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"NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THEE."

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THY POWER.*

DEDICATED TO THE YOUTH WHO DOUBTS HIS
INFLUENCE.

My friend ! thou *hast* a power !
Oh ! in the needed hour
Wield it for purity, and truth, and right !
'Twas lent of God to thee
To use eternally
For Him be faithful ! Work with mind and
might !

All hours are hours of need ;
Oh ! do not, in thy greed
For pleasure, aid a weaker brother's fall ;
Though *thou* perchance art strong,
Yet *he* doth feel the thong
That binds him when he hears the tempter's
call.

Touch not the ruby glass,
Nor hold it as he pass ;
Its rays are rays of fierce and scorching fire,
Nor stand 'mid smoke wreaths blown
From out thy lips, but own
And heed the admonition—" *Come up higher.*"

Take not within thy hand
The cards that can command
The loser's portion for the winner's gain ;
Though *thou* no harm may share,
Yet with them lies a snare
For many another, then refrain—refrain !

Drop not from off thy tongue
Words which, from others flung,
Would make thine eyes in pitying wonder
stare ;
Keep thy heart undefiled,
Pure as a little child
Whose soul is purity, and *never swear.*

O youth, beware, beware !
Hold not a glittering snare
To tempt another toward the path of woe ;

The power that thou dost wield,
The good thou yet may'st yield,
Thyself, nor other mortal, may not know.

Oh ! heed the great command,
As round thee weak ones stand,
'Tis sounding still from heaven : "*Let thy
light shine !*"
That they, as they behold
Thy pure life, true and bold,
With theirs shall glorify the One divine.

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[*Suggested by a conversation with a student of Cornell University on the subject of popular bad habits and the power of personal example.]

THE HUMAN SOUL.

ITS ORIGIN, NATURE AND IMMORTALITY.

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Having reflected much upon questions involved in the above named subjects, I have resolved to offer for the consideration of others some thoughts suggested and some conclusions drawn.

A number of years ago, in course of a conversation with a minister belonging to one of the Evangelical churches, who is also a man of science, he made the following remark : "Outside of the Bible there is to be found no proof of the immortality of the soul." When I alluded to some things I had read, including Dr. Young's Infidel Reclaimed, as appearing to me to furnish such proof, he replied : "They only amount to a very strong probability." Upon reflection I became satisfied regarding the correctness of his statement, and that many courses of reasoning upon the subject, which carry in them much weight, such as to bring conviction to most minds, appearing to furnish undeniable evidence, do yet come short of positive proof ; and that at least,