

And drunkenness brings other sins with it. It takes away a man's love of what is good and right, and his love of truth, until nobody will believe or trust him. He cannot even respect himself, for he may often do foolish and senseless things, which make him feel thoroughly ashamed, when he becomes sober again.

To allow oneself to come to such a state was, Solomon said, just as senseless and dangerous as to try to lie down on the crest of a wave or on top of a high ship's mast, for, in the end, it would bring death not only to the body, but to the mind and soul, as well.

Surely it will be a wise thing for us to obey the counsel of King Solomon, when he says, "Look not thou upon the wine". For, although it is beautiful and bright as it sparkles in the glass, it is sure to bring sorrow and woe upon all who use it.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who was the wisest man that ever lived? 2. What book did he write? 3. Against what sin does Solomon, in the Lesson, warn people? 4. Of what does he draw a sad picture? 5. How had the drunkard spent the night? 6. How had his companions treated him? 7. What did he then look like? 8. Why did he not give up drink? 9. Like what does strong drink bite? 10. Like what does it sting? 11. Tell of some other sins that drunkenness brings with it. 12. What two foolish acts does Solomon describe? 13. Why is drunkenness as foolish and dangerous as these? 14. What is the Golden Text?

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Strong drink is one of the worst enemies we can have. The only way to be safe from it, is never to taste the first glass. Then this enemy can do us no harm. Copy the text.

Wine is a Mocker

Lesson Story

An old teacher was once walking through the woods with one of his scholars. Suddenly he stopped, and pointed to four plants close at hand. "Pull up that first plant", he said to the boy. And he easily pulled it up with his fingers. "Now, the second." Again the boy obeyed, but not so easily. "And now the third." It took all the strength in both the boy's arms to succeed this time. "And now", said the teacher, "try your hand at the fourth." But the trunk of the tall tree hardly shook its leaves in the hands of the young boy.

"This is just what happens, my boy", said the old teacher, kindly, "with our bad habits and passions. When they are small, we can get rid of them easily; but when we allow them to grow, it takes a hard fight to overcome them."

Lesson Hymn

I'm a little pilgrim
And a stranger here;
Though this world is pleasant,
Sin is always near.

Jesus, cleanse and save me,
Teach me to obey;
Holy Spirit, guide me
On my heavenly way. Amen.
—Hymn 581, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT STRONG DRINK DESTROYS
BODY AND SOUL