

We have written it particularly for children and young men, and we have tried to make it clear, concise and accessible to all. It contains neither statistics nor scientific notions which children could not make out, but the most important and practical information, such at least as it seems to us.

Paragraphs containing explanations which we judged a useful complement to a certain number of answers have been printed in smaller type.

We do not pretend to have exhausted the subject ; parents and teachers who wish to make use of our Catechism, may complete it by explanations and reflections appropriate to the age and minds of the children under their care. They may also add choice quotations, striking facts capable of strongly impressing their imagination and averting them for ever from the degrading vice of drunkenness.

May these lessons be so deeply imprinted in the minds of children and young men that neither time nor temptation may ever erase them.