

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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To our Young Lady Readers.

It is among our most pleasant reflections that we have access through the *Life Boat* to a large number of gentle young girls, some of whom have from time to time aided in freighting our little craft. It is perhaps true, that in our first volume we have not paid that *peculiar* attention to the sisterhood in the great Temperance Reform, which their quiet, but powerful influence had a right to claim, and we are not without some misgivings on the subject. The idea has generally been present to us, that we were writing for "the boys." We are, however, quite certain, that the matter furnished in our pages was calculated to benefit the girls as well. The organization of the boys into Sections of Cadets, &c., has put them prominently before the world, but the girls have not had similar opportunities. They are generally expected to keep quiet—to be *seen* at home, and not *heard* abroad. Whether the usages of society which have restricted the "mission of woman" to her family circle, have not by this means denied her a privilege to which she is as much entitled as her companion man, it is not our purpose here to discuss. We write for the girls, not the women,

and must leave the greater question of privilege to other books or papers. But of one thing we are well and deeply persuaded, viz., that the tender sex from early youth, to full maturity, have always wielded a greater influence with their companions of the other sex than they with them. And when it is considered that the youth of the two sexes meet every day, at the family altar, and the family board; in their brotherly and sisterly intercourse, before school and after school, before work and after work, at Sunday School and at Church, &c. &c., it will be readily acknowledged that they cannot so meet without giving and receiving impressions for good and for evil. Now the hearts of girls are said to be more tender than those of boys;—they would not hurt flies and dogs; they don't quarrel and fight, or in their plays do each other the hurts which boys will give and receive; but while they are more easily touched with the sufferings of others, so great are the advantages of their relation to the other sex, that they are able to influence and control them, with motives which would be without power on the lips of either boys or men.