and anxiety for the truth, which no pen can describe, or language pourtray. Until the leaders of the Organization are yielding up their power, and now the once great and glorious cause has fallen, and its medium is sunk, and fast sinking to desolation, as pourtrayed in these pages; and, though every effort has been made to uphold him, yet all efforts have fallen to the ground, and he is now fast sinking into oblivion, through his determined and self-willed conduct, and all his appeals for help will not avail him materially, as the people will not uphold monarchical power. Thus, the once flourishing cause is fast breaking up, and others are now seeing the rays of light which emanate from the sword, as shown in our motto. For though truth is a two edged sword, yet it also enlightens the mind at the same time; and though, for a time, it may be treated as falsehood, yet,

"Truth will stand the test of ages,"

and the test has been applied, and that which has emanated from the mind and imagination of the once "Prophet of the Lord," is fast falling to the ground,

whilst that which is Divine is fast showing itself to the bewildered minds of the people, and they are now being brought out on the open ground, that they may assist in the overthrow of every evil. Thus will I bring thee, O my people, out of these labyrinths of vice, of wood, iron, and stone, to which ye have been led to look for deliverance, instead of trusting in me. Thus saith the Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, "The people shall no longer see, vile tyranny and sin; from wicked laws they shall be free, a happy reign begin." They shall no longer worship kings, or other gods of metal, wood, or stone, who ruleth as with iron rods, and fatten on their blood. Thus the mighty structures raised up in men's minds are fast crumbling to dust, for the day of God's wrath is come, and all that power which has raised itself up in defiance of his will shall be overthrown; and now are the mountains or structures, pointed out in the vision, tottering and falling to the ground. Thus, that assertion made by spiritual power is fast taking place: "Kings no longer there shall reign." Thus were they warned to rejoice on their kingly thrones, to shout at their victories obtained over my people; at the same time they were warned that their time was short, and their overthrow certain. And this shall be the emblem of all earthly power, for as Christ's kingdom is established in the earth, so must all yield their power up to him who is Lord of lords and King of kings, and he will give to Christ the heathen for his inheritance, and the utmost parts of the earth for his possession. The new dispensation has dawned upon us, and the end of the old one, as typified by the Great Organization, is near at hand; yea, very near, even at the very doors, therefore, be prepared.

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.)

And though it may not all be divine, as time only can prove, yet we believe that it was decreed by heaven, and the revelation appears to allude to a chosen community, who will, no doubt, manifest itself in due time, if divine, and thus prove that that day will be for ever remembered by those who took part in it, and, therefore, we shall continue on our course of lectures until we have fully exposed the way in which the Great Organization has been carried on, and is to be carried on in the future.

Thus it will be seen that this address contains some strange assertions, which have emanated through me, but not my own assertions, as I dare not have used the language of myself. Time alone will prove the assertions made therein; but from the source I believe it to have emanated from, I can place full reliance on the statements made in reference to the medium, and now give another address, delivered in the new Market-place, Sneinton, dated June 29th, 1862. A continuation of fraud, as practised by the medium or prophet of the Lord, residing in Nottingham, showing why he is rejected by God, and another chosen in his stead, as directed in Divine revelation, and who will shortly be known to the people by the things he will be commanded to declare in God's eternal name.

It will be remembered, in our last we pointed out the fraud practised by the medium, in reference to the false balance-sheet prepared by his direction, and written by a boy, and, whatever the medium may say to the contrary, it is a fact, and if he had acknowledged, like a man, that he had done it, no doubt remains on my mind that it would have been forgiven, and overlooked by all the parties concerned, so long as it had been permitted to be properly looking into in the future, and accounts given properly from that period. But when written to by a friend from Manchester, he declared to me that that friend wished him to own to using the money, and he positively declared that if he had used it he would not own to it. I say, no further confidence can be placed in such a man, and though he says he is instructed by revelation, as I read to you last Sunday, that *no accounts are to be kept*, only that the corresponding agents shall be in possession of receipts for all moneys sent. Now this has always been the case, as the receipts of all moneys sent, we believe, have been duly acknowledged, and they are at a convenient time to be compared with the moneys paid, so that there is to be no books kept, no scrutiny observed, and no doubts, mistrust, or fears, or thoughts exist amongst them. I suppose they must not even *think* the medium is defrauding them, when there is the plain proof before their eyes that he has done, and is determined to do it, and will have far more opportunity to do it now, as he declared, that he should keep no dispensary account. Now let it be understood that it was not the community's fund that the deficiency existed in, for during the twelve months alluded to, the community's fund paid all the expenses of the cause, with the exception of 9½d.; it was in the dispensary account that the deficiency showed itself, and as Mr.

B. states, that when he made out the first sheet there was £19 deficient in the twelve weeks. This I never saw. The next he caused to be drawn up showed £15 deficient. The next account, placed in the large book in his presence and the boy's, and not as he states in the falsehoods uttered by him in the "Universal Magazine." This account placed in the large book shows about £9 deficient, and I shall give that account as it stands in the book, or did stand in it a short time ago; also the account issued in the former balance-sheet, as far as I can, from the information gleaned in a printed account in more minute detail, showing the fraud practised, and the way he blinds the people by his duplicity, by first giving accounts of moneys received and paid, then when he comes to what should be in hand, he explains it away by saying there are such and such things not accounted for, when the accounts really show that they are. From his own showing we read that statement, and the earlier part of that sheet, with amounts shown up to January 9th, 1862, from the date of the last published accounts, as given in the "Spiritualistic Free Press," the amount is said to be, for community's fund £24 4s. 7d.; add to this £4 10s. from the localities, in the shape of collections, will make £30 14s. 7d.; then follows an account of wages paid from the community's fund, and printing, including stamps and stationery, £1 15s. 0d.; stamps cashing, additional expenditure from community's fund for the dispensary, £13 14s. 2d.; making in all, £37 16s. 2d. This amount includes wages for writer, cashing stamps, postage stamps and stationery; spirits for the manufacture of tinctures, printing for the dispensary, and drugs, roots, barks, carriage, &c., thus everything possible to be accounted for is given in this amount, even to the purchasing of spirits, which I have every reason to believe is not paid for. He then goes on to show that there is £12 6s. 0d. for tinctures, sold wholesale and retail, which placed to the moneys received for collections and contributions, amounts to £43 0s. 7d., while the amount of expenditure is £37 16s. 2d., leaving in hand £5 3s. 5d., which the medium explains away, by saying, to place against this deficiency of balance, let the following items be observed: There has been much medicine given away, and a very great and valuable stock of all kinds of herbs, roots, barks, and powders are on hand, with a large supply of tinctures of every kind, and a good supply of spirit is on hand, consisting of gin, rum, and spirits of wine, most of which, however, will be used up in a few days, and there are several persons applying for and receiving medicine without fee or without recommendations; so that the stock of herbs, roots, &c., tinctures and spirits, with the utensils, will far exceed in value the balance deficient in the expenditure to the income as shown above. Now these statements, when properly looked into, will show the medium's duplicity, as there was stock in the dispensary to start with, and all the utensils before the publication of this account purchased out of former contributions, which this account has nothing to do with. He accounts for all things bought into the dispensary, spirits, drugs, roots, barks, &c., and thus endeavours to blind the people by reaping up all these things again to place against the money that ought to have been in hand, with much more, we are afraid, if a proper investigation was made, and the medicines given away was out of the stock of the dispensary, which had been bought in out of the moneys subscribed for that purpose, included in the £13 14s. 2d., and I am afraid that not half the amount has been given away which is accounted for, or which was given for that purpose, so that it is plain to be seen how he accounts for this deficiency in the published balance-sheet. Now this was the way he wished to account for £15 in the next balance-sheet he wanted to issue, by first placing to the account £12 paid to the printer, and then, when he finds that there should be £15 in hand according to his own showing, he says at the conclusion, there is the £12 paid to the printer, and coal and gass, with ware and tare of furniture, will about make the amount up; now he had charged this £12 in the account, so that he was accounting for paying twice £12 to the printer, and accounting for the other £3 by coal and gas and damage to his

furniture; so that this was not a bad amount to charge for twelve weeks, and then there were the £12, and also £5 in hand from the last balance-sheet, supposing that it turns out that he has accounted for all that was sent to him, which, I very much fear, from accounts gleaned from other localities. Thus it will be seen, that according to the balance-sheet prepared for me to sign, which I refused to do, wishing him to send it forth in his own name; but it appears he dare not, as it was complained of, that the last balance-sheet was made out without the secretary's knowledge, and, therefore, he dare not take a similar step again; and, according to this account, given by himself, there was £15 deficient, and £5 in the last year's balance-sheet made £20; and in these accounts is not included any sales of pamphlets, neither for money not paid on behalf of the dispensary; but he has accounted for medicines given away, and all things brought into the dispensary, and I fear much more than he has bought, so that if all accounts were properly sought into, he would himself be in a peculiar position, for there was owing at the time this account was made out, upwards of £6 for spirits, which is accounted for in the sales of tinctures, but the spirits is kept in the back ground, which would make, independent of all sales of books not accounted for, £26, and, therefore, we are fully satisfied that he has defrauded the organization to a fearful extent, and we call on them to fully investigate these statements, by choosing from among themselves a few men whom they can fully rely on from the ranks of the community, and let all letters be examined, and all receipts from the localities, and let a thorough investi-

gation take place, and we who have withdrawn will appoint others to be present, so that a full investigation may take place, and either prove the Medium's honesty or his fraud at once, before the people are robbed by him any more. I make this assertion fearlessly, and call on the members of the organization to prove me wrong in this statement if they can; and if proved that I am wrong in the assertions I have made, I will publicly acknowledge the same. I now leave this subject to the serious consideration of the parties concerned, and again call upon them to prove who is right and who is wrong; and I now shall let this subject rest until a further investigation has taken place, but shall show not only his fraud but his duplicity, in a printed periodical, which will not only be devoted to this purpose, but will also show how the Medium has been a chosen instrument of God, but is now rejected by him, and not allowed to carry out his deception any further; and we shall show, by information which cannot be confuted, that what we set forth is Divine, but that much which has been set forth as Divine in the organization is the Medium's own judgement, and will not be realised. And now I leave this subject with you for the present, and you will know the paper when you see it, as it will be entitled, "The Sword of Truth," and its motto will be a flaming sword, and underneath a fire burning, which signifieth the fire of God's wrath, and in it will be all things necessary for the people to know in connection with our cause, as well as all things which are unjust and oppressive in the ranks of the Great Organization.

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, the members of the New Jerusalem, have been spared to see the dawn of that day which many have waited for, and longed to see, but have not done so. We were promised, at the outset of our labours, that we should be gifted with marvellous power, and we now see that this promise is fast being realized. One of the messengers of the church has received by this gift a lengthy communication, the purport of which is, that he may be prepared, when the time arrives, to visit a distant land, and to sojourn there to establish the New Jerusalem, and is now receiving instruction to prepare him for the great task which awaits him. He is promised God will be his light and wisdom; this promise was no doubt necessary to give him confidence, and to increase his faith, as he felt his inability to accomplish so great a task. Thus God can make use of men as instruments to accomplish his will, and make them capable, by putting his words into their mouths, by impressing them on the mind so that they can be written, and not only be a light to themselves, but others. This was portrayed in the vision shown to the Nottingham Spiritual Circle, through their Medium, when he was a chosen instrument of God, where men were shown with a roll or scroll in their hands, each at a landing-place on the sea coast, thus portraying that these truths would reach other nations, by messengers sent from this land. One is already gone, gifted with that miraculous power promised; another has received that gift, and is warned to prepare himself. One of the

ministers has been gifted with the same gift, and is warned to prepare himself to commence his labours. The captain of the first hundred has received private instructions, and the captain of the first fifty has witnessed that power manifesting itself, so that we are fast realizing the truths given unto us, and no doubt shall continue to do so as long as we obey the instructions given to us from time to time. Thus we can now see why we have been driven, as it were, from the ranks of the Organization. That was an institution formed for the purpose of preparing the minds of the people for the great change, that is, for the establishing of the church and kingdom of Christ, so that he might reign supremely in the minds of men. The organization was simply typical of the ancient tribes of Israel, who were brought into their inheritance by bloodshed and slaughter, which her scarlet banners pointed out, and which was portrayed, but not understood, by the scarlet or crimson banner on the top of the Temple shown in the vision. Thus the people believed this kingdom, would be established by bloodshed and slaughter. This dispensation must pass away, even as the former Jewish dispensation, and become extinct, and be replaced by that church pointed out by the white banner on the other pinnacle of the Temple, thus portraying that the church of Christ, gathered out of the people prepared for the Lord, would be more pure, as the difference of colour in the banners represent, and they will hereafter be renamed the twelve tribes of Israel. Thus is it that the people are being enrolled in hundreds and fifties, with their children, called the armies of Zion, with charity and love to the universe,

having their captains appointed over them by divine revelation; thus is it that the time has come that the remnant of the organization shall turn and slay each other, until there is none left, as pointed out in our last, that they had arrayed themselves on Zion's hills, in anticipation of a feast of blood; thus they are ignorantly fulfilling the will of God, but in a different manner to what they anticipated. Let them consider what has transpired amongst them since that meeting, and they will be compelled to acknowledge its truthfulness. We would say to those who are now resolved to stand aloof from its ranks, you were warned long ago; that though the Circle and the Medium might all give up the cause, yet that it should progress and prosper. Ye may now see the necessity of this warning. God, in his infinite wisdom, chose an evil-minded man to accomplish his will, and to show that God knew he was an evil-minded man, his fall is plainly portrayed throughout the various works. Though plainly seen *now*, it was wrapped in mystery, so that even the Medium himself could not see it until the time arrived. Thus was a military man, chosen to represent a spiritual warfare. If the Medium had known that it portrayed a spiritual warfare, he would never have carried it out; but the hope of being a

great military man, and being naturally ambitious for power over his fellow-man, as has been experienced by all who have had any dealings with him, this led him to accomplish great things, and in his works are truths which will stand the test of ages. Though falsehood has disgraced his pages, yet this was plainly portrayed unto us, and we know the ultimate end, which is now near; yes, it is passing for falsehood, it is crumbling and falling with a dreadful crash. He has been brought up to judgment, and his actions bear witness of his transgressions, and those who still remain to help him in his fraud must bear the vengeance of heaven with him. On the 15th of April, the hard earnings, the sweat and blood wrung out of the organization, was sold by auction in the public market-place, in the shape of dispensary fixtures. The Book of Life may be seen wrapped around the various articles of commerce in our neighbourhood. The members of the Circle residing at Nottingham, and the one at Sutton, are fully aware of these transactions, and are assisting in it, and therefore are equally culpable with him, and must bear the disgrace and shame that will fall upon them for sanctioning such acts.

MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE "NEW JERUSALEM"

ON GOOD FRIDAY,

TO CELEBRATE OR COMMEMORATE THE DEATH OF OUR REDEEMER.

We, the members of the New Jerusalem, for the first time since our separation from the Great Organization, met to commemorate the death of Him whom we now acknowledge, not only as our Redeemer, but as our King and High Priest, believing that he rules and reigns over us as such, and that he is directing our celestial guardians to guide and watch over us, thus reigning over his chosen flock. We partook of tea in the afternoon, thirty-eight sitting down. After tea, we worshipped God in the way appointed for us: an address, specially given for that purpose, was read, with a thanksgiving before revealed for our use when we celebrate the birth of Christ. The various commands and instructions given to our messengers and ministers were read, and after service we partook of cake and wine. The accounts were read, showing that we had received

£9 0s. 0½d., and paid for books for enrolling members, instruction books, postage for swords, and for issue of the same, £10 6s. 3½d.; stock on hand of swords, £6 12s. 0d. After tea and refreshment was paid for there remained 3s. 0d. in hand, which was given towards the issue of the sword. Thus passed a day which will be long remembered amongst us as one of our happiest. We trust those who are standing aloof, who are now satisfied of the fall of the Medium, will not neglect meeting together to worship God, and praying that their minds may be enlightened by God's Holy Spirit. We in our prayers, given for our worship, pray for those who are still under the dark and gloomy cloud of ignorance which hangs over them, and we believe that prayer is fast being answered.

NOTICE.—On the 4th day of May, 1863, the members of the New Jerusalem will meet to celebrate the establishing of that Church, by directions of God's holy angels, when they will partake of refreshments, and will devote the afternoon to the discussion of a most important subject, as to what means will be the best to bring about a re-union of the believers in Divine revelation; and we invite all the distant localities who once formed the Great Organization, and all those who now remain in its ranks, to meet with us on that day, for the aforesaid purpose. We shall be glad to see all our old friends who can make it convenient to come. We

hope all the distant localities will send, at least, a deputation for that purpose, and inform us of the numbers that wish to take tea with us, at least three days beforehand, so that they may be comfortably provided for at the meeting. The meeting will be held at the house of T. C. Stretton, Great Alfred-street Central, Nottingham. We hope none will stay away on account of poverty, as those who are not able to pay will be as welcome as any.

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