

said Rachel, as a brief spasm of pain passed over her face.

And then she prayed again, a prayer that brought rest and comfort to her own aching heart, whatever effect it had upon Mr. Wolf-

As she rose to leave him, she said humbly, "If one could only undo evil by repentance."

"But we cannot, that is what makes it awful to live," said Rachel, solemnly.

"I ought—I should like to say something to you."

"Say it to the Lord; He will understand thee, and judge thee."

The two women rode home in silence, only as they parted Mrs. Avery put her arms about Rachel and said tenderly, "My poor friend, I never guessed that you bore such heavy sorrows."

"I do not," said Rachel, "I have laid them upon the burden Bearer; they are no longer mine."

Months afterward, when a great religious revival swept through the churches in the wake of the temperance crusade, and the miracle of creation was repeated in the hearts and lives of scores of men, Mr. Wolf-

ford arose in the congregation and announced his new found salvation.

Rachel Lowry leaned forward in her place and whispered to her friend:

"Said I not unto thee if thou wouldst believe thou shouldst see the salvation of God?" "I," said Mrs. Avery, "but I do not believe, and yet I have seen it."

Emily Huntington Miller in Union Signal.

KNOW YOUR SCHOLARS, SUPERINTENDENT.

Know them by name. Have an acquaintance with every scholar, superintendent. When you meet a boy, don't know him as some Johnny in general, some ubiquitous Johnny Smith, but as the definite, particular John Lincoln who is one of your Sunday-school boys, sits in that particular seat under that particular teacher, lives in that particular house on that particular street.

When you meet a girl, don't know her as some Mary in general, some ubiquitous Mary Jones, but as the definite, particular Mary Ann Lincoln who is one of your Sunday-school girls, sits in that particular seat under that particular teacher, lives in that particular house on that particular street.

Know them in their homes. It will pay to call there. There may be much outlay of time, but it will pay good dividends. If there be sickness, and Charlie's face is white in its shadow, let your form be seen kneeling at his bedside.

Know the scholars in their hopes and fears, plans and purposes. May your love be so large that you will have house-room there for all their interests. Get a share in their dreams if you can, the boyish or girlish outlook they may ambitiously have for the future.

"Too many to know in my big school," says a superintendent. Then know as many as you can. With the circle of your knowledge, widens the area of your power.

STOP BEFORE YOU BEGIN!

A PLAIN TALK WITH YOUNG MEN.

A young man, who had just lost an excellent situation by a two days' spree, came into my study lately, and said to me: "Doctor, I cannot understand how it is that I should have made such a fool of myself and thrown away my chance for a living. This is almost killing my little wife."

That young man is a fair representative of a sadly numerous class who "lock the stable-door after the horse is stolen."

The mightiest man intellectually whom I ever saw in America, I once saw pitifully drunk! Alcohol is no respecter of persons; the giant and the idiot are struck down alike by its stiletto.

All intoxicating drinks are more dangerous in this country than in almost any other from the very temperament of our people.

(1) The first argument, my young friend, for total abstinence is that no healthy person needs an alcoholic beverage; and even invalids had better be careful how they tamper with it as a medicine.

(2) Therein lies a second reason for avoiding all intoxicants. They are deceitful. Not only the sting of the serpent, but the subtlety of the serpent is in them.

The Observer tells of a very busy superintendent who sets his boys by turns the tasks, which they esteem an honor, of looking after the sick and other absentees, and making a report of the reasons for absence.

A healthful beverage satisfies appetite; a hurtful one like wine or brandy, stimulates appetite until it becomes an uncontrollable frenzy. This I regard as the Creator's law against alcohol; and when you take your first social glass you begin to play with a deadly serpent.

You may say: "Every one who drinks liquor does not become a sot." Very true, but every sot drinks liquor; and not one in a million ever expected to become a sot when he began with his champagne or his "sherry cobbler."

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BOYS' AND GIRLS' TEMPERANCE TEXT-BOOK.

BY H. L. LEADE.

(National Temperance Society, New York.)

LESSON VI.—ALCOHOL AND NATIONAL AND INDIVIDUAL WEALTH.

What is wealth? Wealth is riches, possessions of money, goods, or land.

How is national or individual wealth secured? By wasting nothing, and saving all that one reasonably can.

What is wasting? Wasting is the expenditure of property without necessity or use.

How much money is annually paid by the people of the United States for alcoholic drinks? At the least six hundred millions of dollars.

Is there a necessity for this expenditure, and is it put to a good use? There is no necessity for this expenditure, and it is not put to a good use.

Is it, then, wasted? It is.

What is the indirect cost and loss to the people of the United States by the use of alcoholic drinks?

It is moderately estimated at seven hundred millions of dollars.

Is this to be added to the waste of the cost of alcoholic drinks? It is.

What is the grand total? Thirteen hundred millions of dollars.

How is this waste from necessity, so far as it can be, made good? It is made good, as far as it can be, by a direct or indirect tax upon the industry and the property of all the people.

What does this mean? It means that the use of alcoholic drinks stands directly in the way of national and individual wealth.

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Question Corner.—No. 7.

BIBLE QUESTIONS.

- 1. Who was king in Jerusalem at the time the Israelites first entered the country?
2. Where is it said that a girl was sold for wine?
3. Where in Scripture have we an account of a money-box with a hole in the lid in which to drop in money-offerings?

THE LOVELIER "NINE."

The ancient Greeks had "Muses" nine, Whose sway over men was esteemed benign. We are told they had also "Graces" three, Excelling those others in dignity. But the Christian Muses outshine them far, As the sun eclipses the morning star. These fit each soul endowed with them here.

For life in a holy and blissful sphere; And in one cluster the nine are enrolled, Condemned by Paul to the church of old. In another place he was also given Three "Graces"—possessed by all heirs of Heaven. The Greeks styled their "Muses" the "Lovely Nine,"— Most lovely are ours for they are divine. Young reader! can you in the Scriptures find These virtues that bless and adorn mankind?

ANSWERS TO BIBLE QUESTIONS IN NO. 5.

- 1. Jael, Judges 4, 18, 21.
2. Barak, Deborah, Judges 4, 8.
3. Dorcas, Peter Acts 9, 36, 41.
4. Anna. She was in the temple when the infant saviour was brought there by his parents. Luke 2, 36, 38.

SCRIPTURE ENIGMA.

DISCIPLES — Mark II, 24; Mark VII, 5; Luke V, 27; Matt, xviii, 13.
1. I say unto you... John XI, 16.
2. I say unto you... Luke xlii, 8.
3. I say unto you... Mark xvi, 1.
4. I say unto you... John xix, 36.
5. I say unto you... John I, 47.
6. I say unto you... Col IV, 14.
7. I say unto you... Matt, x, 8.
8. I say unto you... Luke xiv, 13.

CORRECT ANSWERS RECEIVED.

Correct answers have been sent by Gordon McKay Campbell, Hattie Benjamin, Jacob Wesley Bond, Emily Avery, Albert Jesse French, and Gabriel McCleary.