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Old Folks' Home.



THE Lord has greatly blessed the Home commenced in simple trust in the promise that He will provide. In answer to the prayer of faith, it has had ample means for all its requirements, and has been very useful to the dear Old Folk for whose benefit it was opened.

At the present time we understand there is something like forty more applicants than can be accommodated.

The two houses south of the present house can be purchased for \$3,500.00, and would accommodate twenty of them. Will our readers pray that the Lord may direct some one of His people to supply the needed money for this purchase.

OUR COLUMN FOR PREACHERS AND TEACHERS.

NUGGETS OF GOLD FROM THE S. S. LESSONS.

By REV. JOHN McEWEN, Secretary S.S. Association of Canada.

[Dec 7.] **Drunkenness.** [Prov. xxiii; 29-35.]

"The Old Testament often seems as if it were written and inspired specially for young men."

THE WARNING PICTURE,

drawn with a faithful, firm, free but strong hand; a character-sketch, written by one who knew what he was doing, and hung up by the hand of God, as a warning to every generation and condition of life.

LOOK HERE! AND LOOK THOU

not there, upon the wine, v. 31. Every S. S. scholar will be able to recognize the class in modern life whom the picture presents.

In no specific sin, growing out of the fall of man, has there been more fruit of bitterness and works of darkness to the race, than in drunkenness. By it in very deed has the gold become dim, and the most fine gold changed.

The convict grows with the fears, that it was one of the rampant sins of the anti-diluvian world, and inspired the hideous brood that filled the earth with violence, and corrupted all flesh before God. Nor had judgment more than completed its strange work, than the faithful hand of God registered the dark blot of Noah's otherwise fair character.

LOOK HERE!

Two priests are at the altar—sons of Aaron—dead men—being carried out from the court in solemn and enjoined silence; not a word is spoken; all tokens of emotion are forbidden—false fire has been offered, inspired by a reeling brain—a temperance statute is enacted by the voice of God. Look not thou on the wine. Lev. x, 1-11.

LOOK!! HERE

are Seven Sorrows of Drunkenness. Read them as they develop in soul and body. "No DRUNKARD SHALL INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD."

1. Senseless quarrels.
2. Babbling of speech.
3. Marks of folly and shame.
4. Burning disease—v. 29—"Redness of eyes.
5. Sensual passions—v. 33—"Strange women."
6. Delirious—v. 34—"As lying on the top of a mast."
7. Appetite—v. 35—"I will seek it yet again" "The works of the flesh are these.

[Dec. 14.] **Vanity of Worldly Pleasure.** [Eccl. ii. 1-13]

"Receive instruction, receive knowledge rather than choice gold," gold, unalloyed, in the lump. "The words of the Lord are pure words." We have in this lesson the contrast with the above.

The Book is called "Ecclesiastes: one who gathers the people for instruction. (xii. 9, 10). Hence the Preacher.

SOLOMON'S REVIEW OF HIS LIFE.

No individuals are introduced, as in the Song of Solomon; but the lower and higher voices of the human soul are represented as answering each other,—hence the cry of

WEARINESS AND DESPAIR—

"Vanity of vanities, all is vanity, saith the Preacher." The true answer to this is—

THE CONCLUSION OF THE WHOLE MATTER—

"Fear God, and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." xii. 13, 14. The warnings of this Book are of great value, because they are given by one who passed along the shallows of a perilous life. His father had cried, "Who will shew us any good," and found his prayer and hope in the same source, "Lift upon us the light of Thy countenance."

THE STEPS IN THE LESSON.

The aims of appetite in wine. v. 3.

The aims of work in enterprise. vs. 4-6.

The aims of wealth in possession. vs. 7-9.

The aims of wit in laughter. v. 2.

All is empty for the hungry soul. Christ is looking over the same field, and dealing with the same problem and gathers up His conclusions in the same direction,—“A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth,”

“Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all other things shall be added unto you.”

OUR WATCHWORDS.

Choose you this day whom ye will serve.—Josh. xxiv. 15.

If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.—John xii. 26.