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Sunday Chatters

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"I bere is a fire-fly in the southern clime, That shineth only when upon the wing ;-So is it with our minds; if once we rest, We'darken Up, to action ! Lo the morning, Dawnoth in the eastern sky, Let the first beams of the daylight Serve a purpose pure and high. All the powers, inert while sleeping, God anew to thee hath given, I berefore let thy first aspirings, Rise on the morning air to heaven.

Up, to action ! weak the spirit That in idle dreaming lies Let thy soul be strong and earnest ; Let it sock its native skies : Let the glory of the morning Wake thy spirit's purest joy In a deep and true devotion These thy waking hours employ.

On, to action-Life is passing-With a strong and fearless soul Go to meet the day's first duties-Seek thy spirit's unreached soul, Strive to have the morning's beauty All reflected in thy life ; Try to keep its holy calmness Undisturbed by passion's strife.

On, to action-Lo, unwearied Still ascends the glowing sun-On ! like him, be thou untiring ; Cease not till thy task be done, Let thy conscience bear the witness, When thou lookest back at night, That thy motives have been noble, And thine actions pure and right.

On, to action-for the spirit Loseth while at rest, And in vigorous, dauntless doing It fulfils its purpose best. Every action leaves its record Written on the deathless soul ; Never can its traces perish ; Though eternal ages roll.

On to action-still unwearied, Calm of heart and strong of hand, By thine acts of love and duty Fitting for the heavenly land, There, life's trials and its sorrows, And its sad repentance o'er, Acting with more noble powers, Thou wilt need to rest no more.

Yes! in action, higher action, Thou will spend that end'ess day, And the joy of firm, right doing

in the year 1762, these noises recommenced, and were at first heard about the bed of Miss Parsons, who was then about fifteen years of age. It was soon ascertained that this girl was in some way connected with THE "YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION." the cause of these "Rappings." She was "And shall the spirit-on whose andent gaze removed from house to house, but the noises The day-spring from on followed her, and were always heard near, or about her person. Sometimes she would seem to be greatly agitated, but at other times would be quite unmoved.

About eighteen months subsequently, and

It was not long before these noises were attributed to supernatural agency, and it was

who had come to discover her murderer. which the supposed spifft answered by giv- was listened to throughout with intense in- as though he could not exist without it.

the negative. able sums of money were said to have been "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of record of broken vows,-and each leaving given to Parsons by a credulous public.

 Horace Walpole, the Prime Minister of understanding." ever to be tested, and three persons were to that which satisfieth not, eagerly grasping --- and, at festive boards, where he had once a little white cottage, with a green mountain

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the deep valley of the shades of dest' What bright exchange, what treasure shall be given, For the high burh-right of its hope in heaven? It lost the gent, which emp res could not buy, What yet remains?--a dark eternity."

said to be the ghost of the said Miss Fanny, I have been thinking, to-day, of a very been directed to the noblest of purposes .-pleasant and profitable evening spent some and instead of a melancholy instance of It is recorded that on the 13th of January few weeks ago, in the Temperance Hall, wasted powers and perverted talents, he 1762, between 11 and 12 o'clock at night, a where were gathered together a large and might have lived to be a blessing to the land respectable clergyman, who was sent for, attentive audience, to witness the formation of his adoption,-and his name be held in and who addressing the supposed spirit, de- of a "Young Men's Christian Association." universal esteem. But courted, admired, sired that if any injury had been done to The introductory lecture was delivered by and caressed, by the gay and worldly,-a the person who had lived in that house, he might be answered by a single knock; if the and no slight one I deem it, from time to ling wine-cup held a conspicuous place, he contrary, by two knocks. This was immedi- time to sit; and the lecture was replete with again and again partook of the soul-destrorately answered by a single knock. 'A num- sentiments, that elevate and dignify man. ing beverage, until the fatal habit had insinber of other questions were also asked, to clothed in language classically elegant, -and uated itself into his very life, and it seemed

ing one knock in the affirmative, and two in terest. Independent of the occasion, which At length his eyes were opened to his The story of "The Cock Lane Ghost," as to be both profitable and interesting,—for it effort to release himself from its oppressive it was called, spread far and wide; and for must be profitable to all, to have the mind thraldom,-and bidding adieu to his gay three months all London was in a state of called off from petty cares, and grovelling companions, he sailed to another land; but surprise and excitement. Multitudes were thoughts, to a contemplation of its immortal the fatal habit was not so easily conquered. attracted to the spot. Titled nobles, and powers,-of the responsibility under which Again was he exposed to powerful temptaministers of state, scholars and divines, were it is laid to cultivate those powers, -and of tion, -again caressed and flattered, -and, seen among the crowds that daily and nightly the high destiny which awaits the man, who, again, the hand of friendship proffered, to thronged the obscure house where these un- seeking for knowledge as silver, and search- his lips, the deadly poison. Years glided accountable noises were heard, and consider- ing for her, as for hid treasure, finds that on, each, no doubt, bearing with them the

England, visited the house of "The Cock Living in a world where the wants of scarcely in the prime of manhood. He re-Lane Ghost ;" and Doctor Johnson is by man's physical nature so completely absorb turned, but how changed. some writers said to have been there also. At length some persons began to see a trick in the whole affair, but others main-trick? or, where withal shall we be clothed?" tained that it was the very ghost of the while the soul, the immortal soul, that un- And still the fatal habit pursued him,murdered Fanny. The matter was how- dying principle, is left to perish, or fed on and soon he became an outcast from society,

go into the vault under the Church of St. the empty vanities and pleasures of the been a welcome guest, his name was never behind a bushy lane in front, there lived a there is time enough yet. I will prepare for who, when exhorted to all their Fanny was interred, when the ghost pro- turning away with the cry, " Happiness is

was then, in all the pride of early manhood. The social qualities, which men so much admire, he possessed in an eminent degree, -and his wit, his good humor, and vivacity, rendered him a delightful companion at the

festive board. He was ambitious, too. "I will not be unknown, I will make myself a lofty name, I wil be something, I will do something," these were his aspirations, often expressed to his friends, aspirations, alas, which have been craelly blighted. Oh had he then become a companion of the good and wise, how might that ambition have

called it forth, such a lecture could not fail danger,-and he determined on making an wisdom .- and the knowledge of the holy is him more hopeless of reform, until he returned to our city prematurely old, though

mised to knock three times on the coffin, to not in ye,"-it is well to have the attention Institution had resolved on cheering the ligion, but they were strangers to the peace name for longer delay. Ask the dying sin-selves,"; would imitate the example of our aroused, and the thoughts directed to sub-Accordingly the three persons went into jects of a nobler and more elevating charac-the vault one dark night at the appointed ter,—to be pointed to sources of inexhausti-the vault one dark night at the appointed ter,—to be pointed to sources of inexhausti-the vault one dark night at the appointed ter,—to be pointed to sources of inexhausti-the vault one dark night at the appointed ter,—to be pointed to sources of inexhausti-the vault one dark night at the appointed ter,—to be pointed to sources of inexhausti-the vault one dark night at the appointed ter,—to be pointed to sources of inexhausti-the vault one dark night at the appointed ter,—to be pointed to sources of inexhausti-the vault one dark night at the appointed ter,—to be pointed to sources of inexhausti-the vault one dark night at the appointed ter,—to be pointed to sources of inexhausti-the vault one dark night at the appointed ter,—to be pointed to sources of inexhausti-the vault one dark night at the appointed ter,—to be pointed to sources of inexhausti-the vault one dark night at the appointed ter,—to be pointed to sources of inexhausti-the vault one dark night at the appointed ter,—to be pointed to sources of inexhausti-the vault one dark night at the appointed ter,—to be pointed to sources of inexhausti-the value term of the rest of the r hour, and the coffin of Miss Fanny having ble happiness, to that fountain, whose springs ness it. But, previous to its commencement, they comforted themselves with the belief, been pointed out to them by the sexton, they of waters fail not, and of which Divine an old and venerable servant of God, was that, inasmuch they went to church every challenged the Ghost to fulfil the promise Truth has declared, "he that drinketh of it deputed to proclaim the glad tidings of sal- Sabbath, and Eved soberly and morally, they and "rap" three times. The challenge was shall never thirst." Often thus, when listenrepeated, but in vain; there was no response, ing to "thoughts that breathe and words" and loving tones, the "Friend that sticketh mercy. But cae day, as they sat together in sin." Unhappy man! A trilling price it was his indisper The party therefore left the vault, satisfied that burn," we become absorbed in the subthat they had been imposed upon by the ject; the e pty triffes and vain pursuits of comforter had none;-and the school-room the wife was awakened to a sense of her awthat they had been imposed upon by the jeet; the e bity trines and van parsate of girl Parsons. A pun was written by Churchill upon the visit of this trio to the valit of Clerkenty,-awakens to a just appreciation of its was it, to behold youth and age, the maimed, She trembled and wept bitterly; she cried powers,-and asks, in tones that will take the halt and the blind, assembled to hearken unto God, and he heard her. Through the All three turned silent, and came out." The fraud now was apparent, and the girl Steam out." The fraud now was apparent, and the girl Steam out." The fraud now was apparent, and the girl Steam out. The fraud now was apparent, and the girl Steam out. The fraud now was apparent, and the girl Steam out. The fraud now was apparent, and the girl Steam out. The fraud now was apparent, and the girl Steam out. Steam Parsons was put to the test. She was re-happy, thrice happy, they who, when retir-sinners to repentance,"-but as my glance ing. moved to another house, where her bed was ing from those earnest and soul-quickening wandered over the motley group, one, espeappeals, stifle not the voice of conscience, cially, arrested my attention. That face, of his wite. It quietly accompanied her to that form, could it? yes, -- it must be his. the chapel where she had received her first but what a wreck was there. From his religious impressions. He offered no objec-Sick of the service of a world, that feeds. Its patient drudges, on dry chaff and weeds,-Escape, at last, from custom's idiot sway, To serve the Sovereign they were born to obey." eyes, the light of intellect and reason had tions when she publicly united with the dis- "Kirwin," in a recent volume of travels Nor are such occasions unprofitable, or and sunken; an unmeaning smile played true godliness. The pious wife watched and a fearful chamber in the castle of the Duke long and four wide, upon which she product a feartal chamber in the castle of the sounds or "knocks," but so unlike the unnecessary to the Christian. In his own round his lips,—and his brown hair, once so wept and prayed over him. One New of Balen-Baden, in Germany : ed sounds or "knocks," but so unlike the unnecessary to the Christian. In his own carefully tended, now looked dishevelled and Years' day she went into her closet, and "We made a morning call at the new case detected. Her father was taken into custo-dy, and sentenced to soffer the pillory for earth;"-and, in constant association with At the close of the service, a few friends, tion of every day of that year to special and were shown through all its apartments. dy, and sentenced to suffer the pillory for fraud upon the public. Since which nothing has been heard of "The Cock Lane Ghost." and holy principles by gathered around him. He appeared to re-the base of the cock Lane Ghost." and holy principles by and holy principles by by a base of the cock Lane Ghost."as been heard of "The Cock Lane Ghost." getting those high and boy principles of cognise them, --but spoke of his present con-For about eighty-six years the whole which he professes to be governed, --and cognise them, --but spoke of his present con-But months passed away, and still the man's see the table at which a reigning prince signed thus, requires continually to have his " pure dition in a manner that indicated he had fost heart was not softened; he was still the coff.e. We have seen the breakfast room and matter of "rapping" slept; but some time in thus, requires community to nave its pure all sense, or memory of the past; -- and so the same kind and sober, but prayerless and table of many in America more richly furin the house of Mr. Michael Weekman, in And what can be better calculated to draw they left him, a harmless maniac. the town of Arcadia, Wayne County, in the off his thoughts, from too engrossing an at- His death occurred shortly after.--and a tention to the things of the world, than an pauper's grave is his resting-place. Friend-Mr. Weekman and his family heard cer- bour thus spent, in listening to such an ad- ship's hand has twined no wreath around dress? Then, while earth recedes from his that lonely tomb, no tears of affection are wife again resolved to set apart a portion of terest. With highted torches we went down view, the better land, to which faith points, shed above it,-and his name but seems to becomes more distinctly visible; those lofty awaken now, in the hearts of a few, who ing crockery - all done by some invisible and elevating sentiments, which the ear still remember him, painful and bitter recolcatches, and the heart retains, are they not lection of what he might have been.

I SLEEP - and in the dreams of night Surpassing fair, and calin, and bright, My far-off home appears ; Though ceaseless roll the ages by,

No temples there in ruin he Beneath the weight of years.

I sleep-as in a magic glass Such forms of light and glory pass.

In bright ranks to and fro ; All freshly on each deathless brow, As long of yore, so changeless now, Their crowns celestial glow.

No shade upon the smile they wear. No stain/upon their vesture fair. Xy wondering eyes discern :

The days of toil, of sorrow, past, Their pilgrim feet have won at last The bourne whence none return.

I dream-and in my thrilling ear There echo tones more strangely clear,

More sweet than notes of spring ; When, dreary winter past away, I hear the wild bird's joyous lay Through wood and welkin ring.

One name upon those, lips of love Now echoes through the realms above, More dear than aught beside. O lamb of God ! of thee they tell, The name is thine they love so well, Thou scorned and crucified

How vainly gaze my longing eyes, My bosom yearns, my spirit sighs, That joy supreme to share ; To taste the bliss of Thy repose, Whose love profound no mortal knows. But they who enter there.

#### Power and Efficacy of Prayer.

respectable farm labourer and his wife. At length, one festival day, a benevolent They were not without some respect for re-

strayed, and of the erect and graceful form, " I Sleep, but my Heart Waketh." please. When shall I be a man ?"- Hasten open air. We all breathed easier, and a on simple dreamer, manhood will come too feeling of fear gave way to one of security. soon. Ask the youth as he closes his book We were soon after on the railway, for and dreams of future greatness. "O that I Frankfort on the Maine, deeply affected by had power, he replies, "O that I could direct the beauty and wickedness of Baden-Baden, and control men. The whole world should thankful that its days of penal tyranny were feel my influence. Men everywhere should at an end."

speak in admiration of my explosts. Boundwealth and bonor should be mine."-Wild visionary, age will' sober your ambition. Ask the man of pleasure. " I live in the present," he replies. " Health and strength are mine. Forms of beauty, curling locks, bright eyes and blushing cheeks

are about me. Excitement trembles in the cuit was called to sustain a serious loss in ruddy wine and trips lightly in the dance. the death of one of our young mon, brother I must have pleasure and I live in the pres- William CHANDLEY, jupper, son of Joseph ent." But have you no care for the Future? and Elizabeth Chan liey of this town, in the "Stranger," he replies, " they tell me of 23.d year of his age. At a protra ted meet-

another world - a mysterious future after ing held in this place by the Roy, F. MOORE, death. With that I have no present con- in April 1852, our brother was awakened to cern. I am young and shall live long yet, see his sinful state by nature and practice, It will be soon enough to care for that future and the necessity of his immedia ely seeking when death approaches. Till then, on with salvation in the way so clearly pointed out the dance. Fill to the brim the wine cup. in the gospel of Christ. He repented of his Wake again the shout of merriment. The sins in deep humiliation before the Starcher world is full of pleasure, and I must enjoy of hearts, and while in the exercise of that it."-Careless dreamer, your sleep may have faith which not only apprehends, but also a fearful waking. Ask the man of business. appropriates the atonement of the great Sa-I must make a few more additions to my crifice, he obtained a sense of pardon. fortune," he answers. "I have no leisure And why, we may be allowed to ask.

at present, but in a few more years, when 1 may not all those interesting youths, who have secured a competence, I will relinquish compose so large a portion of all our conthese pursuits, and prepare for an eternal gregations in this District, and elsewhere, future." Deluded man! in a few more obtain the same inestimable blessing-a years where may you be? A-k the man blessing so essential to their present and whose head is already whitened for the eternal welfare? There was no miracle grave. He surely will talk with you of the brought to effect our late brother's converfuture. "How happy," he replies, "were sion. He was convinced that he was a sinthe days of my boyhood. How green were ner, --but he learned that Carist Jesus came the fields, and how pleasant was the music of into the world to sare sinners, and that He the streams! How clear and joyous was the laugh of my gay companions. O that I is no wise cast out." Our brother yielding were young again !" Aged man, you talk to the teaching of the Divine word, and of time past, do you never think of the fu- drawing of the Holy Spirit, made the trial ture? "It is an awful theme," he replies - applied by faith and prayer to the only I sometimes try to think of it, but my mind Saviour of men, and the result was just what instinctively turns away. I can look for- the God of truth has promised, and similar ward to little pleasure in this world, and 1 to what myriads of true penitent seekers of it soon." Aged man, your sand is almost eternal interests, resort to that fallacious heart-strings ! It racks my soul with agony ! that salvation revealed in the gospel with To me it is a world of to: ment ! The wealth his whole heart, and was soon made a happy of the universe were a trifling price, could it participant of the peace and love of God.

purchase back but a year, a month, even a Having found the pearl of great price he single week of the time I have whiled away soon learned from the Holy Scriptures that sable duty, an indeed! A-k the Christian. " The future,' indeed! A-k the Christian. "The future," privilege, to join himself to the Church of the replies, "It is a glorious theme ! It is God. In the place where he was spiritual is the paradise of God !" Happy man !toral guidance and sympathy, amid his vari-Your Saviour smiles upon you. O, Future, ous trials and temptations. And never, 1 what are you? List! Its voice sighs to believe, did any young Christian more highour ears from the graves of the mouldering ly prize, or more punctually attend the ordead. It speaks aloud in the clear strong dinances of God's house. In the company language of Revelation. "I am a world of his fellow disciples he appeared to be in a joy, or a world of woe. - Prepare ! For I congenial element, and to breathe an atmosphere healthful to a mind intensely desirous of a vigorous growth in the divine life. As a Teacher in our Sunday School he faithfully discharged the duties of that important office; and his amiable disposition and courteous manners could no fail to win the affections of those children who were favoured with his instructions, and secure the esteem of his fellow teachers. To qualify himself for future usefulness in the cause of his Divine Master, he endeavoured to obtain such books as were considered to be most suitable to increase his store of B blical knowledge, as well as promote his personal holiness. A few months previous to his de cease he obtained from our Book Depot, in Halifax, through the medium of his Minis ter, a copy of Benson's Commentary on the Holy Scriptures ;- a work that can scarcely be too highly valued by sincere lovers of sound evangelical theology. The little time that an industrious performance of his secudevoted to reading, meditation and prayer, Another valuable trait in our brother's character was, an enlightened and conscientious appropriation of a certain portion of his earnings to the support of the Redeemer's cause. At one of my visite to interack-room, no pat into my hand ficeshillings, saying-I have solemnly purposed to give one teath of my little income to the cause of God, and I have just now been paid ten dollars." Hos well it would be for many with have long professed to be the disciples of the benevic ent Redeemer, and who, while they have not been backward in acknowledging with their lips their indebtedness to the merciful Saviour, if they would learn a lesson from upon to contribute of their earthly sub-tance or the advancement of Christ's kingdom in the world, manifest a coverousness that has often produced a contemptuous sneer from mere men of the world. How truly inscrutable to mortals are often the ways of God, while such young men are so much needed in our church, and we have not unfrequently to lament the paucity of suitable agency as office-bearers therein .--lent hemorrhage of the lange, which in the course of a few weeks leit no ground for his are they brought to desolation, as in a mo- grace of God, he too became a trophy of re- worse than guilt. When condemned, they family and friends to indulge any hope of his recovery. As his sufferings in general low tone of voice, to speak abundantly of his spiritual enjoyments, and delightful prospect of being forever with the Lord. Lie was entirely resigned to the will of his heavenly parents respecting the state of his mind, he replied, "I am willing to live, and serve Curist, which is tar belie ." Our beloved brother was highly respected by this comnot only by the large attendance at his funeral, but more especially by den-ely crowding neath us through which the bolies of their our Chapel on the following Sab ath even-victims were let down for mullation, so as ing, when a serinon was preached suitable to be beyond the reach of recognizance! to the occasion, from 1 Tarsa, iv, 13-18. HENRY POPE.

### FOR THE PROVINCIAL WESLETAN ] Obituary Notices.

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ME. WILLIAM CHANDLEY, JUNE, OF

WINDSOR. On the 9th inst., our church in this Cir-

Still will bless thy cloudless way, All thy weary striving over, All thine erring deeds forgiven, Thou wilt find that sinless action Is the noblest joy of heaven. -Independent.

#### [FOR THE PROVINCIAL WESLEYAN.] Spirit Rapping and Writing.

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SIR - Perhaps there is not a greater de-Insion in modern times nor has a more insidious plan ever been adopted by either universalists or infidels, to draw away men's minds from the simplicity of the Gospel than "Spirit Ropping," and "Spirit Writing," and "Table Turning."

When this imposture was first heard of, many persons considered it only as a hoax. Some looked upon it as a new form of Legerdemain, while few if any thought it would ever a-sume anything like an antagonist position to revealed truth. All these calculations were beside the

ion with Christian Churches, have been

duped, and in some instances Christian Min-

isters have so far forgotten their duty ; and

so far descended from the dignity of their

A female itinerant belonging to the frater-

nity, has recently visited the Town of Yar-

mouth. She came from Bangor, via St.

John. On her arrival, she advertised for

practice, and according to report she is very

dexterous in her profession. She will hold

a "tete a tete" with a table, tell fortunes,

and perform other tents, in many respects

not interior to the witcheraft of the Bible,

Numbers, were infatuated by her perform-

ances, and the evil effect of her visit both

religiously and morally was apparent .--

At length both-the Palpit and the Press took

up the matter, and she found it expedient to

Fretire. It is said she is now gone to en-

transmit for insertion in your Journal.

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family named Parsons, there came to reside

WILLIAM WILSON.

cially the denizens of Halifax.

or the " Pythias" of Greeian fame.

throw herself into an ecstacy, cure diseases,

ed with the most manifest contempt.

mark ; for "Spirit Rapping" certainly presents to the murds of the credulous, a number of mysterious and imposing phenomena; it has captivated multitudes; its advocates and projectors have become an organized body; it teaches a philosophy peculiar to itself; its theology is universalism; it has its own circle of literature ; moreover, it has its Lecturers and Missionaries going through the world, scattering broad cast among men,

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SPIRIT RAPPING -ITS HISTORY.

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well Church, in which is this couplet : " Silent all three went in; about

put into a hammock, and her feet and hands tied apart, when the knocking immediately ceased. The next day she was threatened to be sent to Newgate, unless she reproduced the "knockings;" when she concealed a piece of board under her clothes, six inches

detected. Her father was taken into custo- truth, that "Earth's children cleave to wild.

State of New York.

tain knockings and other mysterious noises, followed by certain s range tricks, such as its pernicious and God-dishonouring princi-

At first the family was much frightened, a type of those, which form the theme of the converse of glorified spirits, -" and what," siles. Christian men and christian women; but in time they became recustomed thereto. he is ready to exclaim, " if communion with some of whom were in respectable connexand their fears gradually subsided. in good and great intellects on earth, afford so two daughters, whose names were Catherine sociated with this state of being? and Margaretta. By the cunning of these Foxes, the "rapping" was systemized and

high station, as themselves to become " Spirit. Rappers" or " Writing Mediums!" thus has rendered available, to such an extent, that religion been outraged-infidelity has rethey have been enabled to retire on indejoiced-and the commands of Heaven treatpendent fortunes.

The knocking had hitherto been unmean- had almost forgotten the occasion on which ing sounds, but the Fox girls soon adopted it was delivered, namely, the formation of the plan of Miss Parsons, and pretending, as the Young Men's Christian Association; an she had done, that the knocks were produced by spirits, they arranged with the supposed edification, and for the prayerful study of the spirits as to the manner or number of knocks Holy Scriptures, not, however, to the excluhat should be considered satisfactory to any sion of human science, in its varied branches. question that might be proposed. These girls called themselves or were benefit, to the class for which it is especially called by others "mediums;" by which is designed, none will, for a moment, doubt,meant persons who can converse between a class, who are peculiarly exposed, to varied with their deceased friends, and to get infor- and sympathy can afford. For the want of mation respecting unknown or future things. such aid, and kindly influence, many a youth, The letters of the alphabet were soon brought leaving the paternal abode, and seeking a into use, in order to spell out answers: a livelihood in another land, has fallen a prey "rap" being given when the right letter to the tempter,-and either lives to blight,

lighten the people to the Eastward, and espewas touched. The answers were often wrong; but they within his sphere, or, speedily, becomes the As I have been called upon, with other were sometimes correct, which was sufficient tenant of a dishonoured grave. Ministers, to expose "the Rapping:" as a to give these necromancers a wide spread re-But night is closing in around me,-and matter of necessity, I have been led to inas I rise to draw the curtains, and stir the putation. vestigate the subject as extensively as possiglowing embers into a brighter blaze, the All who went to consult the "mediums" ble, and the result of that investigation I

had to pay for it; "spirit rapping" and flickering firelight, playing on my fingers, "table moving" became a profitable busi- reveals a simple gem, which I never glance ness, improvements were constantly made in at, but it recalls, to memory, a painful illusit, and "mediums" sprung up like mushrooms in different parts of the States and of the British Provinces. "Rapping mediums" Spirit Rapping dates its origin as far back have also visited England, where great but whose mortal remains, have long since

iquitous system of necromancy. WM. WILSON. (To be Continued)

whom a daughter of Parson's occasionally A THOUGHT FOR YOUNG MEN.—No wreck it does, but how painful is that memory. slept. The character of Miss Fanny ap- is so shocking to behold as that of a dissolute A strang r, a son of the Emerald Isle, he assured that Christ saves all who come to It how come to It have come to It how come to It how come to It have come to It how come to It how come to It have come to It have come to It have come to It have come to It how come to It have come a young woman called Miss Fanny, with pears not to have been very good; and young man. On the person of the debauchee came to ca. city, and his pleasant counte-"Spirit Rapping" can be traced back to her. or inebriate, infamy is written. How nature nance, his frank bearing, and amiable dispo-

It is related that Miss Fanny complained hangs labels over him to testify her disgust sition, speedily procured him triends. one morning that she and her bed fellow had at his example! How she loosens his joints, have still a distinct recollection of that face, been disturbed all night by noises; which sends tremor along his muscles, and bends ruddy with the glow of health,--of those noises or "Rappings" continued to be heard forward his frame ! The wretch whose life- dark eyes, sparking with intelligence and for a length of time, until Miss Fanny re- long pleasure it has been to debase himself, good humor, --of that white and ample foremoved trashouse of Parsons; when and to debauch others, whose heart has been head, from which was carelessly brushed they entirely ceased. Miss Fanny soon spotted with sin so that it is black all over, thick clustering brown locks, through which, is an offence to the heart of the unblemished. no doubt, a Mother's slight fingers had often after died, supposed by poison.

## An Illustration of Faith.

But while descenting on the Lecture, I

it was derivered, namely, the formation of the Young Men's Christian Association; an association, combined for mutual religious d it one of each ere in the street, there was unbehaving doubts, the wrestled with God during the greater part of that formoon. At noon her husband returned home, and "Its history, as given us by our ed it, one at each corner, and stood under without noticing his wife or children passed and within its walls, is briefly as follows :- this pious youth, and no longer, when called the window. They told her to drop upon into a back chamber. When called to din- In the days of feudal clemency and inquisithe bed, and they would save her. In the ner he made no reply. His wife then went torial piety, those suspected of political or sion of human science, in its varied branches, mean time the flames had driven the young into the chamber, and found him seated with religious heresy were suldenly seized, and That such cannot fail to be of incalculable woman out of the window, and she was his face covered by his hands. To her in- confined in some of the adjacent cells. The clinging to the window-sill. The men below quiries he still kept silent. At last weeping, little room above described was the room of cry out to her to drop, and they will catch she said to him, "Husband, what is the mat- judgment, and the judges were let down by her. She fears, but they declare that they ter, what have I done, that you will neither machinery through the opening above. The world. Numbers went to them to converse all the assistance, that Christian combination The sinner is in imminent danger of God has this day brought all my sins to my shut out from every eye, save that of God perishing. Says the Psalmist: "Surely remembrance, and I am overwhelmed." It and their julges, they were tried and con- Our esteemed brother was seized with viothou didst set them in slippery places; thou was now the wife's privilege to point her demned. If not guilty, the accused were castedst them down into destruction. How husband to the Lamb of God, and by the hated or feared, which made condemnation

God says of the wicked, "Their deeming power. ment." God says of the wicked, "Their deeming power. foot shall slide in due time." And again, But they had unconverted neighbours, and Virgin in the apartment; in the movement, were not severe, he was able, although the When they cry peace and safety, sudden encouraged by the gracious answer vouch- they touched springs which caused her to destruction cometh upon them." While the safed to the wife's prayer, they besought the embrace them, and in the embrace to pierce destruction cometh upon them. While the safed to the wife's prayer, they obsolg with embrace them, and in the embrace to pierce impenitent sinner is this hanging over per-dition, Christ invites him to trust in him prayer meeting was established. God poured was sprung beneath their feet, which let and be saved. The awakened sinner feels out His Spirit. The house was too small their bodies fall upon a wheel armed with Father. Hence when asked by one of his himself to be in a most perilous situation.— for the number who attended. It was en- knives, which was kept in constant revolution He sees that he has broken God's law, and larged; but the company of believers still in- by a stream of water; by those knives they tration of the above remarks. When a lit-is under condemnation, and is liable, every creasing, who use of worship was built, and a the child, it was presented to me, by one, who tle child, it was presented to me, by one, who moment to fall into hell. Like the young church organized. It exists to this day, and ments fell into the stream below ! woman, whose case is above described, the many are still being added to the number of "And there we were, receiving this awful sinner cries for help-" Lord save, or I believers in that Welsh hamlet. Such were narrative in the very apartment were those munity in general, which was manifested obscure street called Cock Lane, West of money realized by the practice of this in- I have often thought it was a singular gift

What is the Future ?

gined, that when childish toys would be is assured that Christ can "save to the cast aside, this, in maturer years, would be uttermost all who come unto God by him." He is told to venture on him, to venture

serve to retain him in remembrance .- and hands, saying, "It I perish, I perish :

'I can but perish if I go; I am resouved to try; For .f I etay away. I know I must forever die.'" -N. Y. Observer.

The husband lid not oppose the religion come .- Buffalo Ch. Advocate. A Den of Horrors.

forever departed; his oheeks were pallid senters. But he still continued a stranger to in Europe, gives the following account of

there resolved that she would devote a por- the of the Dake, which surmounts the hill. godless man that he had ever been. The mahed. The upper apartments wore quite last day of the year closed over them, and an air of poverty, after having seen those at the wife's pravers were unanswered. Versailles, the Q tirinal and Turin. But the On the morning of the new year's day, the underground apartments possess a fearful in each day for special prayer for her husband, into the cellar of the palace ; thence by a during the next six months. And daily her spiral inclined plane we went down, down, lar business left at his command, he eager.y fervent prayers were offered, that the grace until by a door formed of one huge flag, and of God might melt that heart of a lamant. - , fitting to its place with remarkable exact- even to a late hour of night. The morning of the last day of that half ness, we entered a small oval room, perhaps

year dawned upon them, and the husband ten feet in diameter, and hewn out of the sowent out to his daily toil still Christless, still hid rock. The door was shut behind us, and During the fire in the city a dwelling- unawakened. Had her supplications never we were buried alive under the mountain Soon after this, there came to reside in exquisite a pleasure, what shall it be, when house was consumed, in which a young reached the mercy-seat; had the great High A ray of light came from above, and we freed from the imperfections necessarily as- woman came near losing her life. She was Privat failed to present them; or did the could look up as through a narrow chimney sleeping in the attic. All the lower parts God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ a stone was removed beneath our feet, and of the house were on fire before she was refuse to hear her cry? O, awful thoughts, i we could look down perhaps two or three awakened. From her room a dormar win- must her Lusband perish? Such were the hundred feet, and could see a little glianmer dow opened toward the street. Soon the thoughts which agitated her mind. She was of light upon a dashing current of water. flames burst into her room\_ She ran to the in agony; but her surest and only unfailing whose murmurings came up to us from bewindow, and shrieked for help. Though resource was prayer, and casting aside her neath. And all around the room were seats many people were in the street, there was unbelieving doubts, she wrestled with God cut out of the rock. And what was the ob-

"Its history, as given us by our guide

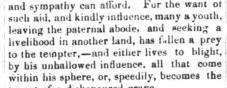
were commanded to kiss an image of the

neath us through which the bolies of their wholly. He hesitates. He feels that his Ask the intent before it has yet learned to For a moment our blood ran cold, and we

him: "Him that cometh unto me I will in parents as they look with pride upon it, ex- speak —it the infunctions of perpetual secre- MRS. LUCY ANN CARTER. 07 POINT DE BUTE. nowise cast out." Feeling his situation to claim, perhaps half unconsciously, "our child sy were removed by Him who upheaved the By the especial request of the friends of be growing worse and worse, and seeing no shall have a happy destiny. It shall be a mountain, what an awful narrative they the deceased. I am indice to forward, for other way of salvation, he drops into his solace to our age, and smooth for us the bed would give of the scenes of treaterery, hatred instrtion in the Protocial Westerra, the

you disappointed ! Ask the child as be frol-ics across your path. Scarcely pausing in The stone door swung open, and we LCCY ANN CARTER was the diughter of his sports be replies " When shall I be man? grop-dour way through a lapyrinth of chain- Thomas and Poleceoe Trueman. Sie was-Then I shall be large and strong and do as I bers and passages, darg as midnight, into the born at Point de Bate. Dec. 19.h 1315 .-

of death." Fond enthusia-ts how often are and dood there perpetrated in the name of following brief sketch of our-lept tel storer,



When round his throne we meet!

