

Voices from the People.

INFORMATION ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS.

For the Religio-Philosophical Journal. KINDRED SPIRITS.

Elizabeth Oakes Smith. Ask me not in what bright sphere celestial beings meet— If fashioned as we saw them here, Eyes, lips, and hands shall greet— I ask not, if, in yonder skies, Shall gleam, as here we know, The tenderness of dear, loved eyes, And nobleness of brow.

Our Love was no base, earthly love, With common smiles or tears; Our trust, the trust of years; A struggle for the high, the good, To keep a record pure, Prophetic in our darkest mood, That such love must endure.

For the Religio-Philosophical Journal. RIGHT.

J. E. ROBINSON. Do thou the right. Be thither royal goal In life's arena, waiting not for peace; Of praise from man, the beggar's dole— Thy recompense inhering in thy deed.

In the glad presence of thy second birth, New York, City. Aspiration. We may offer up no formal prayer, asking the infinite to come to us and out of his infinite mercy forgive us for our sins.

For the Religio-Philosophical Journal. Facts vs. Misstatements.

Why should men who ought to know better persist in crying shame when there is no peace? When Brother Stebbins huris the words "pessimism" and "pessimistic" at the heads of those who don't believe the line of the working class is steadily upward to a plane of prosperity and happiness.

direct taxation. "Federal taxation," he says, "has increased sixfold since 1860, and the whole of this increase has been taken out of the relatively poorer classes. At the same time, the profit, which is secured to the wealthier classes by the adjustment of indirect taxes in their interest, has been increased not less than tenfold." He makes the startling statement that "the rich pay in taxes only 3 to 10 per cent. on their annual savings, while the poor pay from 75 to 80 per cent. on their savings."

Dangers in the Obsession Doctrine.

I have read with a sort of horror an account published in the JOURNAL of November 9, of a case of so-called obsession, and I write upon the impulse of the feeling.

Why Am I a Spiritualist?

In the fall of 1888, I attended a Missionary Baptist revival meeting for pastime, being a skeptic. The good brothers and sisters tried to get me to join the church, but feeling somewhat inclined to study over the matter, they got the minister to talk to me about my soul's welfare.

Basin of Faith.

For all things mundane there must be natural causes and it ought to be the purpose of the promulgator of spiritual philosophy to so far analyze those causes as to produce a showing of the bottom facts that should substantiate a science, if science there is in the operation of the phenomena upon which Spiritualism is founded.

while at the stand, or at any time previous to the sitting. On making two other attempts, material objects were placed upon the table. The next evening, a friend and myself went to another part of the city to hold a séance for materialization, where there was a cabinet arranged.

Sectarian Strife in Politics.

We are glad to see our able contemporary, The Christian Union, taking the same ground as the JOURNAL on a matter of vital importance. The principle involved reaches beyond the confines of the Indian problem, and consistently carried out means the complete secularization of the State.

Good Words from a Medium.

Thursday of each week brings to us the JOURNAL, We peruse its contents with satisfaction and pleasure, finding many rare gems of thought adorning its columns, and then it is that I earnestly wish it might be found in every home.

Col. Robert G. Ingersoll.

The public read with pleasure the speeches and extracts from the written works of the above gentleman, and they are even much admired. They seem to be a satire on all the learned prattle of our fashionable pulpits.

Early Training.

If we make mistakes in life it is because we were taught no better in youth by our teachers. But our teachers probably taught as well as they knew how, for they had received no better instruction from those who preceded them.

pleased at our wayward acts, and will require us to give an account of all idle words spoken by us. These things are forced upon us without reasoning and, therefore, as we have not the experience we submit through illal fear; but as we grow older and our reason comes into activity, how very different things look to me. The first thought that comes is, "If God is love, how can he consign a spirit to everlasting torment, a thing that a finite being would not dare to do, and how could an infinite being do that which the finite would most certainly recoil from?"

Opinion from Above "Timber Line."

Leadville is a thriving city in Colorado, and, as all the world knows, the centre of exhaustless mines of precious metal. Situate 10,000 feet above the sea and populated by an intelligent and energetic people it is a phenomenon even for this country.

Mystified.

The spirits seem to be unusually active in Canada, and are probably making up for lost time. The following paragraph we copy from the Central Canadian of December 5, a weekly paper published at Carlton Place, Ontario:

Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mr. Gemble, of the international hotel, Gannan-ogue, is mystified. Recently, after supper, shot began falling from the ceiling in his dining-room, and soon came down in great quantities all over the place.

Differently Affected.

I notice that some one has "stopped his paper" or refused to renew because you make war on Spiritualists. In my case it is different. I renew because you make war on Spiritualists so called—those who are such "for revenue only."

Notes and Extracts on Miscellaneous Subjects.

Miss Jennie Flood is the richest unmarried woman in California. The Coney Islanders know mighty well what the wild waves are saying. The largest university is that of Oxford, England. It consists of twenty-five colleges and five halls.

Fortress Monroe.

Fortress Monroe is the largest single fortification in the world. It has already cost the American Government over \$3,000,000. The water battery is considered one of the finest military works in the world.

The London Star.

The London Star says that the Shah returned to Robert Browning the set of the poet's works recently presented, with the explanation that he is studying English now and cannot undertake to learn a new language.

