

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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Dialogue.

DRUNKENNESS—THE MAINE LAW, &c.

James.—Papa, is not drunkenness a great sin ?

Papa.—Yes, my son, it is great indeed ; for it robs man of those high attributes of his nature, which constitute the "likeness of God." A man so marred and disfigured, has fallen below the very swine, whose instinct is to wallow in the mire.

James.—Are there other peculiarities of an aggravating character in the sin of intemperance ?

Papa.—Yes, my boy ; man, robbed of the safeguards of reason and conscience, as he usually is by this vice, becomes cruel to his family and to himself. He very frequently commits acts of the most atrocious inhumanity upon the persons of his nearest and most endeared relatives, such as his wife and children ; and it not unfrequently happens, that the victims he sends into eternity, only precede him a few weeks, for the hangman's office, if not performed by that functionary upon the guilty drunkard, is often executed by the wretch him-

self. By far the largest number of drunkards die prematurely and violently.

James.—What other evils attend this very common sin ?

Papa.—They are too numerous to be stated in detail at present, but I may mention some of them :—

1. The effects upon the victim. Such as loss of health ; loss of public confidence, entailing loss of business, and of course loss of property ; loss of character for veracity, honesty, decency, and, as a consequence, the loss of all respect from others, and even from self ; the loss of all energy and ability to recover from the infatuation ; and hence, the utter abandonment of all the soul's high and ambitious aspirings, and the humbling acquiescence to the companionship of all that is low, gross, filthy and sordid among men.

2. The loss to the family of the strong mind, strong affections, and strong arms of the husband and father, (O, who will supply this loss ?) and