

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.

In our first number we warned our readers that the work which lay before us was the cutting down of every evil, and, as our mottos point out, leaving them to be consumed by the wrath of God. We also declared that we must first commence at Jerusalem; that is, the evils that exist amongst us who are believers in divine revelation. For, as will be seen in the narrative publishing in these pages, that the evils have been great, and that *hypocrisy, deception, and fraud* have existed to a fearful extent amongst us, and that a few of God's chosen people still remain victims to the same things, as will be seen in the narrative, which was completed and written previous to the 11th of August, 1862. For, during the last few weeks, the medium of the Great Organization has been selling for waste paper many works, some written by me; also, the "Free Press;" and on the 1st of November was seen a barrow load of books wheeled through the streets of Nottingham for sale at waste paper price. This, on enquiry at the shop, was found to be a vast quantity of the "Warning Message," the property of Mr. Cooke, of London. The same week a broker was sent for to sell to him the Dispensary fixtures, bottles, jars, &c.; and less than £2 being offered, the medium refused to sell them. Now all these things are the people's, not the medium's; yea, many of us have given our money to buy these things, when we ought to have kept it for our families. Thus the G.O. is fallen to the ground, its pledge cast to the winds, and all things connected with the conducting of its affairs laid aside, and its name changed to the G.U.O. It is now plain to be seen that this cause is fast falling to pieces, and revelation declares that it will be the second harvest that will not be gathered in this land, and that the G.O. was the first harvest alluded to (which is now extinct), and therefore we call on our readers to watch

the progress of events, and they will assuredly see the fall of the structure called the G.U.O.

But truth will stand the test of ages,  
Falsehood has disgraced their pages;  
Truth will stand firm as a rock,  
Falsehood crumbles with a shock;  
Falling with a dreadful crash.  
So truth and falsehood always clash.

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.)

his head in his hand, and he walked off with this fowl. I looked earnestly at him, and was anxious to know him, but could not see his features, and whilst he was in the act of walking off with this fowl, some invisible agency appeared to scatter the fowls seated on the church, so that there appeared to be none left. After this scene passed, I was apparently in the midst of a number of people, and I recognised several as being former acquaintance and friends. This dream, like the former one, made a deep and lasting impression on my mind, and caused me to wonder what it all could mean, as, before I became connected with spiritualism, I had been in the habit of ridiculing dreams and visions as being the effect of a disordered mind or body, but I began to feel that these dreams pointed out something in the future which I could not then comprehend or conceive. The following is the interpretation, obtained at my request by Mr. B.:—The new church signifieth the Church of Christ, in its original purity, while the complication of mysterious birds and beasts showeth the mysteries by which that church is now surrounded or enwrapped, while birds of mystery, which were seated on its summit, are the emblems of the power which sanction the mysteries propagated by the birds, the beasts constituting government authority and physical power, the fowls constituting ecclesiastical or self-appropriated power over the moral and spiritual instruc-

tion of men, and, in the endeavour to overthrow these combined powers, will be excited the indignation of the beast and birds or the powers referred to, which, however, will be scattered by the wrath of God, even as the confusion and strife appeared amongst them in the vision. Thus, it will be seen, that there are two things in the dream pointed out which are not interpreted, but as revelation now informs me, that the man walking off with the fowl has now developed himself in the fraud practised on the people, or the church, or birds seen in the vision. Shortly after this, I had another remarkable dream or vision, in which I saw a man and woman in the water. The woman appeared to float on the surface, but the man sank, and appeared to be drowned, and I assisted to get his body out of the water, but it appeared to be in a putrid state, and when I got him to the top of the bridge, he fell headlong down, and the putrid flesh, through the fall, was cast into my mouth, so that I felt a choking and sickening sensation, which lasted for several days after the dream, as, when I awoke, I still felt that sickness remain on me, but it gradually wore off. There were other circumstances pointed out in this dream which it is not prudent to name, though I named them to the medium at the time. The interpretation stated that it alluded to slander which I should experience, and that it was not prudent to give a full interpretation to the dream, but that I should experience choking sensations of vexation, even as I experienced in the dream, yet pleasure at seeing the spiritual assertions realised, and that the headlong follies of the person seen in the vision would sink him to desolation. This person I now believe to be the medium of the great organisation whom I tried to assist in every shape out of his difficulties by writing to the localities, and laying before them a truthful statement, as far as the books allowed me to do so, and endeavoured to make arrangements for him, such that I considered would place him above want, but this was rejected, and in the midst of this confusion, the medium, finding himself assailed on all hands and sides, requested me, in the presence of several other persons, to take charge of the money box, and receive all monies for the future; but, finding from the tenour of several letters I received, that, though he had taken this step, he was not sincere in it, I went and told the medium that I should not have anything further to do with the box or keeping any accounts, when he desired me to keep it until after the 4th of May. A strong suspicion came over me at the time that he had some motive for wishing me to keep the box until after that day, and especially when I was told that there would be a new circle in part appointed on that day. This confirmed my suspicion that he wished me to keep the box until after that day that he might appear more justified in the eyes of the people in cutting me off, but, seeing plainly that he had dug a pit for me to fall into, I determined to evade it, and sent the box back by one of the members, counted the cash before him, and gave him an account, copied from the book I had kept, with all particulars entered therein. But his very craft and duplicity has brought about a full explanation, so that the people will see and know who has spoken truthfully and who has not. I shall now

show the account as it stands in the book, with the auditors' names affixed thereto. I will here explain how it was that I came in possession of the copy of the accounts alluded to. When writing the balance-sheet that I supposed was going to be published, I found I had written some portion of it that, on second consideration, I did not approve of, as it was not so explicit as I wished it to be, and, therefore, resolved to re-write it. I did so, and I took the one that was partially written and put it in my pocket. It contained all the figures necessary for showing a true statement of the accounts, as entered in the large book by one of the auditors (he having been a former secretary). The accounts are as follows. But, let it be observed, that this statement does not include any balance from the former accounts, neither is the stock of the dispensary that was in hand at the date it starts from, taken into account, but the accounts show all that had been bought on behalf of the dispensary, and all that had been sold, according to the accounts entered in the large book, and copied from a private book or books kept under the medium's direction, and at his request copied into the large book. We will first shew an account of the contributions received from the different localities for the Community's funds, from January 9th, 1862, to March 31st, 1862:

Community's Fund.		Cash paid to Printer, and on behalf of Community.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Nottingham, - - -	1 18 3½	To Printer, - - -	11 0 6
Leicester, - - -	1 0 4	Do. Revealed Address - - -	2 2 6
Loughborough, - - -	9 1	Do. last Balance Sheet - - -	17 6
Flecknoe, - - -	10 2	Wages to Writer - - -	2 15 0
Bedworth, - - -	2 13 6	Postage Stamps - - -	19 8
Isle of Wight - - -	6 2	Envelopes and Paper - - -	5 5
Brandon, - - -	10 8	Railway fare for Circle Members - - -	9 0
Manchester, - - -	1 10 0	Gift to Mr. Dean - - -	3 0
Sutton, - - -	14 6	For slips not paid for Newspapers - - -	5 3
Derby, London, &c., - - -	14 0		5 0
	10 7 1½		
Monies said to be received towards the £12 fund for paying the Printer's bill.		Cash paid 19 2 9	
	£ s. d.	Received for Community's Fund - - -	
Nottingham, - - -	1 10 9	Received towards £12 Fund - - -	
Leicester, - - -	13 9	8 14 10	
Bedworth, - - -	1 10 0		
Isle of Wight, - - -	7 6		
Gloucester, - - -	2 0		
Manchester, - - -	2 8 10		
Hinckley, - - -	2 0		
Loughborough, - - -	1 10 0		
Derby and other places, - - -	12 0		
	8 14 10		
		Cash received 19 1 11½	
		Paid more than received 9½	

Thus, it is plain to be seen that the Community's fund realized £10 7s. 1½d.; and the money appealed for, for the printer, £8 14s. 10d.; making £19 1s. 11½d. The funds paid the printer's bill, and all expenses connected with the Community, with the exception of 9½d.; so far, the account is straight forward, as far as can be seen, until other explanation is given. We will next examine the Dispensary account:

Dispensary account, from January 9, 1862, to March 31, 1862.		Cash paid from January 9, 1862, to March 31, 1862.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Cash received.		Herbs, Roots, and Barks, &c., bought for Dispensary - - -	6 1 1
Nottingham - - -	1 5 6	Medicines given away - - -	1 13 8½
Leicester - - -	12 0		
Loughborough - - -	17 0		
Bedworth - - -	1 9 0		
Manchester - - -	6 3 6		
Isle of Wight - - -	18 2		
Sutton - - -	15 2		
Flecknoe - - -	4 4		
Derby - - -	7 0		
London, Brandon, and others - - -	8 3		
Subscribers - - -	1 19 0		
Sales of Medicines - - -	2 5 11		
		Cash paid 7 14 9½	
		Cash received 17 4 11	
		Cash paid 7 14 9½	
		Amount deficient 9 10 1½	
	Cash received 17 4 11		

Thus it will be seen that the collections and subscriptions for the Dispensary, with the sales of medicines, amount to £17 4s. 11d. in about twelve weeks, whilst the amount given away during that period is £1 13s. 8½d. The sales of medicine are £2 5s. 11d.; the herbs and the goods bought shew £6 1s. 1d. This includes paper and string for packing, which would leave say £3 10s., or thereabouts, to add to stock in Dispensary; so that it was not diminished but added to by the twelve weeks account. So that, this stock being taken into account, would shew that, if the Dispensary was so reduced, as represented a short time after, it was strange indeed, as the medium declared it was worth, with its fixtures and stock, £40 or £50. This I cannot confute, as I never saw the stock at that time, but the members may easily test this assertion by appointing competent persons to take the stock, who know the value of such things. Thus, it will be seen at a glance, that the medium had in hand £9 10s., or thereabouts, at the time he declared in my presence that if he had used the money he would not acknowledge to it. This assertion upset me altogether, as I felt inclined to do all I could to help him out of the difficulty, but when he denied being in one, and declared he would not say it was so, this took all power out of my hands to assist him; for how could I ask any further assistance for him when he wanted none. Therefore I must appeal again to the present members of the cause to investigate these statements, and prove, before witnesses, who are wrong and who are right, as the accounts plainly show that fraud is being practised upon the people; and as we are, and have been, interested in the cause, and it is really a part of our property, given for the benefit of suffering humanity, and yet it has not been applied to this purpose, therefore it is obtaining money under false pretences, and acting on carrying out the grossest species of *hypocrisy* that can be possibly practised; as there is, during twelve weeks, £14 9s. subscribed to be given away, and out of this £1 13s. 8½d. only is given away to the poor afflicted people, for whose benefit it was supposed to be subscribed; and those who are knowingly assisting in the deception and fraud must ultimately be punished for such hypocrisy, as God is just, and will punish or reward according to our doings, good or bad; and therefore we call on all to give up such hypocrisy before the wrath of God descend upon them, as they must remember that this is no ordinary cause, but is done in God's holy name, therefore depend upon it He will hold those responsible who are doing the deed, and those who are knowingly assisting to do it, but wilfully close their eyes to the evidence before them, so that when His wrath, portrayed unto them, shall fall upon them, they cannot justly say that God is unjust; and they have been publicly called on to forsake such evil ways in the public market place, and nearly all the members in this locality have done so, and hence they will escape the wrath portrayed unto them in the revelation issued on the subject, in the "Universal Magazine"; let them seek, and ask God to give them to see their errors, by directing His holy angel to guide their understanding aright, and that their eyes may be

opened to their dangerous position. I will now insert the revelation, given on this subject, as it stands in the books, and was copied at the time by other persons, and show how it was received by those who heard it read. Revelation, said to be given to the Medium, April 12, 1862.

Lo and behold! as the pamphlet commanded to be compiled without delay, is now completed and in progress of printing, and yet no funds have been forwarded to assist in paying its expenses: and notwithstanding that divine revelation directed that efforts, however small, should be made by every faithful member. Wherein it also declared that the produce of the sales should be expended in engravings. And now therefore behold, although twelve pounds was commanded to be appealed for and contributed by the faithful members, yet but little more than seven pounds of that sum has been contributed for or raised, though heaven has directed other means, so that the amount appealed for is fully paid. So the funds for the afflicted, as appealed for by revelation by command from on high, are indebted to the great cause for the deficiency named. And now therefore behold, as one pound is in hand for the pamphlet printing, as named, I, Gabriel, am command to declare to all connected with the cause, that unless the sum required be immediately contributed for, in this and every locality, revelations shall cease, as they appear but of little value, but the faithful and obedient to all the commands of God, as given through me, Gabriel, the divine messenger of grace, shall progress in prosperity and comfort, and heaven will graciously protect them and assist them, as all former revelations have declared.

It will be seen that there is some peculiar language used in this revelation, which makes it appear in the eyes of the people that because the dispensary has lent the organization £5, it makes the dispensary owe five pounds to the organization. This one of the Circle noticed at the time it was given, and endeavoured to call attention to it, but I did not notice the peculiar language used in it, as the amount named in it appeared to attract all my attention, as I had been told that there were eight pounds given some time before the subscription was closed. I never knew about the peculiar language used until the 4th of May, though the amount was freely discussed after tea on the day it was given, by several of the Circle and community in the street. It appeared that one pound ten shillings had been sent from Loughborough, for the £12 fund, which had been placed to the dispensary account; this was pointed out immediately after by one of the Circle, and this caused me to feel very uneasy, and I remarked to one of the Circle that it was very strange if it was divine revelation from God, and He knowing the secrets of all hearts, how was it that the amount should have been stated to be less than was really the case, and this member remarked that he had been suspicious for some time about the money revelations, and especially one given in reference to himself, which he believed was Aerial; after tea, whilst discussing this matter, two other members came up to us in a hurry, and as they could not understand it about this money they appeared very uneasy concerning the revelation stating this sum, when it proved otherwise a short time after; but as this is explained in an address delivered in the Market-place, which will be inserted as we proceed with this narrative, we shall leave it for the present.

It will be seen that this revelation first put us on the track towards an exposure, as it caused unpleasantness, which resulted in the publishing of these accounts, and which was not the will of myself or others to do, but through the medium's determination to be revenged, it is now compelled to come before the world to vindicate the characters of those he has so vilified. Thus he has now been thwarted in his schemes, and his exposure brought about under supreme direction, though it may have been his own imagination, combined with spiritual impression, as we are quite aware that there are angels who would delight in this work, though evil; and as Mr. B. acknowledged that it was not always the same angel that appeared, he may have received part of the revelations from aerial, and inserted the amount himself as it stood in the book, but this he was unwilling to acknowledge to me when I charged him with either receiving it from the aerial spheres, or from his own imagination. I will now insert the address delivered in Sneinton Market place, June 15th, 1862

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# 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,—The time has now arrived, so long portrayed unto us, when the wrath of God should fall upon the earth. And the purification of God's people from every evil is fast going forward, as portrayed in the prophecies in the "Warning Message;" the institutions, laws, and churches are now showing symptoms of breaking up the G.O., with its rulers and leaders, who were expecting to govern the twelve portions of this kingdom, have sunk into nothingness. The strife stirred up amongst us, through the oppression we had to endure, brought it to an end on the 4th of May, 1862: thus it ended just five years from its commencement, and out of this arose another structure which is pointed out in the "Scriptural Magazine," and typified by that army which bore the banners of all nations, who were under the cloud of darkness and gloom; and whilst the mountains were tottering to the ground, and the army stood waiting in anticipation of a feast of blood, a great light was seen to descend upon God's chosen people, such that no man had ever seen. This is fast taking place, and the end of this army, with all kinds of devices on their banners, represents the G.U.O., who are now gathered out of all classes, sects, and creeds, believing just as they please, so long as they pay their half penny per week, their end is plainly pointed out, and they are the disobedient and oppressors, who wilfully encourage the things pointed out in this work. It is they to whom Christ, in his descent, says depart from hence, and they are the people who shall slay each other with the words of their mouths, until none is left to enjoy the blessings which shall follow; thus will they be purified by God's wrath; thus will Christ fulfil the ancient prophets' words,— "With the words of his mouth will he slay the wicked." We have, also, now before us sect against sect, class against class, not only amongst ourselves, but the Catholic against the Protestant, who have already saturated their battle grounds with their blood. There is the bishop of the English Church foretelling its downfall through her teachings, her highest functionaries declaring the Scriptures to be corrupt; how is it, after teaching it as truth all these years, that they now declare much of it to be fabulous, they must have known this to be the case long ago, and, therefore, Divine revelation, which stated that they were knowingly teaching wrong doctrines years ago, has proved

itself truth. Thus the heathen Idolator, as the Church call him, confounded the high learned bishop when asking if the account of the deluge was truth. He now shows plainly to the world that he does not believe it to be truth. Thus the "Scriptural Magazine" pointed to this also, by the word doomed being seen written on black flags, displayed upon the churches, this fall is also showing itself plainly to the eyes of the people; thus the purification of the English Church is also going on, and the Catholic Church is also struggling for its existence, and appears to be on its last legs. The people's minds are now unsettled, since bishops are willing to sacrifice their enormous salaries sooner than act the hypocrite any longer, it is evident to the people that there is something radically wrong and rotten in the system. Our towns and cities are crowded with starving people, and pestilence is already manifesting itself amongst the famishing people; and thus on all classes, sects, and creeds, is the wrath of God descending, and ere long they will be crying unto the God of the heavens, and of the earth, in their palaces and synagogues, weeping, wailing, and gnashing their teeth; for as surely as America is being purified by the sword, so surely must England be purified by partial famine and pestilence, for as the wrath of God is now plainly manifesting itself to the eyes of the people, let them humble themselves before the God of heaven, and repent of their hypocrisy, lest they be cut off with the wicked and disobedient, who have despised God's counsels, for the righteous shall not be dismayed. It must be remembered that we shall not be saved by being members of this church or that church, this people or that people; but God will judge us according to our doings, and reward us as we deserve, therefore, says the prophet, it is "To that man will I look who is humble and of contrite heart, and that trembles at my word." Therefore, we would say to the members of the New Jerusalem, be faithful in discharging the duties devolving upon you, put your trust in God, who hath declared that his chosen people, who put their trust in him, shall be armed as with a coat of mail, so that none of these evils shall come upon them, whilst those who continue to teach false doctrines and creeds, knowing them to be wrong, will assuredly suffer and be punished by the wrath of God.

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