

that track! On the same track are beer, whisky, brandy, etc. On the track are many *sin-rocks* that will throw us off the track of right and wreck our lives. Where does the track lead? Our Golden Text tells us, to a state of "woe." That means trouble of the worst kind, trouble that makes us cry and moan, and sickness, poverty, sin.

Watch the Signals—How foolish people would be to go on the railroad track when the danger signals are warning. Don't you think people are foolish if they do not heed Isaiah's danger signal, too? It was not Isaiah's own idea. Some one whispered it in his ear (Who? v. 9), so we are sure it is true. God sends us many other danger signals (warnings) in His Word. (Teach Temperance Texts: Lev. 10: 9; Judges 13: 4; Prov. 20: 1; 23: 20, 29, 30; Jer. 35: 6, 14; Dan. 1: 8; Luke 1: 15.)

Waving the Danger Signal—A young girl who lived near a railroad track ran to the door one evening on hearing the whistle of the coming passenger train beyond the curve. As she looked down the track, the outline of a huge rock could be seen lying directly on the track. The train would be wrecked and many lives lost! What should she do! She rushes down the track and tries to remove

the stone, but her frail strength can do nothing. Then she runs back to the house, and snatches a stick of kindling wood, lights it at the fire, and again rushes toward the curve around which the train will, in a moment, appear. She waves her little danger signal frantically! The engineer sees it! "Down-brakes" is whistled. The train stops a few yards from the rock! The brave girl has saved many lives. It is not always possible for us to remove temptation and sin-rocks out of people's way, but like the girl, we can wave the danger signal and do our best to keep them from wrecking their lives.

"I am a temperance signal man,
My danger flag I wave,
To keep folks off the liquor track
And from sin-rocks to save;
When fierce temptation's near at hand
My red-flag says 'Beware',
But when the drink is banished quite
I wave my white flag there."

THREE WATER DRINKERS.

Who was Samson? A very strong man. His drink was water. Who was Daniel? A wise and splendid looking man. His drink was water. Who was John the Baptist? The mightiest man born of woman. His drink was water.

BLACKBOARD REVIEW

The Way of **PERIL**==Indulgence
SAFETY==Abstinence

The whole question of strong drink reduces itself to the personal question, "What should I do about it?" Wisdom, however, demands that each one shall have a care to the way he himself takes. Which shall it be—"The way of peril" or "The way of safety"—the channel that leads to certain doom amidst rocks, and shoals, and quicksands, or the channel that bears out to the open sea of strength and liberty? The way of peril, our lesson passage describes in letters of lurid flame. No one who reads can fail to perceive. As to the way of safety—"In a largely filled railway carriage," said the late Principal Cairns, "I once took part in a general debate on the shutting up of public houses by act of Parliament. The brightest remark was made by a Scotch workman, 'The best shutting up act is to shut your own mouth.'"