

brigade. Do you remember when you were lecturing at Niagara, a gentleman in uniform passed the pledge?"

I said that I did, distinctly.

"Well, I am the man. When you appealed to the people to adopt the principle of total abstinence, I happened to be present in uniform, and, to encourage others, I undertook the task I have mentioned. My boy signed that pledge, and on coming home, he said:

"Pa, I have signed the pledge; will you help me to keep it?"

"Certainly," I said.

"Well, I have brought home a copy of the pledge, will you sign it, papa?"

"Nonsense, nonsense, my child;—what could I do when my brother officers called, if I was a teetotaler?"

"But do try, papa."

"Tut, tut; why you are quite a little radical."

"Well, you won't ask me to pass the bottle, papa?"

"You are quite a fanatic, my child; but I promise not to ask you to touch it."

"Six weeks after that, two officers came to spend the evening.

"What have you to drink," said they, "have you any more of that prime Scotch ale?"

"No, I said, I had not, but would get some.

"Here, Willy, run to the shop, and tell them to send some bottles up."

"The boy stood there respectfully, but did not go.

"Come, Willy; why, what's the matter? Come, run along."

"He went, but come back presently without any ale in his hand.

"Where's the ale, Willy?"

"I asked them for it, pa, at the shop, and they put it upon the counter, but I would not touch it. Oh, pa, pa, don't be angry, I told

them to send it up, but I could not touch it myself!"

"I could not but feel deeply moved, I stood up and said:

"Gentlemen, you hear that? you can do as you please; when the ale comes, you may drink it; but not another drop shall be drunk in my house, and not another drop shall pass my tongue. [Cheers.] Willy, have you your temperance pledge?"

"Oh, pa! I have."

"Bring it then," and the boy was back with it in a moment. I signed it, and the little fellow clung around my neck in almost a frenzy of delight."

That officer is one of the noblest and most self-denying advocates the temperance cause possesses—doing more good than any half dozen men in his vicinity. It cost him something to be a teetotaler. He met at first with much ridicule; but as he said to me:—

"I have the best of it. Sometimes after a mess dinner, they will be rubbing the head, and I say, tapping my forehead, 'Ah, perfectly clear;' and they reply, 'Well, Captain you certainly have the best of it.'"—*Gough*.

Prohibition in Rhode Island.

THE Providence *Daily Tribune* says, that two thirds of the present General Assembly of Rhode Island are uncompromising advocates of the prohibitive law, and that no "outside pressure or inside influence" could induce them to vote for repeal. It says:

If more stringent legislation is deemed advisable—if the efficiency of the law can be increased, and its enforcement reached more certain by any legislation within the bounds of the constitution, the legislature is prepared to give it to us We do not know of a man in this city or state, who is