

THE SWORD

OF

TRUTH,

WORK DEVOTED TO THE MORAL, RELIGIOUS,

AND POLITICAL STATE OF MANKIND; IN WHICH,

WILL BE SHEWN THE PROGRESS

OF SPIRITUAL TRUTH, AS DEVELOPING

ITSELF TO MANKIND

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 our readers we wish to address a few words, as this portion of our paper is intended more particularly to be devoted to the cutting down of evils,—and as its motto signify to the consuming of such evils by the wrath of God—therefore it is our duty to lay before the people that which we believe to be truth, fearless of the results, as we shall leave in the hands of God those who set at nought His counsels, whether it be in disobeying the divine injunctions as given in the ancient revealed word of God, or in the more modern; and though we may discover error mingled with truth in the scripture, we must not condemn that which is true and bears the stamp of divinity on the face of it; therefore search diligently for the truth, and when thou hast found it treasure it up in your hearts; cast aside the shells and leave them to be consumed by the wrath of God, but firmly embrace the truth wherever or whenever it comes within thy reach. If we follow out this plan we shall soon be able to discover the pearl of great price, and find, to our joy and satisfaction, that we have reached that time when knowledge shall run to and fro and increase in the earth, and by this knowledge we shall discover two great and lasting blessings: first, the true path to happiness in this world; and secondly, speedy rest and glory in the world to come. These great ends may be attained by two simple things, love to God and love to man. If we love God we shall follow out His divine precepts, worship Him in spirit and truth, love Him for His goodness and mercy, not fear Him through fear of the devil, but let His goodness lead us to repent of every evil. Love to our fellow man will cause oppression to cease to exist, and will speedily cause the earth to become a paradise.—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.)

to write the manuscript for the printer, from Mr. B's dictation, beside writing much for its pages myself, and having the proofs to correct; I had to devote much time to this work, and leave my business to be carried on, in a great measure, by a foreman. And in this work it will be seen there is much dictated by the Medium that was disgusting to refined Christian feelings, so much so that a lady in Essex wrote to the Medium begging that such things should not be placed in its pages; and the size was much increased, so that the expense became very serious, and finding that its sales gradually fell off, a question was asked why it was that the promise was not realized, and it was stated that the directions given at its issue had not been carried out. I used all my efforts, as far as practicable, and wished to still endeavour to keep it before the public, and a question was asked in reference to seeking another publisher, and was put in the following form: what will be the most effectual means of increasing the circulation of the Journal in the quickest possible manner. The answer was as follows:—Advertise liberally in the London weekly papers, and forward bills to the publishers for posting in London, and other places, for the journal is yet unknown, and the steps you propose would increase your expense and trouble, while the same object may be achieved without, and agents achieved at leisure, thus the expense you have proposed will be diminished, as the greater number of London agents would cause a far greater outlay, and the result in the end be the same, hence the delay; but, now persevere and let not time be wasted. This instruction was implicitly obeyed, and a number of

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The New Jerusalem come down from God out of Heaven.

Fellow helpers in the cause of God, a great work lies before you, thousands in our towns and cities are labouring under the greatest delusion, yea, are suffering the vilest oppression, by being taught to believe that God is a monster of cruelty, and that though he is merciful, His mercy does not endure for ever, this is blasphemy against the God of the heavens and of the earth, and all His works and ways condemn such practices. Then let us endeavour to make known the truth to the children of men. That God is not revengeful by punishing man for ever in a lake of fire and brimstone, with the devil and his angels. But that we shall suffer only in accordance with our deeds done in the body, and that it is wrong to teach our fellow men these things, which cause the poor and distressed people to look upon God as a tyrant, sitting in the midst of the heavens, dealing out everlasting torment to the souls of the dead, and reserving the bodies until a future day for a like punishment. Let us take to the homes of the people, as Christ and His apostles did the true gospel, and though it may be said of us that we associate with sinners, let us not heed what may be said but endeavour to establish worship in the houses of the people, wether poor or otherwise. But let this be said of us, the poor have the gospel preached unto them, for they have more need of it, for several substantial reasons:—First, they are more ignorant than the rich, and but few of the learned believe in the eternal torment, taught in the present day. But millions of the poor believe this doctrine and tremble when they dare to think upon it.—Secondly, they have less of this world's good things, therefore they need consolation and comfort.—Thirdly, the true gospel of Christ will teach them to love their fellow men, to be kind and affectionate to each other, and thus it will cause drunkenness to cease, and with drunkenness being swept from amongst the people, poverty will not take so fast hold upon them. They will be raised to a standard of morality the present doctrines fail to establish, since they will know that the drunkard suffereth as a drunkard, the infidel for his infidelity, the suicide for his rashness, the murderer for his crimes, and this punishment we cannot escape in the world of immortality any more than we can escape from our consciences, while in this world. The great cause of crime being continued to such a fearful extent, is because mankind are taught to believe that they may continue in this course for a number of years, and then when they find

they can no longer go on in their sins and wickedness, repent, or express sorrow, and believe Christ's death avails for them and they go direct to heaven, whilst the victim of the murderer was cut off without time to repent. It would appear strange to the spirit of the murdered victim to be in the same situation as the rich man described by Christ, and the murderer be in the same situation as Lazarus. Would not the poor victim think and say that God was unmerciful and unjust? truly this might be said. If the murderer, suicide, infidel, and drunkard knew there was no escape from his merited sufferings, but that they must meet face to face their injured victims and suffer their taunts and reproaches until they were purified from every evil, they would pause ere they committed themselves to these acts unless they had grown desperate and past being reclaimed, yet it is seldom if ever this point be reached. And as they reach this higher standard of morality, ignorance will decrease, and they will know what are their just rights, religiously and politically, and will soon discover what will remove their present poverty; and thus decrease their dependance upon the charity of the rich, and decrease the duties of the Poor-Law Officers, in fact they will not be required when this time cometh. But while men labour under this great delusion of eternal torment and salvation at the eleventh hour, things will continue as they are.

We here invite those of the higher ranks in society who wish to see every evil swept from the earth, to assist in taking the gospel to the homes of the poor, and teach every man to make his house his place of worship, and form themselves into a universal church, singing the same praises, offering the same prayers, and then, and not till then, will they see poverty and crime banished from the earth.

Revelation given as instruction to members of the New Jerusalem.

June 24th, 1862.—Thou shalt now appoint over the first fifty, the man to whom it has been pourtrayed, as the 2nd fifty will shortly require another appointment. Let the cause progress in unity and love, and truly let it be seen that thou art a chosen people, plucked out from the midst of vice and immorality, as those who continue in such things will meet with a fearful reward by being cast from amongst you by that power which watches over all the actions of men; and therefore, be ye holy, even as Christ, who is now establishing His church and kingdom amongst you; therefore, take heed how thou grieveest that Holy Spirit, lest it leave thee to the temptation of that power which will hurl thee to destruction. Therefore, remember that he that trieth the hearts and reins of men, will try thee, to prove who are faithful and who are not, and will judge of the capabilities of each and all, and therefore let your light shine before men, so that they may see the glory of the Lord made manifest amongst men, so that it may be said of a truth that thou hast been with Christ, and learnt of Him, therefore let not angry feelings be aroused in thy breasts, neither rebuke those who are angered, but at once cease to oppose anger by anger and it will fall harmless to the ground. Therefore let this be your guide when assembled together, and thus strife and contention will come to an end amongst you.

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