TEMPERANCE

STRONG DRINK.

Of all the robberies, that is the most flagrant, the most to be dreaded, which robs man of his manhood, his self-respect, which robs children of their parents, making them orphans, and worse than orphans, while a bloated, degra-ded, and demented father still survives, robs the family of support and sends them to the alms-house, robs the dayschools of their pupils, the Sabbath Schools of theirs, robs society of some of its laborers, the professions of some of their most brilliant ornaments, the world of hope, and the individual of his Who is this robber? Strong Just to the extent that it is employed as a beveridge or as a medicine, since the change in name does not affect its nature, changing what is justly styled, in the one case, "the foe to the system, a foreign element ever at war with the vital process," into a harmless medicine, just to the extent this robbery is perpetrated, these evils exist. As vice prevails, virtue must yield.—Dr. Hanaford.

DARE TO SAY NO.

Dare to say, No! when asked to drink; pause a moment, my friend, and Boys, especially, are far more addicted think. Think of the wrecks on life's ocean toss'd, who answered, Yes, without counting the cost. Think of the mother that bore you in pain, think of her tears that flow like rain. Think of her heart-how cruel the blow-think of her love, and then say, No! Think of her dear hopes that are drowned in the bowl; think of the danger to body and soul; think of sad lives as pure as the snow, look at them, now, and then answer, No! Think of a man with rum-stained breath; think that the step leads to sorrow and death; think of the homes that are shadowed with woe, that might have been heavens had some one said, No! Think of lone graves unwept and unknown, hiding life hopes as fair as your own; think of loved forms forever lald low, that would have been here had they learned to say day-school should do all that they can No! Think of the Demon who lurks in to avert this conflict, or help the parent the bowl, whose touch is ruin to both to a perfect and easily-won victory. body and soul; think of all this as life's journey you go, and then to the and pillar of fire by night, by which he tempter dare to say, -No!-Selected.

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WOMAN'S DEVOTEDNESS TO er for May. A DRUNKEN HUSBAND.

The following story is true in every detail:—A milliner of respectability married a dissipated tailor, who abused neglected and abandoned her. Several years having passed without a clue to his whereabouts, her friends advised divorce and her acceptance of an advantageous offer of marriage. The woman persistently declined every offer of marriage, and when she had accumulated a sufficient sum started off in the direction her husband was supposed to have taken when he left her. At Halifax, N. S., she received a slight clue, and took the steamer to Portland, Me. Thence she followed his track to this city, where she ceased for many months to hear of him. Finally she found that he was working in Albany, for which place she immediately start-She was about a week too late; he had been discharged for drunkenness. Spending her days at lucrative work and her evenings at detective service, the unwearying wife at length discovered that he was employed by a large firm in Chicago. She wrote there, and was answered that her husband had gone away, nobody knew where. Not satisfied with this, she travelled to Chicago and ramsacked every concern interested in the tailoring business there, until she met a fellow-countryman, who said that her husband, when last heard from, was in Omaha City. She wrote there, got no answer, but went on. There she heard that he had certainly left for San Francisco, where he had obtained a fine place as cutter in a large firm. She of course went thither, only to be told that her husband had been several days away from work, and was drinking hard. He had not been even to his boarding house. This led her to visit the station houses, and in one of them she ascertained that her husband was in jail for ten days. He was released and prevailed upon to return home after six years' absence. All this happened eighteen years ago, and to-day the prodigal husband of yore is a strict temperance man in independent circumstances, a model husband and father, and a respected citizen.-Buffalo Index.

NEED OF TEMPERANCE IN SAB-BATH SCHOOLS.

78 prisoners in Glasgow had been con- ask them to consider how best to renected with Sabbath schools; and of these 59 assigned drinking and public QUILLIAM.—Liverpool Mercury.

house company as the cause of their leaving school, and also of their becoming criminals. Of 202 prisoners in Huntington jail in 1867, 148 had been Sabbath scholars; and of 2000 prison-

ers in Leeds 1,400 had been in Sabbath schools. From an inquiry instituted on a large scale, by which information was obtained from the chaplains of the principal prisons in England and Wales, Black French Merinos it appears that out of 10,361 inmates Rich Black Silks of the principal prisons and penitentiaries of our country, not fewer than Black and Colored Velvets 6,572 previously received instruction in Sabbath schools and upon pursuing the inquiry it was almost uniformly found that the use of intoxicating liquors was the cause, directly or indi- Black Straw Hats rectly, of so many Sabbath school scholars becoming criminals."

A GROWING EVIL

There ought to be a pretty vigorous war commenced in the Sunday-school against tobacco. It is the filth that borders the stream of drunkenness. When once a boy has set his foot in that he is liable to be whirled away by the fiercer torrent just beyond. Although there is a growing sentiment against its use among professing Christiaus, there is an alarming increase in the habit itself. to its use than formerly. There is one point that we have to pass nearly every day where a cigar manufactory keeps out upon the sidewalk in a box the stems and refuse of the leaves they use down to the period of Union-1874. in their business. Invariably it is surrounded as thickly by boys as a sugar hogshead is by bees. They, it is true, are of the lower and rougher class, but produced. in the suburban town where we live, a tobacco epidemic seized upon the boys so strong that there were few, even of the best families, that were not infected by it. And there are few homes, anywhere, so isolated or secure but that, sooner or later, the tobacco question has to be fought out. And, usually, it occurs after the boy secretly has acquired the habit, so that all the odds are in his favor. Teachers in the Sunis leading hosts of boys and young men away from the promised land instead of into it.—National Sunday-school Teach.

DRINK AND CRIME.

Gentlemen,-For some weeks past I have carefully read the Liverpool dailies, and marked the cases of crime, etc. recorded therein, and clearly stated to have had their origin in drink, and in order to carefully test the question I have taken different papers each week. To reprint the whole of the cases reported would occupy a space of eight yards two feet nine inches long by two and a half inches broad-in other words, over a page of your paper; but summarised the number as follows:-Week ending Saturday, May 25, 40 cases; June 1st, 54 cafes; June 8, 5 cases; June 22, 38 cases; June 29, 36 cases. I have purposely omitted quoting the numbers for the seven days ending June 15, as, this being Whitweek, drunkenness was likely to be on the increase, and consequently the figures could not be taken as a fair criterion of the regular number of cases; the total number for the five weeks being 213 cases, comprising eleven murders (several of them being double ones), eight attempted murders, eight suicides (in one case the unfortunate wretch before expiring saying to the by-standers, "God's blessing on you all; drink has caused this"), three attempted suicides, 28 coroner's inquests (including eleven deaths from excessive drinking), 17 robbenies (in one case the thief stating, when taken into custody, "I was so drunk I did not know what was doing;" and in another case exclaiming in the dock, "I plead guilty; it was all through drink; drink was the cause of it all"), 30 assaults on the police, 31 common assaults, two manslaughters, four divorce cases, nine stabbing, cutting and wounding cases (one a drunken daughter wounded her father), one wife-stabbing, one cruelty to animals (burying a dog alive), and 60 other minor offences. These figures do not include the unfortunate 200 to 290 persons who are brought before the magistrates at Dale street every Monday morning charged with the offences of being "drunk and disorderly," "drunk and riotous," or "drunk and soliciting," as these figures are not now published in the papers. I may mention that the decrease in the number of cases the last two weeks is attributable to the falling off in the assaults on the It is startling to find that a large police and the common assaults, there proportion of our criminals were at one being only six cases reported last time Sabbath scholars. In the report against 17 for the week ending May concerning the prisons of Edinburgh, 25. That the above figures show a deit was stated that 408 out of 569 pris- plorable state of things existing in the onors attributed their criminalty to country cannot be denied. I need not strong drink, and no less than 398 of enlarge upon the cases I have quoted; them had been Sabbath school scholars each tells its own sad tale, and requires for an average period of two and a half no comment of mine. I simply call years. Mr. Legan found that 62 out of your readers' attention to the facts, and

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