

the will to do so.

35. *Is he then condemned to poverty?*

Yes, he will always remain poor; and even if he had a little wealth, he will soon be reduced to beggary. It is what the Holy Ghost tells us in the Book of Proverbs: "*Because they that give themselves up to drinking, and that club together, shall be consumed; and drowsiness shall be clothed with rags.*" (Prov. XXIII, 21.) It is also written in the Book of Ecclesiasticus: "*A workman that is a drunkard shall not be rich.*" (Eccli. XIX. 1.)

36. *Why is drunkenness a degrading vice?*

Because it dishonours man.

37. *What is honour?*

It is the esteem and consideration that follow good behavior. Honor is more precious than great wealth.

38. *Then he who drinks does not deserve the esteem and respect of his fellow-citizens?*

He loses all right to the conside-