

Voices from the People.

Lines to Bereaved Friends.

Nay, touch it not, that precious thing; That lieth cold and silent there; The mind, the soul, to us so dear...

Be True.

Be true and thou shalt be forever strong; To labor for the right, and overcome the wrong; Be true, and wrong will fly from out thy sight...

No More Misfortune.

No more misfortune can ever call for exceeding bitter sorrow. Man unacquainted with that which is foul can not reach any very low depth of woe...

Sonnet on a Dead Linnet.

Dear dead pet bird, thy soul of song has flown— That bird of song, and melody, and joy; Should not the lovely form that life did fly...

Important Inquiries.

Important Inquiries.—J. R. S., of Donglas Grove, Mich., writes:—I have for some time been interested in the development of Modern Spiritualism...

The Key.

The Key, the Key.—Samuel Demore, of Rippon, Vt., is anxious to find a key that will solve the mystery of Organization! He says "that some Spiritualists are very uneasy, thinking that Spiritualism is going to destruction for the want of organization..."

The Baby.

A jewel of a little girl; Into a hucios summer night; The angel, brought by chance, I guess, One into a nest of white...

A Good of Spiritualism.

A Good of Spiritualism.—Rev. S. P. Palmer, of Allegheny, Ohio, writes:—If you have an extra journal, one of New York, would you please do me the favor to mail it to C. A. Leansbury, Esq., Dakota Territory. He writes:—"I incline more and more to the thought that while Spiritualism has wrecked many a mind, it has given relief to thousands more than it has wrecked..."

The Earth.

The Earth.—There has been ideas expressed in reference to its origin, location, shape, foundation, durability, and also of its destruction. Go back into the annals of antiquity, and you will find a time when this earth rested upon a solid foundation...

New Madison, Ohio.

New Madison, Ohio.—S. A. Thomas, M. D., writes:—I send the JOURNAL a standing proposition to the clergy of this country. Resolved, That the old and new testament scriptures, King James' translation, teaches Modern Spiritualism, and sustains it in all and every phase...

Prize of a Million Dollars.

Prize of a Million Dollars.—Do you wish that you could see the bright, that the scenes portrayed upon the wall of your spirit should be glowing and beautiful? Do you desire that you should enter the Spirit-world as one of the bright ones, and take your place amongst the bright and shining ranks of those whose occupation is purity and whose thoughts are love?

Dr. Monck of England.

Dr. Monck of England is out of jail, and in holding séances. We hope that in the future all of his acts will be above suspicion. When Mrs. Emma Harding Britten returned from England, she will resume her labors in the lecture field.

Organization.

Organization.—G. W. Carpenter, of South Bend, Ind., writes:—How dare you advocate organization, when all the world of Spiritualism, mediums and spirits, for twenty-nine years have been continually declaring for individuality and individualism? How dare you? And yet I think you are right. It is true, whether we organize or not, our belief and knowledge of spirit returns will continue to increase...

Detection of Criminals by Spirits.

Detection of Criminals by Spirits.—Will you kindly permit me to refer in reference to that ably-written article signed "R. H.?" in answer to "R. H.?" question, let me first ask him the following question:—When you have thrown off the material body and are in full possession of the spiritual body, would you make it your special business to communicate with the earth and bring him to justice (as called) that man might hang him? Surely you do not agree with "vengeance is sweet?" If you hold that murderers are "guilty monsters," the spirits do not. The spirits know that suitable conditions will make "guilty monsters" of any man...

Salt Lake City, Utah.

Salt Lake City, Utah.—W. Burnett, writes: The cause of truth is having quite a revival here at present through the ministrations of Mrs. Emma Jeffries, formerly Mrs. Low, of San Francisco, who has been giving a series of lectures and public seances at the Liberal Institute in this city since the 1st of May. She is an unassuming, frank speaker and to judge from the flow of eloquence, logic, etc., which comes from her lips, is controlled by a highly progressed order of intelligence...

Spiritual Communication.

Spiritual Communication.—Hullo boss: me and Bill, I have been in Melbourne, Australia, a long time ago—1846. [Is this the first time you have come back to earth-life?] I've always been in earth-life. There's no difference. I'm a—of a spirit, I am! An angel? That's pretty good. I don't care a d— I've got a little daughter here, trying to lift me up. She's a nice little thing. She's the only angel I ever believed in, she always hangs on to me. Little Annie, God bless her! I'll tell you how it was. I was aboard the "Paul Jones," from New York to Melbourne. I went overboard in the storm. All hands busted up, trying to get out of the water. She says, "Father, don't swim. I left her with her mother. She came over in an hour. She has a smile on her face. Her old father would never hurt Annie. [Would you like me to pray?] If you want to. [After a short prayer for this poor spirit, the medium was controlled by the daughter.]—Spirit in Voice of Angels.

Washington, D. C.

Washington, D. C.—Geo. White writes:—You will soon hear the cheering news that we have reformed our society of about fifty members on a declaration of principles that repudiates the social freedom practice, and is based upon the observance of morality and virtue as the only means of a progressive life.

The Temple of Judgment.

The Temple of Judgment.—The great Temple of Judgment at Pooree is threatened with imminent destruction. Rank vegetation has taken root in the earth deposited in the cracks and crevices of the edifice, and by its growth is rapidly breasting up the structure. The foundations are everywhere pierced by roots, and the walls are in every part interlaced with fibers and branches of trees. Other Hindu shrines are suffering similar fate, and applications have been made to the Government to order the removal of the temple, to restore the building to its original state. "The petition," says the Athenaeum, "is cautiously urged on non-religious ground, that by Government aid alone India will be saved the loss of an important historical landmark. On the other hand, the rebuilding, under the patronage of the British Government of one of the leading shrines of India, would offend all but Hindus." The question of how far the Indian Government is responsible for the preservation of ancient Hindu architecture is thus forcing an immediate decision.

Monthly Report of Missionary Work in Minnesota.

Monthly Report of Missionary Work in Minnesota.—We have the following statement of our missionary labors in Minnesota for the month of May to submit. We opened the 2d, 3d, and 4th of North Branch, receipts \$8.00, expenses \$4.20; in Minneapolis, Sunday the 6th twice, receipts \$4.00; in Osseo, 7th, 8th and 9th, receipts \$4.10, expenses \$0.25; Minneapolis, 13th twice, receipts \$1.10; Soomes' school house, 17th, receipts \$0.25, expenses \$8.35; Minneapolis, 20th once; Excelsior, 23d, expenses \$2.00; Minneapolis, 27th, two lectures, receipts \$8.00. Whole number of lectures fifteen, total receipts, \$15.30, total expenses, \$8.75; net receipts for the month of May \$6.55. A light showing, truly, from a pecuniary point of view, yet in a spiritual way perhaps more has been accomplished than in any of the previous months of our labors in the State. God is coming to and from Minneapolis, where we gave Sunday lectures during the month to increasing audiences, enhanced our traveling expenses, and our lectures were free each Sunday in Minneapolis. And though little pecuniary profit has resulted to the association, we feel with many friends of our cause there, that the interest awakened fully justified the sacrifice made.—Thomas Cook, State Lecturer and Missionary.

Good or Bad.

Good or Bad.—"Good" and "bad" are but relative terms. In that sense, one may appear better than another, but it is not so. It is not infinitely worse, comparatively speaking, to those further advanced; the same as one might say, when speaking of a building, "This is a large house." "So it is," says another; "but it is very small compared to such an one." Thus it will be seen, really there is no high or low, only in spirit, and, according to the same standard, we are below others still higher, and vice versa.—J. J. Judd, Parole, in Voice of Angels.

Light is Breaking.

Light is Breaking.—W. C. Bowen reviews Beacher in the Investigator (Boston.) It appears that reverend gentleman said in a recent sermon—"Let a man ally himself to the noblest and purest currents in life, and then let death plant him, and we will trust for the aftergrowth." W. C. B. from a materialistic standpoint considers that the expression "Is a nugget of pure gold taken from the land of Liberalism into a Christian pulp, so that perchance the coin of it may be used in the business and conduct of life. Some Christian ministers and many of the laity are beginning to realize that the gold of that land is good." This allying one's self to the noblest and purest is that which develops true manhood, within us, and, as Emerson says, makes "the voice of the man who walks with God for good sweet as the rustle of the corn and creak of the mill of the miller's brook." Doing this is the best for the "life that now is," whether there be a future life or not.

Infant Damnation.

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Dr. A. B. Bartlett.

Dr. A. B. Bartlett, writes:—Dwellers in the mundane sphere, are aware that he who devotes himself to the service of others in earth-life, will often be so envied and weakened by their animosities which he must penetrate and even absorb, diverting the forces of his spirit into the side-issue of self-protection and his intended work in consequence is only half accomplished, and his power to work is exhausted. These things, I am taught, cannot accompany me to the next sphere where the soul follows, not the laws of temporary organization, but the laws of spirit-life and the guidance of the highest attained knowledge of its own nature, and therefore works out its true selfhood. Here, I work in atmospheres poisoned by the animosities of those who largely live the life of animals. There, I shall select the atmosphere that suits me, if I create it, and carry it along with me, as my protection against conditions and conventionalities which I may wish to correct, but which conditions would otherwise soil and weaken me as they do here.

A Medical Mass.

A Medical Mass.—It appears from a special telegram from St. Louis to the Times of this city, that the medical schools of medicine there have succeeded in the past few days in working up a serious row among themselves. There are rival colleges of Eclectic schools in St. Louis, one known as the St. Louis Eclectic and the other as the American Medical college. The faculty and pupils of the St. Louis college met in what they called the first annual convention of the association, and expelled from the association all the faculty of the American college. Another ninth annual convention was held at the American college, and Dr. J. P. McClanahan preferred charges against Dr. George H. Field and Dr. Henry Schwartz, the principal men in the St. Louis Ec-

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