

He is reckless and boisterous. He has no taste for reading, beyond an occasional glance at a newspaper. His evenings are uniformly passed in the streets; as often as he can get the means, at the theatre. His conversation is always low and vulgar, often obscene, and generally interspersed with horrid and senseless oaths. He thinks it manly to be able to toss off a glass of liquor at the tavern-bar. He affects the bully, and is often threatening to fight. He delights in rude and mischievous pranks, and finds a pleasure in tormenting others. He helps to "make night hideous," with his boisterous laugh, his ribaldry, and blasphemy.- At a late hour, he seeks his bed, more wearied by his amusements than by his labour. His work indeed is irksome to him, and frequently neglected or slighted. His Sabbaths are his gala-days. He is out upon wild excursions, or roving the streets in search of amusement. His mother's heart is oppressed whenever she thinks of his wayward life. He is no comfort to her now, nor is there any probability that he ever will be. His home, never happy, is more wretched when he is in it. For boisterous as is his mirth in the streets at home he is sullen and grumbling. He is cauterising all his social affections, and leaving uncultivated his intellectual powers. Few love and none respect him.

THE PROBABLE FUTURE.

It does not need a Prophet's foresight to predict the future course of these two young men. In all human probability, the one will be a respected, useful member of society, the other a scourge and a curse in the community, or at least will find a level among the lowest and most debased classes. The one may look forward to the confidence and regard of men; the other to their scorn or difference. The one has already begun to rise, the other to sink. The influence of the one will be beneficial, of the other baneful. These characteristics and habits of youth must mould the future life, and prove a blessing or a curse. Even if there were no eternity, the young man is a silly fool who fritters away his time, and forms habits that are necessarily unfitting him to fill any position of influence or respectability among men. But there is an eternity! What then?

THE DIFFERENCE.

Principle rather than appearance should ever influence us in all words and actions. And yet how many, even among the young, are governed in all they do by what others say or think;