

# THE LIFE BOAT.

CADET PLEDGE.—I do solemnly promise that I will not make, buy, sell, or use as a beverage, any Spirituous or Malt Liquors, Wine or Cider, and that I will abstain entirely from the use of Tobacco in any form, so long as I am a member of this Order, &c. &c.

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## Wassie Friends.

In our last number the first article had a heading similar to the above, and was then stated that it had been our intention to illustrate our meaning by a fact. We proceed to give it.

In the early days of the Total Abstinence movement, one of its best friends waited upon a gentleman of distinction, well known for his Christian character, and solicited his personal adhesion. This he declined, but gave £10, and expressed a warm wish for the success of the principle. This gentleman was a judge of the Supreme Court. The temperance man then called upon a young minister of great talent and promise, but he declined, alleging that he was sometimes invited to the tables of the great,—naming the judge among others,—and he thought that his admission of the principle would be prejudicial to his usefulness. The tea-totaller then waited upon a young lawyer of remarkable ability, but he offered an excuse just similar to that of the clergyman, only that he contended it would damage him in the opinion of the public, and endanger

his practice. They both, however, allowed, and indeed recognized the soundness of the principle. Had the judge consented, these two gentlemen would have followed his example. The lawyer worked his way up, married into a distinguished family, had two beautiful children, drank wine freely, became cruel to his wife, neglectful of his business, lost his practice, broke up his home; the lady returned to her friends, he became a regular loafer, and for many years was a disgrace to the profession, to his family, and to himself. He was then induced to join the Sons of Temperance, again became respectable, got a lucrative appointment, re-established his home, regained the affections of his wife's family, who again entrusted him with her happiness and that of his children. He did well for a time, then began again to drink, and in a few months got back to the street, broke his wife's heart, abridged her days, and is now a public pest. O, judge! if you had embraced the saving truths of our noble cause, this had not been. The young minister