

PLEDGE THE CHILDREN.

If you would save the next generation for God—PLEDGE THE CHILDREN.

If you would have "a generation that will not tolerate the dram-shop and its kindred vices"—PLEDGE THE CHILDREN.

If you would save one billion and a half to the nation annually—PLEDGE THE CHILDREN.

If you would conquer the greatest foe to human happiness—PLEDGE THE CHILDREN.

If you would destroy the greatest barrier to the progress of the Gospel—PLEDGE THE CHILDREN.

If you would rob the gallows, the grave, and perdition of their victims—PLEDGE THE CHILDREN.

If you would empty the asylums, alms-houses, and prisons—PLEDGE THE CHILDREN.

If you would halt for ever the fearful procession of seventy thousand men that march annually to hell—PLEDGE THE CHILDREN.

If you want to do a work that will tell in heaven—PLEDGE THE CHILDREN.

APPALLING FACTS.

From the most reliable sources available we find there are 146,000 saloons in the United States, against 128,000 schools and only 54,000 churches. Manufacturers and sellers of strong drink, 560,000—*twelve* times the number of clergymen, *four* times the teachers, nearly double all the lawyers, physicians, teachers, and ministers combined. In these saloons there are 5,600,000 daily customers—one in seven of our whole population! Of these, 100,000 are annually imprisoned for crime, at an expense of \$90,000,00, and 150,000 go down to the drunkard's grave, leaving 200,000 beggared orphans.

There are in the United States to-day, and at work, 29,000 liquor distilleries, employing 570,000 persons, which make annually 72,500,000 gallons of ardent spirits.

Can any one tell how it is that a man who is too poor to pay three cents a week for a good weekly paper, is able to pay fifteen cents a day for tobacco and cigars, and to say nothing of an occasional drink.