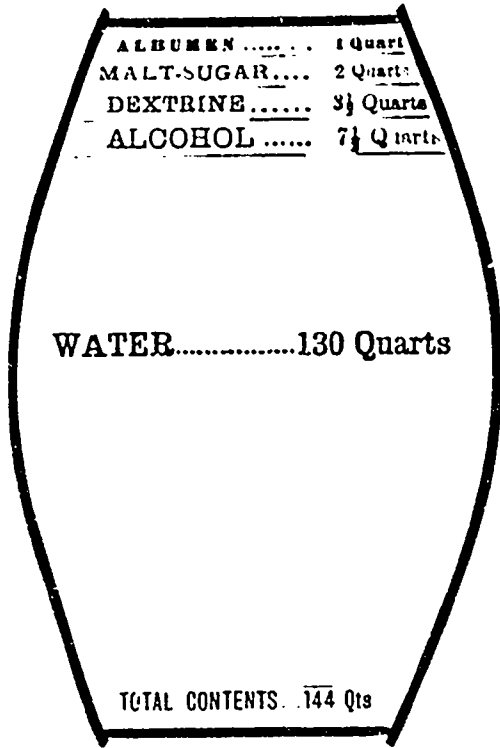


A BARREL OF ALE.

An English author has been analyzing a barrel of the "poor man's beer." Assuming it to be not at all adulterated, and allowing 144 quarts to the barrel, this is what the analysis shows:

Albumen (flesh forming)	1
Malt sugar (not fermented)	2
Gum (of no domestic value)	2
Alcohol (not including water)	1-0
Water (innocent, and should be cheap)	144
Total quarts in the barrel.	144

Our English author, J. S. p. Matins, puts the result pictorially thus:



A barrel of ale, he says, costs about £3 = \$15. The net value of the albumen, malt sugar, gum, and alcohol is about £1 = \$5; leaving the charge for the water £2 = \$10. No wonder then, the brewers get rich and the beer drinkers stay poor!

SCOTT ACT BATTLE SONG.

Tune—"Hold the Fort."

FRIENDS of temperance I see the signal
Flame from height to height!
Duty calls I come, join the conflict!
Arm you for the fight.

CHORUS.

Raise the Prohibition banner!
Wide its folds display,
Truth has ever vanquished error,
We shall win the day.

Many fortresses have fallen;
Battles fierce and long
Have in glorious victory ended,
And triumphant song.

States and empires are uprising,
To efface the stain
Of the countless human victims
By intemperance slain.

See the Church of Christ advancing,
In her King's great might!
Soon will her victorious legions
Put the foe to flight.

Onward! though false friends discourage,
Or strong foes assail,
For the Lord of Hosts is with us!
And we must prevail.

Forward! then, march on to conquest,
To our flag be true,
So shall we be crowned as victors
"In the grand review"

—W. H. RUSSELL.

EIGHT ARGUMENTS FOR PROHIBITION—A gentleman remarked that he had eight arguments in favour of the prohibitory amendment, and when asked what they were, replied, "My eight children."

LESSON NOTES.

FIRST QUARTERLY REVIEW.

March, 25.

REVIEW SCHEMATA.

LESSON I. *Josiah and the Book of the Law.* 2 Kings 22 1-3.—What does the GOLDEN TEXT say of King Josiah? Over what kingdom did he reign? Why did he order treasure to be collected? What was found among the treasures? What did the reading of the law lead Josiah to do?

LESSON II. *Jeremiah Predicting the Captivity.* Jer. 8 20-22; 9 1-16.—What lost privileges are lamented in the GOLDEN TEXT? Why did the prophet lament? What was the crying sin of the people? What desolation was foretold?

LESSON III. *The Faithful Rechabites.* Jer. 35 12-19.—For what did the Lord rebuke his people? What example of obedience does he set before them? What had been God's message to his people? What had they paid to the message? What punishment was promised the disobedient? What reward to the Rechabites?

LESSON IV. *Captivity of Judah.* 2 Kings 25 1-12.—What king captured Jerusalem? Who were carried into captivity? To what place were they carried? (GOLDEN TEXT) What was done to the captured city?

LESSON V. *Daniel in Babylon.* Dan. 1 8-12.—What young men did the king of Babylon select from the Jewish captives? For what purpose? What did Daniel refuse? What was the reason for his refusal? What test did he undergo? What was the result? Repeat the GOLDEN TEXT.

LESSON VI. *The Fiery Furnace.* Dan. 3 16-28.—Who were condemned to the fiery furnace? What was their answer to the king? (GOLDEN TEXT) What befell them in the furnace? Who was with them in their trial?

LESSON VII. *Handwriting on the Wall.* Dan. 5 1-12; 25-28.—What warning came to a wicked king? Who failed to solve the mystery? To whom did the king finally appeal? What did Daniel declare the words to be? What was the divine verdict against Balaazar? (GOLDEN TEXT.)

LESSON VIII. *The Second Temple.* Ezra 1 1-4; 3 8-12.—What Gentile king favoured the rebuilding of the temple? What caused him to be interested in the work? How were the people aided in the building? How was the laying of the foundation celebrated? (GOLDEN TEXT.)

LESSON IX. *Nehemiah's Prayer.* Neh. 1 1-11.—What sad tidings came to Nehemiah? How was he affected by the news? What did he do in his grief for the people? What is the prayer of every afflicted child of God? (GOLDEN TEXT.)

LESSON X. *Reading the Law.* Neh. 8 1-12.—Who gathered to hear the reading of the law? Who was the reader? Who helped him? What was the manner of reading? (GOLDEN TEXT.) What was the reason of the great joy on this occasion?

LESSON XI. *Esther's Petition.* Esther 4 10-17; 5 1-8.—At whose request did Esther seek the king? Why did she hesitate about going? What was her final determination? (GOLDEN TEXT.) How was Esther's faith rewarded?

LESSON XII. *Mesiah's Messenger.* Mal. 3 1-3; 4 1-3.—What is the prophecy of the GOLDEN TEXT? Who was Messiah's messenger? Whose coming did he herald? What title does the prophet give to the coming Messiah? To whom will his coming be a joy? To whom will his coming bring destruction?

SECOND QUARTER.

B.O. 4.] LESSON I. [April 4.

THE WORD MADE FLESH.

John 1. 1-18. Commit to mem. vs. 1-5.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. John 1. 14.

OUTLINE.

1. The Word with God, v. 1-5.
2. The Word made Flesh, v. 6-18.

TIME—B.O. 4

EXPLANATIONS—In the beginning—Before the creation of the things we see. *The Word*—As a word is the visible representative of something that we can see or can know, or of an idea, so Jesus was the visible representative of God. *All things*—The whole created universe. *In him was life*—He is the source of all life on the earth. *Light*—This is, knowledge; Jesus is the giver of knowledge, the teacher of the world. *For a witness*—To bear testimony, and point out the Messiah. *Unto his own*—His own nation and land. *Word was made flesh*—That is, Jesus was born as a human being into the world. *Is preferred before me*—That is, superior to me in his nature, power and work.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where, in this lesson, do we learn—

1. That Jesus is one with God the Father!
2. That Jesus gives to both body and soul!
3. That Jesus is the way out of darkness!

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. What is the opening sentence of the Gospel according to John? "In the beginning was the Word." 2. Who is meant by the Word? "The son of God." 3. What is said of him before he came to earth? "The Word was God." 4. What does the GOLDEN TEXT say of the coming of God's Son to earth? "The Word, etc." 5. What did Christ come to bring? "Grace and truth." 6. What right and privilege does he give to those who receive him? "Power to become sons of God."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The incarnation of Christ.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

17. Is this the reason why we believe the Old Testament? There are many other reasons, but this is the chief reason. Our Lord honoured the Old Testament, and we must honour it, and receive it as the Word of God.

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