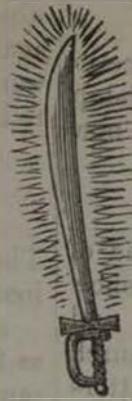


THE

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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FIRE REPRESENTING THE



FIRE OF GOD'S WRATH.

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

We have warned our readers already that our task in exposing the fraud and oppression practiced by the leader of the once Great Organization was nearly at an end. We now inform our readers that Part 14 will complete this volume, and then peace must reign amongst us to prepare for the onward march to the conquest of the world. Our readers must keep in view, that the objects pointed out at the onset of our labours, were to overthrow the oppression and evils in the Great Organization, our friends now see how the "Sword" has fulfilled its mission. But they were told that after this work had been accomplished, that it would have another mission to fulfil, that is to overthrow the evils existing amongst mankind in general, and thus it has truly been a pioneer, to prepare the way for the armies of the Lord of Hosts; and after the next issue a short time will elapse to gather strength and numbers, to enable us more valiantly to fight the great battle of truth against error and superstition; thus as our work will be great and mighty, we shall require an increase in our armies to face the world in arms, and though we shall discontinue the use of "The Sword," and "The Fire," yet our weapons will still prove effectual, for the "Fount of Truth," which will be the title of our second volume, shows that where the truths have emanated from for the "Sword," that there is still a Fount left behind which will prove, as it progresses, that it emanates from the Fount on High, which is inexhaustible and ever flowing from the pure stream that flows through the heavenly world down to the holy city established on the earth. Thus that heavenly stream has ceased to flow down to, and through the ranks of the Great Organization. Thus that river of Truth is dried up, and still its bed looks green and flourishing, for though the waters are fast drying up, to prepare the way for the kings of the earth to pass over, yet a more lovely stream, more clear and

crystal looking waters are about to flow over the same bed, down from the fount of wisdom and truth, to the inhabitants of the earth. Thus are the words of the most High being realized. The river through which flowed the Divine and heavenly truths has been dried up, and though it is no more, yet its bed, or foundation, now looks green and flourishing, and the waters of divine truth must still flow over and through the same channel, that is, through the people who once formed the ranks of the Great Organization, but now form the "New Jerusalem;" and thus must this majestic river continue to flow on, and on, until it reaches and waters every valley on the face of the earth, and mingles with the great and mighty ocean, or peoples of the earth, until the truths flowing down that heavenly avenue seen in the vision, reach every land and every heart. Thus the structures built up by ambition, though under the watchful care of heaven, are now passing away; the sea of trouble is rolling to and fro amongst the bewildered people, and the mountains and structures reared up in men's minds are fast tottering to the ground, and that cloud of dense darkness which has hung as a canopy over the people, is fast breaking up, and the glorious light of heavenly truth is bursting forth through the dense mass in a blaze of light and sunshine, to the people who have looked upon each other as enemies, expecting a great and mighty warfare, but the implements of warfare must shortly be superseded by implements of cultivation, and emblems of peace and unity; and the reign of charity, rest, and freedom be established. And where there has been famine of the word of the Lord, plenty will exist; where the pestilence of God's wrath, fire and sword combined, has ravaged amongst friends and foes, will peace and unity exist; and thus will the people be cleansed from all unrighteousness, and be united in the ranks of truth and righteousness, "and with the banners of universal liberty and love, be enabled to trample to the dust, all that is an abomination to the Lord."

A NARRATIVE.

Showing the sufferings and losses, both in reference to this world's goods and the sacrifice of friendship made by T. C. S. for the sake of what has now proved itself to be a great and glorious cause.

(Continued from our last.)

I will now lead my reader back to the time of receiving the first Celestial communications, and show the nature of the instruction given, step by step, and shall not publish those which are given in the church part of our journal, but shall continue the minor matters as given up to the time of the closing of this narrative, and will commence by giving a Revelation revealed June 11th, 1862, in answer to a question asked on the subject, which was in reference to the money affairs of the Great Organization.—*Revelation*: "I, Gabriel, declare unto thee, that the Revelations alluded to were partially the Medium's own imagination, and spiritual impression combined, for the purpose of bringing to light his fraud and duplicity, and thereby establishing truth on the ruins of truth and falsehood combined, which falsehood will crumble and fall with a dreadful crash, so truth and falsehood always clash."

The next question asked was in reference to the domiciles, and was as follows:—Was the domiciles, as printed and described by Mr. J. G. H. Brown, given to him from the throne of God, or were they the result of his own imagination?

Revelation—"They were the result of hearing works read on similar subjects, and not from the throne of God, as the way in which they were given and carried out shews; as at every step, his designs were frustrated by spiritual power, and thou mayst consider the feelings thou experienced at the time, and the doubts thou had concerning them, and study his own assertions on the subject as to his inability to describe those for the other nations."

The next question asked was in reference to the nine Prophecies in the "Warning Message."

The question was as follows:—Is the nine Prophecies in the "Warning Message" spiritual, and to be relied upon as truthful.—*Revelation*,—"These were the result of spiritual power given as a warning to mankind, to prepare them for the coming of the great change, but will not be fulfilled in many instances, in the way described in other works, which were the result of the Medium's own invention, and hence the contradictory state of the times affixed."

The next question asked was in reference to the "Scriptural Magazine," and was as follows:—

Question.—Is the "Scriptural Magazine" truthful, and to be relied upon.

Revelation.—This was given as a guide to man and will prove truthful, as time has already shewn, by events which have developed themselves in the church, through the heads of colleges and others. But the vision at the conclusion will be fulfilled in a different manner to what is generally anticipated, as it shows the fall of structures of people, as the flags portrayed on the tops of the churches, which showed the fall or doom of that church

which has become oppressive, and will fall never to rise again, before the power of that God, at whose word all worlds shall tremble, and all mighty structures opposed to his will, crumble to the dust.

But angels cannot tell the period,
Still they know the time's at hand
When all things God hath declared,
Shall descend upon the land.

Therefore, take heed, that you do not delay to fulfil the instructions given as a guide unto you

A further question was asked, and an answer given, as follows, from the same high and holy angel at the same time and place:—

Question.—Is the Book of Life the result of the Medium's ambition?

Revelation.—"This is the work alluded to where the Medium has used his own judgment, instead of relying on the spiritual assertions, though much truth may be gleaned from its pages, as time will prove."

These Revelations were given at a time, and under circumstances, which caused us to be in doubt, as to whether there was not much error in the works printed and published by, and for the Great Organization; being fully satisfied in our minds that the Medium had fallen and departed from the truth at some point which we could not decide, as it had been noticed by many that the Revelations appeared to be very different to what they had been previous; whether it was the Medium's own fault, or whether Aerial spirits had, through some fault of his own, been permitted to lead him astray, as we had seen according to his own works. Men who were better educated, more virtuous, and more God fearing than the Medium, had erred, through some cause or other, so that we had lost confidence entirely in the man's integrity, and therefore could not trust to all he said being of Divine origin; thus we place these answers before the public, with the dates attached to them, so that it may be seen whether they are truth or error. Between the date of these Revelations and the one here inserted, there was much instruction given in reference to establishing the "New Jerusalem," the most important part of which is published under that head in this periodical. The one we are about to publish shews that the warfare amongst God's chosen people will be a spiritual warfare, and that the sword we should have to fight with, is the sword of the spirit, or the "Sword of Truth." And thus there is a reference made to foes which should be sent against the central stronghold, or the armies of the Lord of Hosts, who at that time was arranged in battle order with their captains, appointed at their head. And thus it will be seen how we have been realizing the truths of Revelation, yet not understood by many of the people who have read and heard them read repeatedly, yea have even helped to fulfil it, not knowing that they were doing so, and thus their missiles of warfare sent against the central stronghold, have fallen harmless to the ground like spent arrows. Thus we were commanded to capture the foes sent against the town, and so fulfil past Revelations." We now give the Revelation given as a guide, June 23rd, 1862.

Revelation.—"I, Gabriel, am commanded to declare

unto thee, for thy guide and instruction, that thou shalt capture and use in the defence of this town, the foes sent against it, and thus they shall meet in triumph, a foe which drives them o'er their dead. And thus these spiritual foes of my people shall be driven from the land, by the power I have raised up for the purpose, and shall triumph over every obstacle placed in their path. Therefore, do not let them extend beyond the present members, who are now enrolled, and those who are still clinging to the tottering fabric called the Great Organization. And thus these foes shall prevail against the cause they are intended to overthrow, and though the struggle has been protracted, yet bloody will be the onslaught, yet the foes shall prevail and scatter devastation on their track. Thus it will be seen that much that has been set forth will be fulfilled spiritually, and not as many have imagined, though there are other things which will be literally fulfilled which will shortly manifest themselves; and thus it will be seen that the armies of the Lord of Hosts are now being enrolled with their leaders or captains, as portrayed in former prophecies, wherein it declares that 'I will appoint leaders over them in the days of the nation's troubles.' And thou art now commanded to buckle on the armour of righteousness, and declare to the people what thou hast received as commands from on high. Thus it will be seen that we are, at the time we are now writing, August 10th, 1862, in the midst of the spiritual strife portrayed, for the foes portrayed to come to the land as thieves in the night, are already amongst the members of the Organization, and amongst those who are standing aloof, wondering what all these things will lead to. Thus they have realized other assertions which state that they should go to bed with peace upon their lips, and rise in the morning with sound of war upon their ears, for the sword and fire is now ravaging amongst the towns and amongst the people. Thus the words of the most High are being fulfilled, for strife is now raging through the length and breadth of the land, and the foes of his people are committing devastation upon their track, and swords are flying as venomous arrows throughout the land, but God's chosen armies must ultimately triumph over every obstacle placed in their path; and thus the leader, who was to issue forth to battle, contrary to the decrees of heaven, is now known unto us, and by his fall shall he be known, since another is appointed to lead the armies of the Lord of Hosts, as the following Revelation portrays:—August 5th, 1862, 'I, Gabriel, declare unto thee, that thou shalt endeavour to issue the "Sword of Truth" as speedily as possible, as the enemies of my people are already combined, saith the Lord, and their forces are committing devastation upon their track; and it is necessary that the "Sword" should follow on their path, until the "nation's foes" are subdued and driven from the land. Therefore, send it forth to all the localities within thy reach, so that thou as their leader shall be sent forth to the scenes of strife, to lead the armies of the Lord of Hosts. Now, therefore, thou mayst see to what end thou hast lived, and the task before thee; so fear not, as thou o'er fields of death shall tread, yet feel no alarm,

and thus fulfil the words we were commanded to give for the leader of the armies of the Lord of Hosts; and though others may suppose they apply to the leader of the Great Organization, yet they shall be spiritually fulfilled by thee, and thou shalt lead the mighty host by being the leader of God's chosen armies, and shall tread underfoot the nations of the earth, by sending forth the things which shall emanate through thee; and he for whom thou labourest will cause the medium of the Great Organization to realize them also, but in another way which will be shortly understood by those by whom he is surrounded, and by thee also. So persevere, as the struggle has already begun, and other things must now speedily follow: so hold thyself in readiness for the task, for it will be great, but the result glorious.' Thus it will be seen from the nature of this revelation, how truly the warfare may be termed a spiritual one; whether it will be fulfilled literally or not time will shortly prove. But one thing appears certain to my mind, if fulfilled literally, by foreign countries invading our shores and destroying towns, cities, villages, and hamlets on their tract, that the time is not so near as was generally supposed by the members of the Organization. We will now give the revelation given in answer to a question asked this 10th day of August, 1862, whether we should experience the invasion of our country literally or spiritually only, as in all our instructions it appears to point out a spiritual warfare and a spiritual invasion only. Hence I was requested by several persons to ask a question on the subject. The answer was as follows.

Revelation, August 10th, 1862.—"I, Gabriel, declare unto thee, in the name of the ever living and true God, that thou shalt now make known to the people that, as they are thirsting for knowledge on the future, it shall now be given to them. And let them ask themselves if they are prepared for the terrible events portrayed to be literally fulfilled in this land. Have they not seen sufficient to make them desire that this land shall not pass through that terrible scourge like America? Do they desire to see this land saturated with blood as that wretched country? Do they desire that the sword and fire shall consume even as in that land? Have they no love for their countrymen and fellow townsmen? Yea, have they no love for their families who were not members of the Organization? Have they no love for themselves that they so strongly desire to see blood flow, the corn trampled down and destroyed, and the putrid flesh of the people burnt in heaps? Do they still desire to see these things in this land? If so, they will not be gratified; for this nation is chosen to establish universal liberty and love in all the nations of the earth: and though they may have a desire to see these things come upon this chosen land and its chosen people, they shall not live to see such things come to pass, though trade and commerce has slumbered, and may continue to slumber a short time longer, yet the time is near at hand when they shall see and hear of peace and plenty. Therefore, let the people take heed how they continue to desire these things here portrayed, but let them rest assured that they will see and hear of every word spo-

ken by the God of Heaven coming to pass, though in a different manner to what they have hitherto anticipated. Therefore they shall shortly know how the assertions given are being fulfilled, and shall acknowledge that God's ways are not as man's ways, neither his thoughts as their thoughts; and though much may appear wrapped in mystery, and given in parabolical language, and set forth as types of what should come to pass, yet these things shall all be made plain, as before portrayed in the "Warning Message," wherein it declares—'explanation shall be given and satisfy.' Therefore, let them lay aside all thoughts of these fearful things coming upon this land, and which are now passing and being literally fulfilled amongst their brethren across the Atlantic, where business is closed and commerce ended, the streets deserted, the people famishing and dying of pestilence. And let them look to the famine now raging in this land through the strife in that land, and let this be a warning to them, lest in their thirst for vengeance they see these things realized amongst themselves, for God has power to punish individually, as well as to bring these things upon the masses. Therefore, let this instruction suffice, as I, the Lord, have declared it through my angel, for the guide and instruction of the people."

I have given this Revelation at the close of the narrative, so that it may be seen we have been guided by spiritual instruction up to the present time, and though some believe that what we are receiving is from Aerial, or evil spirits. But one thing is certain, much that is given herein has been fully realized, and we believe the remaining portion promised unto us will be also, so long as we are guided by the instruction given to us, and though we have had to pass through much suffering and contempt of many, and ridiculed by the professed followers of Christ, and have lost not only our friends in the world, but also in the Organization, through being determined to oppose that which we believed to be contrary to the will of God. For those who once looked upon us as brethren now look upon us with suspicion and mistrust, treat us as enemies to the cause of truth, when in reality it is they who are enemies to us and to themselves. But we believe God will shortly enlighten their minds by the influence of His holy spirit, and that however opposed they may be to us, they will ultimately join with us in the Jubilee, which we believe is not far distant, when poverty, malice, crime, and every evil will be banished from amongst us.

But first the tyrant's yoke must fall,
'Ere he will set his people free,
His herald minstrels then shall call,
All nations to the Jubilee.

Thus I close this narrative, hoping and trusting in God, who has hitherto guided, directed, and protected your humble servant.

Completed Aug. 10th, 1862. T. C. STRETTON.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We have received the following communication from Mr. Hitchcock, whom we now see, has found the Medium of the once Great Organization out, in his fraud and

duplicity. We have also received a threatening letter from the Medium, endeavouring to deter us from printing the following communication. But it appears the Medium has no faith in truth, as he repeats falsehoods in it, which we are prepared to prove such at any time. Therefore, we having full faith in truth becoming triumphant, and do our duty fearlessly, believing that he who hath promised us protection will fulfil his word, and protect us from harm.

Stretton street, Nottingham, June 18, 1863.

Dearest friends,—As I have always stated that if I found Mr. Brown in a perfect lie, I would acknowledge it, and cease to believe in him, as a true man to the cause of God and his people. I am now ready, and do hereby say that he has told one of the basest of lies, on purpose for gain; inasmuch as he has received eight pounds for the purpose of paying for the first part of the New Bible; and to the man from whom he received it, he has been base enough to tell him, by letter, that it cost a little under seven pounds, when it only cost four pounds. And he has mentioned it to me in a manner as though he expected me to act with him in his duplicity. But my conscience revolts at such a proceeding, so from this circumstance I can no longer reckon myself a member of the Great Organization. Therefore, let the consequence be what it may, I must cease from the above date to be regarded as one of that cause, and now tender my resignation, and shall henceforth labour no longer with the Medium to promote it. But I would always act towards him with charity, and on this ground alone. I offered to assist him in his needs, as I have done of late, but he would not accept it. And my regards to him, as one through whom I have from God been enlightened on matters of great importance, shall never fail, although he declared he would bundle me out of his house if he had had strength to do so. And when conversing on the subject on Sunday night, June 14th, after the members of the Circle were gone, I requested him to account for the amount of money which he said the first part had cost, and he attempted to account for it, declaring he could do so. But the halfcrown for the advertisement was all he could in truth refer to as expenses in connection with it. Thus feeling himself in a fix, he became enraged, and said he would not account for it to me, but he would to Mr. Thompson. Upon which I asked him to dictate and I would write there and then. But he would not, but said he would on the morrow, which he did. And the next "Sword" will show in what manner, if I am permitted. And as I have told him often that if I caught him fairly in an error, I should mention it to him before I told any one else. So I have told him this to his face, and he cannot call me a sneak. And as he cannot make it reconcilable with my conscience, I told him I should next inform the rest of the members of it, and also upon this point I should leave the Organization, believing that it will come to nought, and that he himself as long thought so is my impression, from what I have heard him say at different times, especially of late, or at times when things has not gone on as he would wish them. And now as a proof of my sayings to them when I have

been accused of knowing to his fraud, when I have not known to it, nor could I recognise it as such until this circumstance occurred. And as I have all faith in truth, and believe that the interests of truth cannot be forwarded by a lie, nor the good of the people be promoted, nor the cause of God upheld by any such means. I now leave the cause, and as willingly leave it as ever I joined it, intending always to adhere to truth wherever I find it, exposing falsehood and duplicity; and if this cause be of God I cannot now so regard it; therefore, am not in fault. My conscience sanctioning me in this step, and if all were opposed to me it would not matter, for I believe God is on my side, and I, putting my trust in him, shall fear not, and follow where conscience and what I conceive to be truth dictates and leave the result to God. So farewell, wishing you to be honest with your-

selves, and your Medium, while the cause stands.

P.S.—As I mentioned to Mr. Brown a few days before, that I had seen Mr. Stretton, and that he said to me he did not think the second part would come out, as he had seen the first and thought it was sufficient to fulfil Revelation, and prove his overthrow. And Mr. Brown said by some stratagem or other it should be got out if he had to sell some furniture to do it. But it appears he thought the man that found the money for the first part would find it for the second; also, as he informed him that the first cost so much more than it did, and said the other would not be so much, as he thought four pounds would get the second out. But I think his stratagem will fall to the ground unaccomplished.

Yours,

JEDIAH HITCHCOCK.

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 of the New Jerusalem, since our last issue we have been blessed with an increase in our ranks, we have received amongst us a goodly number of our old friends and fellow labourers in the cause of truth, thus are those words being realized that we should be united by those who had stood aloof, and thus our numbers are fast increasing, and ere long will be realized those words which declare respecting this town, that

Thousands to her shelter flock—
She hath not destruction shared.

Thus, whilst our brethren have been scattered, as portrayed in the vision in the narrative, we have been kept together, and amidst all the strife and confusion that has reigned around us we have been protected and sheltered by God's almighty arm, and have continued to sing praises to God and been enabled to look calmly on while the wrath of God has scattered those who were left behind us in the ranks of the Great Universal Organization. But God, in His mercy, warned us that we should be enabled to gather many of them into the church of Christ, this we are now fast realizing and shall continue to do so, for, as time progresses, God will pour out His holy spirit upon us and amongst us, so that the world shall see and know that we have been with Christ and learnt of him, for the glory of the Millennial reign of Christ will far surpass any thing that has yet been sent forth to the world, for great and

mighty will be the struggle for the truth in the minds of men, for God will, in His goodness, employ His holy and celestial angels to assist in gathering together the chosen people; and therefore great and marvellous things will ere long manifest themselves to the eyes of the people, for God hath willed that superstition and ignorance of His divine will shall fly before the power appointed to accomplish this great work, so that it shall be seen God is wielding His almighty power amongst His chosen people; and thus will the name of God be glorified, and the name of the Redeemer sounded throughout the universe as king and high priest of His chosen flock, and even, as in days of old, shall miraculous power manifest itself amongst you, so that the world shall be compelled to acknowledge who are the chosen ministers and messengers of the Lord, and who are the true prophets sent forth to enlighten mens minds on the will and ways of God; such are the divine words sent forth from heaven through thee, His chosen instrument, and therefore declare to the world that great and marvellous are the things which are about to transpire to convince the people that the reign of Christ has commenced, and it must continue for ever and ever, world without end:

Hark ! the herald angels cry,
Glory be to God on high;
Christ is come on earth again
O'er his chosen flock to reign.

It will be seen by the above, that during the writing

of this article, for which I always seek divine guidance before commencing to write, that during its progress it gradually assumes the shape of revelation, though the former part appears to be only written by guidance alone. I have noticed this to have been the case before in some of the leading articles, therefore I send it forth as written, not knowing where to separate it, neither dare I alter it.—*Editor.*

Address to the bewildered Tribes of the Great Universal Organization.

Beloved Brethren,—As I have received instructions in revelation to write this address unto the members of the above cause, I shall, according to instruction, proceed with it; and although apparently a task to me, I not having in my life written anything to go before the public, and a man of little learning, I have to depend on the power by which I am influenced and guided, and pray fervently to the Lord that I may be guided aright. I first joined the Great Organization in the summer of 1858, and remained a member of the same until 1862; and although seeing much in the conduct of the medium that was very hurtful to my mind, I still believed the cause to be of divine origin, and looked over his failings, advocating it both publicly and privately to the best of my ability, and created myself a many enemies, as most of us have done, but this I heeded not, and still went on with what I believed to be my duty to my fellow creatures, and as a faithful member of the cause to which I was pledged; and in the summer of 1861, those of us that advocated the doctrines publicly, (for we had then three meetings in different parts of the town of Nottingham) had great persecution to endure through the medium writing articles in the "Spiritualistic Free Press" concerning private individuals in Nottingham, and they raised up a party that came to annoy us at our meetings, and this we had to endure, not for the doctrines we advocated, but through the medium at the head of the cause. This also we patiently endured, and continued our meetings as long as the addresses on the corruptions of the scriptures lasted, and then we held but one meeting as long as the weather would permit: and although the medium often caused us great trouble of mind, we, the members of Nottingham, were willing to look over all his failings, and did so, until the spring of 1862, when his tyranny and oppression became too grievous to be borne, as hath been shewn in the "Sword of Truth." Although we had these things to endure, such as the accounts, which were jumbled together, and not straightforward, and the balance sheet which Mr. S. refused to sign, which I would rather not have named, only that I am obliged to do so to be faithful before God and man, and to state my experience with the cause. But when the 4th of May arrived, a day I shall remember as long as I live, when the medium severed from the circle those that had been its firmest supporters and defenders, for ambition, and others for incapacity, although it had been given in re-

velation that God would make all capable that were not so; and we, the greater part of the members at Nottingham, were convinced that the members of the circle were not severed by God, or his divine commands, but solely by the medium through his own self-will and ambition; for on that day he set it forth in revelation that he was "High Priest and Councillor," making himself the Anti-Christ of the Great Organization. Thus far he was permitted to lead the Organization, for on that day depend upon it he fell from the cause, and was effectually severed from it. We, the chief of the members at Nottingham, felt great concern on account of the severance of the members from the circle, and after the meeting in the evening, most of us went down in company to Mr. Stretton's house, as if led by an unseen power, and talked the events of the day over; and all there present, feeling that we could not meet at the house of the medium any longer, pressed Mr. Stretton to allow us to meet at his house, and have our meetings for divine ordinance as usual, as we still believed the cause to be of God. Mr. S. replied that he had come to the conclusion to make his house his church, and any wishing to come and worship with him might willingly do so; and I believe most of us for a time met there as usual, but several of us afterwards agreed to keep aloof and watch the passing events, believing then that almost all that had been issued by the medium was false and his own inventions. But we were not permitted to keep aloof long, as Mr. S. had prayed fervently to be guided aright in such a time of need, and his prayers were answered, and he received instructions himself that startled many of us with regard to the establishing our present Church of the New Jerusalem and armies of Zion, and that he was appointed by an All-wise God to be the leader of those armies: and one day feeling unwell, I went to Mr. S. for him to obtain a prescription for me, and previous to the prescription being given was a revelation, in which it stated that I should at once be enrolled as a member of the New Jerusalem, and that I was to be appointed as ruler over the first fifty of the church, and that I should be protected through the scenes of strife, &c., without injury to myself, and be blest with instruction as a guide, such as I could form no conception of. And notwithstanding this important instruction, for although I was enrolled as I was told to be, I still doubted its being divine, and was not very attentive to the great cause, which it has proved to be, being almost bewildered by the acts of the medium of the Great Organization; but now I have experienced the truthfulness of that revelation, and am blest with receiving instructions as a guide to myself and others, such that I could form no conception of whatever. I had long prayed that the gift might be bestowed upon me, and, although I received frequent rebukes through my guardian for want of faith to the cause I had recently joined myself. I still believed them to be either aerial or the force of my own imagination, and for a time cast them aside; but still, wishing to be guided aright, I prayed fervently to God through Christ the Redeemer, that I might be; and shortly after became very much impressed, and asked if any

instruction could be given me; as, in accordance with divine will. This was on the morning of the 4th of May, and received such instruction as perfectly astounded me. I took it to Mr. S. to ask for further instructions upon it in which I was appointed to be a minister of the church and armies of Zion. On the 14th of May I received another revelation from my guardian, which, with the first I received, were published with the last "Sword of Truth." In the night of the 8th of June, I had a remarkable dream or vision of the night; and in asking for instruction as interpretation, received that remarkable notice and warning to the shattered structure of the Great Universal Organization, and which was ordered to be sent to the localities where the members reside; and afterwards, the interpretation of the dream followed, and which will shortly be published in the "Sword of Truth," so that you may see that the Divine gifts and blessings are being bestowed upon us, as there are several more of us receiving wonderful instruction on our future duties in spreading the glorious tidings to the utmost bounds of the earth; and our meetings, since we have been brought from under the "yoke of the tyrant," are peaceful and agreeable, as there is now no personal interest at stake, and no complaints for wear and tear of furniture, &c. And, I believe, we are all labouring solely for the glory of God, and the welfare of our brethren, who are still under the dark cloud, although the sun has arisen to the meridian height. And hoping you may speedily be brought from under that same oppressive yoke, and under the Divine light that is now manifesting itself amongst us, is the fervent prayer of

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Revelation, June 15th, 1863.—"What are my instructions as in accordance with Divine will.—Behold! thou art a chosen vessel of the Lord to make known His Divine and holy will to thy fellow man, and to the scattered and bewildered remnant of the Great Universal Organization, so prepare thyself to receive instructions as warnings to these scattered tribes, so that they may be prepared to join that church, that will become universal, for many of them have great duties to perform in connexion with the church when the time arrives, and when they can see the time portrayed has come, when they shall be organised into the church of Christ and armies of Zion, and renamed the 12 tribes of Israel, and thus will end the Great Organization raised up by the Lord of Hosts for this purpose, and ordained with your brethren across the sea to spread the glorious truths, until it shall become universal. And thou shalt in a short time hence receive instructions through me, Gabriel, the angel and messenger of the Lord, as explanations to the prophecies and visions in Divine Revelation, whereby it will be explained to a bewildered people, the domestic strife, and who are the rulers and people there alluded to, the invasion by foreign foes, and who are the four powers that should combine as there described, with the destruction that should take place, and afterwards the glorious reign of peace, and this shall be truthfully described as far as time will permit of its fulfilment, so that a bewildered people may see and be aware of what they have been led too. Such are

my instructions for the present unto thee, and such I am commanded to declare."

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To the scattered structure called the Great Universal Organization.

We the members of the "New Jerusalem," assembled together on the 28th day of June, 1863, for the purpose of ordaining as ministers of the church called the "New Jerusalem," four of the former members of the Nottingham Spiritual Circle. Thus we have now in our ranks ten persons who have been members of the Nottingham Spiritual Circle. We have also received a number of names from Bedworth for enrollment, and a number of those that surround us in Nottingham and neighbourhood. Also, there is not now a member of the G. U. O. in Nottingham. Thus is this structure crumbling with the dust, and that harvest which was expected to be gathered will not be permitted, as strife is stirred up amongst them until it is impossible to be gathered. Thus it may now be seen that the first harvest alluded to, was the G. O., which was not gathered, but was changed by name unto the G. U. O. And now this is the other harvest, and this is the second season alluded to in the prophecies. Thus as our opponents now see that though *no earthly power* could disperse the Organization, yet a spiritual power has surely and effectually done it. We are also realizing those words which declare that the leader of the chosen armies should be united by those who had stood aloof, and also are capturing the foes sent against this stronghold, and using them as instruments in its defence. We are realizing this in a twofold sense, first by capturing their missiles sent against us, and afterwards themselves. Thus are the vultures realizing their feast as foretold during the spring and summer. And now may the nation know that their foes are upon its soil, and the much dreaded news is being peeled forth, the mournful tidings is being spread abroad that the Organization with its Medium, is no more. How hath the mighty fallen, and become levelled with the dust. The king and the rulers are hurled from their power. Thus hath the prince at home been tried and fallen, fallen to degradation and woe, through his determined and stubborn will, casting aside the Divine injunctions. And the fall of this structure shall be a type of the fall of others. But out of its ruins shall arise a structure, which shall mark this mighty epoch in all ages yet to come. Thus like the fabled Phoenix, will truth arise from the heap of smouldering ashes, of truth and falsehood combined; we would not rejoice over our fallen foes, but we rejoice in the triumph of truth over falsehood and fraud, and we instead of wasting our time in uselessness, ask those who have been our foes, to lay down their

arms, as many have already done, and join us in the struggle, the great struggle of truth against error and superstition. Thus we are waiting to welcome the fatigued and half-naked armies of England amongst us, who have struggled through the strife unscathed, though not without being, in many cases, dragged down to poverty, through the oppression of him who was placed in power over us.

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An Address delivered at our Meeting on the 4th May, 1863.

“Salvation by Christ, as taught and believed by the different sects of religion, compared with that taught by the members of the ‘New Jerusalem.’”

Brethren of the great human family.—It is at this particular period necessary to have and to obtain all the information possible, when every one is anxious for the truth, for we have now arrived at that period in the history of the world, which the ancient Prophets foretold, when men should run to and fro, from sea to sea and from shore to shore, to seek the word of the Lord, and should not be able to find it. Thus, if we look to the Romish church, they tell us they have it; if we look to the English church, they declare the same; if we turn to the Dissenters, they say that the present book is sufficient to guide us, though there are misinterpretations in it, but their learned ministers explain much of this, as they suppose making it more in accordance with the original; and thus the great mass of the people are taught to believe scripture not as it is in the present translation, but just as their teachers believe it, or think well to lay it before the people. Thus it is that so many sects of religion are in existence, and that so many creeds and doctrines exist; but the time has now arrived when the people's eyes are being opened; this I have frequently declared in public would be the case, for knowing that the teachers' of the people were aware of the corruption of the scriptures, it only wanted this fact making known to the people, so that they might question their teachers' on the subject, knowing that if they were the true followers of Christ, they would own to the corruption, and this would be one great step towards overthrowing the teachings of error and delusion; for the most simple minded christian may ask a few questions from their teachers, which they cannot answer truthfully without showing the corruption of scripture. When first it became my duty to shew to the people that the scripture was not as originally written, I was treated with scorn and contempt on every hand and side, but since I, with others, had declared this in public, many great events has taken place in the religious world. The writers of the Essays and Reviews have manifested themselves, and made known to the world their opinions on the scriptures. The most learned of the divines have now openly declared to the world that such is the case. We have now before us the Bishop of Natal's work, showing how the simple minded Zulu confounded the Bishop appointed over him by the English church, by asking if the account of the Universal Deluge was true. The Bishop has now ceased to act the hypocrite any longer,

and has plainly told the world that he does not believe it. Thus if the people of England would only follow the example of the Zulu, and ask their ministers can this be true, they would find that they would answer them evasively, or not at all. They would speedily find that they do not comprehend the mysteries and absurdities contained in and mingled with the scriptures, and brought before us as the inspired word of God, and this is not only manifest in the Pentateuch, or the first books of Bible, said to be written by Moses, but it is more or less manifest from Genesis to Revelation. Now if this is a fact which cannot be confuted, though it may be denied, Why is it that the learned set these things forth as truth knowing them to be erroneous? Many reasons might be assigned. One reason I have seen assigned for it is that if the scriptures were altered from the present version, the people would doubt it altogether. Is this just, that because a few might lose their faith in it, that the great mass of the people should be taught to believe that to be the word of God, which they well know is the word of man only, and that of ignorant men, or else deep designing men. One great reason is that they fear the people would turn round upon them for teaching so long that which they knew to be without fact for its foundation. For has not the history of the creation and the fall of man been taught to us as being the inspired word of God. Yea, in this very account, written from the imagination of Moses, we can find errors which have more or less been scattered through the Bible, thus the believers in the Trinity, or Three Gods in one, refer to that passage which says “Let us make man in our own image, and after our own likeness. Thus we are taught to believe in a plurality of Gods who created the world. Thus this idea is carried through the scriptures in many places, though there are many passages which thoroughly upset this Doctrine. There is also another delusion set forth in this supposed history, the time that it took to form this earth, and fit it for an habitation for man. Geology entirely upsets this account given to us with its date, true it says “In the beginning,” and God did so and so, without fixing any date to the formation of the dark and unshapen mass of earth; but the formation of the different animals was fictitious, or Geology is not a truthful science.

(To be continued in our next.)

NOTICE.

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