

drink them, unless in cases of extreme necessity." Much more should it be a rule, that no child in our Schools should touch, taste, or handle the unclean thing. The children should early be imbued with an intense conviction of the enormous evil of Intemperance.

It is said that Hamilcar, the father of Hannibal, led his son, in the ninth year of his age, to the altar of his country's gods, and made him swear eternal enmity to Rome, the implacable foe of his native land. And bitterly on many a bloody field in after years did he fulfil that youthful vow.

Now we have in our land a more deadly foe than even Rome proved to Carthage—a foe that not merely enslaves the body, but also binds the spirit in chains, and makes it the servant of Satan and sin. We would like to see every child in the land take a vow of eternal enmity to all that can intoxicate, and then fight manfully against it all his life long, till it was at length banished from the earth. By precept and example, and by constant inculcation, this antipathy to an appalling evil may be so enfibred in the child's nature, that it will, in after years, give a power of moral resistance in hours of temptation, that may save the man from a drunkard's grave, and from a drunkard's everlasting doom.

In many places Bands of Hope and Temperance Societies are organized in connection with the Sunday School. We have no objection to this, but we think that the School itself should become a Band of Hope and a Temperance Society. We would suggest that each teacher keep a pledge book, and that every scholar be invited to sign a pledge, not only against intoxicating liquors, but against tobacco as well. Many a boy, by the use of tobacco, has been led to the use of liquors, and to all the evil associations of drinking saloons.

Once a month, or perhaps more frequently, a Temperance Meeting might be held, temperance addresses and recitations given, and temperance songs sung. The rising generation would thus grow up with a zeal and enthusiasm in this cause very different from the apathy manifested by an older generation that was cradled in its youth in drinking usages, and grew up with a familiarity with intoxicating liquors that has begotten an indifference to their appalling consequences.

Many of the prisoners in our jails and penitentiaries, and some even of the felons who have paid the penalty of their crimes upon the gallows, have been Sunday School scholars. And almost without exception they trace the beginning of their fall to indulgence in those fiery drinks, that sear the conscience and blast every moral instinct of the soul. If every boy in our school were firmly established in the resolve never to taste a glass of liquor, never to enter a drinking saloon or tavern, never to pollute his mouth with a filthy cigar, would it not be a moral safeguard thrown around them for all their after lives?—a sacred spell in many a trial hour? Would it not help the development of a nobler type of manhood than much that now unworthily claims that name? If every girl had such an intense aversion to intoxicating drink, such a deep conviction of its deadly evil, that she would resolve never to offer it to a guest, never to throw around the wine cup the witchery of her smiles, never to become the temptress, it may be to perdition, of one she loved, never, as a wife or mother, to permit the admission of strong drink in any form into her house, or among her children, ever to use all her influence to dissuade men from this evil and discourage its use, would we not soon have a different state of moral sentiment upon the subject, a different tone of society, and a different

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