## The Absurdity of Drinking.

It has become a sort of popular-al most national-faith that it is not possi ble to be truly happy unless you drink. Among certain classes, and they are by no means exclusively the lowest, drink is the beginning and end of everything. The very name of liquor is held to be synonymous with enjoyment, and the dearer the liquor the more it is prized and coveted. Yet every man who is not a downright drunkard, is well aware that the pleasures of drinking are, beyond a certain point, a delusion and a snare. I put it to anyone who has stood in a club-room drinking, smoking, and bandying reckless talk, if the enjoyment of such an evening has been anything like that of a few quiet hours spent at home with a book or newspaper? The evil influence of tavern pleasures on the health is too obvious to be denied by anyone; and the illusory nature of the pleasures themselves would be undeniable also if the persons who indulge in them did not deceive themselves and put the truth out of sight. No good ever came of a drinking bout yet. It is a short, feverish spasm of animal enjoyment, which leaves nothing behind but remorse, regret, bad temper, self-reproach and headache. I should like to ask you, sir, if you say your prayers when you come home in this state? No. you do not. You postpone them until you have purged yourself, your mind, and your lips by more rational behavior. Next night when you pass the hours at home with a book or a friend you feel that you have had real enjoyment, and that the time has passed pleasantly, that you have learned something, and that you have not injured your health. You are not ashamed to say your prayers, and you get up next morning with a clear head, a good appetite, and increased facility for work and enjoyment of life.

What Breaks Down Young Men. It is a commonly received notion that hard study is the unhealthy element of college life. But from tables of the morby Professor Pierce from the last trien- reaching the public. njal catalogue, it is clearly demonstrated that the excess of deaths for the first ten years after graduation, is found in that portion of each class inferior in scholarship. Every one who has been through the curriculum knows that where Æschylus and political economy injures . late hours and rum uses up a dozen: and that the two little fingers of Morpheus are heavier than the lions of Euclid

Dissipation is a swift and sure destroyer, and every young man who follows it is the early flower exposed to untimely frost. Those who have been inveigled in the path of vice are named "Legion, for they are many-enough to convince every novitiate that he has no security that he shall escape a similar fate. A few hours of sleep each night, high living and plenty of "smasher," make war upon every function of the human body. The brains, the heart, the lungs, the liver, the spine, the limbs, the bones, the flesh-every part and faculty-are overtasked, worn and weakened by the terrific energy of passion and appetite loosed from restraint, until like a dilapidated mansion, the "earthly house of this tabernacle" falls into ruinous decay. Fast

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## Counsels to Youth.

Let your youth ever remember that the journey of life presents few if any obstacles in its path which faith and perseverance will not overcome. No talents, however great, will be of much value to the owner without careful using many a youth has failed of being any benefit to himself or others, solely because he made no effort to improve the talents God had given him, and others have ruined themselves by too great efforts, while a third class, possessing talents that might have enabled them to become blessings to others, have turned their course downward, and by drinking, smoking, gambling and licentiousness of self-abuse have sunk in everlasting night. Youth remember that it is in your power to belong to either of these classes, and on yourself rests happiness or misery, consequent on your decision.

Most young men consider it a misfortune to be born poor, or not to have capital enough to establish themselves at the outset of life in a good and comfortable business. This is a mistaken notion. So far from poverty being a misfortune to them, if we may judge from what we daily behold, it is a blessing; the chances now furnish anything, from a who starts with a fortune. Most rich men's sons die in poverty, while many poor men's sons come to wealth and hon or. It is a blessing, instead of a curse, to have to work out their own fortune.

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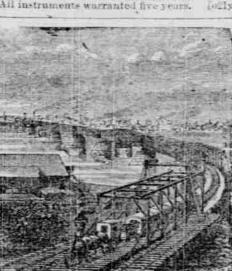
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