

the pledge signed annually by all who are willing to take it, and spend the day, or half of it at least, in suitable addresses by clergymen, teachers and others anxious to help on in the great and noble cause. But until aversion to intemperance, fierce as the hatred which burned in the sixteenth century, is born in the blood and bred in the bone of the youth of our land, and until nations and governments decree the manufacture of intoxicants a crime, fair Canada may legislate in vain. But a canker-worm, ruinous as intemperance, gnaws at the very vitals of youthful character. Truth, fairest name in any tongue ; Truth, the bulwark of Christianity, the pillar of true morality ; Truth, the foundation of noble character, the glory of age and the ornament of youth, lies trampled and bleeding ; and Falsehood, de-

stroyer of peace, parent of deception ; Falsehood, corrupter of society and snare of youth, stalks unblushingly forth in the broad noonday of our nineteenth century vaunted morality.

Lying's a certain mark of cowardice ;
And when the tongue forgets its honesty,
The heart and hand may drop their functions,
too,
And nothing worthy be resolved or done."

Arise, then, in your might, Oh ye parents, ye instructors of youth, marshal your forces and rescue from this degrading, soul-destroying thralldom the young and perishing of our land ! In conclusion, if we wish to become perfect teachers, to hold ourselves, like Hawthorne's town-pump, the grand reformers of the age, let us make our pupils feel that, after home, the best, the pleasantest, the happiest, the purest place on earth is school.

SCIENCE VERSUS IMMORALITY.

SELDOM has the moral sentiment of the civilized world received so severe a shock as it has done in connection with the revelations which a prominent London newspaper has made, within the last couple of months, of the gross and inhuman vices practised in the metropolis of the British Empire. One of the worst features in the case is the fact that the enormities referred to have been committed, not by the "dregs of the population," as that expression is commonly understood, but by men of wealth and social station. "Gentlemen" (!) of education (save the mark!) and leisure have employed, annually, in the corruption of female youth and childhood, sums that would have afforded decent maintenance to numbers of poor families. Men whose own condition of life had been made

in every way desirable, so far as money could accomplish that object, have found nothing better to do than to employ their means in spreading moral contagion and destruction among the families of the poor. Men who boast the name of Englishmen have thought it not beneath them to trade in the souls and bodies of unfortunate children. England, as a nation, struck the manacles from the hands of her negro slaves over fifty years ago ; but some Englishmen to-day, belonging to the most favoured social class, do not hesitate to practise, upon weaker members of their own race, crimes worse than those which made slavery a hissing and an abomination among the civilized races of mankind.

It is needless, however, to dwell further on the facts. Words can but feebly express the shame and horror