

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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Marvellous in our Eyes.

WHY we were born into this world to endure suffering, sorrow, and vexation of spirit is a cause of wonder to most people. If God is a God of love, some say, why has He permitted such an inequality on the earth, the strongest and richest grinding down the faces of the poor to such an extent that millions have to eke out a wretched existence on a most miserable pittance? But among those who have thus spoken some have, like Job, learnt sufficient wisdom to show their folly in attempting to judge the Most High, and with him have said: "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." May we also heed the Scripture: "Be still and know that I am God." He will prove to men and devils that He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending, and declares to Israel, His elect, the only people who will fulfil *all* His decrees: "Because thou hast kept the word of My patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth."

We are lost in wonder and admiration as we view the hand of God from the beginning of time, and see His purpose unfolded in the message He has given to His people, that they may understand the mystery of godliness, God manifest in the flesh. As we ponder over His plan in permitting the spirits of men to come to this earth that they might fully know the purpose of Satan in seeking to exalt himself above the stars of God, we only see the more clearly the perfect wisdom and justice of the Creator, Who afflicts not willingly, Who subjected the creature to vanity, *in hope* of him rising to a higher state than he could have attained to as a disembodied spirit, Who only brought this sore travail upon the sons of men that they might be exercised therewith, to their eternal benefit. We behold His infinite love and mercy even to the rebellious, saying that He hath devised means that His banished be not expelled from Him, and will at His appointed time be restored to the realms of bliss, and praise and magnify Him through eternity, when the power of the arch-enemy of mankind is totally destroyed, and peace and happiness will everywhere abound.

The sentence of death, eternal damnation, was passed on the body through the fall, in mercy, in order that man might not live throughout eternity in evil. When eternal damnation is spoken of in the Scriptures it alludes only to the body *and not to the soul*, for *all* souls are immortal. No flesh, once having gone to corruption in the grave can be remoulded into a body, but, as we have so many times stated, the Scripture teaches that the soul which sleeps in that dust will awake and, in union with the spirit, will become a *spiritual* body either in the first or final resurrection. Though the grave, or hell, is an eternal fire, consuming all that is corrupt which is placed therein, the soul is purified therein from the corruption of the body, by passing through the filtering bed of the earth. Though Jude describes the inhabitants of Sodom

and Gomorrha as "suffering the vengeance of eternal fire," it is evident that that *vengeance* only refers to the destruction of their bodies and the limited punishment to their souls for disobedience, for Ezekiel plainly states (xvi. 55) that Sodom and her daughters *shall return* to their former estate. "As in Adam *all* die, even so in Christ shall *all* be made alive." Christ is the Saviour of all men, but especially of those that believe. He tasted death for *every* man, and will draw all men unto Him, *but* every man in his own order; and "though hand join in hand the wicked shall not go unpunished." He hath received gifts for men, yea for the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell *among them*. If when we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. We believe on him that justifieth the ungodly at the final resurrection, who sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved; that He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in Heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him. The souls of the unbelievers are at the first resurrection cast into the grave for another 1,000 years and will not come out thence until they have paid the uttermost farthing, they live not again *until* the 1,000 years are finished, but the grave cannot hold them any longer, Satan's power will then be destroyed, and as John declares, "every creature which is in Heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing and honour and glory and power be unto Him that sitteth on the throne and unto the Lamb for ever and ever."

The above proclamation by God may appear marvellous in the eyes of many who profess Christianity, but let them consider that their salvation through faith at the first resurrection is not through any merits of their own, but through the virtue of the same sacrifice which is ex-

tended even beyond those whose souls are ransomed from the second death, to ransom those who in their blindness have wandered far away from a loving Creator. "Who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been His counsellor? For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen." It is indeed marvellous to our way of thinking, when we are so ready to justify ourselves before men, instead of *bearing* blame falsely, to read how God took upon Himself the imputation Adam cast upon Him, saying: "The woman whom Thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree and I did eat," endeavouring to prove that if God had not given him the woman he would not have fallen. God, taking the blame, said: "Shall I give My firstborn for My transgression, the fruit of My body for the sin of My soul?" And to prove to us that He is mindful of His creatures He prepared a sacrifice to ransom man from the hand of him (Satan) that was stronger than he. God is love and mercy is His darling attribute: in His word anger means love, and this we will fully realise when our *vision* of sorrow is ended.

We will now speak more particularly of the great glory which is reserved for the spirits of the firstborn, those who remained loyal to their Creator when pride and vanity caused Lucifer, the son of the morning, to exalt himself in Heaven. How many have been inclined to wonder at the words of Paul in Heb. xi. 13, 39, 40, as they read of the faith and zeal of the noble train of saints who died martyrs for the testimony which they held: "These all died in faith, *not having received* the promises . . . Having obtained a good report through faith received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect." Provided for us, for "the generation to come," of which David spake, and which generation is now on the earth in this time, the days spoken of by Dan. xii. 12: "Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the 1,335 days." And why are we so blessed? Why is this "better thing" provided for us? "If," saith God, "it be marvellous *in the eyes of the remnant* of this people in these days, should it also be marvellous in mine eyes?" (Zech. viii. 6.) "The seed shall be prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things." They are predestinated from before the foundation of the world to be a royal priesthood, a holy people, zealous of good works. Through the anointing of the Spirit in fulness they will bind the strong man, Satan, and bruise his head in their hearts, and their reward will then be reckoned not of grace, but of debt.

"Blessed are they that do his commandments, *that they may have right* to the tree of life."

"There were many widows in Israel in the days of Elias, when the Heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land; but unto none of them was Elias sent save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow. And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet, and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman, the Syrian." An innumerable multitude have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, but only 144,000 are to receive immortality, and have their vile bodies cleansed and fashioned like unto the glorified body of the Man-Christ. Myriads will gain the salvation of the soul, in the resurrection, where they neither marry nor are given in marriage; but only 12,000 from each of the twelve tribes of Israel will become the Bride of Christ. The "common salvation" (Jude 3) is the common hope of Jew and Greek, bond and free, but the faith once delivered to the saints, the word of God's patience, the mystery of godliness, is only fully revealed to and held by the remnant of the children of Abraham, the elect, the firstborn of God. "The remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles as a lion among the beasts of the forest." Meek as a lamb, bold as a lion for the truth, they will be preserved throughout eternity, their mortal bodies cleansed and glorified, without suffering death. Their covenant with death shall be disannulled, and their agreement with hell shall not stand. Though this promise may appear marvellous in our eyes, yet, if God took such great labour in fashioning us since our conception, and raising us to our present stature, it is as Esdras says: "An easy thing to be ordained by Thy (God's) commandment, that the thing which was made might be preserved." Thanks be to God, "He hath looked down from the height of His sanctuary . . .

to hear the groaning of the prisoner, and to loose those that are appointed to death." Now in our day He will remove the sting of death from a people who will subscribe with their hands unto the Lord and prove themselves wrestling Jacobs that they may be come prevailing Israelites.

"The famine of spiritual bread in Christendom will gather together the twelve tribes, for without it they could not be gathered; the same as with the twelve sons of Jacob."

"Fear is nothing else but a betraying of the succours which reason offereth, and the expectation from within being less, counteth the ignorance more than the cause which bringeth the torment."

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The Child Who Will Learn to Refuse the Evil.

The following words of the prophet Isaiah are very commonly and erroneously applied to Jesus by the churches of Christendom: "Before the child shall know how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land which thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings." Jesus had no evil in Him, He was born of the pure seed of the woman, without sin; from His birth to His ascension He was without spot, the above, therefore, could have no reference to Him. The child is Israel, born in sin and shapen in iniquity, and the land is Satan's kingdom divided against itself, wherein Jew and Gentile reign as kings, and before the mighty work of redemption can be accomplished in Israel both Jew and Gentile must fall, Christendom and the remnant of Judaism must perish, as the pitchers which contained the lights of Gideon's army they must be shattered in pieces before the true light of Israel can appear, then shall the light of the moon be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun sevenfold, as the light of seven days, for it is the day when the Lord will bind up the breach of His people and heal the stroke of their wounds. Whilst the rulers of Jew and Gentile are riding forth like men of renown, the adder that is in the path of this apostacy will bite the horses' heels so that their riders will fall backward, their own learning will destroy them, then the mighty famine which is in the land, not a famine of bread nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the Word of the Lord, will be manifest to *all*. This famine is bringing Israel in *now*, the work of ingathering is going on, but the world is asleep, they see not the bright light, it is hidden from their view, it is the Comforter Whom the world cannot receive because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him, and the world moves on quite unconscious of the weak instruments in their midst, whom God is using to convey the bread of life to their hungering brothers and sisters. The prodigal did not return to his father of his own accord, but through a mighty famine in the land. Israel is now returning, and when they are gathered the midnight cry will be heard: "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh," and the world will be awakened to the knowledge of empty lamps, having no oil. *Now* is the time to buy oil, now is the time to seek the Lord, while He may be found. Israel will not be gathered by signs and wonders, but by the Word, the *Flying Roll* being the key to unlock the Scriptures; like Solomon's temple, the work will be accomplished without noise. Come, then, while it is yet day, and fear not, for I am near thee, saith the Lord. Through Him ye will be more than conquerors.

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Why God Created the Evil.

From garments cometh a moth, and from women wickedness, says Solomon. Evil was placed in the woman at the beginning, as a cup of poison in a dark place, and man was made subject to this evil, not willingly but by reason of Him Who subjected the same in hope. God declares through the prophet Isaiah that He created the *evil*; it is set to prove the spirit of man, and will make manifest the spirits of the just who are the heirs of immortality, for they will overcome the evil and *subdue* it, which was the command given to Adam, but it subdued him, he not being of the spirits of the just; all who go to the grave are fallen spirits, they did not stand with Michael against the evil during the war in Heaven, when the dragon and his angels were cast out. It will now be seen who those spirits are who stood with Michael, for as they stood in Heaven so will they stand on earth against the power of Satan. When this is understood man will see and admire the wisdom of God in placing the evil in the city; and acknowledge that He has made nothing imperfect, as Solomon says, "All things are double one against another, one thing establisheth the good of another, and better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof"; the evil sown in the beginning making manifest the good in the end.

Those Who Will Endure to the End.

"Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?" asks the prophet. This question is most appropriate to these last days, for the fire shortly coming to prove every man's work of what sort it is, will consume those whose faith is not equal to the three Hebrew children who were cast into the furnace seven times heated. "He that walketh righteously and speaketh uprightly," he it is who will find himself in communion with the Son of God, he will not be consumed, nor the smell of fire come upon his raiment, he will *abide* in God's Tabernacle, his body becoming the temple of the Holy Ghost, not delivered unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, but will endure unto the end, his whole body, soul, and spirit preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Isaiah prophesies that "the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and *all flesh* shall see it together." And he continues: "His reward is with Him, and His work before Him." That work has commenced, He is bringing to pass His act, His strange act, preparing His Church to do the works, and "greater works" than Jesus did, that He may be glorified. His glory will be revealed in His people Israel, and all flesh shall see it together; all that remain in their mortal lives shall see the house of Israel have the power to perform the miracles Jesus performed, through the Spirit resting upon them as it did on Him, and afterwards be made immortal by that Spirit being placed within them.

Notes from Canbassers.

THE PARTY IN SOMERSET.

"Monday, May 5th.—This morning our sisters left here by train for Radstock, the two brothers walking the distance, canvassing on the way Buckland-Dinham. Two of our sisters had a conversation in the waiting-room at the station with a gentleman who became interested in the work. He called another gentleman to hear the glad tidings of full redemption, who also became deeply interested, and several points of Scripture were cleared up to their satisfaction; the latter, who appeared to be an earnest searcher after truth, took a set of three sermons. One or two subjects in the Apocrypha were touched upon, which aroused their interest, and they wished to have one of their own, asking us if we sold them. We happened to have three of our own with us, which we willingly parted with, seeing they were anxious for the truth. A young man who had listened to the conversation throughout gladly took a volume of the *Flying Roll* and a PIONEER OF WISDOM, saying he believed every word that had been spoken. We also had the pleasure of leaving a set of three sermons with our landlord with whom we had been staying in Frome, who had become deeply interested, also ordering the PIONEER OF WISDOM for the next quarter. Our prayer to the God of Israel is that He will abundantly bless and give a fruitful increase to the Word sown. Last evening we held

A MEETING IN FROME MARKET PLACE,

which was well attended, and great interest manifested throughout.

"Tuesday.—To-day we have canvassed in Radstock, Paulton, Writhlington, and Midsomer-Norton. A sister came across a gentleman who bought the *Roll* from one of our sisters who canvassed this place some three months ago from Bristol. He had read it through several times and liked it very much, saying he thought every one ought to read the *Extracts from the Flying Roll* who is a lover of truth. He wished us every success on our mission. A brother had a conversation with a young man who was a member of the Mutual Improvement Class belonging to the Wesleyan Chapel. He said the question had been raised in the class, 'Did the soul sleep in the grave?' and it was left an open question, as they could not agree upon it. Our brother read several portions of Scripture to him, and compared the same with various pages in the first sermon of the *Flying Roll*. 'Why,' said he, 'that's just what I told them, but they would not believe me.' He added, 'I'll study that out before next meeting, and thanked our brother for referring him to Scriptural proof on the subject. A sister met with a woman who had the *Roll* sent to her for a birthday present, and was interested in its teaching, thinking it was the

MOST INSTRUCTIVE BOOK OF MODERN TIMES.

Our sister entreated her to look well into it, and not to lay it aside, as it behoved all lovers of truth to be watchful as the time is far advanced, explaining to her we were now living in the third and last watch of time, when the *Flying Roll* is now unfolding to man the mysteries of the Kingdom of God which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world. Another woman readily took a sermon of the *Roll*, although she could not well afford it. She wished our sister every success. Another readily took the *Roll* after the work had been explained. He appeared to be a searcher after truth, and stated he could not accept some of the teachings of to-day, for instead of teaching the Word of God they gave us the opinions of men, which all differed.

"Wednesday.—We have worked to-day in Midsomer-Norton, Farrington-Gurney, Clopton, Wells-Way, Welton, Radstock, Carnicot, Timsbury, Dunkerton, Hook and Tunley. One who had had a *Part* of the *Roll* lent to her, and had read it with much interest, now took a PIONEER. She could not afford the sermon, but hoped to be able to send for it. We have met with a great deal of indifference from many, and those who would have bought could not, owing to the men being out on strike. One woman whose husband had been ill for several months would have liked the sermon, but could not afford it. She took a *Part*, hoping to be able to send for the sermon later on.

"Thursday.—After seeing three of our sisters off by the 7.20 train to Weston-super-Mare, the brothers walked the distance, being about 30 miles. After our sisters had obtained lodgings, they started out to canvass this place, but found it had been thoroughly canvassed last year. We found many people who had the *Roll*, but little or no interest was shown in the truths contained in it, with the exception of one or two instances. One old lady readily took the first sermon of the *Roll*, saying, 'That is the book I have wanted to get.' Another lady also took one, being very much interested in the children of Israel, fully believing they would be gathered and receive the promises which were made to our forefathers, and said she would lend the book to her friends, as it was a subject that ought to be more thoroughly looked into than it was, wishing our sister every success. Calling at a large house, the servant took the books in to her mistress. After looking them through, the lady came out and inquired into the work, saying she had not heard of it before. After our sister had explained the mission of the *Roll*, she took the first sermon.

"Friday.—We have worked to-day between showers in Weston-super-Mare and Worle. This morning a sister called upon a lady with a sermon of the *Roll*, which she ordered yesterday. This person was glad to purchase the book as she believed it would throw a greater light on the parables and mysteries contained in the Word of God, and which she believed God would never have caused to be written if He had not meant them to be made known. Calling at a large house the door was opened by a woman, who exclaimed to our sister, 'What! have you brought that blessed book here? The Lord has surely directed your steps to bring it to my door. I have wanted to see that book for some time, for I was not at home when the other canvassers called.' She hugged the *Roll* as she would a dear old friend, and declared she should not rest contented till she had read it. As the rain came on very heavily at noon we were compelled to return to our lodgings and could do no more work for the rest of the day.

"Saturday.—A lady who very readily took the *Roll* said she was pleased to get more light on the Scriptures, as there were many parts she could not quite understand. Our sister explained the mission of the *Roll*, saying it was to show the bones of the Bride, now lying in the valley of the fall, the way the blood would be cleansed and made pure, and this vile body changed and made like the Man-Christ, with the Spirit of God dwelling within them, for the time is now come for them to return to their God, fulfilling the Scriptures. Another woman said she took the address from a canvasser here last summer in hopes of being able to send for a book, but had not been able to do so. She could not now afford to have it, but took a *Part* of the *Roll*, saying: "I will send for it as I mean to have it, for I have done nothing but think and talk about it since they called." Another who had a PIONEER OF WISDOM sent to her from Chard, took a *Part*, not being able to purchase a sermon. Another who had a *Part* took a paper. Another who

bought the *Roll* last year and was very interested in the same, took a PIONEER to see the progress of the work. And yet another who had bought it and was deeply interested in its truths, lent it to a friend, in which it aroused a desire to know more of the way of holiness. A brother canvassing in Banwell, a large village six miles from Weston-super-Mare, called at the castle but could not make any impression upon any of its inmates, but left a PIONEER at the gatehouse. One man who became interested in our brother's conversation upon the immortal life of the mortal body, called another man who was passing to hear the glorious news brought to their village that day. 'Well,' said the latter, 'I have been a reader of God's Word and a preacher, but you really have brought more to the light in this little time than I have ever known before in all my experience,' and asked our brother where he got such a deep insight into the Word. Our brother pulled out his pocket Bible, saying, 'This is the Word of God given for our instruction in the way of life, and if we read it aright we shall find that in the pathway of life there is no death to Israel, who will keep the laws of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. After showing Him the Bible our brother continued: 'Now this *Roll* is the key to unlock all the deeper teachings of the Word of God.' The conversation ended in the sale of one single sermon and one set of three sermons. After he had canvassed a little more than half the village he found he had but one sermon left. Seeing a butcher standing at the shop door he offered him the *Roll*. 'Not me,' said he, 'I had enough of that when I was young'; and began to tell our brother of the many passages of Scripture he had to learn when a boy; he got quite a dislike to it. 'But,' said our brother, 'you must own we are living in a time now when all things will have their fulfilment, for we are now living in the last days.' 'Well,' said he, 'I think there is some truth in that.' After asking a few questions on the work, he said, 'I will take that book, relying on what you say to be the truth.' A lady on whom our brother called put up her hands, saying, 'I really have not any room for more books.' After explaining the work to her, he left, saying, 'Well ma'am, I find it's just the same now as it was when the Son of God came into this world to suffer and to die that you and I might be ransomed from the hand of Satan. They could not find room for Him in the inn, neither can room be found for His last message, which is destined to gather His Bride from the depths of the fall.'

"Our sales for the week are one volume, 50 single sermons, three sets of the three sermons, 77 *Parts* of the *Roll*, and 317 PIONEERS."

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"24, Bolton-street, Glodwick, Oldham.

"Monday, May 5th.—To-day we have canvassed in Greenacres and Oldham with moderate success. We find the latter a very stronghold of Unitarians. On explaining our mission to a woman, she said she did not believe it; we should die. I asked her if she believed in the Apostle Paul's words: "Behold I show you a mystery, we shall not all sleep." She didn't believe in all the Scripture. On account of several remarks made I asked her if she were a Spiritualist. She said, 'No.' I then asked her if she were a Unitarian. She said she was as they had got the truth. I asked her what they based their hopes on for the first resurrection, seeing they reject the Lamb slain from before the foundation of the world, 'And the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin.' (1 John i. 7.) She seemed unable, or unwilling to give a satisfactory answer.

"We received a letter this morning from a dear friend at Doncaster, and we are glad to be

informed that he has been in the country seven miles distant to preach the Word of life and holding up the *Flying Roll*, God's last message to man, amidst the opposition of a number of Spiritualists. The Lord through His Word silenced His opposers. The weather has been very unsettled during the day; we had to return from our labours earlier on account of the rain.

"Thursday, May 6th.—We were astir early this morning packing our baggage and preparing for a journey to Bradford. We called upon Mr. Burnley, our 'old house' friend previously mentioned. The family were very glad to see us. We called upon many interested friends who were very pleased to see us, one of them having provided comfortable accommodation for us during our short stay here. Having a public meeting arranged at Thornton, we proceeded on our way thither. Before having got very far we were overtaken by a very heavy thunder-storm and had to shelter several times; one of us got wet through. The meeting was well attended, considering the weather, and much interest was manifested.

"Wednesday, May 7th.—To-day we called upon a number of interested friends to inquire how they were progressing in the study of the *Flying Roll*. As the result of the calls we took an order for a volume of the *Roll*, also two second sermons to be delivered early next week. On calling upon one who bought a volume of the *Roll* on the morning we left Bradford, April 22nd, he said he had read it through with the exception of 10 or 12 pages, and spoke very highly of it; in fact, he said, he couldn't find words to explain the benefit derived from its pages. He wouldn't part with his book for £5. He said he had been to all the places of worship around here and couldn't find anything to meet his case. He was like the dove that Noah sent out of the ark which couldn't find any rest for the sole of its foot on death. Job says, 'Miserable comforters are ye all.' Can we not raise our hearts with unfeigned gratitude and exclaim with the Psalmist: As God has now sent out His light and truth, 'let them lead me, let them bring me unto Thy holy hill and to Thy tabernacles.' In the evening we held a public

MEETING AT 12, GEORGE'S-STREET, SALTAIRE.

The room was well filled. Several came from Bradford, a distance of four miles; great earnestness and attention shown. These cottage meetings have been the source of a great amount of good, bringing interested ones together and conversing on the glorious truths taught in the *Flying Roll*. 'They that feared the Lord spake often one to another, and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him, for them that feared the Lord and thought upon His name.' (Mal. iii. 16.)

"Thursday, May 8th.—We canvassed in Manningham until noon, and made calls the remainder of the day upon people who had bought sets of our books. We had only poor success in our canvass. In the afternoon we went to the station to meet our sister, who came from Lincoln to spend a few days with us.

"Friday.—We made a few calls on interested ones in other parts of the town, who were very glad to see us, and asked us any time when we are in Bradford to be sure to call upon them. They expressed great sympathy towards this grand work and wished us God speed. In the evening we held our usual meeting. We rejoice greatly, knowing the Lord has rewarded our labours in raising up others to further this grand work, who we know are doing their utmost to propagate the everlasting Gospel which publisheth good tidings of great joy, life, and peace, the time having now come when the Lord has set His hand a second time to recover the remnant of His people, who will realise the

fulfilment of all God's promises, and obtain a natural immortal body like unto the Man-Christ, having their blood cleansed from all evil, the sting of death removed, and their blood washed away that their bodies may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, and the promise fulfilled spoken in the beginning: This is now bone of My bone and flesh of My flesh, the Bride and Bridegroom being one.

"Saturday, May 10th.—We made another round to-day in several parts of the town. In the evening we held a public meeting at the house of Mr. Burnley, the room being well filled with earnest searchers after truth. Strange to say, every one present was the possessor of a volume or a set of three sermons of the *Roll*.

"Our sales during the present week have been one volume, 13 sermons and 13 *Parts* of the *Roll*, and 147 PIONEERS."

NEWS FROM LINCOLNSHIRE.

"23, Queen-street, Boston.

"Sunday, May 4th.—This evening we had another open-air meeting, at which our cornet player delivered an address on the difference between immortality and incorruptibility. There was a large and attentive gathering during the meeting, which lasted an hour and a-half.

"Monday, May 5th.—Very little canvassing has been done to-day on account of the rain.

"Tuesday, May 6th.—Fosdyke, Frampton Skirbeck, and Swineshead have been the scene of our labours to-day. A person who had read some of our papers said that there were many things very good, but some he did not like, as he did not consider them according to Scripture. He was requested to state what they were, but he excused himself, saying he could not remember, and took another copy of the PIONEER. A teacher of a Sunday-school also took a sermon of the *Roll* to help him in his studies.

"Wednesday, May 7th.—We started work in Boston and Donnington. The first house where one of our party called he met a young lady who at first seemed much averse to taking a *Part* of the *Roll*, thinking it too much like the Plymouth Brethren, but she seemed more interested as the faith was unfolded, our brother finally asking her if she believed what she prayed where it said, 'Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil'; did she believe what she asked? He drew attention to the fact that the wages of sin is death, and if man were delivered from evil he would then live without death. She then took a *Part* to read for herself, at least a little light having dawned on her mind. On account of the rain we had to return home early, a distance of 11 miles, with the fact again forcibly demonstrated that we were not yet waterproof. On the way home we took shelter in the house of an old couple. Hearing us speak upon religious subjects, they wished to know if at death the soul went at once to Heaven. We explained that the Scripture stated that David is not yet ascended into Heaven, and that Jesus said, 'No man hath ascended into Heaven,' &c., but man being composed of three parts, body, soul, and spirit, and death being the curse upon the body that returned to dust as it was, the spirit returned to God Who gave it, but the soul slept in the chambers of the grave until the resurrection; that the souls that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt, for if it were otherwise what need would there be of a resurrection if each one were already in his place? what need of a judgment to reward every man according to his works if he had already received his portion?

"Thursday, May 8th.—We canvassed to-day in Boston and suburbs. Knocking at one door one of our party was instantly confronted by the

inmate, who asked him if he wanted to knock all the paint off his door, and for some time vented his rage upon the poor canvasser, who, however, as soon as the storm of words had somewhat abated, proceeded to open up the object of his mission. This cooled off his hearer somewhat, and presently becoming quite interested, he took a sermon of the *Roll* without further disturbing the paint. On calling at another house I could not gain any attention from the person who opened the door, but from within I heard the voice of a man bidding me go and show the book to him. Obeying the summons, I found a gentleman who soon gave me to understand he had been at our public meeting the previous Sunday evening, and heard what he could not approve of, and seemed very sceptical regarding it, but, nevertheless, he wished me to point out from the Bible that was on the table the reason of the hope within us. As passage after passage was laid before him he could no longer gainsay nor resist, and before I left he had a very clear idea of the faith once delivered to the saints. He took a sermon of the *Roll* and invited me to a meeting of his people in the evening. I also had the pleasure of hearing a friend of his, who was present, acknowledge that he grasped much of the faith which was declared before them. Another brother had a conversation with two Sunday-school teachers who were glad to hear the faith explained, and stated that they had not before realised that man is composed of three parts, viz., body, soul, and spirit. They took a *Part of the Roll* and a *PIONEER*. Another of our party entering into a signal box offered the *Roll* to its occupant, who took it gladly, saying that only that morning he had thought that he would like a book of that description.

"Friday, May 9th.—We have persevered in our labours to day in Boston and Brothertoft, one of our party meeting with a good many of the Brethren, several of whom took sermons of the *Roll*. A young man who could not stay to talk invited one of our party in to have a cup of tea and explain his mission, and on becoming interested invited him to call again. Another to whom the *Roll* was offered declined it at once, but our brother continued to explain it as being a further light upon the Scriptures than the salvation of the soul, and showed the further faith of the redemption of the body. Hearing of the redemption of the body he at once gave heed, saying he had taken a second thought, and would take a sermon. We also had a chat with a captain of the Salvation Army, to whom we strove to make plain the further faith of leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, and going on to perfection. He perceived what we meant by man being fully and wholly redeemed, and said that he could never exercise the faith sufficient to believe that God would do such a work for man.

"Saturday, May 10th.—Boston and Langrick have been the scene of our labours to-day. Having worked near home we took the opportunity of assembling in the market-place to make known the truth without money and without price. An attentive throng soon gathered to hear what the Spirit now saith unto the churches, some taking copies of the *PIONEER*, making our total sales for the week 50 sermons of the *Roll*, five *Parts*, and 210 *PIONEERS*."

ONCE MORE IN STAFFORDSHIRE.

"Monday, May 5th.—We held our final meeting in Newport last night, at which there was a large gathering, and much attention paid to the truths of the Word proclaimed to the people. We moved from Newport to Stafford to-day, but the heavy continuous rain prevented almost all canvassing; we called at a few straggling houses on the road.

"Tuesday.—We have canvassed to-day in

Boscomoor, Tillington, Houghton, Apeton, Stafford, and Penkridge.

"'Whilst we were canvassing to-day in Penkridge,' says a brother, 'I was proceeding to the vicarage, when I was overtaken by a young man, who (as he informed me afterwards) was in training for the ministry. I introduced the *Roll* to him, as God's last message to man, to show how we might obtain the immortality of the mortal body through the cleansing of the blood, in fulfilment of the Lord's promise to Joel: "I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed." He said that alluded to our Saviour. I replied: "No, sir, the words are, 'I will cleanse *their* blood,' that is plural." He then produced a Common Prayer-book, and read from it, "'For the *right* faith is, that we believe and confess, that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and man; God of the substance of the Father, *begotten before the worlds*, and man of the substance of His mother, born in the world, perfect God and perfect man.'" I said, "True, Jesus Christ is God and man now, inasmuch as 'He hath *made* this same *Jesus*, both Lord and Christ,' but when born into this world He was simply the seed of the woman, free from sin. He affirmed that He was *born* God. I then asked him if that were the case, why He cried out when upon the Cross, "My God, My God, why hast *Thou* forsaken *Me*?" He said he wished he could show me different, but would take a sermon of the *Roll* to enable him to combat our errors better. He got out the money for it, and said, "Will you come up to the house?" (evidently thinking that his more advanced brethren would explain things better). "Certainly," I replied. Arrived at the vicarage, he took in the book to a room where two ministers were, saying, "Have you seen this book, the *Flying Roll*," after a few minutes the vicar came out dressed in a long gown. I then offered the book to him. He said, "No, thank you, it is nothing short of blasphemy, we go by the teachings of the Holy Catholic Church." I said, "What do you mean, sir, by the *Catholic Church*? How can there be an *universal Church*, when we are surrounded by a thousand and one different sects is beyond my comprehension, and I have never read of a *Catholic Church* in the Bible." The young man then came forward with the book and money in his hand. The vicar took it from him and handed it to me. I then handed it to the young man again. He said, "No, thanks." I replied, "But you said you would have one, sir." He again declined, saying he was under the other's care and must do as he ordered. "Well," I said, "I should have thought *you* would have been a man of your word." I then turned to the vicar and informed him of the mission of the *Flying Roll*, as God's last message to mankind, to show the way by which the immortality of the mortal body is to be obtained. He said, "We believe in the immortality of the mortal body, the resurrection of the body." "You misunderstand me, sir," I replied. "The Scripture nowhere teaches such a doctrine as the *resurrection* of the body." He said, "Oh, yes it does." I said I should be very pleased if he could show it me from the Word, handing him my little Bible. "No, I will not," was his answer. "You must hear the Church, and if you will not hear the Church, you must be as a heathen and a publican. You are not one of my parishioners, and" (he politely added) "I am not going to cast my pearls before swine, nor give that which is holy unto the dogs; one word I will say to you, and that is all, the words of Jesus, 'Learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly of heart.'" I informed him that that was what I was endeavouring to do, to learn from Him and not from man. He then went inside and closed the door. Such is the state of things in this 19th century in what is falsely called the '*Holy*' Catholic Church, the Christianity of which must be seen by all who have the least

spiritual discernment to be but a spurious counterfeit of the Christianity of the days of the Apostles. The condition of this apostate Christendom as it is seen to-day is cast into bold relief in sermon III., *Part 7 of Extracts from the Flying Roll*. 'The power of the Spirit has been withdrawn from this system, and being left to its own resources has turned that power into an empty form of godliness. It has ever been the aim of the enemy to rob the professing Church of its power, while he leads her to cling to and perpetuate the form, to stereotype the form, when all the spirit and life has departed. How far the enemy has been successful in the building up of a spiritual Babylon we have but to look around us. We behold every stone, a lifeless professor, cemented, plastered, and painted by a strong delusion. This religious world, called Babylon, has decked herself out with the most powerful charms. She has cast off the grossness of the Middle Ages, and is calling to her aid all the resources of refined taste, and fashioning herself to this highly cultivated and enlightened age. Whilst she would scorn the sound of a golden or other graven images, she drinks down delusions from a golden cup, and receives treasures into her lap to prepare a powerful opiate to lull the deluded multitude into deeper slumber. She too can say 'I have *peace offerings* with me, this day have I paid my vows. I have decked myself and bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved works, with fine linen of Egypt. I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.' It has covered itself with the cloak of Christianity; had it chosen any other colour and material than black cloth, the counterfeit might not have been detected and nailed to the counter quite so soon. But, this mystery *must* work in order that its hatred to Christ may work itself up into more deadly forms under the cloak, to declare war against the remnant of the woman's seed. We know this battle is coming, and that we are and shall remain a rejected people, and be cast out of the gate with a rejected Christ, neither have we any desire to reign within; for we esteem the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Babylon. We prefer the thorny path to Golgotha outside the gate, bearing our own burdens, than the well-beaten path and well-trodden highway of religious profession lit up by the artificial light of lifeless Ritualism. The true and faithful follower of Christ, if he will walk in His footprints, keeping 'the word of His patience,' need expect nothing but bitter persecution from the Pharaoh of Babylon, his magicians and sorcerers, who can conjure up light and liberty suitable to the times.

"Wednesday.—Dunston, Acton, Stafford, Burton, Hyde Lea, Coppenhall, Levendale, Little Heath, and Penkridge have been taken in with to-day's canvass. When we were finishing the latter place, the young man mentioned in yesterday's diary came up to a house where I was offering the *Roll*, and said: "Don't buy any of that trash, Mrs. —." After he had come out of the house I said, 'I think it very ungentlemanly of you, sir, to endeavour to prevent that woman taking a book if she desired it. You know the Scripture teaches us to "Let everyone be fully persuaded in their own minds." He said, 'It matters not what the Scripture says, the Bible is the property of the Catholic Church, and we look upon you as heretics to circulate such error.' I asked him if he did not think it very unjust to brand the *Roll* as error, and call it trash, having never read the same. He said they had been talking it over and had decided to warn the people against us. I told him his efforts were fruitless to endeavour to stop the work of God, the *Roll* is taking too much hold on the minds of the people for man or Satan to stop it and warned him that if he could not realise its truths himself to be very careful what

he said against it to others, lest he should be found fighting against God, for time would surely prove to his and every other individual's satisfaction that the *Flying Roll* is none other than God's last message to man.

"Thursday.—We have worked in Bradeley, Priory, Sherdicote, Upper and Lower Wolleston, Shirleywich, Pasture Fields, Weston, Weston Green, and Stafford to-day. Half-a-dozen sermons of the *Flying Roll* were left upon

THE EARL OF SHREWSBURY'S ESTATE AT
INGESTRE.

"A sister says: 'At one house I called at the person said she had got a *Roll*, and liked it very much; she bought it from a young girl at Belper. Several Catholics upon whom I have called refused to look into the message because they belonged to the Romish Church. One poor woman, who was much afflicted, said she had often thought that she was like the woman who had the issue of blood 12 years, having spent all her living upon physicians, and receiving no benefit from any; and had often wished that she could touch the border of His garment that she might be made whole. I told her that was a figure of what the Lord was going to do at His coming, and showed her the promise of the Lord in Joel iii. 21, that He would cleanse our blood which has not hitherto been cleansed, explaining to her that this was necessary to be accomplished that at Christ's coming we might receive the great change of the vile body from flesh and blood to flesh and bone in "immortality."

"Friday.—Our work to-day was divided between Hiscow, Tescall, Stowe, Amerton, and Stafford. One of our sisters says: 'Being invited into one house, the lady asked me what the forbidden fruit was. I said the *evil* of the tree that had the knowledge of good and evil, which was "Woman." I explained that the language of the Bible was figurative, men and women being called trees, and that God commanded man to be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth with the good; but that he was to subdue the evil. But instead of man subduing the evil, it subdued him and brought the body liable to death, but the promise remains on record. "To him who overcometh" (the evil) "will I give to eat of the tree of life which is in the midst of the paradise of God." She seemed very pleased with the explanation, and took a PIONEER.'

"Saturday.—We brought another week's work to a close by canvassing in Doxey, Aston, Derrington, Butter Bank, Coton, Long Lane, Holly Lane, Ranton and Stafford to-day. We have nothing calling for special attention beyond our usual experience. One young woman came up to one of our party to-day for a PIONEER, saying a friend was going to lend her the *Roll*. The heavy rain has hindered us somewhat in our labours during the week. Our sales amount to 67 sermons of the *Roll*, 126 *Parts*, and 241 PIONEERS."

MANCHESTER.

The following is a short account of my canvass in Lower Broughton during the past week:—

"Monday, May 5th.—Upon calling at a minister's house I was asked to come in, and after a little conversation on the work he purchased a sermon and PIONEER, which he said he would look into. The attendant in an hotel bar declined the *Roll*, but took a PIONEER, as did also a customer in the bar at the time. A Jewess to whom I offered the *Roll* declined it in a pleasant manner, but accepted a PIONEER, and in the course of a short conversation I alluded to the privileges belonging to her race, and the great and glorious promises to Israel, whom God calls 'My son, even My first-born,'

telling her that 24,000 must come out of the Jews, and 120,000 from the ten lost tribes among the Gentiles to form the 144,000, the Bride, the Lamb's wife.

"Tuesday, May 6th.—At two places I called at I was told they already had the *Roll*, and at one of them I had a little conversation with the lady on the rapid progress of the work, and was pleased to supply her with two numbers of the PIONEER. Had interesting conversations with several others, and met with one gentleman who gave me to understand that anything connected with religion was not in his line.

"Wednesday, May 7th.—Sold a PIONEER at a house I called at yesterday, having been told I might call again, and was informed the gentleman of the house had already ordered the *Roll*. In the afternoon I was very pleased to meet with a working shoemaker, who showed great interest, and seemed to grasp at once almost all I said to him during a very interesting conversation of about two hours. He purchased Sermon I. and two numbers of the PIONEER, and gave me to understand he would be glad to see me any time I happened to be in the neighbourhood.

"Friday, May 9th.—I set out to canvass yesterday, but rain coming on I had to return without doing anything. At two places I was informed they had the *Roll*, and at one of them that they took the PIONEER weekly. At two others I was told I might call again. I had a long and very interesting conversation with a small shop-keeper. He could see the difference between the three glories of the sun, moon, and stars, mentioned by Paul, and seemed to be an earnest seeker after truth, and anxious to live up to the light he possessed, as did also his wife. He could not take the *Roll* to-day, but might do so in a little time. He, however, took two numbers of the PIONEER.

"Saturday, May 10th.—At many of the houses visited to-day the people seemed very poor, but some of them took a PIONEER willingly, and, I believe, would have taken the *Roll* had they been in a position to do so; and I was asked by several to call again. At one place—where I was informed they had had the *Roll*—I had a profitable conversation with the lady and her daughter on the nature and rapid progress of the work, which seemed to interest them, and I was very glad to leave with them two numbers of the PIONEER.

"My sales for the five days amount to nine Sermons, one *Part* of the *Roll*, and 75 PIONEERS, and, though not large, I trust, with God's blessing, they may be productive of much good."

PONDERS END, CHINGFORD, BROX-
BOURNE, HODDESDON, AND
WALTHAM CROSS.

These places have been visited during the past week by two sisters, who have in that time disposed of two volumes, 36 sermons, and 12 *Parts* of the *Roll* and 212 PIONEERS. One of them states:—"I met a young woman at Broxbourne who said she bought a sermon of the *Roll* at Dunwell, and what she had read of it she liked very much. She took three numbers of the PIONEER to see the progress of the work. Another lady bought a copy at Lincoln. I met one who was going to take a copy in London, when a lady called on her mistress, but was prevented by the latter, who said it was only Scripture, and signified that it would not be of any service to her. This person now very gladly took a copy, seeming very pleased to get it after her former disappointment. Another who bought a PIONEER on the previous day asked a friend to instruct us to call with the *Roll* if she saw us in the neighbourhood. On the whole there is much cause for rejoicing over the seed sown in these neighbourhoods."

OUR SCOTCH REPORT.

FROM TILlicOLTRY TO PERTH.

"Sunday, May 4th.—We held our usual meeting this morning, and in the evening held an open-air meeting in Tillicoultry, which, after one of Israel's songs had been sung, was addressed by two sisters and a brother. There was a large audience, and great attention shown throughout.

"Monday, May 5th.—We took leave of our landlady this morning, and proceeded to Kinross, two of our party coming on by train, the others walking part of the way and canvassing the few straggling houses. Our landlady was much touched as we wished her good-bye, having become much attached to us. She has the first sermon of the *Roll* and a PIONEER. Before leaving this morning a person to whom a sister sold a paper on Friday sent to our apartments for a sermon of the *Roll*. Muchart, Rumbling Bridge, Brook of Devon, and a part of Kinross have been visited to-day, leaving at each place a few copies of the everlasting Gospel, which is now going through the earth as a swift messenger, declaring the time to be now here when the Lord will work His strange work, and bring to pass His strange act, and blessed will be those who to-day receive this message into their houses, and seek to follow its truths, for now have we a more sure word of prophecy, unto which ye do well to take heed, as unto a light shining out of a dark place; for it is verily a light leading from life to life, a beacon to guide and lead the lost sheep of the house of Israel back to the fold of their Shepherd. Let him then that hath ears to hear obey the voice of Him that is now calling, 'Come, Israel to Me!'

"Tuesday, May 6th.—To-day we canvassed Milnathort and finished Kinross, coming on in the evening to Cupar, Fife. We found many of the people willing to listen to our message, but unable to purchase the *Roll*. Several took a sermon and appeared much interested in the short conversations held, having had their eyes opened to see the empty form of religion amongst so many professing Christianity. Two sermons were left with ministers, one an English gentleman. Our landlady with whom we stayed last night seemed greatly interested in our mission, also her daughter, and much enjoyed the singing of some of Israel's hymns, inviting us into the parlour to the piano.

"Wednesday, May 7th.—We have canvassed Cupar to-day, finding great poverty and ignorance, the people showing the greatest indifference to the subject of Israel's restoration and redemption, so that we have had great difficulty in gaining attention to the message. We met with two or three who appeared to be interested in the subject; these expressed their disgust at the present state of professing Christendom. One, a policeman, said he would not go to church at all, only that he wished to bring his family up to attending a place of worship, otherwise, he said, he enjoyed himself much better by his own fireside with his Bible, as he learnt nothing more by attending the churches.

"Thursday, May 8th.—We have moved on to-day from Cupar to Newburgh, one brother coming direct to secure lodgings, the remainder of the party canvassing their way through the villages of Ladykirk, Edentown, Charleston, Giffordtown, Collessie, Lindores, and Glenburnie. These are very small places, but several took the work very willingly, others did not need anything of the kind, and did not think we were living in the end of time. A brother had a conversation with a young man belonging to the Salvation Army, who appeared to be very interested, and took a sermon of the *Roll*. We arrived in Newburgh about seven o'clock, quite tired with the long walk. It has been very warm this afternoon.

"Friday, May 9th.—This morning we can-

vassed Newburgh, walking on to Abernethy in the afternoon, and after canvassing the village came on to Perth, where we expect to remain a fortnight. Several have taken the *Roll* to-day very readily, others have said it needed something to stir up the people, as they did not care or think much of religion. Two or three who took the *Roll* said they have seen it advertised. We have left several *Rolls* and papers at isolated houses on the country roads between the hills on our way to Perth, which we trust will bring forth abundant fruit to the honour and glory of the God of Israel, Who has guided our steps to them and opened their hearts to receive His Word from our hands. It will, indeed, be a day of rejoicing when the time of harvest shall arrive, when, after the bread has been cast upon the waters, after many days it shall return and become life in the temples of Israel, leading them on to life eternal. He that goeth forth now weeping, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless then come again rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

"Saturday, May 10th.—To-day has been very wet, so that we have been unable to canvass. Our united sales for the week are—66 sermons of the *Roll* and 420 PIONEERS."

ARDRISHAIG, ARGYLLESHIRE.

"Monday, May 5th.—This morning we walked out along the road to Tarbert to where we canvassed on Saturday, and canvassed at the houses along the shore back into Ardrishaig. Some of the families had not yet arrived from town, and the others mostly made excuses that they had heard nothing about it, or had plenty of books. We found the servants more ready to listen and to receive the message of life. One English-woman, the wife of a butler, and the friend of the woman who treated us so kindly on Saturday at the lodge of Barmore Castle, took the *Roll* gladly. A sister had a nice conversation with her, and she would have preferred the volume, but said if she liked the first sermon she would send for the others at another time. One lady said she had friends who had got the *Roll* and knew all about it, consequently she did not wish to take it. We find that the sound of God's *Roll* has come before us to Ardrishaig also. Many of the fishermen and their wives took the *Roll* gladly and we found many more who would have liked to have taken it, but could not just now, the fishing not commencing until next month, but many wished us success and God speed in our labours, and seemed to take a very deep interest in the work of God.

"Tuesday, May 6th.—This morning we walked out to Lochgilphead and canvassed back towards Ardrishaig. There were some who took a very deep interest in the work. We had a long conversation with one lady who was looking for the fulfilling of the promises concerning Israel and the second coming of Christ. She decided to take a PIONEER, as she said she had such a quantity of reading she could not get through it all, and then she could send for the *Roll* another time. At Lochgilphead we found one family who possessed a copy of the *Roll*, the young man having obtained it in Glasgow. Many seemed to be much impressed with the few words spoken to them, and more would have availed themselves of the opportunity of securing the *Roll* but had not the money to-day. We were obliged to return between two and three o'clock for our brother to catch the boat to Inverary, that he may spend to-morrow there to canvass and offer the inhabitants the message of immortality, the deliverance from sin and death. After seeing him away in the boat, we continued to canvass for a short time in Ardrishaig, until a storm came on, thunder rolling in the distance, and the rain compelled us to return to our

lodgings. To-day we were asked to call back to-morrow at two places with the *Roll*. As we were returning from Lochgilphead, an old lady came out to the door and asked for another PIONEER. Being on a visit from Greenock she had been reading the paper and had seen the account of our labours there, and wanted one to take back with her.

"Wednesday, May 7th.—To-day we have worked in Lochgilphead again, and met with much interest. The first *Roll* sold this morning was to an Englishwoman, who took it very readily. We also had several long conversations where we were invited inside the houses. One woman had read about the work in the papers and said she thought it had come to nothing, and was very pleased with the conversation we had together, and to hear how the work was progressing, and would have liked to take the *Roll*, but as she could not afford it then she secured a PIONEER, and said she thought we should find it hard work about these parts, as the people are very stiff in taking anything from strangers. Another said if we could get the minister to give it out in his church many would take it. The doctor's wife, who asked our sister to call again yesterday, showed the *Roll* to her husband, and they decided to take it when our sister called again to-day. The same success also greeted us at a little shop where we were asked to call again in Ardrishaig. We intended finishing canvassing Lochgilphead to-day, but on account of a thunderstorm, with much rain, we were unable to do so. We also found one woman who had heard about the work from another person in the place, who secured a copy of the *Roll* yesterday, and she also would have liked a copy, but being short of cash was very thankful to receive a *Part* of the *Roll* gratis.

"Thursday, May 8th.—A gentleman residing in Ardrishaig said if he had only known we were here on Sunday he would have got us to speak at a Bible-class. He added that there had been much prejudice against women speaking, but he thought it was wearing off, and he gladly took a *Roll* for himself, saying, he could not have too much knowledge of God's Word. This morning our brother returned from Inverary, having canvassed there yesterday and met with good success, many showing great interest, and leaving 11 *Rolls* and 42 PIONEERS to testify to the truth of immortality. The two sisters then went out again to Lochgilphead, and finished canvassing there, meeting with some earnest Christians believers with whom we had long conversations. One lady, who yesterday directed our sister to call again, asked her in to-day, and inquired about the work, took a sermon of the *Roll*, and a PIONEER, and gave a shilling for her to distribute the value in PIONEERS. Another poor woman who asked our sister to call to-day, not having the shilling yesterday, welcomed her gladly, but said that a friend who always gave her boy a book for his birthday had bought a sermon of the *Roll* from us yesterday, which she was reading, and promised to afterwards give it to the boy for his present, so she took one of the PIONEERS. Two or three others stated that they had friends who have taken it, and who are much delighted with its truths, and had promised to lend it them. Another said very haughtily that they had plenty of ladies round about who brought them books and they did not care about taking things from strangers. But, said our sister, the Word of God is not any worse for being handed by a stranger, and reminded her what is written about being kind to strangers, but she would not give ear to the message of life at all, for the simple reason that we were strangers.

"Friday, May 9th.—This morning we left Ardrishaig en route to Oban. Our brother went on with the luggage by the steamboat, which left at 3 a.m. this morning. Our landlady took a sermon of the *Roll* before we left. After passing

Lochgilphead we canvassed the houses along our line of march on the way to Ford, passing Minard, Kilmichael, and Kilmartin. There were but very few houses in these villages but we were well received, and the ministers of the Free and Established Churches each took a copy of the *Roll*, and at almost every house where the people were in, either a *Roll* or PIONEER was left for their perusal. We were also refreshed with glasses of beautiful milk. As the shades of evening fell upon us, we were compelled to take a bed for the night at an hotel, being unable to obtain other accommodation in such a small place. After having tea we had a long conversation with the ladies who kept the hotel, who became very interested in our mission and treated us very kindly, also took a copy of the PIONEER.

"Saturday, May 10th.—After partaking of breakfast this morning (at which we were joined by an English gentleman who was here fishing) we were escorted by the landlady to the road through the hills, on the way to Kilmelford. We had a long walk through the hills, many of which were cold, grey, and barren, while others were covered with ivy, wild flowers and ferns, and looked very pretty, with the loch at the bottom, and many rivulets running down from the hills flowing into the sea, some tiny streams just dropping spot by spot over banks of moss and ferns, and others full of pretty little waterfalls. We called at the houses along the road within walking distance, and succeeded in leaving some *Rolls* and PIONEERS to proclaim the glad tidings of immortality and enlighten the understanding of the children of God upon His dealings with man. Our sales for the week are 64 sermons, two *Parts* of the *Roll*, and 215 PIONEERS."

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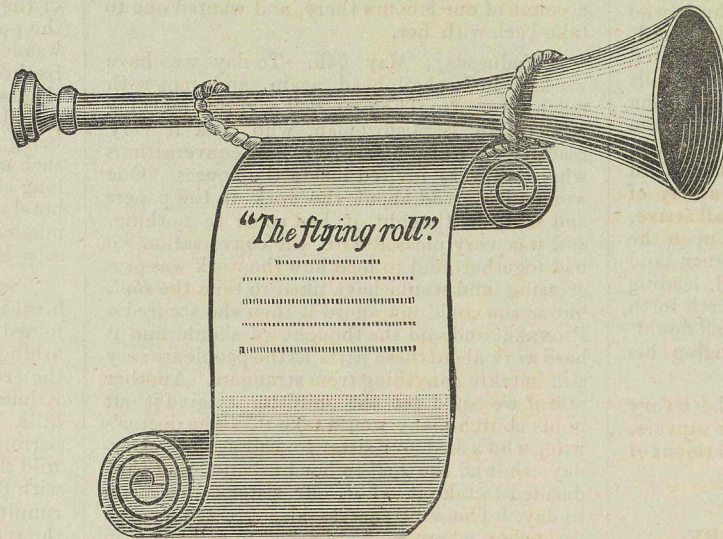
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RESTORATION OF ISRAEL.

JUST now a large section of Christendom is exercising itself over the second coming of Christ, Adventists vieing with one another in endeavours to fix the precise date at which He will appear in majesty and glory, but yet how few, we might almost say none, seem to have even a faint idea of the preparation necessary in each individual who will "stand when He appeareth." As the Jews misunderstood the first advent of the Messiah, so is Christendom in a maze concerning His second advent. We have indeed reached an important epoch, when the Gentile churches have just cause for serious reflection, for it is the time of their fulness, and at this time their religious system is tried in the balance, and according to its merits or demerits must either stand or fall. Let them "be not high-minded but fear; for if God spare not the natural branches, take heed lest He also spare not thee." He will recompense "toward thee goodness, if thou continue in His goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off." Has Christendom continued in His goodness? Is it one holy, pure, and chaste Church of God? Has it observed the "four necessary" commands which James draws attention to, recorded in Acts xv. 19, 20? "My sentence is, that we trouble not them which from among the Gentiles have turned to God, but that we write unto them that they abstain from pollutions offered to idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled and from blood." Have these things been taught and practised in its midst? We speak as unto wise men, judge ye!

Paul, foreseeing the degeneracy into which the Gentiles would lapse, proclaims that at their fulness God's chosen people Israel would be called forth from all the countries whither they were scattered, and enter into a holy covenant with their God which will not be broken. Hear him: "I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the

fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: for this is My covenant unto them when I shall take away their sins." This is not a covenant of repentance, for at this time it is declared: "Repentance shall be hid from mine eyes." It is not merely the forgiveness, but the taking away of sins, the removal of the root, seed and branch of evil from the body; in a word, the cleansing of the blood, (Joel iii. 21). Christendom has no idea of this: the remnant of Israel is now seeking for it. This is the preparation necessary before we can become as a chaste virgin, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. "His reward is with him," but let us not lose sight of the fact that "his work is before him."

This standard cannot be reached by faith in Christ only, but by faith and works combined, which will be found in the remnant whom the Lord is now calling, for He will work in them to will and to do of His own good pleasure, when Balaam's prophecy will be fulfilled: "The people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations. He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath He seen perverseness in Israel. The Lord his God is with him, and the shout of a king is among them." If the casting away of them was the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be but life from the dead. Israel is God's son, even His firstborn, and cannot be reckoned among the Gentiles. They will be a people separate and distinct, being a remnant of 12,000 from each of the twelve tribes of Israel, now fast gathering to the call sent forth in the *Flying Roll*, which compares spiritual things with spiritual, and rightly divides the Word of Truth, clearly proving from the Scriptures that the immortal life of the mortal body is within reach of the children of Abraham. He will deliver them from going down to the pit; their flesh shall be fresher than a child's and they shall return to the days of their youth. He will sift the house of Israel among all nations, yet shall not the least grain fall to the earth. A seed shall serve Him. Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea shore a remnant shall be saved; yea, saith the Scripture: "Ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel."

HOW TO ESCAPE THE DEATH OF THE BODY.

SIN, the evil inoculated in the blood of all men, is the sting of death; it is the destruction of the body. It is written that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, for all have died, and the grave cannot praise Thee,

says Isaiah, death cannot celebrate Thee, they that go down into the pit cannot hope for Thy truth; the living, the living, he shall praise Thee. Evil entered the blood through the transgression of Adam and has not yet been purged from the race of man, as Esdras says, "The first Adam bearing a wicked heart transgressed and was overcome, and so be all they that are born of him; thus infirmity was made permanent." And in another place the prophet exclaims, "O thou Adam, what hast thou done, for thou art not fallen alone but we all that come of thee? For what profit is it unto us if there be promised an immortal time? whereas we have done the work that brings death." That Esdras is here referring to the death of the body is evident, for he speaks of the people offering sacrifices, "as it is expressly commanded in the book of Moses," and that "they offered sacrifices according to the time, and burnt offerings to the Lord both morning and evening." And these sacrifices, although not making the many comers perfect, as Paul says, were for the "saving of the soul," and were done away in Christ Who put an end to sacrifice by the sacrifice of Himself, and became the author of eternal salvation, the Saviour of all men, especially of them that believe. It could not, therefore, have been the salvation of the soul that Esdras meant when he spoke of immortality, he knew, as Paul did, that the children of Israel were baptised unto Moses, and by faith in the law of sacrifice drank of that Spiritual Rock, Christ. No, he referred to the redemption of the body, for though it was appointed unto man once to die, namely, at the beginning when Adam transgressed, yet there existed always, as he says, a promise of immortality, and that promise is contained in the words spoken to the serpent, "It (the seed of the woman) shall bruise thy head," which signifies the destruction of his power, and Christ has yet to destroy the power of death, in the seed of the woman, to whom the promise pertains. This was not done on the Cross as many think, for Paul says, "The God of peace

SHALL BRUISE SATAN

under your feet shortly. No one doubts that the sentence of death is passed upon all men, although there are few who believe that a reprieve will be granted to some, that their mortal bodies should not go to corruption in the grave. Satan persuaded Eve that she would not die, which was contrary to the Word of God, if she partook of the tree, but now he persuades men that they must die, which is also contrary to the Word of God, if they overcome that evil which overcame our first parents in the beginning. Many, however, seeing the redemption of the body spoken of in the Scriptures, think it to be a resurrection glory, and that where death is spoken of it refers to the soul or spiritual death.

But Job clearly shows this to be an erroneous belief, and at the same time bears testimony of the promise of the immortality of the body. He says: "O Thou preserver of men . . . why dost Thou not pardon my transgression and take away mine iniquity? for now shall I sleep in the dust and Thou shalt seek me in the morning but I shall not be. He knew that if the evil were not removed from his blood his body would go to corruption, and through distance of time he knew that work would not be accomplished in him, and said, "I know that Thou wilt bring me to death and to the house appointed for all living." For "He destroyeth the perfect and the wicked." Death makes no distinction, it feeds on all alike, and Job says, "The wicked shall perish for ever like his own dung." Again, "Drought and heat consume snow waters, so doth the grave them that have sinned." And in a more general sense, he says, still more emphatically, "As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away so he that goeth down to the grave shall

COME UP NO MORE."

Seeing, then, that the body once dead will not rise again, what is there to rise but the soul? hence Job says: "All the days of my appointed time will I wait till my change come." But regarding his body, he says, "I go the way whence I shall not return." He saw that in the far-off future immortality would be gained, he knew that a messenger would be sent to explain the Scriptures, and as Jesus said afterwards; to bring all things to our remembrance, to explain all things. "For," said Job, "If there be a messenger, 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 into the pit, I have found a ransom. His flesh shall be fresher than a child's; he shall return again to the day of his youth. And again in the spirit of prophecy he exclaims, In my flesh shall I see God."

It is this varied application of the words of Scripture that has puzzled the wisest of theologians, which accounts for the chaos now reigning throughout the length and breadth of Christendom, and which proves the necessity of the messenger and interpreter Job speaks of. Without that Comforter it is impossible for man to rightly divide the Word of truth. The foregoing passages from Job to the natural eye appear contradictory, and this is the case with the whole Scripture. There are three things to be borne in mind when reading the Word, (1) No prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation. (2) God calleth those things which be not as though they were. (3) A day with the Lord is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day. There are also three classes of people spoken of,

JEW, GENTILE, AND ISRAELITES; three glories, of the sun, moon, and stars; and three component parts of man, body, soul, and spirit. These are all in the Scripture mixed together, hard to be understood, in fact, impossible without spiritual discernment. But what we wish to consider here more particularly is, that seeing there is a promise of immortality of the body, and that it has not yet been inherited, save by three, Enoch, Elijah, and Jesus, one in each dispensation as witnesses of the promise, in whom and when will it be accomplished? To return to the writings of the prophet Esdras, God says, "For their sakes [Israel's] I made the world." And He continues, "Let the multitude perish which was born in vain, and let My grape be kept and My plant." "The vineyard of the Lord," says Jeremiah, "is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah His pleasant plant." To them, we read in Paul's Epistle to the Romans, pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises. Not a spiritual Israel, for they are a distinct people, a peculiar people, as Balaam prophesies, "The people shall dwell alone, they shall not be reckoned among the nations. Israel is My son, even My firstborn. I will redeem them from death, I will ransom them from the power of the grave. I will cleanse their blood which I have not cleansed, for the Lord dwelleth in Zion." For this cause is there a fountain open to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness, which Zechariah tells will be "at that day," namely, at the fulness of the Gentiles, when 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, and thus free them from the power of the grave, death can have no more dominion over them. "After those days," Jeremiah tells us, the new covenant will be made and the law written in the hearts of Israel, after the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled, during which time Jerusalem has been trodden down, whilst Christ has been a light to lighten the Gentiles, but now at their fulness He will be the glory of His people Israel. And Israel are they who will hear the voice now speaking through the Word, who will recognise the interpretation given by the messenger who has been sent, who will come out from amongst Jew and Gentile and be separate, and subscribe with their hands unto the Lord and surname themselves by the name of Israel, who will prove themselves the children of Abraham by doing the works of Abraham. And they shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord.

"Let every man prove his own work by the law and the testimony, and not be weary in well-doing."

Our American Columns.

CLINTON, ILLINOIS.

"Monday, April 14th.—To-day we found a goodly number willing to listen to the words of life, but by far the majority asked to be excused. I called on a lady and her daughter, who asked me in; and after explaining the mission of the *Roll* to them, they both acknowledged they had heard more wonderful and important explanations on the Bible in those few minutes than they had realised all their lives before; and on another lady calling while I was yet speaking, she was persuaded to take a *Part* of the *Roll* also, the lady of the house loaning her money to purchase the same; and on calling at another house they took a sermon of the *Roll*, the son saying he would like to read that book, as he had heard an acquaintance speak of it. My wife also found several quite interested. A judge on whom she called took a sermon of the *Roll*, saying if he liked it he would procure the set of sermons. Many others took *Parts* of the *Roll* and PIONEERS.

"Tuesday, April 15th.—Nothing of special note to-day.

"Wednesday, April 16th.—We found quite an interest amongst many, some calling at our rooms and expressing their gratitude for the message of life. We were blessed in sowing much of the good seed to-day, and trust much has fallen in fertile soil, and that the yield may be abundant.

"Thursday, April 17th.—We finished our labours here this morning, distributing 92 PIONEERS, 73 *Parts*, and five sermons of the *Roll* during our short visit here, one lady calling on us this morning for the three sermons of the *Roll*, also taking the names of different parties interested, that she could call on them in the near future and talk on the glories in store for God's elect, *Israel*. (Isa. xlv. 4.) We then took train for Bloomington, some 22 miles north, where we met the sisters who had preceded us four days, they having previously engaged a room for us. We were soon settled and in the field of labour again. We found the people, as usual, very full of this world's wisdom, but, saith God, 'My sheep hear My voice and they follow Me, and I give unto them eternal life.' We found quite a number who accepted the message willingly, and if they hold fast the beginning of their confidence to the end their reward is sure. The population here is said to be about 30,000, and we only have permission to sell papers from door to door, but can sell *Parts* and sermons at our rooms.

"Friday, April 18th.—To-day has been very warm. We found several who expressed much pleasure in hearing the glad tidings of great joy, which the God of Israel is now heralding forth to rescue fallen man from death and hell. We had a pleasant talk on the truth with several, quite a number of PIONEERS being sold. As a sister explained the fall of man and the conception and birth of Jesus to an Unitarian lady, she had to acknowledge she had been in great darkness as to the mission of our Saviour to this world.

"Saturday, April 19th.—Although excuses were numerous we found a few who were hungering and thirsting after righteousness. How thankful we should be that we are blessed to be living in the time when we can be filled, when the substance of our Saviour's Sermon on the Mount will be fulfilled in substance. Then let each of us go forth *Roll* in hand to herald the glad tidings, to wit, the redemption of our mortal bodies from death, the interpreter having now come, the vision made known, and the sealed words spoken of by Daniel revealed that the new covenant (Heb. viii. 8) may be established in the remnant now to be gathered from both Jew and Gentile, who by accepting law and Gospel may have a right to the tree of life. Our sales during this week are five sermons, 56 *Parts* of the *Roll*, and 578 PIONEERS."

BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS.

"Monday, April 24th.—Two sisters arrived here this morning, leaving the other part of our company to finish Clinton, Illinois, they expect to join us here in a few days (D.V.). We saw the Mayor of the city, who was very sorry he could not give us permission to canvass either sermons or *Parts* of the *Roll*, only PIONEERS. He bought a PIONEER himself, giving two cents over for it, and saying he knew it was a great wrong to prohibit the sale of religious works, and hopes there will soon be a change in such laws. We can, however, sell the *Roll* without a licence to any who may call at our rooms for them. We now resolved to trust the God of Israel to help us support ourselves just from the sales of the PIONEER. We soon got a comfortable room, and by half-past two o'clock started out to work amongst the business part of the city, and surely the Lord was with us, for by six o'clock I had sold all the PIONEERS I had with me. My sister also soon arrived with a good report. Truly He that keeps Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps; who can doubt his power and willingness to assist?"

"Tuesday, April 15th.—This is a bright, clear morning, but quite a cold wind, so different from Sunday two days ago, when doors and windows were thrown open to get a cool breeze, and as we had not many PIONEERS on hand thought we would walk out to

A SMALL PLACE CALLED NORMAL, two miles distant, and back at night, but here also we only got permission to canvass the PIONEER. One gentleman took nine different numbers, and was quite interested to hear that Israel was a separate and distinct people from Jew and Gentile, and seemed quite surprised to hear of a special glory held out to God's people Israel, who will do His commandments that they may have a right to the tree of life. At first he thought it was some new commandment, when it is the oldest faith of all. It was pointed out to him that the promised Comforter is here, speaking through the *Flying Roll*, revealing all things, and bringing all things to our remembrance. One lady bought a PIONEER and gave me a few cents over, for which I gave her a *Part*, and on asking a drink of

water she brought me milk and bread and butter. My sister also calling for me, she was asked to take refreshment. We soon disposed of all our PIONEERS and walked home with thankful hearts, much enjoying our walk.

"Wednesday, April 16th.—The weather has been favourable for our work to-day, but we have met with nothing of particular interest, although we disposed of nearly 100 PIONEERS between the two of us.

"Thursday, April 17th.—We have had another fine day, and I have had several very interesting conversations. One gentleman was very much pleased to hear of the different glories, and was very much surprised to hear how God is now gathering out a people for His name who will overcome evil, and even the appearance of evil, and do His commandments that they may have a right to the tree of life and enter in through the gates (law and Gospel) into the city, overcoming the last enemy, which is death, for they will never enter the grave. One woman looking at three different numbers of the PIONEER could not decide which was the best to take, so took them all, although very poor. Another lady's husband had refused to take anything, but she now took three, expecting to call on us for the *Roll*. Our brother and sister from Clinton joined us to-day, so we are all in one party again. They bring good reports of their labours.

"Monday, April 21st.—Being very pleasant and favourable for canvassing, we went forth as usual in search of the bones of Israel, and although we encountered very many excuses, still we were blessed in finding quite a number willing to listen to words of truth and life. We had several short conversations upon the truth, several expressing their surprise and joy in the plain way the truth was explained. How the canvasser's heart is gladdened to find those who recognise their Master's voice, for truly did our Saviour say, 'My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand.'

"Tuesday, April 22nd.—Pleasant weather again to-day. As we hand forth the words of life, often in the face of much opposition, we see here and there one anxiously waiting for more light and knowledge on Holy Writ; it is indeed pleasing to see how readily these accept the *Flying Roll* and take the narrow road to life, for narrow is the road that leads to life, and few there be that find it, 'eternal life'; for the grave cannot praise Thee, death cannot celebrate Thee; they that go down into the pit or grave cannot hope for Thy truth; the living, the living, he shall praise Thee, as I do this day; the fathers to the children shall make known Thy truth, for the truth shall make you free, but the servant of sin abideth not in the house (body) for ever. 'My word is truth,' saith God; 'for in the way of righteousness is life, and in the pathway thereof there is no death.' A sister called on a lady who called herself a Christian, and said three parts of the Bible were not true, and, although she resisted at first, on the truth being set before her, she said she would take

three PIONEERS. May her eyes be opened to accept the further light. We had several short conversations on the truth, and much interest was shown, many promising to call at our rooms to get the *Roll*.

"Wednesday, April 23rd.—To-day we found many who appeared willing to investigate the message of life. We were called on this evening by one of the doctors of this place, and, although wise in his profession, yet he was willing to know more of God's love and mercy to his fellow man; he called for the three sermons of the *Roll* and is also very desirous that we should speak on the square here, and we may if we get permission from the authorities. He is already using his influence, and we hope he may be an instrument in the Lord's hands to hand forth the message to many.

"Thursday, April 24th.—We were again very successful in handing forth light and truth. One party, after I had gone, sent her son after a paper, and another, as he rode along, called to me wishing to know my success. On being answered to his satisfaction said he would like to read one, and that his wife so enjoyed that kind of reading. Two gentlemen called on us this evening, one being our postman; they were both very interested and had been reading the Bible with a knowledge of the life of the mortal body, but not knowing how to attain to it. They were very pleased with the explanations given, expecting to call on us for more of the papers and sermons. We hear of many who are thinking seriously over the truths revealed. May God speed the work, that righteousness cover the earth as the water covers the sea, fulfilling our Lord's prayer for the establishment of His Kingdom here on earth.

"Friday, April 25th.—Amid great indifference and excuses we offered the reprieve from death, and are truly thankful as we find here and there a soul hungering after righteousness. The Lord is now at this present time gathering His jewels, and when the door is shut and the inestimable loss made known, then will be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth; so beware, ye that are at ease in Zion and trusting in the mountain of Samaria, for no man shall live by bread alone but by every word (law and Gospel) that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

"Saturday, April 26th.—Rain falling heavily all day we were unable to canvass. The two gentlemen mentioned in Thursday's notes called and took two first sermons and also a second and third sermon, expecting to call for other two soon. May they hold fast the beginning of their confidence to the end. On asking how they liked the reading of the PIONEER their answer was, 'Other reading except the Word of God seems like trash now.' We sold during the five days 478 PIONEERS and two *Parts*, and also this week sold eight sermons of the *Roll*."

TORONTO, CANADA.

"Monday, April 14th.—This morning it had every appearance of being a wet day. However, it cleared up towards noon, but on account of the strong wind I found great difficulty in canvassing. At one place where I called, and where they took a

PIONEER, they listened with great interest to the few words I spoke on the mysteries now being revealed through the pages of the *Flying Roll*.

"Tuesday, 15th.—To-day a sister canvassed in the city. She called at the house of a stately old gentleman and offered him God's last message. He said 'I am not a Christian. I have got sick and tired of Christianity long ago.' She replied, 'You are just the man that this message is for. It is not for those who are satisfied with the waters of Babylon.' He asked her in and offered her a chair. The sister then commenced to explain the faith to him, and he said, 'Why, you have got Scripture for everything.' 'Yes,' said she, 'and this *Flying Roll* will tear in pieces all not according to the Word, to the law, and to the testimony, if they speak not according to this Word there is no light in them.' (Isa. viii. 20.) He asked if we found many to take these works and purchased a gilt sermon, saying, 'I am afraid it won't do me any good.' She told him he must have faith, for Jesus said, 'According to your faith be it unto you.' He shook hands very heartily, saying, 'God bless you.' She met with very fair success, selling two sermons of the *Roll* and quite a number of PIONEERS.

"Wednesday, 16th.—To-day I went out to West Toronto Junction. I called on one lady who had the *Roll*, but could not see that the body laid in the grave would not rise again. She said if Jesus was a perfect Saviour, and had all power she did not see why He could not raise the body. I said, 'Your faith is good, but not according to the Word where we are told that if we keep His sayings we shall never see death. Why not have a little more faith and believe that then you need not trouble about the resurrection of the dead?' She replied, 'But Jesus says in John vi., He will raise him up at the last day.' I said, 'Yes, truly He will rise them up at the last day; those who will eat His flesh and drink His blood (law and Gospel), according to Hosea: After two days will He revive us, and the third day He will raise us up and we shall live in His sight. The dead are only raised incorruptible, but the living shall put on immortality, then shall death be swallowed up in victory. I exhorted her to read the *Roll* again and she would see things more clearly.

"Thursday, April 17th.—To-day I canvassed among the stores. Among others I called on a dressmaker, and showing the sermon to one person present she said, 'I have three of them.' I asked where she obtained them; she said they were given to her about three years ago. I asked her if she could see the faith they explained. 'Oh, yes,' was her answer, 'I just love them. I can see the life of the body, and am trying to gain it.' I asked her to come to the meetings and left her a PIONEER. After that I offered the *Roll* to another man. A person passing by at the time said to me, 'Is that Stanley's travels?' I replied: 'No, it is something far better than that; it's the *Flying Roll*, God's last message to man.' After looking it over he told me I ought to go among the Jews. I stated that there

were far more Israelites among the Gentiles than amongst the Jews; that there were only two tribes of Jews, and 10 tribes of Israel that were not Jews. He said no doubt it was a good book, and he would take one after five o'clock on Saturday evening.

"Saturday, April 19th.—Yesterday I called on a man some distance away who ordered a sermon of the *Roll* from a sister. I found on arriving at his house that Satan had caught away the seed sown and he would not take the *Roll*. I canvassed to-day in the suburbs of the city, meeting with pretty good success.

"Sunday, April 20th.—This afternoon we held another meeting which was very well attended and much interest manifested. My sales for the week are 74 PIONEERS and four sermons of the *Roll*.

"Monday, April 21st.—To-day I went out to Weston, about eight miles out of the city. One woman was particularly pleased to get a PIONEER and a *Part* of the *Roll*. I called in a small store, where I was asked what became of the spirit at the death of the body. She said some ladies had asked her and she was not able to tell them. I told her the Word of God said the body returned to the dust as it was, and the spirit returned to God Who gave it. (Eccle. xii. 7.) Then I pointed out to her that man had a soul as well as a spirit and body (Heb. iv. 12; i. Thess. v. 23) and at death the body and soul were laid in the grave, and the spirit returned to God Who gave it. The body goes back to the dust as it was, and the soul comes forth at the resurrection; if they have died believers in Christ, the second death will have no power over them; if not, they will suffer the condemnation of the second death, and live not again for 1,000 years. (Rev. xx. 5.) She took a PIONEER, and told me to call when I visited the town again.

"Tuesday, April 22nd.—To-day I again visited Weston, and met with a good many Catholics, who would not give me a hearing. I called at one very large house where the lady took the gilt sermon in her hand and looked it over and then showed it to her husband. He came out to listen to what I had to say and got very much interested and bought the book. A little later I called at a house where an old lady came to the door. I showed her the *Roll* and told her it was for the ingathering of Israel. She asked if I knew anything about the Christian Israelites, as she had been a member with them in Glasgow, her name at that time being Jeannie Duncan. I spoke to her of the *Flying Roll* now sent to Israel, and she promised to look up the Word concerning it. She had not heard anything of the work for 15 years. She then saw the PIONEER and asked me if that was the weekly newspaper spoken of. I answered in the affirmative. She was rejoiced to know that Israel were being fast gathered, and knew that when the Lord did not come in the second watch that He would come in this third watch. She took the first sermon and a PIONEER, and was confident the Lord had led me to her, for she was standing still not knowing which way to take. She said she was anxious to go on if God permit. I have one more day's work in

Weston yet, and I promised to call and see her again. She lent me a small pamphlet to read, which I have done; she said she had 12 of them. Truly the Lord guides us to the lost bones in a mysterious way, and it does my heart good, forasmuch as I know that my labour is not in vain in the Lord.

"Wednesday, April 23rd.—It is wet to-day.

Thursday, 24th.—To-day I canvassed in West Toronto Junction. The first place at which I called was to deliver a sermon a man ordered last week from me. He was not home this morning. The lady of the house told me he was a minister, and she was sure he would take the book if he ordered it, so she took it and paid me for it. After this I had an interesting conversation with a carpenter at a new building; he firmly believes that the 7th 1,000 years will be the Millennium, and ordered a sermon of the *Roll* to be delivered as I pass by to-morrow on my way to Weston.

"Friday, April 25th.—To-day I finished my canvass in Weston. I had poor success, meeting a good number of Catholics. One lady I called on said she had a book so nearly like the *Roll* that she thought she would not trouble to take a copy. Another man told me he was disgusted with religion, and added: 'I had a child die some time ago, and went to see a minister to get it buried, and he was not at home. I then went to another, and he had just come home, and wanted a few days' rest, and told me to go to another rev. gentleman. When I came to this one and told who had sent me, he said, "Go back and tell Mr. So-and-so to bury your child. I won't play second fiddle for any man.'" I showed another man the *Roll* who was working in a field. He said he did not want it; religion was played out. I thought to myself we have another innings yet, and this time will prove whether Satan or Christ shall reign.

"Saturday, April 26th.—This morning I went to see a man in the east end of the city. A lady told me to call and he might take a sermon of the *Roll*. He was out at work, so I wended my way to his place of employment. He told me his father was a Christian Israelite in Melbourne, and he himself was one till he was 21. His name is Hutchins. He said he had the *Rolls*, and had given a volume to Dr. Wild. His faith had almost gone, thinking the Lord delayed His coming. He took two PIONEERS from me, and said he should come to the meeting. I told him this was the third watch, and the time of our redemption draweth nigh. He said, 'You don't really believe that only 144,000 will be made in the image of God, do you?' I said, 'Of course I believe it; one part of the Bible is as true as the other.' When he saw that I was so confident, he knew he had wasted his Master's goods. My sales for the week are 65 PIONEERS, three *Parts*, and four sermons of the *Roll*."

BOWMANVILLE, CANADA.

"Monday, April 14th.—Our party moved to-day from Oshawa to Bowmanville, where we obtained comfortable apartments.

"Tuesday, April 15th.—This place is quite scattered. Two of us walked into the

country presenting the message to many, who were interested more in us than our mission, asking us many questions. We felt the great need of earnestly exhorting the people to take heed before it is too late. We meet with the usual amount of indifference, others having much zeal and little knowledge, and not willing to gain more, being afraid to touch our teachings. As they say, they are something entirely new, not accepting it as the everlasting Gospel, the good old corn of the land.

"Wednesday, April 16th.—To-day one sister was told by a lady that she would not listen to her and would not have a book or paper in the house, or let anyone read such. As our sister was closing the gate she heard this lady say, 'Stuff and nonsense, all to make money.' So the message is often condemned unread.

"Thursday, April 17th.—We meet about the same reception each day. Before starting out we were warned that we would meet with much opposition, but we know that wherever we go there will be those that will hate the work, and again, others that will receive us gladly. At one house where a sister called the lady sent her little boy back to the door where the sister was waiting, saying the 'book' was very nice, but she had not the change, when the girl who stood by turned to this little boy, saying, 'Go up in my room and bring me down 50c.,' which she paid for the first sermon, asking particularly where she could get the second and third. Truly the 'common people hear us gladly.'

"Another sister was met by a young lady, who as soon as she heard the title, *The Flying Roll*, God's last message to man, she gave the canvasser a seat while she got her purse. Our sister overheard a conversation between the young lady and another in the next room; her last remark was, 'Well, it's what I have long been looking for, the truth, and it's God's last message.' She invited our sister to call again, that after she had read a little she might talk with her again. Another case where a very poor but earnest woman took the sermon out of our sister's hand, saying: 'Oh, I cannot let this go,' hugging it very closely to her, and giving our sister the last cent in the house to pay for it, she said she knew the Lord would give it back again threefold. This afternoon one of us overtook a Salvation Army captain and his wife, and handed to them God's last message. She most readily paid out the money, he putting the sermon in his pocket. Our sister walked along with them. We make a point of stopping any of the Army on the street, as they so quickly accept the truth, and if its only a PIONEER they never refuse unless they have not the change with them. Another sister called at a house where an old woman said that it was a very nice looking book, but she was no scholar. Our sister told her that it was the common people that heard Him gladly, and that it was the Spirit that had taught us the truth as contained in the *Roll*. While they were talking, a lady who sat by became much interested, asking questions, and showed herself to be well versed in the Scriptures, and looking for more. She was so pleased with what she heard that she

bought the sermon, and tried to show the old woman what she was missing if she let the canvasser go out without she bought one too. She stood side by side and talked with our sister, promising to lend the sermon she had bought if she would promise to buy one for herself when the canvasser would call to-morrow. This lady, who is so interested, now sees the life of the body. One house a sister went to where the old lady took her into the library, showing her the shelves of books, said: 'Now, do you ask me to buy any more?' and added that her son was a high school teacher and bought all kinds of books, and if he were at home perhaps he might. Our sister smiled, saying, 'Well, I am very sorry your son is not at home, as *this book* would take the place of all he has there. Christendom has ever been learning and never able to come to a knowledge of the truth.' Another sister went into a hotel, having a good talk with the bar tender, who silenced the crowd in the room, saying, 'Boys keep quiet while I hear this old mother in Israel tell me things that I thought never to have heard. At the close of their conversation he thanked our sister, wishing her God-speed, wanting her to go again. There are many poor ones who stand with tears in their eyes in gratitude for our having called at their doors. One poor creature having only two cents in the house gave it, saying she could better go without something else than let the little paper go, and wished she could have bought the book. Many who buy the first sermon ask for the address that they may get the second and third. We give them the address of our brother in Grand Rapids. To-day while presenting the message at a door, a medical man stepped up as he was visiting in the same house. Both were asked in; the woman of the house grew interested, while the doctor sat by, looking on in great contempt. Finally he asked who wrote the *Flying Roll*. Our sister told him we had left first principles and were aiming to go on to perfection. He was not, however, sufficiently interested to look into the subject for himself.

"Friday, April 18th.—To-day as our sister called at a poor woman's door she was much pleased to see her, saying that the evening before she had been in a neighbour's house where they had bought the PIONEER OF WISDOM. She had heard them reading and talking of it; she could not get it from them, they not being willing to part with it, but she told them she hoped the canvassers would come to her door. Her request was granted her to-day and she gladly took a paper. Our sister called again on the old woman who yesterday said the *Flying Roll* was a nice looking book but she was no scholar, and the lady who yesterday lent her the sermon which she had bought on the spot, being so pleased with what she heard. When our sister called to-day she saw the *Flying Roll* on the table, where the old woman had been reading. She was so pleased to see the canvasser again, saying she had seen more, and had greater light thrown on the Scriptures while reading the first and second part of Sermon I. than all her 70 years reading the Bible alone. After asking our sister a few questions she took a gilt

sermon and wished to have talked longer. Truly the Spirit is resting upon the dear old body, for she has been shown very deep things from the questions she put to our sister, but as she pointed her to the *Roll*, telling her she would see everything there, she invited our sister to spend to-morrow evening with her that she might meet her husband and explain some points; that though our sister made plain these points to her, giving her texts of Scripture for all, yet the old lady said, 'You can talk so much better, and have the texts all at your finger-tips. Our sister reminded her that it was the Spirit of God through reading the *Flying Roll* that taught her what she knew (John vi. 45.) The young bar-tender referred to in yesterday's notes is anxious to have the set of sermons, but he says that till he pays up his debts he cannot afford to get them, but secured the address in Grand Rapids. We held our usual meeting this evening.

"Saturday, April 19th.—To-day a sister called at the house mentioned above, where the young lady bought the book on seeing the title, *The Flying Roll*, God's last message to man, and had the gratification of seeing how delighted she was with the book, grasping many of the mysteries belonging to the children of God. She had been strangely led by God's Spirit for the last three years; she gave a grand experience of His dealings with her in that time, whereby she was shown the need of keeping God's laws, that she might live, seeing the life of the body; having that hope within her she was quite ready for 'the message.' She followed our sister to the gate and asked our address, saying she would come this afternoon to see us. We have finished up this district, having thoroughly canvassed all within reach. The weather has been very fine and agreeable for our much loved work.

"Sunday, April 20th.—This morning we held our usual meeting. In the afternoon the young lady referred to in yesterday's notes called upon us. She is so pleased with the *Flying Roll*, having received much light in reading it. We leave this place (D.V.) to-morrow morning; two of the sisters going to Newcastle, while the third proceeds further on to Port Hope. The young lady referred to above has just taken the second and third sermons. We have left in this place, while canvassing just one week, 12 sermons of the *Roll* and 80 PIONEERS."

BOWMANVILLE TO NEWCASTLE AND PORT HOPE, CANADA.

"Monday, April 21st.—We left Bowmanville this morning. Two of the sisters got off at Newcastle, canvassing that place, also Bondhead, whilst the third sister went further east to Port Hope, where she procured lodgings and canvassed till she was joined by the others.

"Tuesday, April 22nd.—We met with fair success but the great cry is want of money. Some of the more thoughtful say it seems to them an evidence of God's judgments on the world, believing that the present state of affairs cannot go on much longer. This evening the two sisters were

met by the third one of our party, who was graciously led to a family when looking for lodgings. As soon as they found what we were canvassing they agreed to make us comfortable, saying that they had a friend who had papers, the PIONEER OF WISDOM, they being quite interested. This same friend of theirs proved to be the same person that our sister had the address of before leaving Toronto (Mr. W. Hunter). So truly the Lord directed our sister when she bent her steps to this door, as the Lord has promised of old, 'Have I not commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage, be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed, for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.'

"Wednesday.—To-day two of us started out, though it looked very cloudy, and before we had got very far we had to turn back on account of the rain.

"Thursday.—To-day we did much walking and talking, but little interest manifest. This time of the year all housewives are busy cleaning house and, like Martha of old, troubled about many things, but, as our sister told them, why not, like Mary, choose the better part that cannot be taken away; cleanse first the inside and the outside will be sure to be clean; seek first the Kingdom of God, and all else will be added unto you.

"Friday.—One sister met with a woman to-day who was so pleased with what she heard, having asked many questions, and the difficult point having been cleared up. She said the minister never could give her a satisfactory answer. She and her husband have given up going to church, as they think they cannot any longer thrive under the ministers of this present age. It is give, give, and they are never satisfied, while for a small price they can purchase the *Flying Roll*, and with their Bibles and the aid of the Spirit can learn all things regarding their eternal welfare. A sister pressed upon a woman the need of looking into God's last message, the woman refused it, when her little girl offered to pay for it; her mother still refused. Then the child followed the canvasser to the gate, handing her a 1d. bill, taking the paper, while our sister went to get the change from a sister on the other side of the road. The work is surely and steady spreading in this place. A young man called at our lodgings for the first sermon, having heard of us when we were in Oshawa from a commercial traveller. We are closely watched. We, too, recognise different faces from one station to another, so many travellers like ourselves, and we are bound to meet again.

"Saturday.—To-day it again looks like rain, with a high wind, which makes it very hard to canvass. Many to-day have told us that they have their Bibles, and that is enough, but, as we tell them, if they were close readers of the same they would see where the *Flying Roll* is mentioned that was to come in these last days, referring them to the 'many reasons why Israel will now be gathered,' when they tell us that there is no further revelation since the Bible, refusing a book unread, which if they would only read would bear its own credentials. This afternoon it again rained very heavily, which made canvassing out of the question.

"Sunday, April 27th.—This morning we held our usual meeting. In the afternoon we expected an interested one, a young man who bought the first sermon from us at our lodgings. He had heard of us from a store-keeper, and he sent him over in the early part of the week to inquire into Israel's faith, and from what he heard, took the first sermon, promising to call again. Our sister met him again in the street yesterday, when he told her how much he liked the *Roll*, and so much interested that he could not let it alone, but wanted to come again and see the sister and take the second and third sermon. We expect to leave this place about Wednesday, the 30th, for the next town, called Cobourg, seven miles distant. Our sales this week have been nine sermons, 46 *Parts* of the *Roll*, and 63 PIONEERS, including Newcastle and Bondhead, being two small places which two of the sisters canvassed on their way to Port Hope."

OFALLON, ILLINOIS.

"Wednesday, April 23rd.—This morning a brother and I started for Ofallon, distant about seven miles. We canvassed our way through the country, and being directed a roundabout way, did not get there till near night; we could not sell much as we only met with a few families who could read, and when we arrived at our destination we found the same state of affairs existing. Here we had some trouble in finding a shelter from the storm which set in just as we got to a stopping place. Being very weary after our walk we were shown up to our room, when I left to procure something for supper, and on my return I found a table set in our room and our landlady was preparing a warm supper for us free of cost and of her own goodwill. Such an act of disinterested hospitality is not so very common, and we duly appreciate it.

"Thursday, April 24th.—We canvassed Ofallon to-day, and finished about four o'clock, and

THEN WALKED BACK TO BELVILLE,

but this being such a mixed multitude we could not sell much; only 17 *Parts*, nine PIONEERS, and one sermon. During our absence our sisters worked in Belville with fair success, meeting two who were ready for the *Roll*, but the majority care for none of these things.

"Friday and Saturday.—The rain has poured in torrents both days, so we have done no canvassing. Only been enabled to work three days this week."

"Riches and strength lift up the heart: but the fear of the Lord is above them both: there is no want in the fear of the Lord, and it needeth not to seek help."

Nahum clearly foretold these days, and the many railroads traversing the land when he wrote:—"The shield of his mighty men is made red, the valiant men are in scarlet; the chariots shall be with flaming torches in the day of his preparation, and the fir trees shall be terribly shaken. The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broadways, they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings."

Notes of Addresses.

MEETING HELD AT 165, HAMPSTEAD-ROAD, LONDON, N.W.

SUNDAY EVENING, MAY 11th, 1890.

TEXT:—"Remember the former things of old, for I am a God and there is none else, I am God and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure." (Isa. xlvi. 9, 10.)

In Gen. iii. 15 we find the end declared from the beginning; it is needful then that we should call to mind the former things of old. It is written, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head and thou shalt bruise his heel." In our text God says, "I will do all My pleasure." We see then it was God's will that enmity should exist between the two seeds. When the heel of the woman's seed was bruised on the Cross, the enmity was in the evil against the good, but now in the end, when the serpent's head is to be bruised, the case is reversed, the good seed is at enmity with the evil. There was no enmity in Jesus, unless it be thought that His driving out the money-changers from the temple was enmity, but that was a figure of the end, when all evil would be driven out of the body of man, which is to become the temple of God; out of the woman first, for she was the first to receive it, it being that evil which entered at the fall, which she received from Satan, and man from her. The woman of herself cannot do this, being made subject to the evil or vanity, but there is a woman not subject to vanity, the immortal woman, Jerusalem above;

SHE HAS COME DOWN

from Heaven, from whence the Lord has looked down to hear the groaning of the prisoner and to loose those that are appointed to death. And that woman will deliver man from the power of evil that reigns over him to-day. The fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge. That sourness is increasing, and he that now letteth will let until he be taken out of the way. There will be a time when Satan will have no influence over man, for he will be bound down 1,000 years, during which period there will be no death. The dream of Nebuchadnezzar typifies the binding down of the evil; he saw a watcher and an holy one come down, and cry, Hew down the tree, and cut off his branches, shake off his leaves, and scatter his fruit, let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from its branches; nevertheless leave the stump of his roots in the earth even with a band of iron and brass. But in the seed of the woman the axe is laid to the root of the tree, in them the serpent's head will be bruised, and his power utterly destroyed. God has reserved for Himself a seed as He did in the days of Noah, when the earth was filled with violence, for unless the Lord had left us a remnant we should have been as Sodom, but He declares that He has brought

a vine out of Egypt, and the vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah His pleasant plant. To this seed the promise pertains of bruising the evil. Israel is the third Church, as it is written, "In that day Israel shall be the third"; and again God says, "Two parts that are therein shall be cut off and die (Jew and Gentile) but the third part I will

BRING THROUGH THE FIRE,

and will refine them as silver is refined, and try them as gold is tried." Israel is the new creation of God; they will pass through the fire, they will say, We went through fire and through water, but Thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place. The Egyptians endeavoured to pass through the Red Sea, but were drowned. Pharaoh is a figure of Satan, who will be destroyed. Our God is a consuming fire, but not to consume us but the evil in us. God was not in the fire for the purpose of destroying Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, but to preserve them, and the heathen king was witness that the fourth was like unto the Son of God. The mark will be in the forehead of Israel and the destroying angels will not come nigh them, the four angels, sword, famine, pestilence, and fire, which will destroy the nations. God sent an angel to preserve Lot. The destruction of Sodom is a figure of the end, typified also by Israel coming out of Egypt. Pharaoh refused to let them go, but God said, "If thou refuse to let My son Israel go, I will slay thy son." The first-born of Egypt being slain shows the destruction of Satan. There have been two seeds from the beginning, and the seed of the serpent is diverse from the seed of the woman; their ways do not harmonise, their works are not the same; the one works out the ends of Satan, the other of God. As Jesus said to the Jews, "Ye are of your father the devil and the lusts of your father ye will do." They are unable to resist the evil influence, suffering the

PENALTY OF SIN,

death. The body is destroyed for the sake of the soul. But the sons of God will seek to have their evil removed, their blood cleansed, in accordance with the promise of God through the Prophet Joel, "I will cleanse their blood which I have not cleansed." When He turns their blood into flesh, then will the Word be fulfilled, "Let Us make man in Our image." Jesus is the only Son of God, He is the first-born among many brethren; there are others to be made like Him, although not having the same originality, for He was brought forth without a human father, the pure seed of the woman, but Israel have both human father and mother, and their blood is consequently inoculated with the evil. God is going to cleanse them from that evil and change their bodies, in the twinkling of an eye, from mortal to immortality, like unto the glorious body of Jesus Christ. The seed has descended from the third son of Adam, the first son of Noah, through Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to Joseph and Ephraim and Manasseh. The glory was typified in the kingdom of Solomon, for Christ's Kingdom shall be established on the tops of

the mountains, and all nations shall flow unto it; established on two foundations—law and Gospel. The ten tribes of Ephraim, whose faith is in the Gospel, will be brought to the law, and the two tribes among the Jews will be brought to the Gospel. God commanded the prophet to join the two sticks together and they became one in his hand. That Word is to be fulfilled by the gathering together of Israel, 12,000 of each tribe, ten tribes from the Gentiles and two from the Jews, making the 144,000 John saw standing with the Lamb on Mount Zion. These are the sealed number who

WILL PURIFY THEMSELVES,

even as He is pure, and present their bodies a living sacrifice, holy and without blame. And there is a way by which they can do this, not of themselves, but by the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus. It is for every believer to find out the way for the life of the body. "Seek and ye shall find. Ask and ye shall receive. Knock and it shall be opened unto you." Dig deep in the Word. Remember the former things of old, for God has declared the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, "My counsel shall stand and I will do all My pleasure." The redemption of man's body from the fall is His pleasure, and He is working it out and calls upon man to aid Him, to do his part, for He says He will have a willing people in the day of His power. This is the day of His power, and if any man hear His voice and open the door He will come in and sup with him. The voice is now sounding for the life of the body in the *Extracts from the Flying Roll*, in which there is nothing contrary to the Word, it is living bread and water. The Scriptures testify that a remnant shall return and serve Him, and that their bodies should become the habitation of the mighty God. The two parts which are cut off and die are to be seen in the three crosses on Calvary; the believer who is justified by faith and repentance at the first resurrection, no works being required for life through the grave, and the unbeliever who will be saved at the final resurrection. Christ died that Israel might not die, they being the third part who will be purified and put on immortality. The Word was made flesh in Him and will be in Israel. Those who offered flesh in sacrifice were blind to that work; they would not come to Him that

THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE,

and it is the same to-day with the Gentiles, who offer their sacrifice of bread and wine, a shadow of the Great Sacrifice, they were told to do this until He come; they go to the grave, but Jesus said, "He that eateth of this bread shall never die." The Spirit and the Bride invite man to take of this bread and drink of this water of life freely, but though it is offered to all, all will not accept it; the Gentiles will not see how the Word will be made flesh, any more than the Jews understood the words of Jesus. Christ is offered to all, but all will not accept Him because of the reproach. There is a reproach to-day by taking the yoke of Christ, those who take it upon them will be looked

upon as the offscouring of the earth; He says He will raise up a poor and afflicted people, but they shall trust in the name of the Lord, and when He makes Himself manifest, the nations will fall. The cry will soon be heard, Babylon is fallen, that great city, the woman arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, decked with gold and precious stones; the voice of the Bridegroom and the voice of the Bride will be heard no more in her. They will not accept the testimony of Paul, who had the testimony of Jesus, which is the spirit of prophecy. "Now know we in part," he said, "and prophesy in part, but when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away." That which is perfect being the fulness of the Spirit resting upon the 144,000, their lives are hidden with Christ in God, now to be revealed at His coming, and in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. The Gentiles cannot see that the Word will be made flesh in the Bride as it was in the Bridegroom; they still cling to a crucified Saviour instead of a glorified Christ; so God has included both Jew and Gentile in unbelief that He might have mercy upon all. The Gentile takes that which the Jew refused, and Israel will take up that which the Gentile refuses, that which they have fouled with their feet shall be food for His people.

View God through His Word.

In the words of the Lord, the wisest of men tells us, are His works. The philosopher may, if he please, boldly seize his telescope and scan the distant heavens in search of new worlds, and gaze with rapturous admiration into a boundless universe, but Israel will view all things through the Word and behold His glory. He will be the glory of His people Israel, as He has been a light to lighten the Gentiles, and in His Word He has revealed Himself. They will seek Him that *maketh* the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, for their *vain* philosophy has no charm, nor science, falsely so-called.

Being Led into all Truth.

To Israel, God says, "I have showed thee new things *from this time*, even hidden things, and thou didst not know them." "This time" is the day of visitation, the time of the end, which now is, when the Scriptures will be revealed to the people of God now scattered among Jews and Gentiles. His Spirit is opening their eyes to the things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world, that they may understand His Word which until now has been sealed, and seek to worship Him in spirit and in truth. The Lion of the Tribe of Judah hath prevailed to open the Book and to loose the seven seals thereof, and the mysteries which have been long hid are published in the form of *Extracts from the Flying Roll*, and are much appreciated by those who are hungering and thirsting after righteousness and truth.

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 Sion 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 (Isai. 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 first born. (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.)