

# THE PIONEER OF WISDOM

A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER DEVOTED TO THE INGATHERING AND RESTORATION OF ISRAEL.

"The Sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a Lawgiver from between His feet, until Shiloh come; and unto Him shall the gathering of the people be."—*Genesis* xlix. 10.

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## Knowledge Produceth Misery.

**A**S knowledge increases, so does our responsibility. God has balanced peculiar enjoyments with peculiar sufferings. The chief difference between man and a beast is that the latter eats, is filled, and lies down contented, whilst man, with his superior qualities and his knowledge, also eats, appeases the natural man, but is still unhappy. His many desires call for multitudinous forms of enjoyment in the vain hope to extract happiness therefrom. Sooner or later each of us discovers that we have some latent sense within us which the transient things of this world fail to satisfy, an aching void in our hearts which we have been unable to fill.

The tree of knowledge placed before man in the beginning was capable of producing good and evil. God in His infinite wisdom knew that it was impossible for His creatures to fully enjoy happiness and arrive at perfect knowledge without becoming as gods, knowing good and evil; it was impossible for them to eat the flesh of the true Paschal Lamb, to have the Word become flesh in them, without the accompaniment of bitter herbs. Woman proved to be the tree of the knowledge of evil in the beginning, but she also showed herself the tree of the knowledge of good when she brought

forth Jesus, a body which did not corrupt. At the fall man became dead to knowledge, and it is in returning to knowledge that we loathe ourselves and magnify God; we are humbled and realise our true condition. The law is light, and by the law is the knowledge of sin, and that knowledge produces misery until we seek for and obtain the removal of the evil, the cleansing of the blood. We who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

In much wisdom, says Solomon, is much grief; and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow. The Scriptures produce ample evidence why mankind have hitherto only seen in part, as through a glass darkly, and prophesied in part. Wherefore, said Job, is light given to him that is in misery, and life unto the bitter in soul; which long for death and it cometh not? Paul exclaimed: "O wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" after he had been caught up to the third heavens and heard unspeakable words which it was not lawful for him to utter. This much he left on record: "Behold, I show you a mystery, we shall not all sleep." This knowledge if received by the masses at that day would have produced great misery instead of joy and happiness, they being born out of the due time when the promise will be fulfilled. We hear the cry from the great Babylon called Christendom: "Behold I sit a queen and am no widow and shall see no sorrow"; but they are ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth, or they would see themselves as Isaiah saw himself when he exclaimed: "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Hosts."

As the light of the Spirit of God, the light of Heaven, bursts into our darkened chambers it reveals the evil growths of nature in all their ghastly deformity, from

the crown of the head to the soles of the feet being nothing but wounds, bruises and putrefying sores. This sore travail hath God brought upon the sons of men that they might be exercised therewith. He made the creature subject to vanity, not willingly, but in hope of him rising to a higher glory than he could have attained to had he remained in innocency, and which he will appreciate when to the hungry soul every bitter thing becomes sweet. "The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright." Job learnt the value of knowledge after it had revealed to him through many tears that God is all-wise, just, and merciful, and he exclaimed: "Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? Therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not. . . I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear; but now mine eye seeth Thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

John describes in Revelation the effect of eating up the "little book," the reception of the knowledge of the great mystery of godliness, God manifest in the flesh. He said: "The voice which I heard from Heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth. . . and I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey; and as soon as I had eaten it my belly was bitter." But there is a great blessing derived from this bitterness, it has a purging effect, cleansing away the evil; it crucifies the flesh with all its affections and lusts in all those who are willing to allow it to do its perfect work; who say, not my will but Thine be done. It will cause his tree to bud, blossom and bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, and perfect obedience to the will of God. Sorrow endureth for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

It became God, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through suffering. Endued with knowledge from the Most High He knew what was in man, He beheld humanity bleeding and wounded by the roadside, and wept over his own people Israel with bitter tears: "O Jerusalem! Jerusalem! how oft would I have gathered you as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wing, but ye would not." Toiling, struggling up the Mount of Calvary He bore His Cross, His brow pierced with the crown of thorns, His sweat mingled with drops of blood; and fulfilled the words of the Prophet: "I have trodden the wine-press alone; and of the people there was none with me . . . I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me." He went from purity to obedience, through suffering unto perfection, to glory. He drank the cup of gall and wormwood, yet found joy unspeakable and the rest which remaineth for the people of God, and only learned to fully value the love and joy of the Father after passing through misery's deepest cell.

The separation from the evil in us causes pain. The knowledge of the Lord causes a conflict in our breasts; good and evil strive for the mastery. The misery of the house of Israel begins as soon as they enter the field of battle, and remains until the veil is drawn. But we sorrow not as those who have no hope; we groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. We cry, "O, wretched man, when shall I be free from this sin," but the answer sounds in our ears before the words have left our lips: "The Lord hath looked down from the height of His sanctuary, from Heaven did the Lord behold the earth, to hear the groaning of the prisoner, to loose those that are appointed to death." The Word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart. In it is all knowledge, and by it will Israel, the elect of God, now be cleansed and prepared as a chaste virgin, holy and without blemish.

May it not be for you to watch in anguish the fungous growths of evil clogging your untrimmed wick, or its silvery lustre sinking into noxious dimness as the gloom threatens to swallow the dying flame; but may you be as a woman in travail groaning to be delivered of the evil. May you after having sorrowed unto repentance, seek to have the covenant of the life of the body fulfilled in you, being no longer content with the salvation of the soul, but crying out morn, noon, and night for strength to overcome the evil that you may walk before God in the light of the living. By so doing your misery

will be turned into joy, the bitter will be made sweet, and the crown of life, the wreath of amaranth that cannot fade, will be placed upon your brow, your vile body changed and fashioned like unto the glorious body of the Man-Christ, without death, without corruption, but by the washing of water by the Word, the bitter waters of Marah made sweet.

### Why Men's Bodies have been Destroyed.

"The wicked shall be turned into hell, with the nations that forget God," said David, and he adds: "Thou turnest man to destruction, and sayest, return, ye children of men." All save three, from the days of Adam down to this present time, have travelled the broad road to the death of the body. Enoch, the seventh from Adam, walked with God in the narrow way which leadeth unto life, and he was not, for God took him to the spirits of just men made perfect. Elijah walked in that same narrow path, and he was taken up in a whirlwind into Heaven. Jesus, the Good Samaritan, also followed in the same path, and His body saw no corruption. Therefore let us strive to enter in at the strait gate, for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction (the grave), and many there be which go in thereat, because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto "life," and few there be that find it. Towards the wide gate the whole creation has hitherto trodden, and so many have been given over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit might be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus; they have been turned to destruction, to corruption, that their souls might sprout from that corruption, a spiritual body for their spirits to inhabit.

Deliverance from the bondage of corruption is our hope, that we may not be turned to the destruction of the body, but secure the redemption of the body by overcoming all evil, by constantly seeking the Lord to take out of His Kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity, knowing that it is only the thief (Satan) who comes to steal, to kill, and to destroy. We seek life, and life more abundantly, that our spirit, soul, and body may be *preserved* unto the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The Word of God declares that those who do reap the destruction of the body, corruption, suffer the loss of their earthly temple, and are only raised like unto the angels in a spiritual or celestial body, whilst those who gain the more abundant life get the redemption of the body by being *redeemed from death* and ransomed from the power of the grave, and be able to say: "O, grave, where is thy victory?" inasmuch as the grave has no victory over them, they are saved from going down into the pit, because in them is fulfilled the word of our Saviour, "I give unto them *eternal life* and they shall never perish, *i.e.*, their mortal bodies, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand, for those that Thou gavest Me I have kept, and none of them is lost," and "I pray not that

Thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil": by the overcoming of which they will inherit all things, and not be called upon to receive the wages of sin, which is death.

It may be asked, Why is man turned to destruction? We would answer in the words of Jesus: "Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit, He taketh away." How? By death. And, He adds, "He is cast forth as a branch and is withered, and men gather them and cast them into the fire, and they are burned." Thus we see that it is because man has not borne *immortal fruit* that he has been turned to the destruction of the flesh in the grave. Jesus shows this forth very plainly in the parable of the fruitless fig tree. "A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, behold, these three years [or dispensations] I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none; cut it down, why cumbereth it the ground?" "Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." This sentence of death being passed upon man because he failed to put forth his hand and take of the fruit of the tree of life and live for ever. But the dresser of the vineyard answered, "let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it, and if it bear fruit, well; and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down." This is the work the dresser of the vineyard is doing *now*, giving the tree *the strength* to bear, and purging the evil from His people Israel, that they may bring forth more fruit in immortality, life and life more abundantly. Then the branch which bears this fruit is not cut down, the dresser prays that this may not take place; "I pray not that Thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil." Thus the branch abiding in the vine, which gives it strength to bear fruit, is delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God, delivered from destruction, kept from the *evil* of this world, but not taken from it; and becomes the boll of the tree which David speaks of in the 1st Psalm, which bringeth forth His fruit in his season, whose leaf withers not, which tree we read in Jer. xvii. 8, shall not cease yielding fruit. Then let us seek the Lord that we may not be vessels fitted unto destruction in the grave, but vessels unto honour fit for the Master's use; that we be not given over to the thief, Satan, who kills and destroys by the destruction of the flesh, but that our vile bodies may be changed and fashioned like unto the immortal body of Jesus Christ.

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### *The Salvation of the Soul is not the Highest Prize.*

Jesus said, "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the House of Israel," and He adds in John xix. 10 that He came to seek and to save the lost sons of Abraham; His mission was to offer life and immortality to Israel until they refused it, and when first He sent His disciples forth He warned them not to go in the way of the Gentiles, but to go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. Who are Israelites, saith Paul, to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises? Jesus came to be this glory to His people Israel, but Israel refused Him then, that the heathens or Gentiles might be admitted to Abraham's bosom to be seated in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus. Some of the branches of Israel were broken off, and the Gentiles, the wild olive, were grafted in and partook of the root and fatness of the olive tree, blessed with spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus. Then it was said: "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Repentance and remission of sins for the salvation of the soul have been preached since that time, and the Gentiles have been enjoying the same for nearly 2,000 years. Now at the fulness of the Gentiles Israel must leave the first principles of faith, repentance, and baptism to press onward to perfection. The time has now come, spoken of in Heb. viii. 10, the fulness of the Gentiles, "after those days," when the law must be written upon Israel's hearts, and put into their minds, and they will willingly take the yoke of Christ upon them, and of their own accord seek to do the works that Jesus did, yea and a greater work; for God will have a willing people in this the day of His power, and it is He Who worketh in us, both to will and to do of His own good pleasure. They will seek to work out their own salvation by doing the works that He did, by keeping the law of God, having the faith combined with works, which faith will overcome the world with all its trials, temptations, and vanities. They will find, by the Spirit being placed upon them in fulness, that "His commandments are not grievous," although it had been said that neither the children of Israel nor their fathers could bear the yoke which had been placed upon their necks. They will now delight in the law of God after the inward man, knowing that it is the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus which must make them free from the law of sin and death. When the Lord now puts His laws in the minds of Israel, and writes them in their hearts and inward parts, then that verse will be fulfilled, "The law of God is in his heart, none of his steps shall slide"; he will then yield a perfect obedience to all that is right and good in his Maker's sight, and find no attraction capable of leading him from the path of virtue, nor will he find that other law in his members warring against the law of his mind and continually bringing him into captivity to the law of sin and death, for he will then

be freed from its power. His delight will then be in the law of the Lord, and in that law he will meditate day and night, for he will find that law holy and just and good, and seek by it to work out that great salvation the redemption of body, soul, and spirit.

The soul's salvation, which must first be obtained, is a free gift, by grace, through faith without works. Repentance from dead works and faith towards God are necessary to secure the common salvation of the soul, by which the believer escapes the second death which is passed upon the unrepentant for 1,000 years. Their part they obtain at the first resurrection, when they receive the end of their faith, even the salvation of their souls. This is indeed a great glory which all should seek, but having been assured of our soul's deliverance from the second death (through our belief in Christ) let us, with the Psalmist, render praises unto God for the same, and then pray for our feet to be kept from falling, for our body to be preserved, that we may walk on earth before God in the light of the living, leaving all first principles to press forward towards the mark for the prize, seeking to attain to perfection, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are set before us, knowing that it is the one who patiently continues in well doing that will secure the immortality of the mortal body and be made perfect even as their Father in Heaven is perfect.

The lost sheep of the House of Israel must be gathered out from the Jewish and Gentile churches to obtain this great glory, for life and immortality were offered them at Christ's first coming and will be obtained by them at His second, for to them pertain the promises, and although sifted among all nations of the earth to-day yet not the least grain shall fall to the earth.

### *Sketch of Progress in Bradford.*

It is with great pleasure we supplement the rapid progress of this work during our stay in Bradford. We are happy to state that our feeble efforts have been greatly blessed, more abundantly than ever we expected. Our readers will remember the account of our labours in Bradford and vicinity, published about six weeks ago in PIONEER, No. 64. During the time we spent in this large manufacturing town we were enabled to dispose of 40 volumes, 1,260 sermons (these include 145 sets, Sermons I., II., and III.), 873 Parts of the Roll, and, 6605 copies of the PIONEER OF WISDOM. We hope the God of Israel may give an abundant increase to this seed sown in much weakness.

We append two of the very many testimonies we have received from interested friends, expressing the benefit received through the pages of the *Flying Roll*. One writing from Thornton, near Bradford, under date, March 13th, states:—"I feel that I cannot do other than write and thank you for the great light and truth you have brought here, through the pages of the *Flying Roll*. At the time when it first entered this house, I was like the one who was lying down by the pool, waiting for the troubling of the waters, but despairing of

ever having anyone to put me in, but when least expected the light came.

"For years past I have been searching for truth, if haply I might find it, first at chapel then at church, and then for a time I was entangled amongst the doctrine of the Catholic Apostolic Church until I was completely lost in a maze of doubt, at last finding my way out at the foot of the Cross, believing Jesus Christ to be the only way, the truth and the life. You will see by the inclosed letter that my name is now crossed off the books; but I hope it will be written in another book, for as I was blind now I see that life and immortality are brought to light through the Gospel, and that the yoke is made easy and the burden light by His Spirit resting upon us.—Believe me to remain, yours very gratefully, "M. L. B.—LL."

Another writes, a fortnight later:—"I am still studying the *Roll*, and find much pleasure in doing so and can truly say I have learned more since it has been in my possession than I have during all the time I have attended church and chapel. I sincerely thank my Heavenly Father for ever sending you to bring it to me, and I hope, as such a grand light has been brought to me, that I shall prove worthy of it and not rest content with receiving it myself, but do all that lies in my power to spread the everlasting Gospel of Jesus Christ, and I am truly seeking to have my body, soul, and spirit preserved, and to overcome all evil. With the aid of God's Spirit I shall be able to do this, not going forth in my own strength, but in the strength of Christ, as through Him alone I shall be able to conquer and overcome the fiery darts of the evil one. As I read the *Flying Roll*, or God's last message to man, fresh strength seems to be given me, and many things which seemed so difficult to understand at first are being made clear, and I have faith more light will be given me, and that the Spirit of truth, the Comforter, will reveal His Word little by little as He sees I am ready for it.—I remain, your sincere friend, "E. M.—r."

We know it is written "His Word will not return unto Him void, but it shall accomplish that which He pleases, and shall prosper in the thing whereto He sends it." We realise the fulfilment of this prophecy in the *Flying Roll*, which we know is already working stealthily. A fire is kindled here, and it will soon be fanned into a flame that will not be extinguished. The name of the *Flying Roll* is very familiar for miles round here. It has been a constant topic of conversation at clubs and many other assemblies.

We return thanks to our many interested friends in and around Bradford for their kindness shown to us in opening their houses for public meetings and circulating this work of God. These friends have unitedly sold over 150 sermons of the *Extracts from the Flying Roll*, including volumes of the same. We know the seed or the Word of God sown will in the very near future be seen, after taking deep root into honest hearts or good ground, will spring forth to the honour and glory of God unto Whom all honour and glory is due.

## Notes from Canbassers.

### BRADFORD TO OLDHAM.

"24, Bolton-street, Glodwick, Oldham.

"Monday, April 21st.—We made a good number of calls upon our friends, this being our last day's canvassing in Bradford. They are very sorry we are leaving, and with a very hearty shake of the hand wished us God-speed and good wishes in our work. It is very pleasant to go away with such happy reflections of the past; it gives us great hope for the future. We shall leave Bradford quite satisfied, knowing we are free of their blood, having testified from house to house, and in public preaching both indoors and open air, when the weather permitted. May the words spoken to the inhabitants of this town sink into many hearts, and may they prayerfully consider the words uttered, and the state of this Apostate Christendom, the days being shortened for the elect's sake that flesh may be saved. Our prayer to God for the people who have received the Word at our hands is, may He bless and give them strength to follow on step by step, not looking back as Lot's wife did, who turned into a pillar of salt, but like righteous Lot, come out and be ye separate from this Babylon and touch not the unclean thing, and press forward for the grand prize, the immortality of the mortal body, that they may be pillars in the temple of our God, and go no more out, and receive the name of our God which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of Heaven from our God. We have had very good success to-day considering the weather was so unsettled.

"Tuesday, April 22nd.—We were astir early this morning packing our baggage, also having a few calls to make and deliver a volume of the *Roll* which was ordered at the public meeting on Saturday night. We left Bradford for Oldham by the 2.15 p.m. train, and were agreeably surprised to meet one of our sisters at the station, who took us to our new abode, and then to another sister's to tea. It is a treat to meet among our own people again, after a long journey in a strange part. After tea and a little rest we proceeded to Ashton-under-Lyne, where we found our brethren all well, and after a cheerful conversation we returned home about half past 10. We had a glimpse of the town and suburbs, and find this place thickly populated and a very extensive field of labour.

"Wednesday, April 23rd.—To-day our sister who met us at the station has decided to canvass with us. We were very glad of her company, and commenced our labour in Royton, an outlying district about three or four miles out. We left the first batch of PIONEERS, *Parts*, and sermons of the *Roll* here. The people seem very dark on religion, and there is a great amount of poverty in the district. In Royton there was a bazaar in connection with the church, carriages going up and down, a band and procession parading the town. A great many people were out in consequence of the bazaar. At one house which we visited we found a poor widow lying on a narrow bed. The house was in a deplorable condition, scarcely an article of furniture to be seen. The poor creature seemed very weak and her case almost hopeless. She had barely anything to eat in the house. Previously she had to work very hard in washing and nursing for a livelihood. We asked her if she could get anyone to read the PIONEER for her. She said she would, and looked very thankful as a copy was presented to her. If the thousands of pounds subscribed for missionaries in England alone were to be given to their own people at home, who are dying from starvation, it would be a great charity. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father, is this, 'To visit the fatherless and

widows in their affliction, and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world.' (Jas. i. 27.) In the evening we went to see some interested friends. At the house of one a poor woman was lying in bed very ill. We took the violin and sang some of the beautiful songs of Zion, and conversed on the glorious work we are now engaged upon, and spent a very happy evening. The poor person was greatly refreshed by our visit. We were informed the next day that she was a great deal better; the singing seemed to revive her very much.

"Thursday, April 24th.—We continued our work in Royton, but it commenced to rain on our journey thither. We canvassed in the rain until 2 p.m., when it came on so very sharp we were compelled to return. During our stay here we have already come in contact with a number of people who bought from the canvassers in Stoke and various parts of Staffordshire. We had very fair success considering the weather.

"Friday, April 25th.—We worked in Royton, and met with a deal of poverty. In the midst of all this we had moderate success. On several occasions the people admitted their ignorance of the Scriptures, saying concerning the time of the second coming of Christ nobody would know, He would come as a thief in the night. They overlook that there are the children of light, as well as children of darkness. Our sister drew an illustration: If a man in America was going to get married to a woman in England would they not require to make it known to each other, also a time of preparation for the bride to make herself ready; they could see a preparation necessary. So the Bride of Christ, the Lamb's wife, is now being prepared that He might present her to Himself a glorious Church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish. (Eph. v. 27.)

"Saturday, April 26th.—To-day the weather seemed more favourable during the earlier part of the day, but it did not long continue so. I delivered two books ordered during the week and we canvassed in Royton and Oldham; the people showed more interest than before. We expect to be here over two months. Our total sales for the week are one volume, 36 sermons, 43 *Parts* of the *Roll*, and 160 PIONEERS."

### NOTES FROM SOMERSET.

"Monday, April 21st.—Wet day, no canvassing. On Tuesday the weather was very unsettled, the showers of rain causing us to seek shelter a few times during the day. We worked in Glastonbury, Street, Wells, Compton, Compton-Dundon, Littleton, and Somerton. One young man bought a *Part* of the *Roll*, as he wished to look into it for himself, saying a friend of his had read it and condemned it. Our sister inquired of him if he knew why he had condemned it. He blushed and answered in the negative. He was asked if he thought it was because it pointed so plainly to the evil, as many of the professors to-day would rather keep the fig-leaved apron wrapped tightly round them instead of receiving the light which was to show man how to get rid of the evil altogether. Until the present time man has only seen in part, but that which is perfect is now come, which is the law and Gospel joined, and man will now see the way in which he is to be made free from the sting of death, which is sin. No doubt there are many to-day who will condemn the *Roll* for this cause, for as the light shone in darkness and the darkness comprehended it not when Jesus was here in the flesh, we find it the same now in the days of His Spirit. A lady who had previously bought a *Part* of the *Roll*, on seeing our sister again came out to her for the first sermon, saying she liked the *Part* very much. A brother had a

very interesting conversation with a young man on the redemption of the body, which is promised to Israel, pointing out to him how the evil entered the world and the remedy for its removal, directing his attention to various parts of Sermon I. of the *Roll*. He took a *Part* of the *Roll* and a PIONEER, saying he would read them first. A set of three sermons was sold to a lady in Somerton who took great interest in everything that was done for the promotion of true Christianity. In Somerton we found many who had heard of the work and took PIONEERS to look into it. One who had the three sermons and had been to several of our meetings, quite stared at our brother when he entered the shop and was glad to have a little conversation, it clearing several obstacles away which had appeared before him. He took a PIONEER to see the progress of the work.

"Wednesday, April 23rd.—To-day we have canvassed through sunshine and showers in Shepton-Mallet, Somerton, Pitney, Upton, Long-Sutton, and Long-Load. We have found it very uphill work, meeting with much poverty, and greater indifference could not have been manifested, door after door being slammed in our faces. A poor lady who was offered the *Roll* and given an explanation of its mission, said she did not want it, for if she wished to know anything she could go to her dear minister for instruction. Our sister told her it was not given to them to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of God, as their mission is to preach only the Gospel of the common salvation. The *Flying Roll* was now being offered to her to show her the time had come for the everlasting Gospel to be preached, which is showing to us that the promise of the life of our mortal bodies will now be fulfilled. She again replied, 'I do not want it,' neither did she believe it, and said there were too many religions about now. Our sister told her that was owing to the promises which had been given for the life of the body being applied to illustrate the salvation of the soul. In this way havoc was made of the Word of God, and showed that neither sect nor denomination had received the Spirit of truth, neither would they, as the world cannot receive it because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him, for the little leaven which was creeping into the Church in the days of Paul had now leavened the whole lump.

"Thursday, April 24th.—To-day we have worked in Stoke and Martock. A brother canvassing in Stoke called at a large house where he met a clergyman and another gentleman in the front hall and offered his message to them. 'What did you say?' said one of them. 'We are now living in the third and last watch of the eleventh hour!' 'How do you make that out?' Our brother pointed him to the division of the watches as given in the *Roll*. 'Well,' said he, 'if that's the case I shall have to get my house ready and think more about it.' We hope he may think seriously over the words spoken, and not only be a sayer but a doer of the Word, that his body may be prepared and found a fit habitation for the Spirit of the mighty God of Jacob to dwell in.

"Friday.—Very wet morning, not able to canvass until midday. Our brothers again visited Somerton and called on the lady who bought the set of *Rolls* on Tuesday. She now took a volume, as she had given the set away as a present, and through her instrumentality we were enabled to dispose of another Volume, two single sermons, and two *Parts*, and PIONEERS; thus we see the Lord works through whomsoever He will.

"Saturday.—We have canvassed to-day in Cheddar, North Wootton, West Pennard, Leighton, and Colford, meeting with fair success, and the usual daily experience. The thunderstorms to-day have hindered us some-

what in our work. During the week we have been enabled to dispose of three volumes, 74 sermons, and 81 *Parts* of the *Roll*, and 216 PIONEERS."

#### CROYDON REPORT.

"Canvassing in a neighbouring town this last week, I met with more attention than usual, a good many purchasing papers, a few taking sermons and *Parts*. Having left a paper at one house on my previous visit to that part, I was glad to find it had awakened a great interest in the mind of the lady, she saying she had read it again and again, although warned by one whose advice she had always relied upon that nothing more was needed than the Bible, but she could see it explained many things in the Bible which hitherto she had been unable to understand. She readily took a first sermon.

"I spent quite a pleasant time calling on those who already had the sermons, a few taking the PIONEERS regularly, others occasionally, several rejoicing in the spread of the Word, which cannot return void. On another occasion, a lady, although not interested in the ingathering of Israel herself, took a sermon to send to a relative who was a great Bible reader. The portions of Scripture brought forward seemed to impress her with the importance of the message, which in many instances we find it so difficult to do, books and papers being shown to us relative to Christ's second coming. They cannot accept this as a Divine revelation, that it is in reality the everlasting Gospel, bringing forcibly to our minds our Saviour's words, that if it were possible they would deceive the very elect. Only Israel will be able to discern between the teaching and traditions of men and the revealed Word of God. Great sickness and distress through scarcity of work are opening the eyes of some to see we are living in troublous times. We trust it may lead them to search the Scriptures to see the fulfilment of the same."

#### THE PARTY IN SHROPSHIRE.

"Monday, April 21st.—We held another meeting last night in the Market-square, at which several hundreds were present, who listened with great attention to the discourses upon the faith of immortality once delivered to our forefathers the saints; the singing also of Israel's hymns seemed to interest a good many of the bystanders. So far our meetings this year have been a success, and we live in the hope that much good may follow from them, and that the words of simplicity and unvarnished truth spoken at the same time, may through the Spirit of God, strike conviction into the minds of many that 'the days of visitation are come.' One thing is certain, 'Israel shall know it'; they will recognise the voice, and rejoice and seek to regain their lost inheritance, the body, in immortality. Ten PIONEERS and one *Part* of the *Roll* were sold at the close of the meeting.

"We have canvassed to-day in Rodington and Rodington Heath, Walcot, Allscott, Withington, Aston, Uppington, Rock, Manneley, Cow Wood, and Mossly Green. One man to whom our brother offered the *Roll* said his wife had bought one, and he thinks that it is a splendid book. He took a PIONEER to see the progress of the work. Another said she had got Bibles she should think 'as old as Adam.' Another thought the book was 'lovingly cheap,' but could not afford one to-day. A brother says:—'I offered the *Roll* to a woman, explaining its mission. She said, 'I don't believe anyone knows the time of the second coming of our Lord, not even the angels in Heaven.' I replied, 'Our Lord was speaking in parable when those words were uttered. He said, the time will come when I shall no longer speak to you in proverbs, but I will show you plainly of the Father, and nothing will then be

a mystery or parable to those who love and fear God, as it is written, 'The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him, and He will show them His covenant': and to fear God is to keep His commandments, for that is the whole duty of man." I could not, however, convince her from the Word of God, and therefore had to leave her to her unbelief. I trust, however, she may see her error; for as the days of Noah were so must the end be, and the warning be given of the Bridegroom's approach, that that day may not overtake us as a thief in the night.'

"'I had a talk,' says one of our party, 'with a policeman to-day, who asked me if I was born again. I said, 'No; none have received the second birth of water and the Spirit yet, save the Saviour, although many are brought to the knowledge of Christ as their Saviour.'

"'Well, then,' he said, 'I don't think much of your religion.'

"'Why not?' I asked.

"'Because I say that all who are truly converted and have the grace of God in their hearts are born again.'

"'But what does the Scripture say? 'Who-soever is born of God doth not commit sin, for his seed remaineth in him, and he cannot sin, because he is born of God, in this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil?' Therefore, the very fact of man committing sin proves that he is not born of God.'

"'He would not have this, although he owned that all commit sin. I then opened the *Roll* and read to him part of the 62nd and 63rd pages of Sermon I., commencing: 'In Christendom the new birth is called a change of heart.' The plain truth in these two pages, however, failed to convince him, therefore I left him to his unscriptural thoughts. He said he rejected the *Roll* as being God's last message to man.'

"Tuesday.—To-day we have worked in Lawley Bank, Dawley, Ruston, Garmston, Leighton, Buildwas, and Spout-lane. A sister says: 'One young man to whom I offered the *Roll* said he had read the book; part of it he liked and part he did not approve of. I said, 'What part is it that you cannot approve of?' 'Well, you do not believe in eternal punishment.'

"'I told him we did not, for we believed the God of Israel to be a God of love and mercy, and brought many passages to show how that Jesus Christ is the Saviour of all men, but still he could not seem to grasp it, although he said he was willing to learn all that he could, being a lover of God's truth. He could see, however, that Israel will be a separate people from Jew and Gentile, after I had quoted Isa. xlv. 5.

"'One shall say, I am the Lord's, and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob, and another shall subscribe with his hand unto the Lord, and surname himself by the name of Israel,' which agrees with Paul's words, 'Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the Church of God.' Many other things he seemed to see in the true light, and took a PIONEER. He said he had had several before, since we had been in Wellington. A short time afterwards he saw me in a shop opposite, and came over for a shilling copy of the *Roll*. I exhorted him to seek the Spirit of Truth to open his eyes to see the grand truths contained therein. He promised to do so. 'I sold a *Part*,' says a brother, 'to an old lady 85 years of age in Spout-lane, who seemed to prize the truths contained in the good old book.' Coming home from this place we came over

THE SUMMIT OF THE WREKIN, 1,340 FT. HIGH, getting a splendid view of the surrounding country for many miles, wondering, as we looked down on Shrewsbury, Shifnal, Madeley, Ironbridge, and Wellington, what a grand work the *Rolls* we have left in the same were doing. As we surveyed the wide plains from the loftiest crag of the rock, we could look back with

pleasure upon our past work, and felt thankful that we had been called to deliver the message of life to so many. Surely England has been greatly blessed to have had so much light and truth in the *Flying Roll*, God's last message to man, scattered through it.

"Wednesday.—The scene of action to-day has been Eaton, Constantine, Cressage, Harley, Ketley Town, Red Lake, Ketley Bank, Wellington, Madeley, Dawley, and Acqueduct. One of our sisters says: 'One poor woman to whom I offered the *Roll* said she was a backslider, but had been an earnest seeker once. I told her all God's children had gone astray more or less, but the time being now come for Israel to return and keep His laws, I had called upon her with God's last message, the message of life; she repeated over and over again, 'God's last message,' and said, if I have it I shall have to give my bread money for it; well, I will have it and trust to Providence to provide. I told her the Lord had said in His Word, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God,' being the bread which cometh down from Heaven, of the which if a man eat he shall live and not die. She intends studying the *Roll* carefully.

"Thursday.—We have worked during the day in Dawley, Horsehay, Finger-lane, Eyton, Longdon-on-Tern, Longdon Waste, Long-lane, and in the villages of Wroxeter, Dryton, and Eyton-on-Severn. 'After offering the *Roll* to a woman to-day,' says a brother, 'she said she had a large number of books explaining the Scriptures, and if she could not understand anything she inquired of her minister.' I warned her not to put any trust in man, but to place full reliance upon the Word alone, and quoted the words of Jeremiah to her, 'Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm.' She finally took a PIONEER. The April showers have been frequent during the day, causing us to seek shelter for ourselves and books several times.

"Friday.—To-day's canvass consists of Donnington Wood, Donnington, and Muxton. We moved this morning to Newport, having finished the work around Wellington, which, undoubtedly, will be productive of much good, when the famine of light and truth is felt more by the people. A minister of the Gospel, who has read with interest a *Part* of the *Roll*, cheerfully remarked to-day that our work was like the sowing of the seed, which disappeared for a time and for a purpose, and afterwards appeared in an increased form to the joy of the sower and the glory of God.

"Saturday.—This has been a wet morning, consequently it was rather late when we started out. We had not got far, however, when a heavy thunderstorm came on, the heavens appearing quite black. We sheltered as best we could, and afterwards sallied forth and canvassed the village of Tibberton, meeting with fair success considering the state of the weather. One of our party says:—'One man to whom I spoke about the *Roll* would not receive it as a Divine revelation. I informed him that it was written to fulfil Zechariah's prophecy, and that it is the means the Lord is now using to lead His people into all truth, and to show us the way by which the immortal life of the body was to be obtained. He said, 'That will never be, we must all die.' I replied, 'Scripture says we shall not all sleep, therefore if we do not believe that this mortal must put on immortality we make God aliar.' I pointed him to the promise: 'He that liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.' He said that meant the second death, eternal or spiritual death. I informed him that I had not read of the two latter in the Bible, nor could I see that such a thing as 'eternal' death in the sense used by him was consistent with the teaching of Scripture, which so plainly declares that in Christ all shall be made alive

He said, "Is there such a thing as eternal life?" I replied, "Yes." "Then," he said, "there must be eternal death." I remarked, "That is a very poor argument, and one which is not supported in any way by Scripture which asserts that He (Jesus) tasted death for every man, to save them from eternal torment, and in spirit went and preached deliverance to the captive spirits of those who were disobedient." He would not take a book, and seemed quite indifferent to the truth, so after delivering the warning message I bade him adieu. Many like the above, when informed of the message of life contained in the *Flying Roll*, answer, "We must all die," and in the very next breath contradict the same by saying they believe a certain number will be saved alive at Christ's second coming. The work necessary to be done to prepare us for that day, that we may be presented as a chaste virgin to Christ, is not understood in Christendom, and the grand truth of the cleansing of the blood so shortly to be accomplished is thus despised.

"Our sales for the week have been 71 sermons, 101 *Parts* of the *Roll*, and 237 PIONEERS."

#### HOLBEACH TO BOSTON.

"Sunday, April 20th.—We have had quite a busy day, starting off early in the morning to visit some of our sisters living in this neighbourhood, then in the afternoon proceeding to a village called Moulton, where two friends deeply interested in the faith of redemption had invited us over to hold a meeting. Glad to do so we proceeded to the village green. Striking up one of our hymns, accompanied by the clear notes of a cornet, the attention of the villagers was soon centred upon us, and we had a well attended meeting for nearly an hour and a-half, returning with our friends to tea and then proceeding to Holbeach, where the shrill notes of Israel's horn soon drew a very large audience; in fact, we expected that the police would certainly move us for obstruction, but no, for nearly another hour and a-half good attention was paid whilst the fragments of the 12 baskets reserved for Israel were dispensed to whosoever will give heed and look into the message of life and immortality.

"This week again we have had much the same experience as last, finding it very hard to awaken any interest in what the Spirit now saith unto the churches through the pages of the *Flying Roll*. But persevering in our efforts we have visited Spalding, Holbeach, Tidd St. Mary, Tidd St. Giles, Sutton St. James, Sutton and Gedney Dyke, and Holbeach Clough. Many in these districts are well acquainted with the *Flying Roll*. One person had

BOUGHT THE THREE SERMONS AND BURNT THEM, adding, 'I am a good Christian,' but evidently a Gentile one, upon whose stomach the teaching of God's last message to man could find no rest.

"Wednesday.—We were astir early this morning, packed our kit, and were at the station by half-past seven *en route* for Boston. Arriving at our destination in good time, we were soon comfortably housed and setting our house in order for a stay of about a month, our address being 23, Queen-street, from whence, during the remainder of the week, we have canvassed in Pinchback, Gosberton, Surfleet, Frieston, Butterwick, Bennington, Boston, and Wrangle. One of our brothers met a person who had read a *Part* of the sermon of the *Roll* at Stamford, and liking it very much she now procured a sermon for herself.

"Another, a teacher, who was just going into the study of theology, took a sermon to help him. May it not have the effect upon him as it did upon a certain minister who declared he could not preach because the teachings of the

*Roll* were so upon his mind, causing him to pass the sentence of banishment upon it, but may he read and preach its truths. Another preacher, who also attended the conference of his party, stated that he was greatly interested in the subject of the 'Fall of Man,' saying they had tried to pass it for a subject to be preached in their community, but the shame felt by some lost the vote by a small minority, but he took a sermon of the *Roll* to ascertain its teaching upon that important subject, and there at least he will find the fig-leaves of shame laid aside with its attendant mock modesty, and truth declared unvarnished.

"Another of our sisters introduced the work to a woman, who told her that her son was a printer, and had had some papers sent him, and had taken such interest in them that he had reprinted some and distributed them amongst his friends. A son of the minister of one of the villages canvassed exhibited great interest in the work, gladly taking a sermon of the *Roll* to read for himself, asking our brother if he were a Jew. Another lady also, who believes that Israel cannot be gathered until the *Roll* is found, has through the influence of a dream been busily engaged in digging for it in the churchyard, undoubtedly not knowing that that book is found in Israel to-day, not in the land of the dead but of the living, and is this day sounding forth its clear and certain sound: 'Why seek ye the living among the dead?'

"Though our sales are somewhat better this week yet as a whole we have to record this as being a most dead and uninteresting district. We have been enabled to dispose of 53 sermons, 62 *Parts* of the *Roll*, and 241 PIONEERS."

#### OUR SCOTCH REPORT.

##### GREENOCK AND DUNOON.

"Monday, April 20th.—This morning it was very wet, and we were, in consequence, unable to get out canvassing, but as the rain cleared towards noon, we loaded our bags and started forth in our Master's service, calling from door to door in Cartsdyke, meeting with many who seemed most ignorant and callous, not caring to hear anything about the glad news of redemption; some, too, were most uncivil and would in some instances have slammed the door in our faces. One lady who took a sermon of the *Roll* asked if it was anything to do with the great Pyramid, as there had been much said about it in connection with Israel, but was told by our canvasser that this was in no way connected with this, but was the union of law and Gospel, opening up the great truths of God's Word.

"Another lady, who took the *Roll*, could not see that Israel were the Bride, or rather that the Bride would be chosen from the twelve tribes of Israel. She belonged to the 'Brethren,' and thought the Bride was to be chosen from the Gentiles, and would be caught up before Israel were gathered, but she promised to read the *Roll* as it was a subject she was much interested in. On our way home we called at two places where sermons were ordered last week. One took it readily, the other was out, but as our brother was returning, she recognised him on the street and asking if he had called at her house, received it gladly. Another lady said she had the *Roll* sent to her from Chatham and was reading it and rejoicing in the truths contained therein. Another young woman said she had not long been brought to the knowledge of her soul's salvation, and was much pleased to hear of the great hope of immortality and took a copy of the *Roll* and PIONEER very gladly, having stood listening most attentively while our brother spoke to her of the glorious truths now revealed to those who seek to know and do the Master's will by the help of the spirit of truth Whom Jesus promised to send, as recorded in St. John's Gospel.

"Tuesday, April 22nd.—This morning was again very wet, indeed it has been a regular April day, with heavy showers falling. The sisters canvassed in Port Glasgow, and met with many among the poor people who took great interest in the work, but also found a great many Roman Catholics, some of whom took PIONEERS, and others seemed willing to have taken the *Roll* if they only had the money, while others made various excuses, some saying that their Prayer-books were all that they required. One young girl, apparently a Salvation Army captain, took a sermon very readily, and a member took a PIONEER. These also agreed that it was very hard work to canvass with light and truth. Our brother canvassed in Inverkip, meeting with very good success. He found one person, who said her husband had purchased the *Roll* in Edinburgh, and they believed it to be the truth.

"Wednesday, April 23rd.—This morning was very wet and stormy. Our time being now up at Greenock, we crossed the Clyde to Dunoon, arriving there in the afternoon, and succeeded at once in securing clean, comfortable lodgings, and commenced work forthwith, but found the people in general very stiff and hard to get at, not willing to listen, but more inclined to shut the door in our faces, while we were delivering the message of life, or else walk away with all indifference to what was said, but, nevertheless, we managed to leave one sermon of the *Roll* and a few copies of the PIONEER with some of those to whom we were sent. We called at two of the 'manses,' but here the *Roll* was refused, the one great cry being 'We have plenty of books,' and when the canvasser tries to impress the importance of the one we are offering, the people in many cases become frightened, and withdraw themselves for fear of being deceived.

"Thursday, April 24th.—This morning was again very wet, but the weather clearing about noon, we started forth to renew our labours in Dunoon, finding many empty houses, and many people who would not listen to us at all, but meeting with better success than yesterday. One young girl where a sister had called yesterday very readily took the *Roll* and a paper to-day, saying she had a friend who had obtained one and now she desired it for herself, and would lend it to many of her friends. Another woman in a drapery shop was moved to tears at the testimony of a sister concerning the *Roll* and what it had done for her, and having refused the *Roll* before, saying times were so bad, she said now she would have it, and trust to the pennies being made up to her, having previously bought the paper. The conversation (which was rather a lengthy one) reminded her of truths her father used to speak upon, he being one of the Covenanters, and because he preached the coming of Christ, and declared that when he prayed for light that the answer came: 'The Lord is at hand,' the minister had refused to baptise her, she being the youngest child, unless he would recant, which he refused to do. She received the *Roll* very thankfully. Another lady with whom a sister had a long conversation, and who appeared very earnest in what she believed, thought she had Christ dwelling within her, and the Word of God upon that point being brought forward seemed to bear no weight with her, she being so firmly grounded in her own view, and quoted Paul's words: 'Christ in you the hope of glory.' And yet she confessed she was still liable to death and corruption, which our sister tried to convince her could not be if she were born of God and Christ was dwelling within the temple. At parting she secured a PIONEER.

"Friday, April 24th.—This has been a beautiful spring day, and we have continued our canvass of Dunoon, and have met with two who

had the *Roll* already, one of whom is much delighted with it, and took a PIONEER. Many others seemed half persuaded to take the *Roll*, but seemed afraid; others took a paper to obtain more information concerning it. One gentleman, who said he had heard nothing about it before, took a PIONEER to show his minister and get his opinion. A lady, the wife of a minister, also took a PIONEER, but would not be persuaded to take the *Roll*. Some we find who seem to have almost lost their assurance in Christ by the many different opinions that are being promulgated amongst them, therefore they have not confidence in themselves to take the *Roll* and examine it, seeking to be led and guided into all truth. Our sales up to Friday night have been 35 sermons of the *Roll* and 205 PIONEERS. We left a set of sermons with our landlady when leaving Greenock. She was sorry to part with us and wished us God speed in our labours."

#### STIRLING.

"Monday, April 21st.—This morning was so wet we were unable to do any canvassing, but as it cleared off at midday we started out and had a good afternoon's work in the town, finding the people much the same as last week, very indifferent to the message. One or two seemed to receive it very readily. A sister offered the *Roll* to one lady, who took it, and seemed quite interested, also taking a PIONEER. A brother, on introducing the work to the proprietor of a shop, was told by him that he did not want to read anything like that. Our brother stated that the book bore its own credentials, and exhorted him to compare it with the Scriptures, law, and testimony, it being God's last message to man for the ingathering and restoration of Israel. He said, 'Oh, what! to bring the Jews back again to Palestine! I don't think they would be much better off there than they are at the present time, as they have done pretty well for themselves.' Our brother added that, it would indeed avail them nothing to return to Jerusalem in Palestine, but this work was destined by the help of God to gather together the remnant of the ten tribes dispersed amongst the Gentiles, and the remnant of the two tribes known as the Jews, into that Holy Jerusalem which cometh down from God out of Heaven. At this juncture a reverend gentleman came up and after glancing at the *Roll* condemned it in strong language, although he had to admit that he had not read the book. He was reminded of the Scripture: 'He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him.' Still he would not condescend to prove the *Roll* by Scripture, and said he would

GIVE OUR BROTHER FIVE SHILLINGS TO GO CLEAR AWAY

out of his parish, rather than stop and sow such seeds as that here. His offer was declined, and he was informed of the object of our mission here to warn the people faithfully of the ingathering and restoration of Israel, which we will do as God giveth us strength, and added that when a person offered a bribe to stop such teaching it was quite clear by what spirit the briber was actuated.

"On Tuesday, April 25th, we continued our canvass in the town, but had to return early to our lodgings on account of the rain.

"Wednesday, April 23rd.—It has again been very showery to-day, which has hindered us somewhat in our canvassing. We took train to Alloa this morning, a small town about seven miles from Stirling. On the whole we found the people more open to receive the message, although many were unable to purchase it, being near the term. At one place where a sister called a gentleman answered the door, and after asking several questions, which were answered to his satisfaction, he took the first

sermon of the *Roll*. The sister had not gone many doors away from the house when another gentleman came to the door of the same house and called her back. He also took a sermon. We have met with several to-day who seemed pleased to have a little conversation on the Word. We walked back to-night, canvassing on the way the village of Cambus. Here also we left several *Rolls* and PIONEERS. We were late home, being very tired after the day's canvassing and long walk, but were rejoiced on our arrival to find a letter awaiting us from head-quarters bearing the news of a person having sent for the second sermon, who took the first from us during our recent visit to Wishaw.

"Thursday, April 24th.—We have visited Alloa again to-day, but were hindered somewhat this morning with the rain. We have met several to-day who appeared to be interested in the message. A sister was asked inside at one place, where they took a sermon and gave her an address to call on a person in Stirling. They seemed very interested as she spoke to them on the faith of Israel, and said these things were not taught them from the pulpits in the churches. Another sister called at the manse, being also asked in, and had a short conversation with the clergyman, who seemed favourable towards the work, and wished her success, taking a paper, as he said he really could not afford the *Roll*. Several have told us they have seen or heard of the work before. This evening I called upon a woman who a few days ago asked me to call again, being without sufficient money to purchase the sermon then, but seemed anxious to have it. I then left her a PIONEER, the first article being 'The Reprieve from Death,' and had a short conversation with her, when she seemed quite interested in the work; but calling again this evening I was much surprised to find her turned quite against it, and refused to take the *Roll*, saying it was a book that would do a great deal of harm, and she was not the only one that thought so in Stirling. I asked what she found that was not according to the law and testimony. She replied, 'Why, you are teaching that the body will not die!' Although I tried to show her that the Lord had decreed that there should be a people preserved from death, in whom would be wrought His Holy laws and commands, He working in them to will and to do of His own good pleasure, fulfilling in them His promise, 'I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed,' that they may become thoroughly purged from dead works, fit for the Master's use, to be presented unto Christ without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, she would not take the *Roll* to read and prove for herself, but said I was being led astray and exhorted me to take her advice, she being so much older, and have no more to do with it. I told her I was thoroughly convinced that it was the work of God and His last message which I was offering her, and which was holding out the faith which was delivered unto our forefathers, the saints, for which we were commanded to earnestly contend; also trying to show her the difference between the immortal glory and the incorruptible; but finding after a long conversation she did not appear any more favourable I left her, after warning her if she could not receive the work herself to be careful not to say anything against it, lest she be found to be fighting against God, and thereby bringing herself under condemnation.

"Friday, April 25th.—To-day we have canvassed the villages of Blairlogie, Menstrie, Glenochil, and Tullibody, finding many too poor to purchase the message of life which it is our privilege to offer; others treated it with great coldness and indifference, whilst a few received it very readily. One gilt sermon of the *Roll* was purchased by an old lady 72 years of age, who comes from Shropshire. She had been very ill, but was just able to be

up a little. She gave our sister her name to call at the manse and say she sent her, and she thought Miss — would take a book, too, but when the message was sent in the clergyman and his daughter refused it; they did not need anything of the kind. In these villages we found several who had either seen or heard of the work previously.

"Saturday, April 26th.—To-day we have been canvassing the large houses in Stirling, but few amongst them received the message of life, light, and truth, which now is being handed to them by the canvassers of Israel, who are to-day despised and rejected by men, but truly they realise the truth of the words, 'As the days of Noah were, so also shall the coming of the Son of man be.' How few heeded the warning of Noah in his day, although he vexed his righteous soul from day to day because of the unbelief and darkness which then prevailed, and now in this, the end of time, we ask, 'Who will believe our report?' Alas! if Jesus wept in His day, how much more has the Bride now cause to weep and repeat the doleful miserere: 'If thou hadst known, even thou at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace, but now are they hid from thine eyes, because thou knowest not the time of thy visitation?' Our sales this week are 71 sermons, one *Part* of the *Roll*, and 424 papers. We trust these may fall into the hands of many of the true children of Abraham, and case them to come and worship the Lord in spirit and in truth. We leave here on Tuesday next (D.V.), working our way to Perth."

#### PUTNEY AND FULHAM.

"A sister has again been canvassing in these districts and met with several who have the *Roll*. One, a member of the Salvation Army, who has the three sermons, was glad to take a copy of the PIONEER, and wished the work God speed. A young person who bought the first sermon of the *Roll* at Braintree last spring, gave an order for the second to be taken to her next week. Another lady bought a gilt sermon to send to Western Australia, promising to let her servant read it first. It would be well if more had such consideration for the welfare and enlightenment of their servants. During the week nine sermons of the *Roll* and 75 PIONEERS have been disposed of."

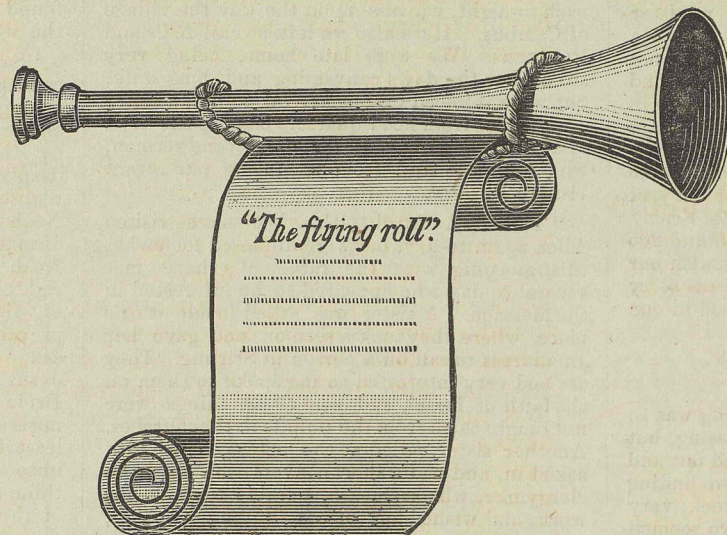
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JESUS AND CHRIST.

NEARLY 2,000 years ago God prepared a body in which it was destined for the Messiah, the Christ, to keep all His laws and commands, fulfilling the words of the prophet: "Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do Thy will, O my God: yea, Thy law is within my heart." This body, called Jesus, was the pure seed of the woman, free from the tares of man, being the grain of mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds, He having no earthly father, the Virgin Mary bringing Him forth after being overshadowed by the power of the Highest. That child, who was the groundwork of the city that was to be redeemed, was set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel. His body, free from evil, was offered as a sacrifice that a remnant might be saved from the death of the body, and His blood was poured out for the salvation of all souls, either at the first or final resurrection. In His flesh His forefather Job will see God, now that His body has been glorified: He became the firstborn of immortality, the beginning of the new creation of God.

The difference between Jesus and Christ is not recognised by Christendom. They are in darkness to this point as Judaism was to the coming of the Messiah. Christ is the anointing, the Spirit which rested on Jesus, the seed of the woman, in fulness at the river Jordan, making Him Jesus the Christ. Of Himself, Jesus admitted He could do nothing. His own spirit was Michael, which ministered to His body from the time that He was quickened in the womb, and it was His own spirit which raised His soul at His resurrection, to show a spiritual body, the resurrection of the dead, to be the firstfruits of those that slept, whilst the spirit Christ raised the body of Jesus, showing the natural immortal body which He invited His disciples to handle, saying: "A spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see Me have." He appeared in "another

form," i.e., in the spiritual body, unto two of them as they went to Emmaus, "If the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus [the soul] from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ [the body] from the dead shall also quicken your mortal body by His Spirit that dwelleth in you." (Rom. viii. 11.)

The spirit Christ that descended at Jordan and abode on Him for three years withdrew after that period, that Jesus might suffer and the Scripture be fulfilled: "Shall I give My firstborn for My transgression, the fruit of My body for the sin of My soul?" Adam cast the blame on God for giving him the woman, through whom came the transgression, he having partaken of the tree during the time forbidden by God. The Almighty took this imputation on Himself, and having made the creature subject to vanity He proved that He was subjected in hope of rising to a higher sphere than he could have reached had he remained in innocency, or as a disembodied spirit. Whilst the spiritual and the natural body were not united after the resurrection of Jesus they were able to look on either. If Christ had not raised the natural body when Michael took the soul to appear with the spiritual body, how could they have failed in their judgments? When the two bodies were united He ascended. The blood of Jesus was given for seed to the sower to be sown in the earth, for seed to those whose bodies were dead and sown in the earth, or should be, that they who received it should be raised incorruptible, but He gave His flesh for bread to the eater, that they who eat it, by His Word abiding in them, their mortal bodies should not die, but put on immortality. In this way he becomes a *light* to lighten the *Gentiles*, and the *glory* of His people *Israel*.

MAKE YOUR CALLING AND ELECTION SURE.

THE *Methodist Recorder* of last week contains an article on the "Competition for Saints." The writer deplors the seductive methods employed by various churches and their members, collectively and individually, of bringing a "ready-made convert," as he is termed, over to their particular way of thinking without "having the trouble of making him." It is painfully evident that each sect seeks in every possible way to gain ascendancy in numbers, compassing sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made to instil into his mind the same illusory craving. When a man is brought to the knowledge of the merits of Christ's atonement, which is in nine cases out of 10 mistaken for conversion and which the term "ready-made convert" is meant to imply, and if such knowledge is cultivated and strengthened by search-

ing the Scriptures diligently to see whether these things are so, like the Bereans of old, until he becomes fully persuaded in his own mind, he is not easily overthrown. But a difficulty immediately presents itself; he sees in the Word frequent allusions to the Church of God, that by far the greater promises are made to a people styled Israel, and that the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace should exist in the Church. And beholding the chaos and strife which are so rife at present throughout Christendom he is at a loss to know which company of believers to associate himself with, he reads that we ought not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is; but with whom? It is not long before he becomes acquainted with a proselytising church member, or, maybe, a religious sectarian journal comes under his notice, and by some such means one particular form of doctrine stands out in bold relief before his eyes; he sees the extensive missionary work of the sect at home, and the progress of the cause in foreign parts, China, Africa, India and elsewhere; its buildings, wealthy members, learned divines, literature, &c., &c., the whole being made to appear the more vivid by dark surroundings, the defective systems of other denominations, the want of charity on the part of their members, and many other things are dwelt upon to form a suitable background. The earnest seeker after truth is often thus beguiled and soon finds to his dismay that that "form of godliness" does not free him from the bondage of sin, he still finds the other law in his members, he finds many doctrines held by the sect do not fit in somehow or other with the Scripture, he becomes dissatisfied and gradually merges into another form of doctrine and so he wanders from one denomination to another finding no rest, no ease, and exclaims,

MISERABLE COMFORTERS ARE YE ALL.

Is not this the case with many? and is it not through not understanding the Word? The Scriptures have been, and are, to the world a sealed book, as the Prophet Isaiah says, The vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed. Again it is written, "Seal the law, bind up the testimony." The vision, said, Habakkuk, is yet for an appointed time, but *at the end* it shall speak and not lie, Daniel was told the words were sealed up until *the time of the end*. Did not Jesus say, "I have many things to say unto you but ye cannot bear them now"? For without a parable spake He not unto them, but He said, "The time cometh when I shall no more speak unto you in parables but shall show you plainly of the Father." He promised to send the Comforter to bring *all* things to our remembrance and to lead us into *all* truth. Yes, some will

say and this Comforter came on the Day of Pentecost appearing in cloven tongues. It came truly, but not to lead them into all truth, hence the cloven, or divided, tongues; for Paul said after this event, and he himself was not a whit behind the chiefest of the apostles, "Now I know in *part*." "We know in part and we prophesy in part but when that which is perfect is come then that which is in part shall be done away." "Now we see as through a glass darkly, but then face to face." Here then the Apostle shows the time will come when the darkened glasses will be put aside, when the messenger, the interpreter, of whom Job spake, will come to deliver man from going down into the pit of corruption, to loose him from the bandages of sin. Paul, following on the same subject, says, "The Deliverer shall come out of Zion and turn away ungodliness from Jacob for this is My covenant when I shall take away their sin." Here then we are brought face to face with what the true Christian desires, namely, freedom from sin, he knows he has obtained forgiveness of sin, but he still sins and the Word says, sin not; the substance of all true religion is to overcome sin,

#### IT IS THE GERM OF THE SCRIPTURES.

Has God then left the whole race of man to struggle against an impassable barrier? Has He given a command which He never intended should be kept? No, for although no one has kept His commandments, except Jesus, it is written, "A seed shall serve Him, and the earnest expectation of the creature," says Paul, "waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God." Waiting to see who the sons of God are who will keep the commands of the Father, like Jesus Who was the first-born among many brethren. Until their appearance on this planet the Scriptures have been sealed.

#### TO THEM PERTAIN THE PROMISES,

the glory and the covenants, who are *Israelites*, says Paul. Israel is My son, saith God, even My firstborn, "I will redeem them from death, I will ransom them from the power of the grave; repentance shall be hid from Mine eyes." They are not called to a covenant of repentance but of the removal of sin, as we before quoted "This is My covenant when I shall take away their sin." The Gentiles have made much havoc of the Scriptures through attributing these promises and covenants to themselves, so that the truth is scarcely recognisable, spiritualising the term Israel to mean all believers, or their particular sect, whereas Paul speaks of them as two distinct peoples, and says, "At the fulness of the Gentiles Israel shall be saved." And the Apostle earnestly exhorted Timothy to "rightly divide the Word of truth," so as

not to confound the three classes which now exist. Give none offence, neither to the Jew, nor to the Gentile, nor to the Church of God. Again, he says, neither circumcision availeth anything nor uncircumcision, but a *new creature*. Are you anxious to become a new creature, to be a member of the Church of God, to have your feet washed and kept from falling into the pit, that, although your soul is saved, your whole spirit, soul, and body may be preserved unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ? You must know then that all these things refer to Israel, upon whom God is pouring out His spirit to open their eyes to His word, who can find no ease among the nations whither they are scattered, who find no rest for the soles of their feet among any denomination in Christendom, of whom it is prophesied: "The people shall dwell alone, they shall not be reckoned among the nations." God has sent His last message to gather them together in one, the *Extracts from the Flying Roll*, and if a new light springs up in your soul upon perusing its pages, if you yearn to become an Israelite indeed in whom there is no guile, if the Scripture is revealed to you plainer than before and your heart burns within you by the way, depend upon it, flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but the Father. He will *draw* thee out from among the mingled seed. He is now calling, "Come out of her My people that ye be not partakers of her sins and receive not of her plagues." Judge all things by the Word, if they speak not according to this book it is because there is no light in them, then you will not be carried about by every wind of doctrine, devised by the sleight of men and cunning craftiness, but your feet will be established firmly on the Rock, Christ; He will guide you, as it is written, "All Thy children shall be taught of the Lord."

"A friend cannot be known in prosperity: and an enemy cannot be hidden in adversity. In the prosperity of a man enemies will be grieved: but in his adversity even a friend will depart."

Many of the patriarchs of old saw through the telescope of time that the great prize of immortality was to be obtained, yet knowing that it was impossible for them to attain unto that perfection in their day, as the Apostle Paul exclaimed, "I am as one born out of due time," yet they looked forward with joy to the time of the end when their seed, the children of the saints, would inherit the fulness of the promises of God, as Job said, "In my flesh shall I see God."

A banquet is prepared for the remnant of the seed of the woman; dishes of all kinds are made ready, in greater plenty and variety than the heart can conceive, but in order that the repast may be enjoyed it is necessary to bring your own salt. Even this is a gift of God. Salt or faith is the great preservative. If a man have faith as the grain of mustard seed (Jesus) he shall be able to say unto the mountain of death, be thou removed, and it shall be accomplished.

## Our American Columns.

### DECATUR, ILLINOIS.

"Monday, April 7th.—To-day the weather was unusually warm. I called on a lady, who became much interested, and desired me to call when her husband was home, as he was searching for more light and truth. I called this evening, and he said, 'If you enjoyed the conversation as much as we have done you are well repaid for coming.' There was a neighbour present; he also was much pleased, and they took two papers and a *Part of the Roll*. Another party whom I had a conversation with, after refusing to take the *Roll* followed me to the next door and took two papers; although he was well read in Scripture he was unable to refute the points I gave him. Our sister called on a lady who believed in eternal torment, but when the law and testimony was applied to her views she was speechless, and took three papers. Another lady, after withstanding our sister with her own interpretations of Scripture, had to yield. She also sent after our sister to purchase a paper. Although the multitude are satisfied making all manner of excuses, yet Israel will recognise their Shepherd's voice and prepare to meet the Bridegroom, having their blood cleansed in the Fountain now open in the House of David. (Zech. xiii. 1.)

"Tuesday, April 8th.—It was very warm again to-day. Our experiences were similar to yesterday. We had a meeting to-night in the house where we room, our landlady being very kind to us, and also quite interested in the faith of Israel. We spoke on the new covenant that God is now fulfilling in Israel (Heb. viii. 8) and on the command in Mal. iv. 4.

"Wednesday, April 9th.—There was a cold rain and high winds much of to-day. We canvassed some and called on a few, and found some interested; also we had a well-attended meeting this evening. I read St. John xiv., and spoke from the same. A sister also gave an address. The interest shown was truly cheering.

"Thursday, April 10th.—We found several interested to-day, and had an interesting meeting at night, several being present who are interested in the truths of immortality. Several questions were asked and explained to their satisfaction. We were much pleased with the interest shown, as it is evident the truth is spreading rapidly. We spoke from the eleventh chapter of Romans, showing the unbelief of both Jew and Gentile, and the final restoration of Israel.

"Friday, April 11th.—We experienced great success and encouragement to-day. This morning a doctor called on us, expressing his great pleasure in reading the first sermon of the *Roll*, saying it was all reason and common-sense and proved the Bible. His interest is very great; he had sold the three sermons of the *Roll* to one of his friends and called on us this morning for another; he also bought a set for another friend, making nine sermons. Although an old doctor of long experience he said the information he had already got from the *Roll* was

worth 10 times the price of the books, and he had been telling many when we called on them to listen to us and they would derive inestimable benefit. On one of our sisters calling in an office, one of the ladies present exclaimed: 'Oh, this is the message of God we have heard so much about,' and three of them took a *Part of the Roll*. May their eyes be opened to realise the truths therein contained."

#### CLINTON, ILLINOIS.

"On April 12th we packed up and took train for Clinton, 22 miles north, leaving behind us in Decatur many very interested ones, also 558 papers, 396 *Parts*, and 17 sermons of the *Roll*, and took a six months' subscription for the PIONEER. On our arrival at Clinton, at 11 a.m., we soon got permission to canvass, and commenced our labours, looking for rooms as we went, and made arrangements for lodgings about 6 p.m. During the week we scattered 223 PIONEERS, 145 *Parts*, and 11 sermons of the *Roll*."

#### ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

"Monday, April 7th.—This morning the first place I called at was the office of the Jewish Rabbi. I offered him the *Roll*, but his wisdom refused the comforter. He said he was a very busy man and had no time for anything more, pointing to the numerous volumes on his shelves, and handed back the *Roll*.

"Tuesday, April 8th.—We went out to-day about five miles in hopes of finding some who would listen to the message of life with more interest, but found the same indifference, with very few exceptions.

"Wednesday, April 9th.—This morning I crossed the river to East St. Louis, on the Illinois side; saw the mayor, and got a permit to sell for seven days. I went to work at once and met a Methodist preacher, who listened to the message, but said he could not accept the *Roll* as an inspired work. He bought a *Part of the Roll* and a PIONEER, saying he would give them a careful perusal. Another minister bought a gift sermon.

"Thursday, April 10th.—Two of us crossed the river again to East St. Louis, and we found the people there much more ready to receive the message of life than they are here; they would listen to what we had to say, and many expressed a willingness to buy if they only had the money.

"Friday, April 11th.—We all crossed the river again to-day to East St. Louis, but got in a quarter settled almost entirely by Catholics, who, as usual, rejected the message of life simply because it does not come through the hands of their own priests. Our sales for the week are 15 PIONEERS, 83 *Parts*, eight sermons, and two volumes of the *Roll*. We did not canvass on Saturday."

#### OSHAWA, CANADA.

"Monday, April 7th.—We arrived here from Whitby, after a rough ride in the stage, and after great difficulty found lodgings. We then got an early tea. One of

the sisters suffering from a severe cold and headache, had got settled in bed when our landlady came upstairs, saying her husband was not agreeable to having three of us, he having only seen the two younger ones; so we were asked to get out and find some place else, but as it was then growing late, and not knowing where to lay our heads, as a favour the landlady gave consent, having prevailed with her husband, who now is more agreeable since he knows our mission.

"Tuesday, April 8th.—Two of us went out this morning. A high wind was blowing in our faces, but we felt strong and earnest, and met with good fortune, in spite of the rain which began to pour down. We continued our canvass as long as it was wise, and regretted that we were obliged to turn our faces towards our lodgings. One sister had an interesting conversation with a grocer on King-street, who took such a deep interest that as each customer came in he drew their attention to our sister's bag of books and papers. She found herself surrounded by several men, who grew quite attentive. She sold a paper to each, and got an order for two sermons of the *Roll*. She also asked the shopman if he would hang our 'transparency' in the window, which he very readily did, also took six papers to sell in his store. He is very deeply interested. Another sister was told by a woman that she had a devil's spirit going about preaching such mischief, the life of the body, but our sister told her that these are not the words of him that hath a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind? (John x. 21.) Certainly only the Spirit of God does open the eyes of our understanding, and many acknowledge that we have something for them that they cannot find in the churches to-day.

"Wednesday, April 9th.—It is again wet, but, nothing daunted, we started out. Time will not allow our standing still. One sister met with the wife of the editor of *The Reformer*. He having bought two papers from one of us yesterday at his office, his wife is much interested in the reading.

"Thursday, April 10th.—One sister met a lady who was just waiting for the message as she had long been looking for something more than the churches can give, she being so disgusted with the so-called Christians of the present age. She said 'if something were not done soon by God's avenging hand the world would come to such a pass that nothing could live,' and she was so pleased to hear that God had a message in her day that would expose the traditions of men so long taught. She took a paper to let her husband see it, and would have liked a volume of the *Roll*.

"Friday, April 11th.—There is a fine old lady, aged 87, living in our lodging place, the mother of our landlady, who is greatly rejoicing, as she says, 'to think that I should live under the roof with those that should bring me God's last message to man, for I have long looked for Christ's second coming, and that I should live and have my hope revived in me! Oh, it's good, it's good.' She has been looking for the life of the body, but had almost lost her hope. She is a dear old lady, and very smart and intelli-

gent, and takes such an interest in our coming in and out, and likes us to go into her sitting-room and talk to her. This afternoon one of the sisters called at a house where, in presenting the *Flying Roll*, the lady took her in, saying, 'I like the title of the book,' and in taking the book into her hand she said, 'Why, this is the very work I am looking for,' she having in her possession several works on this faith. She quite enjoyed a conversation on the ingathering and restoration of Israel. The same sister also had a conversation with an old man, who, when he saw the *Flying Roll*, said he had the book at home, having brought it out from Berlin, Germany. He is looking for the life of the body. Our landlady has become so much interested in our faith that she has taken the volume of the *Roll*. One lady we called on expressed herself willing to take an agency, where many who have bought the first sermon could get the other sermons. She is also an agent for Bibles and took the sermon and paper for herself. We received an invitation to visit her on Sunday afternoon and would open her house for a meeting if her husband was only willing.

"Saturday, April 12th.—We called on interested friends, many expressing regret at our leaving so soon. This evening we delivered our orders. Having walked to our last staying place, Whitby, 10 miles there and back, we are very tired, but much refreshed from having conversations with those we had left sermons with, and who are pressing on, much happier for our stay among them. Our sales for the week here are one set of sermons, one volume, 12 sermons of the *Roll*, and 105 PIONEERS."

#### TORONTO, CANADA.

"Monday, April 7th.—I have canvassed to-day in Brockton, and called on a policeman who bought the first sermon about two weeks ago, and found him very pleased with it. His wife attended one of our meetings the week before last, and enjoyed it very much. She said she wanted the other two sermons, and promised to come again to the meeting. After this, I called on another woman, who said she had seen the papers before, and did not believe in them. I told her we did not expect everyone to believe in them, for as it was in the days of Noah so shall it be now, because strait is the gate and narrow is the path that leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. None have found it yet but three—Enoch, Elijah, and Jesus—and Jesus being the first-born among many brethren saw not corruption, neither will Israel, His brethren, for God says: 'Israel is Mine elect' (Isa. xlv. 4), and if we go through the grave we see corruption, and become only equal unto the angels. She said, 'Oh, well, that's good enough for me.'

"Tuesday and Wednesday were wet days, and I was not able to do much. On Wednesday night we held our usual public meeting; quite a few gathered to hear the glad tidings of redemption from death. The meeting was opened by a hymn, afterwards the Lord's Prayer was re-

peated, then a brother read Luke xi. After singing another hymn, 'Come be a volunteer,' a brother spoke from Isa. xxviii. 18, 'Your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand.'

"Thursday, April 10th.—To-day I have canvassed in the outskirts in Brockton and Dovercourt. I met several who took an interest in the return of the Master. One young man, who took a sermon of the *Roll*, could not see how we expected the Saviour so soon. I referred him to the Saviour's words, 'These two years (or two dispensations) he came seeking fruit on the fig-tree and found none; so he said, Let it alone one more year, and if it does not bear fruit then cut it down.' And Isaiah says, 'Ye shall eat this year that which groweth of itself, and the second year that which springeth of the same, and the third year sow ye and reap and plant vineyards and eat the fruit thereof.' And the Spirit, speaking through Hosea, saith, 'After two days will he revive us, and the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.' And Jesus says, 'Except those days should be shortened no flesh could be saved, but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.' He said, 'That seems plain enough,' and he was sure he would like the *Roll*.

"Friday, April 11th.—To-day, whilst canvassing the message of life, I called on a man, who told me he had got all the reading he could get through, telling me all the different papers he took. When I was leaving his door he said he was glad to see so many presses printing such matter on the second coming of Christ. I told him I did not know anybody that knew anything about Christ's second coming but Israel. 'Oh,' he said, 'every one that is born of God knows.' I drew his attention to the Scripture on this point, but he preferred to keep his own views of the subject. One man on whom I called the other week had thought for a long time that he was born of God and had testified many times to that effect. Now he has come to the knowledge of the truth, and tells the people that he has been teaching them error, not knowing how to rightly divide the Word till he got the *Flying Roll*.

"Saturday, April 12th.—To day I canvassed in Paskdale, and called at one place where the man and wife were standing outside. I offered the *PIONEER* to the woman and the *Roll* to the man, telling him it would explain the origin of evil and the fall of man, showing how sickness and death entered this world, and how it will leave the world again, by perfect obedience to God's laws and commands. Each of them purchased a sermon of the *Roll*. My sales have been low this week, 41 *PIONEERS*, three sermons, and one volume of the *Roll*.

"Sunday, April 13th.—This afternoon we held our public meeting as usual, the room being full to the doors. The text was taken from John viii. 51: 'Verily, verily, I say unto you, if a man keep My saying he shall never see death.' The speaker said that in the Gentile Church the true meaning of that verse was not understood. When

Jesus addressed these words to the Jews He was speaking of the natural death of the body, and the Jews then understood Him to mean the body, for they at once said, 'Abraham is dead and the prophets. Whom makest Thou Thyself?' To believe that Jesus was the Son of God, and to believe all His sayings, are two different things. The step to procure the soul's salvation in the first resurrection is to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved and made equal unto the angels; the next thing to believe is that, if a man keep His saying he shall never see death. Every Israelite firmly believes that, and knows that if death (the wages of sin) overtakes us we have not kept His saying."

### Man's Helpmate.

Woman was created for a helpmate for man, but was first in the transgression, and became a tree of death to him instead of a tree of life. She has hitherto borne corrupt fruit, with one exception, Jesus. Through her man became inoculated with the seed of evil, which has been handed down from generation to generation. "The fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge." And this sourness has by no means decreased, for evil has waxed worse, and so far from expecting a diminution of crime and sickness in the world by the spread of Christianity we read that in the last days "iniquity shall abound." But Ezekiel prophesies of a time when we shall not have occasion to use this proverb any more *in Israel*; and Jeremiah tells us it shall be "in those days," namely, at the restoration of Israel, when God will make a new covenant with His people, putting His laws in their minds and writing them in their hearts. And Paul, speaking of this, says: "It will come to pass at the fulness of the Gentiles, which now is." Then will the sourness be removed which has set the children's teeth on edge, for lamentation and bitter weeping has been heard since the days of Adam, Rachel weeping for her children because they were not; death, the king of terrors, has devoured them all, for dust is the serpent's meat; the bodies of all save three, one in each dispensation as witnesses of the life of the body, have been delivered unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus; those bodies which were designed to be the temples of the Holy Ghost have gone to corruption in the grave, the wages of sin has passed upon them all. Satan, the great enemy of mankind, who sowed the tares in the field in the beginning, has destroyed all the children of the first Eve." But, thus saith the Lord, refrain thy voice from weeping and thine eyes from tears, for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the Lord, and they shall come again from the land of the enemy. And there is hope *in thine end*, saith the Lord, that thy children shall come again to their own border."

Jerusalem above, the mother of the free, has descended to gather her children together

as a hen gathereth her brood under her wings; she has come to free them from the bondage of corruption and bring them into the glorious liberty of the children of God; she will rescue them from the land of the enemy, redeem them from death, and ransom them from the power of the grave, for the Lord hath looked down from the height of His sanctuary, heard the groaning of the prisoner, and will loose those that are appointed to death. They are now in the citizen's country feeding on the husks and offals of the Gentiles, looking forward to death as their only hope, to pass through the grave and suffer loss, that their souls may be saved in the resurrection; but they will soon hear the voice of the Immortal Spirit, the Comforter, telling them to disannul their covenant with death and seek the *life of the body*, for the time is here when their Mother, Jerusalem above, will descend on

THE WOMAN BELOW,

and make her a vessel to purify the man, that she may be a true helpmate, for the Lord hath created a *new thing* in the earth. A woman shall compass a man, the man of sin; she shall bruise the evil in the heart of man until there is left neither root, seed, nor branch. Man fell through the woman, and through her will he be cleansed; he will no more eat of the *sour grape*, the evil must wither in the furrows *where it grew*, and "afore the harvest when the bud is imperfect, and the sour grape is ripening in the flower, He shall both cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks, and take away and cut down the branches." She will become a tree of life instead of death, handing forth good fruit instead of evil. Man must return "even the way which thou wentest." He left the city, Jerusalem above, and travelled down to Jericho where the harlot dwells, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his raiment (the spirit), and left him *half dead*; his body perishes, but he himself (his soul) is saved yet so as by fire; he is now to leave the mother of harlots and seek his mother, Jerusalem above, that Christ may pay the two pence for him by keeping law and Gospel in him, setting him on his *own* beast, the body. The helpmate promised at first, the Bride, the immortal woman, Jerusalem above, will cleanse the blood of all who seek her, and the *Extracts from the Flying Roll* is being promulgated that man may know the way to the Heavenly City. The true children of Abraham now hungering for the *truth* will receive the message, for they know the voice, and they will ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward.

Malachi gives the key whereby man should understand that woman is the tree of the knowledge of good as well as evil. In prophesying of the birth of Jesus he states: "Did not He make one? Yet had He the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That He might seek a Godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth." "If ye being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children," how much more shall the Almighty increase that gift for all who ask Him, by ordaining that that which is made shall be preserved without seeing corruption!

## Testimony from New Zealand.

### PORT LYTTLETON.

Our sister in continuing her canvass of this place says: "A lady on whom I called could see the nature of the fall of our first parents from reading the Bible. After I explained that the *Roll* proved from Scripture that the wicked were not eternally punished as taught in Christendom, she took the three sermons. May the God of Israel enlighten her mind. Another to whom I sold Sermon I., was pleased to take Sermon II., his wife stating that her husband considered it a grand book, and had lent Sermon I. to a captain of the Salvation Army. A lady to whom I sold Sermon I. was also pleased to take Sermon II., and took Sermon I. for her sister, on whom I had previously called. During two afternoons I sold 11 sermons and several *Parts* of the *Roll*, and six copies of the PIONEER."

### HEATHCOTE VALLEY.

"On February 26th I went to Heathcote Valley, a small township situate on the Christchurch side of the Port Hills. The people listened very patiently to the message, but no conversation of any note took place. Nine sermons and two *Parts* of the *Roll*, and nine papers were sold."

### CHRISTCHURCH.

"March 21st.—The *Flying Roll* is still circulating in this neighbourhood. A sister visited a lady who has attended the meetings several times. She took the three sermons, saying that many things she did not understand have been made plain to her, and she did not care to go anywhere else now. Another lady residing next to us has taken the first and second sermons, and promises to take the third. Both of the above mentioned are rejoicing in the truth as revealed by the open vision.

"The 'Old House' friend, alluded to in a previous report, has taken the three sermons, also an extra first sermon to send to his wife at Napier. He marvels that the trustees of the old or former house of Israel should have rejected the truths contained in the *Roll*. It has been a great marvel to Christendom that the Jews should have rejected Christ at His first coming, seeing that the Old Testament Scriptures so clearly foretold the way and manner in which He would and did appear. So in like manner many have wondered that the former house of Israel should have rejected the *Flying Roll* when the fifth standard-bearer of this visitation for the ingathering of Israel so clearly prophesied of the coming of the *Roll* and the way in which it would be sent. On the 5th of 7th month, 1833, the following prophecy was uttered by him: 'For the *Flying Roll* shall go through the land; it shall be swift and powerful, and he that signs not this *Roll* his name is death, for in this *Roll* is life, and it shall go from the north to the east, and from the west to the south, so that he who has not heard tell of it may have a hiding place provided for him in the clefts

of the rocks. But he that has signed it, and has not done according to what he has signed to, the fire that proceedeth from the coals thereof shall devour him; but he that doeth according to the things which are written therein shall be clothed by the immortal Spirit.' The following extract from a prophecy also uttered by him on the 21st of 2nd month, 1840, clearly shows that the *Roll* would be sent as a trial to the members of the house of Israel then gathered. He said: 'This is that *Flying Roll* that should fly through the land, that he that hath ears to hear may hear; in this manner will every member of the house of Israel be tried, whether they love their gold, wife, son, or daughter more than this *Roll*.'

"As the veil was drawn over Judaism, that they should not receive the Messiah, so has the veil fallen over the eyes of the former house of Israel until the time arrives for it to be removed, that the Word and mighty purpose of God may be fulfilled. The messenger was to appear as a deceiver, yet true; the word given as the snare of a fowler, "For my words which I give unto thee shall appear to the world, and to those not in the Spirit, as from Satan; for he (Satan) will seek to frustrate them, even to them which are in the Spirit; but the day is at hand that they will be had in honour IN ALL NATIONS, even to those that are not in the Spirit.' May the time be not far distant when the eyes of the former house will be opened to see the full force of the words, that the house of Manasseh may join hands with the house of Ephraim in one common brotherhood and exclaim with David: 'O send out Thy light and Thy truth' until the words are fulfilled recorded on the 29th of 11th month, 1842: 'For My Word by thee I will make a standard in all nations, and I will cause the Word to be printed according to the laws and language of every country.' 'Shiloh will then be come, and the laws shall be written on your hearts which it will be impossible to efface or erase. Then shall the Word that is given be stereotyped; it shall then be a faith and laws to be for ever fixed, immovable, and unaltered.' (Vol. III., p. 592.) But how are these words to be fulfilled if the Word of the Lord is kept locked up, as it is by the former house of Israel to this day, when the same Word then given in parable is now interpreted in the *Flying Roll*, which is flying through the land?

"Our sister made several calls in the neighbourhood of Sydenham, leaving four PIONEERS with a lady who subscribes to the paper, and who has the three sermons. A gentleman called upon took four PIONEERS. He is a Sunday-school teacher, but is anxious to learn and understand more of God's Word. The glorious hope of immortality was opened up to him, and he ordered the first sermon of the *Roll*. Three papers and the first sermon were sold to another lady, who promised to take Sermon II. May the Word which is being scattered here and there bear fruit an hundredfold to the honour and glory of Him Who has given it, and ordered it to be published."

## Notes of Addresses.

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NOTES OF MEETING HELD AT THIS ADDRESS,  
SUNDAY EVENING, APRIL 27TH.

Text: Hymn No. 214, the substance of which is, God created man to be immortal, and made him to be an image of His own eternity. Nevertheless, through envy of the devil came death into the world, and they that do hold of his side do find it (Wis. of Sol. ii. 23); but now the Spirit of God has come to remove Satan from the heart of man, and to establish His Kingdom.

It is evident from these words contained in the Apocrypha that man was intended to remain immortal, but after he was created he fell from that state. We do not refer to the immortality of the soul, that is a recognised fact, but of the body. Adam fell through partaking of that which God had forbidden, he partook of the evil set before him in the woman, he tasted the sour grape, the evil which God placed in the *city*, figurative of the woman; she was the tree of knowledge of good and evil. It is the language of Scripture to compare men and women to trees; the Word of God is replete with similitudes, and in order to understand it aright it is necessary we should have the Interpreter, the one among a thousand, which Job speaks of, and that Jesus promised to send. We of the New and Latter House of Israel have that Interpreter. Many in Christendom believe it came on the Day of Pentecost, but it came only in part; the Comforter was there, its operation, however, was not in full power, but in cloven or divided tongues, showing that the fulness of the Spirit was not manifested. God created man, placed him in a garden, and gave him three commandments, viz., to keep, dress, and subdue it. He was to subdue the evil of the tree, but instead of man and woman seeking to the Immortal Spirit to help them to subdue, they listened to the voice of the serpent and were overcome of the evil; this brought death into the world. God never tells man to seek death, there is no such command in the Scripture, with one exception (the unjust steward), and we who are blessed with the light of His Spirit wonder how so many in Christendom cannot see life except through the grave. Death is dishonourable to God. A man whose body goes to corruption cannot be said to be without spot, presented as a chaste virgin to Christ, or

### PRESERVED BLAMELESS

in spirit, soul, and body, as Paul says, unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The three component parts of man are here very distinctly shown. Christendom teaches that the soul and spirit are one, but they err, not knowing the Scripture, and now the Interpreter has come, speaking to man through the pages of the *Flying Roll*, explaining these things to them, there are but few who will give heed to it. The Apostle Paul tells us to prove all things, and to hold fast that which is good.

Man became subject to the death of the body through evil. God said, "In the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die," but Satan persuaded the woman, saying, "Thou shalt not surely die." So man died within the day, which Peter says is with the Lord as 1,000 years, but if a man overcome the evil *now*, his days will be eternal, and he will fulfil the words of Jesus, "Greater works than these shall ye do." Did not Jesus go to the grave? but the grave could not hold Him longer than three days, for He had no evil in Him, His blood had previously been shed a ransom for all souls, and that blood was without tares: but if our bodies go to the grave with the tares or evil in our blood, they will come up no more; that evil must be removed and the blood washed away before death can have no dominion over us. Many say they would be glad to see the Lord come in might and majesty, but know not what they say. God's ways are not man's ways. The Spirit has come to prepare His way before Him, the true light is shining, bringing to our view things which have

BEEN KEPT SECRET

from the foundation of the world, but the world knoweth Him not. Many point to this *Flying Roll*, saying it is the work of man, that the writer who preached the life of the body died himself. But does this prove it false? God has always used man to write His Word, the Bible was written by holy men of old; they wrote of promises which pertained to the people of God, and which will be fulfilled, and the Apostle Paul says, "These all died in faith, *not having received the promise.*" What is that promise? Will you tell us it was the salvation of the soul? Will you say that David, Samuel, and the other prophets have not received that salvation? Nay, it is not the soul but the body that Paul refers to, and the true children of Abraham, now upon the earth, will inherit this promise. This is the day of small things, but soon this *Flying Roll* will be sought after and be had in honour in all nations; let no man therefore despise this day but search the Scriptures the more diligently. Satan is now persuading man that *all* must die, but it is written, "Your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand." Satan is trying to blind their eyes to that Scripture, but he cannot hinder the work of God, nor prevent the true seed from beholding the vision.

When we keep the commands of God and have the testimony of Jesus, we shall know fully the will of God. We pray in the Lord's prayer, Thy will be done. What is the will of God?

GOD WILLETH NOT THE DEATH OF ANY MAN.

Christendom are calling out: Prepare to meet thy God. But how? Through the grave. We also say, Prepare to meet thy God, by overcoming evil, and pass by on the other side of the grave, with Enoch the Priest, and Elijah the Levite. We seek for the body to be cleansed from all evil, that the Spirit of God may enter this *living* earth, the bodies of man and woman, for God cannot dwell with Satan, good with evil. The

meek shall inherit the earth, the body, and such as become as little children shall enter the Kingdom of God, which is to be within them. His Kingdom is about to be established and Satan's to fall. Evil has reigned a little short of 6,000 years, the time is cut short for the elect's sake, and for this Satan claims a part after the 1,000 years millennial reign of Christ, during which time he will be bound down, evil will lie dormant, there will be 1,000 years' peace, for there has been no peace since the fall of man; Satan is a god of disorder. The song the angels sang at the birth of Jesus will then be fulfilled, peace on earth and good will towards men. After this the devil will be loosed again to deceive the nations and gather them together to battle; then will evil be destroyed, and *all* souls ransomed from its power.

The xxviii. chapter of Ezekiel was next commented upon by another speaker. The substance of his remarks is as follows:—

The prophet is here telling us that Satan was with God before the foundations of the world were laid; also, what he was, what he is now, and by whom he will fall. It is well known through the PIONEER OF WISDOM that Israel believe in the

FULL REDEMPTION

of body, soul, and spirit, revealed to them by the Interpreter; as the Apostle Paul says, "We shall not all sleep." But there is a work to be done; all sin must be removed, all evil overcome, the power of Satan destroyed. And Ezekiel writes concerning the overthrow of Satan, "Behold I will bring *strangers* upon thee. . . they shall bring thee down to the pit, and thou shalt die." Strangers are the chosen people of God, elect, predestinated according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, and it is our hope to be these *strangers*, who shall bruise the serpent's head. Israel know that of themselves they can do nothing, but by the aid of that One Immortal Spirit they can overcome *all* evil. We seek to be prepared for Christ's Kingdom to come, believing that we are called by God for this purpose, and trust that we may be chosen. Every jot and tittle of the Scripture must be fulfilled, and we know there will be a people freed from sin when He comes, who will be made sons of God. Christendom believe that all is finished, that they are the sons of God, born again of that second birth; but let them remember that although things are spoken of in the Word as being performed, Paul tells us God calleth those things which be not as though they were. Because of the certainty of the prophecy the work of redemption is spoken of as if accomplished. We cannot say that we are the people, but we look for that city of God having 144,000 stones, elect and precious, who are known to Him alone. If a man were born of God, he could not die. If the Spirit of God were within man

IT WOULD QUICKEN HIS MORTAL BODY, making it immortal. But this cannot be done until the blood is cleansed and washed away. The Spirit cannot dwell in a body where the blood is inoculated with the sting of the serpent, God will not dwell in an un-

clean thing, and Paul tells us, "Flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom." The Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, has come to prepare us for the Kingdom, and by it we know that we are in the last days, in the third and last watch, there being 20 years and 10 months in a watch, and the second watch closed in 1875. Man's wisdom cannot interpret the Word, the Spirit alone can reveal it.

We read that Satan is the anointed cherub that covereth, and that God has set him so, for He created both the *evil* and the good. He is the Father of *all* spirits, therefore the Father of Satan. Jesus would not rail on the evil, for it was God's ordering, but said, "The Lord rebuke thee." To rail against the evil is to rail against God. Satan had nothing in Jesus, He was without sin, He only could say, "The prince of this world cometh but hath nothing in Me." But all others who have gone, or will yet go, to the grave are delivered over to Satan for the destruction of the *flesh*; that is his portion, the dust of the earth, death being the wages of sin. Israel look to overcome sin that they may not receive the wages, but ride triumphantly over sin, death, hell, and the grave. God is now gathering His people as He scattered them. We read that, in the time of Rehoboam, the ten tribes of Israel revolted, they sent to the king asking for the yoke to be made lighter, but Rehoboam, taking the advice of the young men, said he would make it heavier than before; then they refused to serve him, and upon his preparing to make war against them, a prophet came and told him this thing was of the Lord; it was His ordering; and they were scattered among all nations. But He that scattered Israel will surely gather him. They will be gathered during the coming troubles, the ships that will take out soldiers will bring home Israel. Europe is now armed to the teeth, and the Powers are doing their best to keep it so, and crying, Peace, when there is no peace. But God says, When they shall say, peace and safety, then sudden destruction, Israel will dwell in safety, for though a thousand shall fall at thy side and ten thousand at thy right hand, it shall not come nigh thee.

### Sorrow is God's Angel.

We are exhorted not to murmur at afflictions, for they are the greatest blessings that can be bestowed upon the people of God, and if ye be without chastisement ye are bastards and not sons. James tells us to count it all joy when we fall into divers temptations, that the trying of our faith worketh patience. Israel, like Jesus, their Elder Brother, must learn obedience through suffering, to be made *perfect*, flesh of His flesh, bone of His bone, that being the *adoption* which pertains to Israel (Rom ix. 4), even the redemption of our bodies. (Rom. viii 23.) Satan will be permitted to try them as he tried Job. They are to suffer great affliction that they may receive the great reward, the special glory, which God has reserved for them whom He foreknew from the foundation of the world.

The whole creation is Thy charge,  
But Israel's Thy *peculiar care.*

### The Exile's Return.

The captive exile hasteneth that he may be loosed, and that he should not die in the pit, nor that his bread should fail. These words of the Prophet Isaiah, like the Parable of the Prodigal Son, are mainly, if not wholly, applicable to Israel in these *last days*. The days in which God will fulfil His promise, spoken through the Prophet Hosea, "I will redeem them from death, I will ransom them from the power of the grave." The days wherein Michael, the Prince, shall stand up for the children of thy people, as was said to Daniel, during the time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation. At the time of the end, when the mystery of the *life of the body* would be unsealed, the promise of immortality, made to the fathers who died in faith, not having received the promise, God having provided some better thing for us, the children of the saints, that great prize which Paul pressed towards, but knew he could not reach, the time being too far distant; that which he heard in Paradise when he was caught up, and heard unspeakable words not lawful for man to utter in his day, but are now being made known. The days also of which the Psalmist wrote when he said, "This shall be written for the generation to come, and a people that shall be created shall praise the Lord." Who can praise the Lord? Isaiah tells us, "The grave cannot praise Thee, death cannot celebrate Thee, they that go down into the pit cannot hope for Thy truth; the *living*, the *livin'g*, he shall praise Thee." Therefore the captive exile hasteneth that he may be loosed, and that he should not die in the pit. And this is what David wrote for the generation to come; "The Lord hath looked down from the height of His sanctuary, from Heaven did the Lord behold the earth, to hear the groaning of the prisoner, and to loose those that are

#### APPOINTED TO DEATH."

The captive exile must first come to the knowledge of his captivity in a strange land that he may seek to be loosed. His eyes must be opened to his own abominations, to see the condition he is in by nature, and to realise that it is sin alone which takes his body to the grave, where he cannot praise the Lord, but is delivered unto Satan for the destruction of the *flesh* that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. For he that committeth sin is the servant of sin, and the wages of sin is death. Israel, to whom pertains this great adoption, the redemption of the body, are at present in bondage to Satan, but when they see as Isaiah did that they are full of wounds, bruises and putrefying sores, from the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it, they will exclaim with David, I will not give sleep to mine eyes, or slumber to mine eyelids, until I find out a place for the Lord, an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob. They will groan morning, noon, and night to be delivered from the bondage of corruption, to be freed from the evil they were conceived in, to have their blood cleansed and their vile *bodies* made and fashioned like unto

His glorious body. This Gospel of the *Kingdom*—the Gospel of the life of the body, for the Kingdom of God will be within the elect—is being preached that the chosen seed, chosen before the world was, may see and understand the means God has ordained to free them from sin and uncleanness. These captive exiles will hasten that they may be loosed, and that they should not die in the pit, but seek to have their feet kept from falling and walk before God in the light of the *living*.

### For What Shall I Live?

"God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil." "Hear ye then," said Hosea, "the Word of the Lord, oh ye children of Israel: for the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out and blood toucheth blood." (Hosea iv. 1, 2.) The words of the Lord, spoken by the mouth of His prophet, comes home to us to-day with great force, and may they echo and re-echo through the length and breadth of the earth; "it is time to seek the Lord." He has arisen as a man of war to shake terribly the earth, to bring to pass His act, His strange act, and to work His work, His strange work, that His Word may be fulfilled spoken by the prophets, that "a woman shall compass a man," which is to be a new thing in the earth. Then it shall no longer be said the Lord liveth which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt, but the Lord liveth which brought them again from all countries whither they have been scattered. Oh ye children of the free woman, for this cause thou wast born and for this cause thou wast sent unto the world, to bear witness unto the truth. And this day the warning and pleading voice of God soundeth forth through the trumpet of the *Flying Roll*: "Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways, for why will ye die, Oh house of Israel?"

In the midst of the land, although held captive to-day by chains of darkness, sin, superstition, and priestcraft, there yet remains a remnant or tenth who will return unto the Lord, and who shall be raised from this darkness and shadow of death, having been as bones who have become dried and their hope lost; but the Lord will hear their cry in this desolate wilderness of sin, and will breathe upon them, thus renewing their strength that the desolate wastes of many generations may be restored. The bones of Israel will be cemented in one body, forming that Church or Bride of Christ who shall compass the man of sin, in whom God will work His great work and His strange act, cleansing their blood which has not been cleansed, that their body may not be handed over to Satan for the destruction of their flesh, but that by the washing of the water of the Word, the living Word, or

leaves of the tree of life, they may be purged from all dead works, the filth of the daughter of Zion being washed in the fountain opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness, the blood of Jerusalem purged by the spirit of judgment and the spirit of burning, that this their vile body may be changed and fashioned like unto His glorious body, and thus their whole spirit, and soul, and body preserved blameless unto His coming. "As I live, saith the Lord, I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, but rather that he should return from the error of his way and be delivered from the hand of the destroyer," for it is recorded that the last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

Let us take notice of the call of God, "Come now, and let us reason together," and let us now seek to live to the glory of God. It is an easy thing to come to Jesus, Who has bought us and paid the ransom for our souls with His own precious blood, but this is but the first principles of the doctrine of Christ, and although it brings peace to the troubled soul and gives that anchor to the soul of a certain hope in the first resurrection of being raised to a place in the many mansions of the Father's House, yet it does not free the body from death; as James says, faith without works is dead, and this can never gain the inheritance of the land promised to Israel, who shall be redeemed from the earth, and whose glory is far above that of an angel, for in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, while the immortal heirs of the Kingdom of God are married unto Christ, becoming bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh, therefore they cannot corrupt or be destroyed in the grave, so the promise must now be fulfilled in them that they be separated from the world, and the purifying work of God wrought in them by His law and Gospel united in one, bringing them into shape and purging away that evil seed which has brought the sons of the first Adam down to the grave.

"Thus, saith the Lord, a new heart will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you." Two parts of mankind shall be cut off and die, but the third part shall be brought through the fire, and shall not be reckoned among the nations, for there shall be a new Heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness. Then let us seek the glory of God, and live to His praise, by giving our body, soul, and spirit a living sacrifice unto Him, which is our reasonable service, and seek that our feet be kept in that narrow way of righteousness, walking over the law given through Moses and under the law of Christ, in company with Christ, the only begotten Son of God. But to do this is to be despised by the world, scorned by society, and mocked by professing Christians, because Israel are not to be reckoned with Jew or Gentile, but to be a distinct and separate people, zealous of good works.

"When thou shalt cease to deal treacherously they shall deal treacherously with thee." (Isa. xxxiii. 1.) When a man ceases from his evil deeds he is taken for that which he has not done to prove his obedience.

## Many Reasons why Israel will now be Gathered.

THIS GENERATION cannot pass until this be fulfilled. The branch of Israel is now putting forth leaves, and is taking root downward that fruit may be borne upward. We are now living in the third and last watch of the eleventh hour of the sixth day, there being twelve hours in a day and four watches in an hour. The last waterpot, or sixth thousand years, is nearly full to the brim; the 1,335 days of Daniel have arrived, wherein the Scriptures are being unsealed, and blindness removed from Israel's eyes.

THE BRANCH, Shiloh, the Comforter or Spirit of Truth, has now come, not as with cloven or divided tongues, as on the day of Pentecost, but in fulness, that the chosen people of God may be led into all truth and shown things to come; in a word, it is revealing the mystery of Godliness, God manifest in the flesh. Christ and His Bride, Jerusalem above (Gal. iv. 26), now unitedly say Come. Jeremiah, speaking of their mission, says this is the name whereby *He and she* shall be called: "The Lord our righteousness." (Jer. xxiii. 6 and xxxiii. 16.)

JOB'S PROPHECY is receiving its accomplishment: "If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to show unto man his uprightness, then He is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit; I have found a ransom; His flesh shall be fresher than a child's; he shall return to the days of his youth." Both Jew and Gentile fail to realise the possibility of such an event, but the Interpreter, or Spirit of Truth, is now revealing through the pages of the *Flying Roll* how the elect of God (Isa. xlv. 4), will receive this ransom and enjoy the immortality of the body.

THE FULNESS of the Gentiles has arrived. The dispensation of the Gospel granted to them has closed. Blindness in part happened to Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles (Rom. xi. 25), but at that time Israel are to be saved, and there has now come out of Zion the Deliverer, Who shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob, in order that they may escape the death of the body.

WE ARE at the time of the end referred to by Habakkuk when he said: "The vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie; though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry." (Hab. ii. 3.) "Where there is no vision the people perish." (Prov. xxix. 18.) For nearly 2,000 years the vision has been closed up and sealed. The Jews would not come unto Christ that they might have life, and Paul states that the Gentiles only see as through a glass darkly. The third Church (Isa. xlv. 5) must now make themselves manifest by walking according to the vision now opened, speaking and doing according to the law AND to the testimony.

WITH THE OPENING of the vision there is now "a fountain opened to the House of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness." (Zech. xiii. 1.) This is not the fountain filled with blood, which flowed from Immanuel's veins, securing the salvation of all souls, but it is opened only to the children of Abraham—to the House of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem—that they may be washed wholly, their blood cleansed (Joel iii. 21), the root of evil removed,

the tares plucked up and burned, and their land, or body, thoroughly purified and glorified, so that it will be impossible for them to pay the wages of sin, death.

THERE IS ABUNDANT evidence that there is a famine in the land, "not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the word of the Lord." (Amos. viii. 11.) Israel, wherever they may be, are like Noah's dove in that they cannot feed or rest on death. Their condition through this famine is best described in Deut. xxviii. 65-67: "Among those nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest, but the Lord shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind, and thy life shall hang in doubt before thee, and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life: in the morning thou shalt say, would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see."

CHRIST IS TO BE the Glory of His people Israel. Most Christians believe the second coming of Christ in person to be at hand. His reward is to be with Him, but His work is before Him, therefore His Bride must be prepared to be without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. Jew and Gentile, having no greater hope than the resurrection cannot become Christ's immortal Bride, they cannot be married to the Lamb, for in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels. The remnant of Israel, being of the same lineage, will become His Bride, and in preparation for this they must now be gathered into the Spirit.

A SEED shall serve Him. Hitherto all save three (Enoch, Elijah, and Jesus) have paid the wages of the transgression of God's law. But "this is the covenant that I will make with the House of Israel after those days (after the fulness of the Gentiles), saith the Lord; I will put my laws in their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to Me a people." God has promised to make man in His image on the sixth day, or sixth thousand years (2 Pet. iii., 8), and if that time were not shortened no flesh should be saved.

THERE IS A TIME to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together. (Eccles. iii. 5.) The casting away of Israel was the reconciling of the world, but the receiving of them now shall be life from the dead. They are a remnant, or among the last generations on this earth; the remnant of the seed of the woman who shall through the power of Christ and Jerusalem above bruise the head of the serpent.

HOSEA'S PROPHECY must be fulfilled: "After two days will He revive us; in the third day He will raise us up and we shall live in His sight." The hope of Israel was revived by Christ at the end of two days, or dispensations, and now in the third day or this dispensation of 2,000 years, He will raise them up from the valley of the fall, and they shall live in His sight.

THE FULFILMENT of Isa. xxvii. 13 is being made manifest in the *Flying Roll*, which bears its own credentials. "And it shall come to pass in that day (the sixth day) that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come

which wereready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the Lord in the holy mount at Jerusalem." (See also Matt. xxiv. 31.)

BEFORE CHRIST'S COMING in majesty and glory a church must be formed distinct from Judaism and Christendom. Paul says: "Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the Church of God." This third Church has yet to make its appearance as the redeemed of the Lord, His elect, His firstborn. It is referred to by Isaiah (xliv. 5) after he has alluded to the Gentiles and Jews: "and another shall subscribe with his hand unto the Lord, and surname himself by the name of Israel."

THE EARNEST EXPECTATION of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. Israel is God's son, even His firstborn. (Exod. iv. 22.) We ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body; knowing that He is faithful Who hath promised: "Your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand." (Isa. xxviii. 18.)

A SEED has been kept by the power of God, "ready to be revealed in the last time." "I will not utterly destroy the House of Jacob, saith the Lord. For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the House of Israel among all nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall to the earth." (Amos ix. 9.)

THOUGH THE KING of terrors has laid low so many of Jacob's seed, yet when the Lord's hand descends by the sword, famine, and pestilence so near at hand, "therein shall be left a remnant that shall be brought forth, both sons and daughters." (Ezek. xiv. 22.) "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." (Rev. xiv. 12.)

"THERE SHALL BE a highway for the remnant of His people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt." (Isa. xi. 16.) It shall come to pass in that day that the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the House of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, in truth. (Isa. x. 20-27.)

THE ALMIGHTY saith: "I will for this be inquired of by the House of Israel to do it for them." Even as seed shoots forth in spring time, so will the hearts of the children of Abraham burn within them now that the fulness of the Gentiles has arrived. They will prove to be wrestling Jacobs, wrestling with God to make them prevailing Israelites. "Ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel."

THE LITTLE BOOK is now open in the hand of the angel; it is the interpretation of Scriptures which have been sealed from before the foundation of the world, the *Flying Roll* revealing the Interpreter, that Israel may feed on that bread which if a man eat he shall never die. It is the fulfilment of Hosea ii. 21: "And the earth shall bear the corn, and the wine, and the oil, and they shall hear Jezreel." "Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land: for great shall be the day of JEZREEL." (Hosea i. 11.)